

# Journal of the House

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Kathleen James of Manchester.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Page Maeve Wahlstrom of Whitingham led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Jaye Pershing Johnson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House of Representatives that on the 11th day of May, 2026, he signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

- H. 410**     **An act relating to the calculation of recidivism and other related criminology measures**
- H.519**     **An act relating to Vermont State Employees' Retirement System Group G membership**

## Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

### S. 190

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the Green Mountain Care Board, reference-based pricing, and studying the creation of a Public Employee Health Benefit Authority

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## Committee Not Relieved of Consideration

### H. 70

**Rep. Higley of Lowell** moved that the Committee on Environment be relieved of further consideration of House bill, entitled

An act relating to the inclusion of use value appraisal land in the conserved land inventory

Pending the question, Shall the Committee on Environment be relieved of further consideration of the bill?, **Rep. Higley of Lowell** demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the Committee on Environment be relieved of further consideration of the bill?, was decided in the negative. Yeas, 58. Nays, 80.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey of Hyde Park *	Goslant of Northfield	Morgan, L. of Milton
Bartley of Fairfax	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan, M. of Milton
Bosch of Clarendon	Hango of Berkshire *	Morrissey of Bennington
Boutin of Barre City *	Harple of Glover	Nelson of Derby
Branagan of Georgia	Harvey of Castleton *	North of Ferrisburgh *
Brigham of St. Albans Town*	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon
Burditt of West Rutland	Hooper of Randolph	Page of Newport City
Burt of Cabot *	Howland of Rutland Town	Parsons of Newbury
Canfield of Fair Haven	Kascenska of Burke	Pinsonault of Dorset
Casey of Hubbardton	Keyser of Rutland City	Powers of Waterford
Charlton of Chester *	Labor of Morgan	Priestley of Bradford
Coffin of Cavendish *	LaMont of Morristown *	Pritchard of Pawlet
Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Quimby of Lyndon
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Lipsky of Stowe	Soucy of Barre Town
Dobrovich of Williamstown	Long of Milton	Southworth of Walden
Dolgin of St. Johnsbury	Luneau of St. Albans City	Steady of Milton
Feltus of Lyndon	Maguire of Rutland City	Tagliavia of Corinth
Galfetti of Barre Town	Malay of Pittsford	Taylor of Mendon
	McCoy of Poultney	Wells of Brownington
	Micklus of Milton	Winter of Ludlow

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arsenault of Williston	Emmons of Springfield	Minier of South Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Garofano of Essex	Morris of Springfield
Bartholomew of Hartland	Goldman of Rockingham	Mrowicki of Putney
Berbeco of Winooski	Goodnow of Brattleboro	Nigro of Bennington
Birong of Vergennes	Graning of Jericho	Noyes of Wolcott
Bishop of Colchester	Greer of Bennington	Nugent of South Burlington
Black of Essex	Headrick of Burlington	Ode of Burlington
Bluemle of Burlington	Holcombe of Norwich	Olson of Starksboro *
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Houghton of Essex Junction	Pezzo of Colchester
Brady of Williston	Howard of Rutland City	Pouch of Hinesburg

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Brown of Richmond	Hoyt of Hartford	Rachelson of Burlington
Burke of Brattleboro	Hunter of Manchester	Satcowitz of Randolph
Burkhardt of South Burlington	James of Manchester	Scheu of Middlebury
Burrows of West Windsor	Kimbell of Woodstock	Scully of Burlington
Campbell of St. Johnsbury*	Kleppner of Burlington	Sheldon of Middlebury
Carris Duncan of Whitingham	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Squirrell of Underhill
Casey of Montpelier	Krasnow of South Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury *
Chapin of East Montpelier	Lalley of Shelburne	Stone of Burlington
Cole of Hartford	LaLonde of South Burlington	Sweeney of Shelburne
Conlon of Cornwall	Logan of Burlington	Tomlinson of Winooski
Cooper of Pownal	Long of Newfane	Torre of Moretown
Corcoran of Bennington	Lueders of Lincoln	Walker of Swanton
Critchlow of Colchester	Marcotte of Coventry	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Dodge of Essex	Masland of Thetford	White of Waitsfield *
Dolan of Essex Junction	McCann of Montpelier	White of Bethel
Durfee of Shaftsbury	McGill of Bridport	Wood of Waterbury *
	Mihaly of Calais	Yacovone of Morristown

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Boyden of Cambridge	Duke of Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Christie of Hartford	Eastes of Guilford	Sibilia of Dover
Cina of Burlington	Morrow of Weston	Waszazak of Barre City
Donahue of Northfield	Nielsen of Brandon	

**Rep. Bailey of Hyde Park** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

Rural Vermonters have been caring for this land for generations, and our farmers understand better than anyone that conservation and working lands go together. Moving H.70 forward helps us protect Vermont while also supporting one of the most important parts of our economy.”

**Rep. Boutin of Barre City** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

Respect the committee process. Easy to say when you control the entire process. A process where you can kill any bill with ease. Imagine if the tables were turned. Would the same folks respect the process?”

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**Rep. Brigham of St. Albans Town** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

Too often we treat conservation and agriculture like separate conversations, but in Vermont they are deeply connected. The people maintaining fields, forests, and waterways are helping to preserve the character of our State. Bringing H.70 to the floor acknowledges that partnership and helps move us closer to our long-term goals.”

**Rep. Burt of Cabot** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

Vermont’s landscape did not stay this way by accident. It has been cared for by generations of farmers and rural landowners who take pride in protecting the land while making a living from it. H.70 supports that tradition and helps us move more quickly toward the conservation goals we all share.”

**Rep. Campbell of St. Johnsbury** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no. Taking a bill out of committee without a vote of that committee should only be done in the most extraordinary of circumstances. That standard is not met here. The policy questions in H.70 should be addressed in the normal process. Short-circuiting the process destroys it.”

**Rep. Charlton of Chester** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

Rural communities play an enormous role in Vermont’s economic and environmental health. We are already conserving and making a living on the lands under consideration. H.70 recognizes that stewardship matters, and conservation works best when local communities are part of the solution. I have been receiving input on this for the entire length of this session. I am convinced that the full House should be allowed to weigh in on this important unanswered question.”

**Rep. Coffin of Cavendish** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because this bill reflects something Vermonters already know: our lands are part of our environmental future. H.70 supports conservation goals while recognizing the economic reality of rural Vermont. This yes vote was not just my vote but the yes vote for the many thousands of Vermonters who have asked for their voices to be heard in this chamber. We talk OFTEN

about local control. Nothing is closer to local control than trusting those who work their land to be the greatest stewards of the land they, not this body, own.”

**Rep. Hango of Berkshire** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes to take up this bill because using land in the Use Value Appraisal Program in the calculation for conserved land makes sense. It encourages conservation in a responsible way by allowing Vermonters to make their living in the agriculture and forestry sectors while being good stewards of the land, taking advantage of all of the successful conservation programs that our State offers. If we disallow these activities to count towards conserved land, we risk letting that acreage go fallow to grow up into brush and forcing rural Vermonters to migrate to other states where the regulatory climate is less restrictive. Think about what Vermont would look like without the careful, thoughtful land management practices being used every day. We’ve built our economy on tourism, and without working farms and sugar bushes, our landscape would not be the marketing tool that we take for granted. I voted yes to keep our working lands in use for generations to come and to keep our beautiful State attractive to tourists and the young families who wish to work it. After hearing from those voices, H.70 deserved consideration by the full Legislature.”

**Rep. Harvey of Castleton** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I was proud to vote yes today and look forward to doing so every time this bill is called up in the future. We must listen to Vermonters.”

**Rep. LaMont of Morristown** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I believe in democracy, although this process is unorthodox and not the norm, it is allowed. I would hate to see this be abused and used in nefarious ways. And although there is no imminent danger, I had hoped this would be an opportunity to clear the air and state the facts in a way that would calm the false narratives that Vermonters are hearing.”

**Rep. North of Ferrisburgh** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

When we talk about conservation in Vermont, we have to recognize the people already doing the work every single day. Farmers, foresters, and rural communities are on the front lines of land stewardship. Releasing H.70 would

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give this Chamber the chance to move those efforts forward in a practical and productive way for Vermonters, not for any political party.”

**Rep. Olson of Starksboro** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I am informed that the entity and the agency charged with implementing Act 59 intend to include land enrolled in the Use Value Appraisal program into the Conserved Land Inventory and the Conservation Plan. My constituents and many other Vermonters will understandably hold the entity and the agency accountable for those promises.”

**Rep. Stevens of Waterbury** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no to support legislative process rather than parliamentary anarchy. The underlying issue is still being considered in a process determined three years ago, including a final vote on any proposal. Forcing a deliberation already put aside in the body breaks the already established process and disrespects the work we do on behalf of our constituents.”

**Rep. White of Waitsfield** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

The House Committee on Environment just spent last month carefully updating a land-use policy that addressed the concerns of rural Vermonters. They worked diligently, and addressed all committee members’ concerns, to deliver a bill unanimously supported by their committee. Proposals to Vermont’s conservation policy require the same thoughtful consideration. A floor amendment defeats this process; thus I voted no.”

**Rep. Wood of Waterbury** provided the following vote explanation:

“Madam Speaker:

H.70 does not respect the rights of landowners, and I refuse to cast a vote based on a campaign of misinformation. I vote no.”

### **Action on Bill Postponed**

#### **S. 208**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to standards for law enforcement identification

Was taken up and, pending second reading of the bill, on motion of **Rep. Dolan of Essex Junction**, action on the bill was postponed two legislative days.

**Third Reading;  
Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**

**S. 189**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a process for reducing or eliminating hospital services

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

**Action on Bill Postponed**

**S. 212**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to potable water supply and wastewater system connections

Was taken up and, pending second reading of the bill, on motion of **Rep. North of Ferrisburgh**, action on the bill was postponed one legislative day.

**Action on Bill Postponed**

**S. 243**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to distributing funds to the Vermont Language Justice Project

Was taken up and, pending second reading of the bill, on motion of **Rep. Garofano of Essex**, action on the bill was postponed one legislative day.

**Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in**

**H. 512**

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of the event ticketing market

The Senate proposed to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 2B is added to read:

Subchapter 2B. Event Tickets

§ 2479f. RESALE OF EVENT TICKETS

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Independent venue” means an event space that derives a majority of its revenue, excluding charitable donations, from ticket events, is not majority owned by a publicly traded company, and does not operate venues in more than 10 states.

(2) “Price” means the total amount paid or to be paid for a ticket, including all taxes, fees, and charges. Price does not include actual shipping costs.

(3) “Resale” means the second or subsequent sale of a ticket by any method, including in-person transactions, telephone, mail, email, facsimile, or electronic means through websites or mobile phone applications.

(4) “Reseller” means a business entity engaged in the sale or resale of tickets. A “reseller” does not include an individual reselling a ticket purchased for personal use.

(5) “Secondary ticket exchange” means an electronic marketplace enabling the sale, purchase, and resale of tickets.

(6) “Speculative ticket” means a ticket not in the actual or constructive possession at the time a person lists, advertises, or offers the ticket for sale or resale. This includes tickets not owned or under contract to be transferred at the time of sale.

(7) “Ticket” means any form of physical, electronic, or other evidence that grants the possessor of the evidence license to enter a place of entertainment within the State for one or more events at a specified date and time.

(8) “Ticket issuer” means a person or entity that issues tickets for initial sale, including musicians, venues, promoters, theater companies, marketplaces for initial purchases, or their agents.

(b) Ticket disclosure requirements.

(1) A ticket issuer shall include on the face of a ticket in a clear and conspicuous manner the total price of the original ticket.

(2) A person operating a secondary ticket exchange shall provide a statement in a clear and conspicuous manner informing any customer:

(A) whether the customer is purchasing the ticket from a ticket issuer or a reseller as the case may be; and

(B) that the resale price of the ticket is limited by subsection (c) of this section.

(3) If a secondary ticket exchange provides information about the number or percentage of available tickets for a given event, the information shall not mislead customers about the availability of tickets on that platform or on other platforms.

(c) Price cap on the resale of event tickets.

(1) A ticket reseller shall not sell or offer for sale a ticket at a price greater than 110 percent of the price of an original ticket.

(2) A secondary ticket exchange shall not authorize for resale on the exchange a ticket for a price at greater than 110 percent of the price of an original ticket.

(3) This subsection shall apply to the resale of tickets where the event is held at an independent venue and where:

(A) the seating capacity of the venue is 3,000 individuals or fewer;

(B) the event is to be held at a nonprofit venue that hosts agricultural fairs, exhibitions, or multiday community events in addition to live performances; or

(C) the venue is primarily used for collegiate or amateur sports.

(4) This subsection shall not apply to the resale of a ticket under a written contract with the ticket issuer for the resale of tickets at a price greater than 110 percent of the price of the original ticket.

(d) Ban on deceptive URLs and improper use of intellectual property. It shall be unlawful for a secondary ticket exchange, reseller, or the operator of any website purporting to sell or offer for sale event tickets that links or redirects to a secondary ticket exchange or reseller to:

(1) use deceptive website addresses or imply endorsement or ownership of any intellectual property of the venue or artist without explicit written authorization of the venue or artist; or

(2) state or imply that the secondary ticket exchange, reseller, or website is affiliated with or endorsed by a venue, team, or artist, including by using words such as “official” in promotional materials, social media promotions, search engine optimization, paid advertising, URLs, or search engine monetization, unless the secondary ticket exchange, reseller, or website has the express written consent of the venue, team, or artist.

(e) Prohibition on speculative ticket sales. A person shall not sell or offer for sale speculative tickets.

(f) Violations. A person that violates a provision of this section commits an unfair and deceptive act in commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

Sec. 2. REPEAL

9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 2B is repealed on July 1, 2028.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

**Action on Bill Postponed**

**H. 536**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to toxic heavy metals in baby food products

Was taken up and, pending consideration of the Senate proposal of amendment, on motion of **Rep. Nelson of Derby**, action on the bill postponed one legislative day.

**Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in**

**H. 559**

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Parole Board

The Senate proposed to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 403 is amended to read:

§ 403. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER  
REGARDING PAROLE

The Commissioner is charged with the following powers and responsibilities regarding the administration of parole:

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(6) To provide regular training for the Parole Board, at least annually, in collaboration with the Parole Board Director and the Chair of the Parole Board, on topics related to criminogenic behavior, mental health disorders, substance use treatment, trauma-informed work with victims of crime, and serious crime rehabilitation.

Sec. 2. 28 V.S.A. § 451 is amended to read:

§ 451. CREATION OF BOARD

(a)(1) A Parole Board of ~~five~~ seven members is created. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ~~five regular members and two alternates~~ for terms of three years in such a manner that not more than three terms shall expire annually. Initial terms may be less than three years. Each member ~~and alternate~~ shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Governor shall designate the Board's chair.

(2) Upon notification of a vacancy, the Governor shall consult with the Parole Board Director and the Chair of the Parole Board. As far as practicable, the Governor shall appoint as members persons who have knowledge of and experience in ~~correctional treatment, crime prevention, or human relations~~ criminogenic behavior, mental health treatment, substance use disorder, or serious crime rehabilitation, and shall give consideration, as far as practicable, to geographic representation of the State and a balance of different knowledge and experience.

(3) The Board shall select one of its members to serve as Vice Chair of the Board. If the Chair resigns or is otherwise permanently unable to serve on the Board, the Vice Chair shall serve as interim chair until the Governor designates a new chair pursuant to this section. ~~The Chair or the executive director may assign alternates to serve on the Board in the absence of a regular member and such alternates shall have all the powers and authority of a regular member when so assigned.~~

(b) Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of a meeting. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 172, the concurrence of a majority of members present at a Parole Board meeting shall be necessary and sufficient for Board action.

(c) The Chair of the Parole Board shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of \$20,500.00 annually, effective on the first pay period in fiscal year 2006, which shall be in lieu of any per diem otherwise authorized by law. If the Vice Chair assumes the duties of the Chair for a period in excess of 30 consecutive days, the compensation otherwise payable to the Chair during ~~his or her~~ the Chair's absence shall be paid to the Vice Chair.

(d) At least annually, each member of the Parole Board shall attend trainings designated by the Parole Board Director in collaboration with the Chair of the Parole Board.

Sec. 3. 28 V.S.A. § 455 is amended to read:

§ 455. DIRECTOR

(a) The position of Parole Board Director is created. The Director shall be appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Board.

(b) The Director shall serve for a term of four years commencing on March 1 and continuing until ~~his or her~~ a successor is appointed.

(c) The Director shall be exempt from classified State service.

(d) The Secretary of Human Services, in consultation with the Parole Board and the Department of Human Resources, shall establish the minimum and preferred qualifications, duties, and compensation of the Director.

(e) The Director shall be responsible for the overall function of the Parole Board, ensuring legal compliance, developing and implementing all policies and procedures of the Board, and ensuring training is developed and provided to the Board, in collaboration with the Commissioner and the Chair of the Parole Board.

Sec. 4. PAROLE BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL PILOT PROJECT

(a) There is created the Parole Board Legal Counsel Pilot Project to provide external legal support for:

(1) annual training to the Board, including on topics related to due process and parole violations; and

(2) legal advice to the Board as needed related to Board hearings.

(b) The Board and the Agency of Human Services shall identify and contract with external legal support in coordination with the Office of the Attorney General.

(c) As part of the fiscal year 2028 budget development process, the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Parole Board Director to evaluate the pilot project and determine resources needed for Board external legal support for fiscal year 2028.

(d) On or before November 15, 2026, the Parole Board Director shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions detailing the operation of the pilot project. The report shall include a recommendation regarding legal support for the Board going forward and the resources needed.

Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2026  
CARRYFORWARD

Notwithstanding 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 89 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the \$25,000.00 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Corrections for third-party legal services in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.336 shall carry forward into fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of hiring external legal counsel pursuant to Sec. 4 of this act and shall not be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration or designated for any other purpose.

Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION

The sum of \$50,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of hiring external legal counsel pursuant to Sec. 4 of this act.

Sec. 7. PAROLE BOARD BUDGET SUBMISSION IN FISCAL YEAR  
2028 AND FISCAL YEAR 2029

(a) As part of the fiscal year 2028 and fiscal year 2029 budget development processes, the Parole Board Director shall submit a proposed budget to the Commissioner of Corrections and Secretary of Human Services.

(b) On or before December 1, 2027, the Parole Board Director shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions detailing the budget development process. The report shall include a recommendation regarding the Parole Board submitting an annual budget to the Commissioner of Corrections.

Sec. 8. 13 V.S.A. § 5305 is amended to read:

§ 5305. INFORMATION CONCERNING RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

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~~(c) If requested by a victim of a listed crime, the The Department of Corrections shall:~~

~~(1) at least 30 days before a parole board hearing concerning the defendant, inform the victim of the hearing and of the victim's right to testify before the parole board or to submit a written statement for the parole board to consider; and~~

~~(2) promptly inform the victim of the decision of the parole board, including providing to the victim any conditions attached to the defendant's release on parole notify victims of a listed crime as to parole board hearings concerning defendants and parole board decisions as provided in 28 V.S.A. §§ 502a and 507.~~

Sec. 9. 28 V.S.A. § 502a is amended to read:

§ 502a. RELEASE ON PAROLE

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(e)(1) The Department shall identify each inmate meeting the presumptive parole eligibility criteria in section 501a of this title and refer each eligible inmate who does not meet the risk criteria set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection to the Parole Board for an administrative review at least 60 days prior to the inmate's eligibility date.

(2) The Department shall screen each inmate it identifies as eligible for presumptive parole for the risk criteria set forth in this subdivision. If the Department determines that, based on clear and convincing evidence, there is a reasonable probability that the inmate's release would result in a detriment to the community, or that the inmate is not willing and capable of fulfilling the obligations of parole, the Department shall, at least 60 days prior to the inmate's eligibility date, refer the inmate to the Parole Board for a parole hearing.

(3)(A) Within 30 days in advance of the inmate's eligibility date, the Parole Board shall conduct an administrative review of each inmate the Department identifies as eligible for presumptive release who does not meet the risk criteria set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection. The Board may deny presumptive release and set a hearing if it determines, through its administrative review, that a victim or victims should have the opportunity to participate in a parole hearing. If the Board determines there is a victim or victims who should be notified, the Department shall notify the victim or victims, and the Board shall provide them with the opportunity to participate in a parole hearing. A victim may waive any notification.

(B) The Parole Board shall conduct a parole hearing pursuant to section 502 of this title for each eligible inmate that the Department determines meets the risk criteria in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

Sec. 10. 28 V.S.A. § 507 is amended to read:

§ 507. NOTIFICATION TO VICTIM AND OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY

(a) The Department of Corrections shall, unless waived by the victim:

(1) At at least 30 days prior to a parole eligibility hearing concerning the defendant, notify the victim of a listed crime as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 5301(7), shall be notified as to the time and location of the hearing and as to the victim's right to testify before the Parole Board or to submit a written statement for the Parole Board to consider; and

(2) promptly inform the victim of the decision of the Parole Board, including providing to the victim any conditions attached to the defendant's release on parole. Such notification may be waived by the victim in writing.

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Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

**Action on Bill Postponed**

**H. 941**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal regulation of agriculture

Was taken up and, pending consideration of the Senate proposal of amendment, on motion of **Rep. Durfee of Shaftsbury**, action on the bill postponed for two legislative days.

**Message from the Senate No. 57**

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. 329.** An act relating to criminal procedures involving firearms.

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

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 816.** An act relating to regulating the use of artificial intelligence in the provision of mental health services.

**H. 921.** An act relating to alcoholic beverages.

**H. 930.** An act relating to addressing and preventing chronic absenteeism.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

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

**J.R.S. 53.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on May 15, 2026.

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

### **Adjournment**

At eleven o'clock and forty-four minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.