

Journal of the House

Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Brian Cina of Burlington.

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. 401

By Reps. Cooper of Pownal, Bartley of Fairfax, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Burt of Cabot, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Hunter of Manchester, Keyser of Rutland City, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nigro of Bennington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Olson of Starksboro, Priestley of Bradford, Sibilina of Dover, Surprenant of Barnard, Sweeney of Shelburne, Wells of Brownington, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exemptions for food manufacturing establishments

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 402

By Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Municipal Labor Relations Act

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 403

By Rep. Surprenant of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fair labor standards and housing standards for agricultural workers

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 404

By Reps. Greer of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Morrissey of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authority over the highways of the Village of Old Bennington

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 405

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to competency to stand trial

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 406

By Rep. Headrick of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to naming State buildings and facilities after individuals

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 407

By Reps. Nelson of Derby, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Burt of Cabot, Casey of Hubbardton, Charlton of Chester, Cooper of Pownal, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Feltus of Lyndon, Goslant of Northfield, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harvey of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Sibilgia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Steady of Milton, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Walker of Swanton, Wells of Brownington, and Winter of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to protection from nuisance suits for agricultural activities
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 408

By Rep. Surprenant of Barnard,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to State purchasing of local food
To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 409

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the procedures for bail revocation
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 410

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the calculation of recidivism and other related
criminology measures
To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 411

By Reps. McCoy of Poultney, Burditt of West Rutland, Goslant of
Northfield, Harvey of Castleton, Malay of Pittsford, and Oliver of Sheldon,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to public safety
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 412

By Reps. McCoy of Poultney, Bartley of Fairfax, Charlton of Chester, and
Dolgin of St. Johnsbury,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to land use and housing development
To the Committee on Environment.

H. 413

By Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to use of illuminating lights and visibility of taillights

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 414

By Reps. Noyes of Wolcott, Bishop of Colchester, and Eastes of Guilford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Commission on Aging

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 415

By Reps. Walker of Swanton, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Oliver of Sheldon, and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Franklin County Field Days

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 416

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington and Gregoire of Fairfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of kratom products

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 417

By Reps. Cole of Hartford, Priestley of Bradford, Bishop of Colchester, Burt of Cabot, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Eastes of Guilford, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morrow of Weston, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pouech of Hinesburg, Surprenant of Barnard, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Waszazak of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting certain artificial dyes in foods and beverages

served or sold at school

To the Committee on Education.

H. 418

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Lalley of Shelburne, McGill of Bridport, Pouech of Hinesburg, Stone of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and White of Waitsfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an excise tax on the sale of firearms and ammunition

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 419

By Reps. Boutin of Barre City and Galfetti of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the City of Barre tax increment financing district

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 420

By Reps. Boutin of Barre City, Bosch of Clarendon, Casey of Montpelier, Galfetti of Barre Town, and Micklus of Milton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to tax increment financing for flood-impacted communities

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 421

By Rep. Masland of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the authority to create a regional council of governments

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 422

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Branagan of Georgia, Holcombe of Norwich, and Olson of Starksboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to testing of groundwater samples from contaminated sites at the State Agricultural and Environmental Laboratory

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 423

By Rep. Cina of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to implementing the Vermont Agriculture and Food System Strategic Plan

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 424

By Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the donation to the State of managed forestland enrolled in current use

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 425

By Reps. Morris of Springfield, Casey of Montpelier, Emmons of Springfield, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, Pouech of Hinesburg, and Waszazak of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regional management of the disposition of septage, sludge, and biosolids

To the Committee on Environment.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 57

House bill, entitled

An act relating to survivor benefits for law enforcement officers

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 339

Rep. Boyden of Cambridge spoke for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to removing the repeal of 7 V.S.A. § 230

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 three o'clock and twenty-three minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.