

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rameen Zahed of East Montpelier.

Rules Suspended; Bill Not Referred to Committee Finance

H. 839

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, and, pending referral of the bill to the Committee on Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 31, Senator Cummings moved that the rules be suspended and the Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments.

Not be referred to the Committee on Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 31 (and thereby remain on the Calendar for notice),

Which was agreed to.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed

S. 46.

On motion of Senator Ram Hinsdale, the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the Vermont Fair Repair Act,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Agriculture.

Third Reading Ordered

H. 599.

Senator Watson, for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to retroactively reinstating 10 V.S.A. § 6081(b).

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**S. 180.**

Senator Chittenden, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the investment of state funds in credit unions.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 1 in its entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 433(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit at banks, community development credit unions as defined in 8 V.S.A. § 30101, and savings and loan associations approved by the Treasurer, and State certificates of deposit at banks, credit unions as defined in 8 V.S.A. 30101, and savings and loan associations approved by the Treasurer;

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the recommendation of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the 7th day of February, 2024, he approved and signed bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 160. An act relating to State education property taxes and flood-related damage.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 8, 2024.