Journal of the House

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Kenneth Cadow, Vermont Humanities.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 142

By Rep. Austin of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring inspection of wastewater systems

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 143

By Rep. Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a support service program for individuals who are DeafBlind

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 144

By Reps. Minier of South Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Hango of Berkshire, Krasnow of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, and Sibilia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhancing food allergen awareness in food service establishments

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 145

By Rep. Harrison of Chittenden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the disruption of proceedings governed by Vermont's Open Meeting Law

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 146

By Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to administration and enforcement of agricultural water quality requirements in the State

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 147

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Burditt of West Rutland, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Cina of Burlington, Cooper of Pownal, Duke of Burlington, Graning of Jericho, Kascenska of Burke, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of Thetford, Nigro of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Priestley of Bradford, Squirrell of Underhill, Surprenant of Barnard, Torre of Moretown, Waszazak of Barre City, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Recreational Trails Compensation Study Committee

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 148

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a statewide school district

To the Committee on Education.

H. 149

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Stevens of Waterbury, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, Priestley of Bradford, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding equal pay protections

To the Committee on General and Housing.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 10

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 10. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on February 7, 2025.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 7, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 34

Rep. Graning of Jericho, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to workforce leadership in Vermont

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Adjournment

At three o'clock and thirty-one minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.