

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

Pursuant to the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President, the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 44

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Courtney Reckord, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 952. An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment.

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

Bill Referred

H. 952.

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Further Proposal of Amendment; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

H. 237.

House bill entitled:

An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Brock and Chittenden moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 26 V.S.A. § 3001, by striking out subdivision (17) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (17) to read as follows:

(17) “Prescriptive authority” means the authority to prescribe or discontinue prescription drugs solely for the purpose of diagnosing, treating, or managing a condition recognized in the DSM. Prescriptive authority excludes the authority to:

(A) dispense, administer, or distribute prescription drugs; and

(B) prescribe or discontinue prescription drugs for patients who are less than 18 years of age or pregnant.

Second: In Sec. 3, 26 V.S.A. § 3019, in subsection (c), in subdivision (1), by adding a second sentence to read as follows: “The written collaborative agreement shall contain a protocol for the completion of a clinical risk assessment of each new patient prior to treatment that specifically includes a review of prescription drug interactions and physiological considerations.”

Which was disagreed to on a division of the Senate, Yeas, 11, Nays 15.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Bill Passed in Concurrence

H. 733.

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence:

An act relating to designating a franchise relationship.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Lyons, the Senate adjourned until eleven o’clock and thirty minutes in the morning.