

Journal of the House

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Maddie Messier, sophomore at BFA St. Albans, violinist, and member of Vermont Youth Orchestra.

Message from the Senate No. 16

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 passed Senate bill of the following title:

S. 9. An act relating to after-hours access to orders against sexual assault.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

J.R.S. 12. Joint resolution providing for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, and three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College trustees by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 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. Toof of St. Albans Town**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred to committee as follows:

H. 191

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Hooper of Randolph, Logan of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the use of private and for-profit correctional facilities

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 192

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting solitary confinement for children

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 193

By Reps. Bluemle of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Garofano of Essex, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a child and parent legal representation working group

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 194

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Chapin of East Montpelier, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, and Minier of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to high-capacity, gender-neutral restrooms in schools

To the Committee on Education.

H. 195

By Rep. McGill of Bridport,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to universal basic income payments for homeless and runaway youth

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 196

By Rep. Logan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to energy efficiency utility jurisdiction

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 197

By Reps. McGill of Bridport, Cole of Hartford, Maguire of Rutland City,
and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing peer support positions for housing stability

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 198

By Reps. Minier of South Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Carris-Duncan
of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Greer of
Bennington, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland
City, Kleppner of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier,
McGill of Bridport, Morrissey of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington,
Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sweeney of Shelburne,
Tomlinson of Winooski, and Winter of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the reconstitution of the University of Vermont Board of
Trustees

To the Committee on Education.

H. 199

By Reps. Burrows of West Windsor, Bartholomew of Hartland, Coffin of
Cavendish, Cordes of Bristol, and McGill of Bridport,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to tuition charged by public schools

To the Committee on Education.

H. 200

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to persons prohibited from possessing firearms

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 201

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, and Headrick of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on an individual's criminal history

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 202

By Rep. Cordes of Bristol,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the transparency of prescription drug costs and spending

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 203

By Rep. Graning of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding options for association health plans

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 204

By Reps. Taylor of Milton and Harple of Glover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the collection and recycling of waste motor vehicle tires

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 205

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Bosch of Clarendon, Christie of Hartford, Cooper of Pownal, Duke of Burlington, Graning of Jericho, LaLonde of South Burlington, Micklus of Milton, Olson of Starksboro, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to agreements not to compete

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 206

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Graning of Jericho, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 207

By Rep. Branagan of Georgia,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health insurance coverage for diabetes treatment

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 208

By Reps. Priestley of Bradford, Marcotte of Coventry, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boyden of Cambridge, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Bristol, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Waszazak of Barre City, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to consumer data privacy and online surveillance

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 209

By Rep. Goldman of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to intranasal epinephrine in schools

To the Committee on Education.

H. 210

By Reps. Priestley of Bradford, Marcotte of Coventry, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Bristol, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Waszazak of Barre City, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an age-appropriate design code

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 211

By Reps. Priestley of Bradford, Marcotte of Coventry, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford,

Cordes of Bristol, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Waszazak of Barre City, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to data brokers and personal information

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 212

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating incentives for AmeriCorps members

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 213

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to amending the bases and process of child abuse and neglect investigations

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 9

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to after-hours access to orders against sexual assault

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

H. 13

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Medicaid payment rates for home- and community-based service providers and designated and specialized service agencies

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 Referred to Committee

J.R.H. 2

Offered by Representatives Page of Newport City, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, Lipsky of Stowe, Luneau of St. Albans City, Marcotte of Coventry, McFaun of Barre Town, Nelson of Derby, Sibilia of Dover, and Surprenant of Barnard

Joint resolution urging President Trump to refrain from imposing tariffs on goods and services imported from Canada

Whereas, the United States and Canada have been military and diplomatic allies and economic partners, even through episodes of commercial disagreement, since Canadian confederation in 1867, and most especially from World War II forward, and

Whereas, according to TD Bank, during the first three quarters of 2024, approximately \$683 billion in combined goods and services was shipped in both directions across the United States-Canada border, and

Whereas, the same report also noted that Canada is the United States' number one export market, and

Whereas, significant elements of this trade are integrated, especially in the automobile manufacturing sector, and

Whereas, even closer to home, the personal and commercial ties between Vermont and Canada are among the closest of any American state to its northern neighbor, and

Whereas, the personal aspect of this relationship is reflected in the State of Vermont offering its residents enhanced IDs for driver and nondriver identification, in order to facilitate easier cross-border travel, and

Whereas, for 2023, the Canadian Consulate in Boston reported that Vermont exported \$680 million in goods and \$165 million in services to Canada, and

Whereas, in 2023, Vermont imported \$2.6 billion in goods from Canada and Canadian investments in the State supported over 17,000 Vermont jobs, and

Whereas, according to the Department of Public Service, in 2023, 24 percent of Vermont's electric supply portfolio was served by Hydro-Québec, aside from any renewable energy credits, and Vermont Gas Systems receives 100 percent of its gas from Canada, and

Whereas, in recent years, Governor Philip Scott has repeatedly traveled to Montreal on trade missions and has strived to enhance Vermont-Quebec trade ties, and

Whereas, on Monday February 3, 2025, the United States came within hours of imposing a 25 percent tariff on most Canadian products entering our country and a corresponding 10 percent tariff on energy products and services, and

Whereas, the Government of Canada was prepared to respond in kind had the United States proceeded with its announced intentions to implement these tariffs, and

Whereas, shortly before the deadline, the United States announced a 30-day delay before any tariffs with Canada might be imposed, leaving a sense of immediate relief but a period of worrisome uncertainty, and

Whereas, the United States imports more steel and aluminum from Canada than from any other nation, and the 25 percent universally applicable tariff on these products, which the United States announced on February 10, 2025, will significantly impact both nations' economies, and

Whereas, the separate issue of a possible 25 percent tariff on most Canadian goods entering the United States and an associated 10 percent tariff on imports of Canadian energy products, along with the economic and daily living implications for Vermont and Vermonters, remains on the table, and

Whereas, Governor Philip Scott has established an interagency task force to prepare for the still real potential that these proposed tariffs, aside from those already imposed on steel and aluminum, will take effect, and

Whereas, although the Governor's foresight to develop a contingency plan for the worst-case scenario is prudent and appropriate, the ideal situation would be for the task force's contingencies to prove unnecessary, as the dueling tariffs could result in a disruption in long-established industrial and other commercial relationships and agreements, and the two nation's tariffs could prove costly for consumers on both sides of our shared international boundary, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly urges President Donald J. Trump to refrain from imposing tariffs on goods and services imported into the United States from Canada, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Governor Philip B. Scott, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada, Premier François Legault, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Was read, treated as bill, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development pursuant to House Rule 52.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 11

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 11. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on February 14, 2025.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 14, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Joint Senate Resolution Placed on Calendar

J.R.S. 12

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 12. Joint resolution providing for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, and three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to elect a Sergeant at Arms, and three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural

College. In case election of all such officers shall not be made on that day, the two Houses shall meet in Joint Assembly at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, on each succeeding day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed in such election, until all such officers are elected.

Was read by title and placed on the Action Calendar on the next legislative day pursuant to House Rule 52.

Joint Senate Resolution Placed on Calendar

J.R.S. 13

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College trustees by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2025.

Whereas, in 1997 the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was decided by plurality vote, which required one ballot only, and

Whereas, in 1999 the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was decided by majority vote, which required a total of eight ballots, and

Whereas, in 2001 and subsequent bienniums the elections of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College were decided by plurality vote, each of which required one ballot only, and

Whereas, if an election for multiple vacancies is to be decided by a plurality vote, then a great savings of time can be effectuated, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That, notwithstanding the current provisions of Joint Rule 10, and for this election only, the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College at a Joint Assembly to be held on February 20, 2025, shall be governed by the following procedure:

(1) All candidates for the office of trustee shall be voted upon and decided on the same ballot; members may vote for any number of candidates up to and including the maximum number of vacancies to be filled, which in this case shall be three.

(2) The three candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared elected to fill the three vacancies.

(3) In the event that the first balloting for the trustee vacancies results in a tie vote for one or more of the three vacant positions, then voting shall continue on successive ballots until the vacancies have been filled, again by election declared of those candidates receiving the most votes.

Was read by title and placed on the Action Calendar on the next legislative day pursuant to House Rule 52.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 22

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bishop of Colchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Burt of Cabot, Cina of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Greer of Bennington, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Kimbell of Woodstock, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrow of Weston, Nelson of Derby, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Surprenant of Barnard, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Waszazak of Barre City

House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2025 as Farm to School and Child Awareness Day at the State House

Whereas, 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 24 established the Roza McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program “to award local grants for the purpose of helping Vermont schools develop relationships with local farmers and producers,” and

Whereas, the Roza McLaughlin Farm-to-School and Early Childhood Grant Program enables early childhood, elementary, and secondary students to eat healthy foods, and it establishes partnerships between Vermont’s farmers and local schools that contribute to the economic sustainability of the Vermont agricultural community, and

Whereas, the Vermont Farm to School & Early Childhood Network reports that 89 percent of the State’s schools purchase locally produced food, 56 percent of early childhood programs serve locally produced food at least once a week, and over 100 farms are selling their produce to schools and early childhood programs, and

Whereas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has documented that most school children receive half their daily calories from school meals, and

Whereas, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1264(a)(1)(A), all students in Vermont are eligible for universal school meals and 16 V.S.A. § 1264(a) codified the Local Food Incentive Grant Program, which serves as a “direct financial incentive to school districts and supervisory unions that meet local purchasing targets in their school meal programs,” and

Whereas, Farm-to-School exposes students to careers in agriculture and food systems, enabling them to envision a personal future in Vermont, and

Whereas, Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program participants are speaking with legislators today to share the Program’s personal importance for them and the value of the corresponding Farm to Early Childhood program for their younger siblings, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2025 as Farm to School and Child Awareness Day at the State House, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Farm to School & Early Childhood Network.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, February 7, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 24

Offered by: Representative White of Waitsfield

House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2025, as Vermont Outdoor Recreation Day at the State House

Whereas, Vermont is proud of its unparalleled and diverse natural landscape, and it is a global destination for many types of world-class outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, our State’s outdoor recreational assets consist of over 8,000 miles of public access trails, including 150 miles of recreational rail trails; 360,000 acres of wildlife management areas, State forests, and State parks; more than six million acres of hunting-accessible land; and over 40 alpine and cross-country ski areas, and

Whereas, in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 77, the General Assembly designated skiing and snowboarding as the State’s official winter sports, and

Whereas, the importance of welcoming everyone, regardless of ethnicity or background, to enjoy outdoor recreational pursuits is recognized, and outdoor recreational venues embrace the intrinsic community values of inclusion and representation, and

Whereas, outdoor recreation creates business opportunities, attracts new residents, and offers workforce pathways that incentivize young Vermonters to remain in the State, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in fiscal year 2023, in businesses located in all 14 Vermont counties, outdoor recreation generates \$2.1 billion in economic import, and the industry employed over 16,000 persons, comprising just over five percent of the Vermont workforce, and

Whereas, Vermont Outdoor Recreation Day is an occasion to celebrate the importance of outdoor recreation to the economy, the quality of life, and the mental and physical well-being of Vermonters and visitors, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 12, 2025, as Vermont Outdoor Recreation Day at the State House, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development; the Secretary of Natural Resources; the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation; the Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing; the Executive Director of the Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance; the Executive Director of the Vermont Mountain Bike Association; and the President of the Vermont Ski Areas Association.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, February 7, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 41

Rep. Burditt of West Rutland, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a felony penalty for abuse of a corpse

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 3761a is added to read:

§ 3761a. ABUSE OF THE DEAD BODY OF A PERSON

(a) No person shall, knowingly without legal authorization, intentionally burn, mutilate, disfigure, dismember, or destroy the dead body of a person.

(b)(1) No person shall intentionally bury, transport, hide, conceal, burn, mutilate, disfigure, dismember, or destroy the dead body of a person for the purpose of concealing a crime or avoiding apprehension, prosecution, or conviction of a crime.

(2) No person shall commit sexual conduct upon the dead body of a person.

(c)(1) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be imprisoned for not more than five years or fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

(2) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section shall be imprisoned not more than 15 years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Dead body of a person" does not include the cremated remains of a person.

(2) "Sexual conduct" means any of the following committed against the dead body of a person:

(A) any conduct involving contact between the penis and the vulva, the penis and the penis, the penis and the anus, the mouth and the penis, the mouth and the anus, the vulva and the vulva, or the mouth and the vulva;

(B) any intrusion, however slight, by any part of an individual's body or any object into any part of a dead human body with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desire of any individual;

(C) any touching of the dead human body with the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust, passions, or sexual desire of any individual;

(D) masturbation; or

(E) bestiality.

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 5211 is amended to read:

§ 5211. UNAUTHORIZED BURIAL OR REMOVAL; PENALTY

A person who buries, entombs, transports, or removes the dead body of a person without a burial-transit permit so to do, or in any other manner or at any other time or place than as specified in such permit, shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to abuse of the dead body of a person”

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, report of the Committee on Judiciary agreed to, and third reading ordered.

Adjournment

At three o'clock and thirty-eight 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.