

# Journal of the Senate

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## **Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Diane Nancekivell of Middlebury.

## **Bill Referred to Committee on Rules**

### **S. 141.**

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar, under Temporary Rule 44A, was referred to the Committee on Rules:

An act relating to approval of the charter of Fairfax Fire District No. 1.

## **Bill Referred to Committee on Finance**

### **H. 472.**

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.

## **Senate Resolution Adopted**

### **S.R. 10.**

Senate resolution of the following title was read the third time and adopted:

Senate resolution reaffirming the friendship between Vermont and the Republic of China (Taiwan) and supporting enhanced United States–Taiwan and Vermont–Taiwan bilateral relations.

## **House Proposal of Amendment Concurred In**

### **S. 3.**

House proposal of amendment to Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to prohibiting paramilitary training camps.

Was taken up.

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

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 85 is amended to read:

#### CHAPTER 85. WEAPONS

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##### Subchapter 3. Unauthorized Military Training

#### § 4071. PARAMILITARY TRAINING PROHIBITED

(a) A person shall not:

(1) teach, train, or demonstrate to any other person the use, application, or making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury or death, or techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the teaching, training, or demonstrating is intended to be used in or in furtherance of a civil disorder; or

(2) assemble with one or more other persons for the purpose of practicing or being taught, trained, or instructed in the use, application, or making of a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device capable of causing injury or death, or in techniques capable of causing injury or death to persons, if the person knows or reasonably should know that the practicing, teaching, training, or instruction is intended to be used in or in furtherance of a civil disorder.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$50,000.00, or both.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

(1) activity engaged in for legitimate law enforcement purposes by a federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer certified as a law enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358;

(2) lawful activity engaged in by students at Norwich University or any other educational institution where military science is taught as a prescribed part of the course of instruction;

(3) any activity undertaken without knowledge of or intent to cause or further a civil disorder that is intended to teach or practice self-defense or self-defense techniques, including karate clubs, self-defense clinics, and similar lawful activity;

(4) any facility, program, or lawful activity related to firearms instruction and training that is intended to teach the safe handling and use of firearms; or

(5) any lawful sports or activities related to the individual recreational use or possession of firearms, including hunting pursuant to 10 V.S.A. part 4, target shooting, self-defense, and firearms collection.

#### § 4072. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Civil disorder” means any public disturbance involving acts of violence by an assemblage of two or more persons that causes an immediate danger of or results in damage or injury to the property or person of any other individual.

(2) “Explosive” has the same meaning as in subdivision 1603(2) of this title.

(3) “Firearm” has the same meaning as in subdivision 4016(a)(3) of this title.

(4) “Incendiary device” means a device so constructed that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, detonation, or other method may produce destructive effects primarily through combustion rather than explosion. The term does not include a manufactured device or article in common use by the general public that is designed to produce combustion for a lawful purpose, including matches, lighters, flares, or devices commercially manufactured primarily for the purpose of illumination, heating, or cooking. The term does not include firearms ammunition.

#### § 4073. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT; INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

If the Attorney General or a State’s Attorney has reason to believe that a person is violating or is about to violate section 4071 of this title, and that proceedings would be in the public interest, the Attorney General or State’s Attorney may bring an action in the name of the State in the Civil Division of the Superior Court to restrain the violation by temporary or permanent injunction. The action shall be brought in the Superior Court of the county in which the person resides, has a place of business, or is doing business. The courts are authorized to issue temporary or permanent injunctions to restrain and prevent violations of section 4071 of this title.

#### Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Thereupon, the question, Shall the Senate concur in the House proposal of amendment?, was decided in the affirmative.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.