

Journal of the House

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

At one o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Ernek Baker-Niffka of Quechee, student at Hartford High School.

Pending Entry on the Notice Calendar Bill Referred to the Committee on Appropriations

S. 310

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to natural disaster government response, recovery, and resiliency

Pending entry on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 55

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 55. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on May 3, 2024.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, May 3, 2024, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 182

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Sammis of Castleton, and Toof of St. Albans Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Bray, Hardy, Weeks, and Williams

Whereas, the crowd at the Barre Auditorium witnessed an exciting 2024 Division II championship girls' basketball game between the top-seeded North Country Falcons and the second-seeded Fair Haven Slaters, in which both teams shared the spotlight with streaks of offensive action, and

Whereas, the first quarter was the Falcons' opportunity to shine, but Fair Haven Head Coach Kyle Wilson requested two pivotal timeouts, which he used to motivate the Slaters and guide them on a more productive course, and

Whereas, although the Slaters showed great promise in the second quarter, they departed from the court at the halftime break still 12 points in arrears, and

Whereas, a midgame reassessment proved decisive as Fair Haven assumed its first lead late in the third quarter and ultimately emerged on top, 55–50, after a strong team effort, as the Slaters clinched Fair Haven's third outright Division II girls' basketball crown and concluded with a victorious 20–4 season record, and

Whereas, the triumphant Slaters were Elizabeth Love, Orianna Kerr, Lily Briggs, Maddy Perry, Kate Hadwen, Kirsten Parker, Riley Babbie, Audrey Perry, Isabelle Cole, Brianna Cathcart, and Victoria Kelly, and

Whereas, Head Coach Kyle Wilson, assistant coaches Leo Hutchins, Jay Wilson, Chad Wilson, and Henry Daley, as well as team managers Storm Graton and Maddie Egan were each delighted with this great performance on the hardwood court, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Fair Haven Union High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 22, 2024 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 192

House concurrent resolution congratulating Trey Lee on his achievements as a Fair Haven Union High School wrestler

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Andriano of Orwell, Clifford of Rutland City, and Sammis of Castleton

Offered by: Senators Bray, Collamore, Hardy, and Williams

Whereas, for the past three academic years, Trey Lee has brightened the athletic landscape at Fair Haven Union High School as a Slater football offensive wide receiver and defensive back and as a second baseman on the baseball diamond, but his true passion is wrestling, and

Whereas, in his sophomore year, Trey Lee compiled a commendable 37–9 win-loss record, and secured a second-place finish in the 126-pound class at the State championship, and

Whereas, as a junior, and still wrestling at 126 pounds, he improved on his prior statistics, earning a 41–9 win-loss record and clinching individual titles at both the Mike Baker Essex Classic and the State championship, and

Whereas, during his senior year, Trey Lee demonstrated that practice and perseverance can be rewarding as, at his new 132-pound status, he won top honors at the Hubie Wagner Invitational (both by scoring first place in his weight class and by being named Outstanding Wrestler), the Mike Baker Essex Classic, and the State championship; and he concluded his three-season pandemic-shortened high school wrestling career with a 133–22 win-loss record, comparable to the results for an outstanding four-year high school wrestler, and

Whereas, Head Coach Scott Shaddock, Trey Lee’s wrestling coach at Fair Haven Union High School, has praised this young athlete’s wrestling achievements and outstanding sportsmanship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Trey Lee on his achievements as a Fair Haven Union High School wrestler, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Trey Lee.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 29, 2024 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 238

House concurrent resolution recognizing the month of May 2024 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Roberts of Halifax, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brown of Richmond, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chapin of East Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Farlice-Rubio

of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Waters Evans of Charlotte, White of Bethel, Williams of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hardy, Hashim, McCormack, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, and Wrenner

Whereas, the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States reflects both rejection and success, and

Whereas, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the Transcontinental Railroad, which was largely completed with Chinese labor, was opened on May 10, 1869, and

Whereas, in 1882, Congress passed the first of several Chinese Exclusion Acts, and this continuing exclusionary policy was not formally repealed until 1943; and, in 2011–2012, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate adopted separate condemnations of their predecessors' actions, and

Whereas, on February 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 forcing Japanese residents, including Japanese Americans residing on the Pacific Coast, into internment camps, and, in 1988, Congress passed Pub. L. No. 100-383, acknowledging the injustice of the internment policy and paying cash reparations, and

Whereas, in 1978, Congress declared a more welcoming policy, adopting Pub. L. No. 95-419 proclaiming “the 7-day period beginning on May 4, 1979, as ‘Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week,’” and Pub. L. No. 101-283 extended the 1990 observance to a month; and, in 1992, Congress adopted Pub. L. No. 102-450, making this an annual month-long observance, and

Whereas, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, now also unofficially referred to as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrates the cultural contributions and personal and professional achievements of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans; and, as the Pew Research Center documented in a 2023 report, this observance also calls attention to the historic—and regrettably current—discrimination that Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to encounter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the month of May 2024 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Asian Cultural Center of Vermont.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 26, 2024 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Stebbins of Burlington**, the following remarks by **Rep. Campbell of St. Johnsbury** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

I thank the Member from Halifax for introducing the Resolution recognizing Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

I rise because, as far as I know, I may be the only Member with at least some direct Asian heritage. In fact, I have a connection to Pacific Islands, too. My mother grew up in Hawaii, the daughter of a Korean man and an English woman. That caused a stir in polite society in 1922. When my grandparents married, the Honolulu paper ran a short blurb, "Korean Weds White Girl."

They divorced two years later. My mother was raised primarily by her solid Victorian English grandmother. This woman apparently was a dynamo. The story goes that she took her granddaughter to enroll her in school. My mother, half-Korean, half-English, looked very Asian. Told by the school administrator the school was for whites only, my great-grandmother drew herself up to her full five-foot height and declared, "Look at me. I'm white. My granddaughter is white." And she prevailed.

My mother, however, never got over being raised to be a proper English lady, yet understanding she could never be, because she was "half-breed." All her life, she hated being half-Korean. She always told people she was part-Hawaiian. I was in my twenties before I would say I was part-Korean — and never to her.

She died at the age of 87. Cleaning out her house, I found, at the bottom of a wicker chest she kept by the side of her bed, a neatly folded child's traditional Korean outfit, never worn. Her father must have given it to her when she was a toddler. She had kept it for 85 years.

I look forward to the day when we accept ourselves and each other, each with strengths and weaknesses, hopes and fears, trauma, and courage. I cherish the thought that someday white, black, brown, yellow, red will be just colors, and not labels for people, vestiges of a racist past.”

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in**H. 27**

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to coercive controlling behavior and abuse prevention orders

The Senate proposed to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 15 V.S.A. § 1101 is amended to read:

§ 1101. DEFINITIONS

~~The following words as used in this chapter shall have the following meanings~~ As used in this chapter:

(1) “Abuse” means:

(A) the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:

~~(A)(i) Attempting~~ attempting to cause or causing physical harm;

~~(B)(ii) Placing~~ placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm;

~~(C)(iii) Abuse~~ abuse to children as defined in 33 V.S.A. chapter 49, subchapter 2;

~~(D)(iv) Stalking~~ stalking as defined in 12 V.S.A. § 5131(6); or

~~(E)(v) Sexual~~ sexual assault as defined in 12 V.S.A. § 5131(5); or

(B) coercive controlling behavior between family or household members.

(2) “Coercive controlling behavior” means a pattern of behavior that in purpose or effect unreasonably interferes with a person’s free will and personal liberty. “Coercive controlling behavior” includes unreasonably engaging in any of the following:

(A) isolating the family or household member from friends, relatives or other sources of support;

(B) depriving the family or household member of basic necessities;

(C) controlling, regulating or monitoring the family or household member’s movements, communications, daily behavior, finances, economic resources, or access to services;

(D) compelling the family or household member by force, threat or intimidation, including threats based on actual or suspected immigration status, to:

(i) engage in conduct from which such family or household member has a right to abstain; or

(ii) abstain from conduct that such family or household member has a right to pursue;

(E) committing or threatening to commit cruelty to animals that intimidates the family or household member; or

(F) forced sex acts or threats of a sexual nature, including threatened acts of sexual conduct, threats based on a person's sexuality, or threats to release sexual images.

(3) "Household members" means persons who, for any period of time, are living or have lived together, are sharing or have shared occupancy of a dwelling, are engaged in or have engaged in a sexual relationship, or minors or adults who are dating or who have dated. "Dating" means a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider when determining whether a dating relationship exists or existed include:

(A) the nature of the relationship;

(B) the length of time the relationship has existed;

(C) the frequency of interaction between the parties; and

(D) the length of time since the relationship was terminated, if applicable.

(3)(4) A "foreign abuse prevention order" means any protection order issued by the court of any other state that contains provisions similar to relief provisions authorized under this chapter, the Vermont Rules for Family Proceedings, 33 V.S.A. chapter 69, or 12 V.S.A. chapter 178.

(4)(5) "Other state" and "issuing state" shall mean any state other than Vermont and any federally recognized Indian tribe, territory or possession of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

(5)(6) A "protection order" means any injunction or other order issued for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or harassment against, or contact or communication with or physical proximity to, another person, including temporary and final orders issued by civil and criminal courts, other than support or child custody orders, whether obtained by filing an independent action or as a pendente lite order in another proceeding so long as,

provided that any civil order was issued in response to a complaint, petition, or motion filed by or on behalf of a person seeking protection.

~~(6)(7)~~ [Repealed.]

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in

H. 649

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Senate proposed to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 128, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. REPEAL

1 V.S.A. chapter 25 (Truth and Reconciliation Commission) is repealed on ~~July 1, 2026~~ May 1, 2027.

Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 903 is amended to read:

§ 903. COMMISSIONERS

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(c) The term of each commissioner shall begin on the date of appointment and end on ~~July 1, 2026~~ May 1, 2027.

Sec. 3. 1 V.S.A. § 904 is amended to read:

§ 904. SELECTION PANEL; MEMBERSHIP; DUTIES

~~(a)(1)~~ The Selection Panel shall be composed of ~~seven members selected on or before September 1, 2022 by a majority vote of the following~~ five members:

~~(A)(1)~~ the Executive Director of Racial Equity or designee;

~~(B)(2)~~ the Executive Director of the Vermont Center for Independent Living or designee;

~~(C)(3)~~ an individual, who shall not be a current member of the General Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

~~(D)(4)~~ an individual, who shall not be a current member of the General Assembly, appointed by the Committee on Committees; and

~~(E)(5)~~ an individual, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court.

~~(2) The individuals identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection:~~

~~(A) shall hold their first meeting on or before August 1, 2022 at the call of the individual appointed by the Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court; and~~

~~(B) are encouraged to appoint individuals to the Selection Panel who include members of the populations and communities identified pursuant to subdivisions 902(b)(1)(A) (D) of this chapter and who are diverse with respect to socioeconomic status, work, education, geographic location, gender, and sexual identity.~~

~~(3) Individuals selected pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than two meetings. These payments shall be made from amounts appropriated to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.~~

(b)(1) The Selection Panel shall select and appoint the commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as provided pursuant to section 905 of this chapter.

(2) To enable it to carry out its duty to select and appoint the commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as provided pursuant to section 905 of this chapter, the Panel may:

(A) adopt procedures as necessary to carry out the duties set forth in section 905 of this chapter; and

~~(B) establish and maintain a principal office;~~

~~(C) meet and hold hearings at any place in this State; and~~

~~(D) hire temporary staff to provide administrative assistance during the period from September 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023, provided that if the Panel extends the time to select commissioners pursuant to subdivision 905(e)(1) of this chapter, it may retain staff to provide administrative assistance through March 31, 2023.~~

(c) The term of each member of the Panel shall begin on the date of appointment and end on January 15, 2023, except if the Panel extends the time

~~to select commissioners pursuant to subdivision 905(e)(1) of this chapter, the term of the Panel members shall end on March 31, 2023~~ May 1, 2027.

(d) The Panel shall select a chair and a vice chair from among its members.

(e)(1) Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chair or at the request of four or more members of the Panel.

(2) A majority of the current membership of the Panel shall constitute a quorum, and actions of the Panel may be authorized by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting of the Panel.

(f) Members of the Panel who are not otherwise compensated by the State shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 20 meetings during fiscal year 2023 meetings to carry out the Panel's duties pursuant to this section and sections 905 and 905a of this chapter. These payments shall be made from amounts appropriated to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

(g) The Panel shall have the administrative and legal assistance of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

(h)(1) A member of the Panel who is not serving ex officio may be removed by the appropriate appointing authority for incompetence, failure to discharge the member's duties, malfeasance, or illegal acts.

(2) A vacancy occurring on the Panel shall be filled by the appropriate appointing authority for the remainder of the term.

Sec. 4. 1 V.S.A. § 905 is amended to read:

§ 905. SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

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(d) The Panel shall fill any vacancy occurring among the commissioners within 60 days after the vacancy occurs in the manner set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section. A commissioner appointed to fill a vacancy pursuant to this subsection shall be appointed to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

Sec. 5. APPOINTMENT TO FILL EXISTING COMMISSION VACANCY

The Selection Panel established pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 905 shall fill the vacancy existing on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on the effective date of this act not later than 60 days after the appointive members of the Panel are appointed.

Sec. 6. 1 V.S.A. § 905a is added to read:

§ 905a. REMOVAL OR REPRIMAND OF COMMISSIONERS FOR MISCONDUCT

The Selection Panel may, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, reprimand or remove a commissioner for incompetence, failure to discharge the commissioner's duties, malfeasance, illegal acts, or other actions that the Panel determines would substantially and materially harm the credibility of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission or its ability to carry out its work pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Notwithstanding subdivision 904(e)(2) of this chapter, the reprimand or removal of a commissioner shall only be authorized by a vote of the majority of the members of the Panel.

Sec. 7. 1 V.S.A. § 906 is amended to read:

§ 906. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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(b) Powers. To carry out its duties pursuant to this chapter, the commissioners may:

~~(1) Adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 as necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter. [Repealed.]~~

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(13)(A) Establish groups in which individuals who have experienced institutional, structural, or systemic discrimination or are a member of a population or community that has experienced institutional, structural, or systemic discrimination may participate for purposes of sharing experiences and providing mutual support.

(B) Commissioners shall not participate in any meeting or session of a group established pursuant to this subdivision (13).

(C) Groups established pursuant to this subdivision (13) may continue to exist after the date on which the Commission ceases to exist, provided that after that date Commission staff shall no longer provide any assistance or services to the groups and Commission funds shall no longer be spent in support of the groups.

Sec. 8. 1 V.S.A. § 908 is amended to read:

§ 908. REPORTS

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(b)(1) On or before ~~June~~ April 15, ~~2026~~ 2027, the Commission shall submit a final report incorporating the findings and recommendations of each

committee. Each report shall detail the findings and recommendations of the relevant committee and shall include recommendations for actions that can be taken to eliminate ongoing instances of institutional, structural, and systemic discrimination and to address the harm caused by historic instances of institutional, structural, and systemic discrimination.

(2) The Commission shall, on or before ~~January~~ October 15, 2026, make a draft of the final report publicly available and provide copies of the draft to interested parties from the populations and communities identified pursuant to subdivision 902(b)(1) of this chapter and other interested parties. The Commission shall provide the interested parties and members of the public with not less than 60 days to review the draft and provide comments on it. The Commission shall consider fully all comments submitted in relation to the draft and shall include with the final version of the report a summary of all comments received and a concise statement of the reasons why the Commission decided to incorporate or reject any proposed changes. Comments submitted in relation to the final report shall be made available to the public in a manner that complies with the requirements of section ~~910~~ 909 of this chapter.

(3) The draft and final report shall include:

(A) a bibliography of all sources, interviews, and materials utilized in preparing the report;

(B) a summary of the interviews utilized in preparing the report, including the total number of interviews, and whether each interview was public or confidential, and whether a transcript or summary, or both, is available for each interview; and

(C) information regarding where members of the public can access and obtain copies of the sources and materials utilized in preparing the report, including the transcripts or summaries of interviews.

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Sec. 9. 1 V.S.A. § 909 is amended to read:

§ 909. ACCESS TO INFORMATION; CONFIDENTIALITY

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(d) Private proceedings.

(1) The Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 5, subchapter 2 of this title, the Vermont Open Meeting Law, or section 911 of this chapter to the contrary, the Commission shall permit any individual who is interviewed by the Commission to elect to have ~~their~~ the individual's interview conducted in a

manner that protects the individual's privacy and to have any recording of the interview kept confidential by the Commission. Any other record or document produced in relation to an interview conducted pursuant to this subdivision (d)(1) shall ~~only~~ be available to the public in an anonymized form that does not reveal the identity of any individual.

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Sec. 10. 1 V.S.A. § 911 is added to read:

§ 911. DELIBERATIVE DISCUSSIONS; EXCEPTION TO OPEN MEETING LAW

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 5, subchapter 2 of this title, the deliberations of a quorum or more of the members of the Commission shall not be subject to the Vermont Open Meeting Law.

(b) The Commission shall regularly post to the Commission's website a short summary of all deliberative meetings held by the commissioners pursuant to this subsection.

(c)(1) As used in this section, "deliberations" means weighing, examining, and discussing information gathered by the Commission and the reasons for and against an act or decision.

(2) "Deliberations" expressly excludes:

(A) taking evidence, except as otherwise provided pursuant to section 909 of this chapter;

(B) hearing arguments for or against an act or decision of the Commission;

(C) taking public comment; and

(D) making any decision related to an act or the official duties of the Commission.

Sec. 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) the Truth and Reconciliation Commission work in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner to ensure the credibility and integrity of its work and strive to maximize opportunities to conduct its business in public meetings;

(2) specific exceptions to the Open Meeting Law, in recognition of the highly sensitive nature of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's charge, will enable the Commission to carry out its duties in a manner that:

(A) preserves the safety of participants in the Commission's work;

(B) does not perpetuate or exacerbate harm experienced by participants; and

(C) protects participants from additional trauma.

Sec. 12. 1 V.S.A. § 912 is added to read:

§ 912. GROUP SESSIONS; DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY

(a) The sessions of groups established pursuant to subdivision 906(b)(13) of this chapter shall be confidential and privileged. Participants in a group session, including Commission staff or individuals whom the Commission contracts with to facilitate group sessions, shall be subject to a duty of confidentiality and shall keep confidential any information gained during a group session.

(b) A person who attended a group session may bring a private action in the Civil Division of the Superior Court for damages resulting from a breach of the duty of confidentiality established pursuant to this section.

(c) This section shall not be construed to limit or otherwise affect the application of a common law duty of confidentiality to group sessions and any action that may be brought based on a breach of that duty.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the limited disclosure of information to specific persons under the following circumstances:

(1) The disclosure:

(A) relates to a threat or statement of a plan made during a group session that the individual reasonably believes is likely to result in death or bodily injury to themselves or others or damage to the property of themselves or another person; and

(B) is made to law enforcement authorities or another person that is reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat.

(2) The disclosure is based on a reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult and a report is made in accordance with the provisions of 33 V.S.A. § 4914 or 6903 or to comply with another law.

(e) The Commission shall ensure that all participants in a group session are provided with notice of the provisions of this section, including any rights and obligations of participants that are established pursuant to this section.

(f) As used in this section, "group session" means any meeting of a group established pursuant to subdivision 906(b)(13) of this chapter for purposes of

the participants sharing or discussing their experiences and providing mutual support. "Group session" does not include any gathering of the participants in a group established pursuant to subdivision 906(b)(13) of this chapter that includes one or more members of the Commission.

Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed:

H. 885

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of Berlin

H. 886

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of South Burlington

Third Reading; Resolution Adopted

H.R. 18

House resolution, entitled

House resolution calling on Franklin County Sheriff John Grismore to resign from office

Was taken up, read the third time, and adopted.

**Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**

S. 58

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to public safety

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence**S. 120**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to postsecondary schools and sexual misconduct protections

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence.

**Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment****S. 184**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the temporary use of automated traffic law enforcement (ATLE) systems

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

**Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment****S. 186**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the systemic evaluation of recovery residences and recovery communities

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence**S. 196**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the types of evidence permitted in weight of the evidence hearings

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence.

Message from the Senate No. 55

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Gradel, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled:

H. 546. An act relating to administrative and policy changes to tax laws.

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Cummings
Senator MacDonald
Senator Chittenden

Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled:

H. 868. An act relating to the fiscal year 2025 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Perchlik
Senator Chittenden
Senator Ingalls

Adjournment

At one o'clock and fifty-eight minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.