Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Jim Masland of Thetford.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pages Peter Burkholder of Barnard and Salvador Doyle of Montpelier led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 10

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:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 9. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 31, 2025.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Rules Suspended, House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of House bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred to committee as follows:

H. 95

By Rep. Black of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to updating and reorganizing the health insurance statutes in 8 V.S.A. chapter 107

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 96

By Reps. Cordes of Bristol, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Goldman of Rockingham, Harrison of Chittenden, Logan of Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, McFaun of Barre Town, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, and Priestley of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the monetary thresholds for certificates of need To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 97

By Reps. McCann of Montpelier, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Olson of Starksboro, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Tomlinson of Winooski, Waszazak of Barre City, White of Waitsfield, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting firearms and deadly weapons in schools, on school property, and at childcare centers

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 98

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Arsenault of Williston, Christie of Hartford, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Headrick of Burlington, and LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to confirmatory adoptions

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 99

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Bosch of Clarendon, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Cooper of Pownal, Duke of Burlington, Graning of Jericho, Micklus of Milton, Olson of Starksboro, Priestley of Bradford, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating earned wage access services

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 100

By Rep. Graning of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a Department and Commissioner of Education

To the Committee on Education.

H. 101

By Rep. Graning of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the role and structure of the Agency of Education

To the Committee on Education.

H. 102

By Reps. Casey of Montpelier, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Burke of Brattleboro, Cordes of Bristol, Headrick of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, and Priestley of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to annual reporting on health care sharing plans and arrangements

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 103

By Reps. Labor of Morgan, Page of Newport City, Coffin of Cavendish, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Wells of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibited practices for services involving veterans' benefits

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 104

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Coffin of Cavendish, Demar of Enosburgh, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Lipsky of Stowe, Morrissey of Bennington, Oliver of Sheldon, Quimby of Lyndon, and Wells of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to excluding veterans' disability benefits from income-based eligibility determinations for public assistance programs or benefits

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 105

By Rep. Dolan of Essex Junction,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 106

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to selling real property within a FEMA mapped flood hazard area

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 107

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Coffin of Cavendish, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reports or complaints of sex offenses or sexual harassment

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 108

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to filial support

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 109

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Boutin of Barre City, Coffin of Cavendish, Harrison of Chittenden, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Morrissey of Bennington, Oliver of Sheldon, and Wells of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal ordinances governing the maintenance of properties within downtown districts

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 110

By Rep. Boyden of Cambridge,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a reciprocity requirement for out-of-state consumer shipping licenses

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 111

By Reps. Toof of St. Albans Town and Hango of Berkshire,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to waived registration fees for volunteer firefighter motor vehicles

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 112

By Reps. Black of Essex, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brown of Richmond, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho,

Greer of Bennington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hunter of Manchester, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pouech of Hinesburg, Powers of Waterford, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to medical debt relief and excluding medical debt from credit reports

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 113

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Coffin of Cavendish, Demar of Enosburgh, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Pritchard of Pawlet, and Wells of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to lakes in crisis and requirements for designation

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 114

By Reps. Black of Essex, Bishop of Colchester, Brown of Richmond, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Hooper of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, McFaun of Barre Town, Noyes of Wolcott, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Waszazak of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding Dr. Dynasaur income eligibility for pregnant individuals and exploring eligibility expansions for other populations

To the Committee on Health Care.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered H. 78

Rep. Birong of Vergennes spoke for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of the Australian ballot system in local elections

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and eighteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.