

Journal of the House

Friday, June 13, 2025

At nine o'clock in the forenoon, **Rep. Conlon of Cornwall** called the House to order. Noting a lack of quorum and pursuant to House Rule 9, the House adjourned until Monday, June 16, 2025 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Message from the Senate No. 80

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 Governor has informed the Senate that on the 9th day of June, 2025, he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 53. An act relating to certification of community-based perinatal doulas and Medicaid coverage for doula services.

S. 59. An act relating to amendments to Vermont's Open Meeting Law.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 9th day of June, 2025, he returned without signature and *vetoed* a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 125. An act relating to collective bargaining.

Text of Communication from Governor

The text of the communication from His Excellency, the Governor, whereby he vetoed and returned unsigned **Senate Bill No. S. 125**, to the Senate is as follows:

June 9, 2025

The Honorable John Bloomer
Secretary of the Senate
State House
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Mr. Bloomer:

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, I am returning S.125, *An act relating to collective bargaining*, without my signature because of my objections described herein:

This bill would effectively unionize a group of Judiciary employees with a simple definitional change. I'm concerned that despite unions testifying this was a priority for their organization, employees who would be impacted by this bill were not consulted or asked to testify.

The Judiciary has advised this change could have a negative impact on the effective management of courthouses and fear a workplace marked by divisiveness and angst were this bill to pass. At a time when our court system is managing a significant backlog, we should be focusing on improving efficiencies within the system.

Further, this bill seeks to bolster existing unions by significantly increasing the voting threshold for union decertification. This means it will be much more difficult for employees who do not feel well represented to consider their alternatives.

I support collective bargaining, but I believe employees should have choices for which union they belong to. This bill seeks to make it harder for employees, if they choose, to seek union representation from other organizations. I believe the threshold to trigger a vote for certification should be the same as decertification.

Our employees should be heard and respected and for this reason I cannot allow this bill to go into law.

Sincerely,

/s/Philip B. Scott
Governor

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 12th day of June, 2025, he approved and signed bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 12. An act relating to sealing criminal history records.

S. 45. An act relating to protection from nuisance suits for agricultural activities.

S. 63. An act relating to modifying the regulatory duties of the Green Mountain Care Board.

S. 69. An act relating to an age-appropriate design code.

S. 109. An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures.

S. 122. An act relating to economic and workforce development.

S. 123. An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to motor vehicles.

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- S. 124.** An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.
- S. 126.** An act relating to health care payment and delivery system reform.
- S. 127.** An act relating to housing and housing development.