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INTRODUCTION

During the 2024 legislative session, the Vermont House of Representatives took a total of 45 roll call votes. Under the Vermont Constitution, a roll call vote is required for any vote on the Governor's veto. Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 11. Otherwise, a roll call vote is required if demanded by one member and sustained by four other members. Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 9; House Rule 69.

Pursuant to Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 9, a member has a right to explain the member's roll call vote and to have it printed in the Journal. House Rule 70 provides that roll call vote explanations are allowed once the roll call is complete and immediately before the roll call vote result is announced.

Because 2024 is the second year of the 2023-2024 biennium, the roll call votes in 2024 started with #41. Roll call votes #1-40 are available in the 2023 Roll Call Book, which is available online through the webpage for the [Clerk of the House](#), or in hard copy at the Vermont House Clerk's Office. Please contact the House Clerk's Office if you have any questions regarding roll call votes or this summary book.

The information in this book is arranged numerically by bill number. Where multiple roll call votes were taken on a single bill, the votes are presented in chronological order. Every roll call vote is listed with the following information:

- bill number;
- bill title;
- the question voted upon;
- the date of the vote;
- the date of the House Journal publishing the vote record;
- list of all Representatives voting "yes";
- list of all Representatives voting "no";
- list of all Representatives absent from the vote; and
- all vote explanations offered by Representatives in relation to the vote on the stated question.

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CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL 3. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS; RIGHT TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN

Proposal 3; Roll Call #77

On 4/26/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House adopt the constitutional proposal in concurrence?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 129; Nays, 8; Absent, 11.

[House Journal 4/26/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman	Houghton of Essex	Notte of Rutland City
Andriano of Orwell	of Middletown	Junction	Noyes of Wolcott
Anthony of Barre	Springs	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South
City	Christie of Hartford	City	Burlington
Arrison of	Cina of Burlington	James of Manchester	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Weathersfield	Clifford of Rutland	Jerome of Brandon	Page of Newport City
Arsenault of	City	Kornheiser of	Pajala of
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Brattleboro	Londonderry
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	*Krasnow of South	Patt of Worcester
Bartholomew of	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
Hartland	Corcoran of	Labor of Morgan	Priestley of Bradford
Bartley of Fairfax	Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Quimby of Lyndon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Berbeco of Winooski	Demar of Enosburgh	LaLonde of South	*Roberts of Halifax
Birong of Vergennes	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Sammis of Castleton
Black of Essex	Dickinson of St.	LaMont of	Satcowitz of
Bluemle of	Albans Town	Morristown	Randolph
Burlington	*Dodge of Essex	Lanpher of	Scheu of Middlebury
Bongartz of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Vergennes	Shaw of Pittsford
Manchester	Donahue of	Laroche of Franklin	Sheldon of
Bos-Lun of	Northfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Middlebury
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Lipsky of Stowe	Sibilia of Dover
Boyden of	Elder of Starksboro	*Logan of Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Cambridge	Emmons of	*Long of Newfane	Small of Winooski
Brady of Williston	Springfield	Maguire of Rutland	Squirrell of Underhill
Brennan of	Farlice-Rubio of	City	*Stevens of
Colchester	Barnet	Marcotte of Coventry	Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Galfetti of Barre	Masland of Thetford	Stone of Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Town	Mattos of Milton	Surprenant of
Burke of Brattleboro	Garofano of Essex	McCann of	Barnard
Burrows of West	Goldman of	Montpelier	Taylor of Milton
Windsor	Rockingham	McCarthy of St.	Taylor of Colchester
	Goslant of Northfield	Albans City	

Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Graham of Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney	Templeman of Brownington
Canfield of Fair Haven	Graning of Jericho	McFaun of Barre Town	Toleno of Brattleboro
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Gregoire of Fairfield	*McGill of Bridport	Toof of St. Albans Town
Carroll of Bennington	Harrison of Chittenden	Mihaly of Calais	Torre of Moretown
Casey of Montpelier	Headrick of Burlington	Minier of South Burlington	*Troiano of Stannard
Chapin of East Montpelier	Holcombe of Norwich	Morgan of Milton	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Randolph	Morris of Springfield	White of Bethel
Chase of Colchester	Hooper of Burlington	Morrissey of Bennington	Whitman of Bennington
		Mrowicki of Putney	Williams of Barre City
		Nicoll of Ludlow	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burditt of West Rutland	*Higley of Lowell	Peterson of Clarendon	Walker of Swanton
*Hango of Berkshire	Parsons of Newbury	Smith of Derby	*Williams of Granby

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

Branagan of Georgia	Dolan of Essex	Oliver of Sheldon	Stebbins of
Brumsted of Shelburne	Junction	Pearl of Danville	Burlington
Buss of Woodstock	Hyman of South Burlington	Rachelson of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
	Ode of Burlington		

Rep. Dodge of Essex explained her vote as follow:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes in honor of the great Mexican American labor activists Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta of the United Farm Workers. Sí Se Puede.”

Rep. Hango of Berkshire explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I believe in the power of unions, but I am not in favor of changing our precious and historic Vermont Constitution.”

Rep. Higley of Lowell explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

My vote is not in opposition to unions, but the unnecessary need to enshrine it in our Constitution. I have a concern with our numerous constitutional amendments being proposed in recent sessions.”

Rep. Krasnow of South Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

At a time of massive income and wealth inequality, when too many workers are falling further and further behind, we need to make it easier for workers to exercise their constitutional right to form a union and collectively bargain for better wages, benefits, and working conditions.”

Rep. Logan of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Democracy in our workplaces – where most of us spend the large share of our waking hours – is foundational to democracy in our State.”

Rep. Long of Newfane explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am honored to vote yes for Proposal 3, which, if ultimately ratified by all Vermonters in 2026, will give our workers the constitutional right to organize that they have earned, that they will always deserve.”

Rep. McGill of Bridport explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Unions are essential for protecting workers’ rights and ensuring fair treatment, and I commend them for their tireless fight for justice in the workplace for us all. I voted yes because I fully support the people of Vermont in their efforts to advocate for dignity, better wages, safe working conditions, and job security.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our Constitution is a living document – one in which we, the inhabitants of Vermont, declare certain rights to be sacred. I vote yes on Proposal 3 to protect the sacred liberty of our workers to band together.”

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is important to remember that by creating this proposal for a new article in the Constitution, we are asking, in the end, for Vermonters to decide if the workers of Vermont should have a more permanent right to organize and join a union or not.”

Rep. Troiano of Stannard explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes in memory of my father who was a NYC schoolteacher whose union membership in the UFT changed the economic status of my family when I was a teenager.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

There was a time when unions were needed. That time has passed. As a middle to lower income person who has been on the non-union side of a business as a manager, it isn't all it seems to be and unless you have walked in those shoes you will not understand. I will not try to convince you otherwise, but please remember there are two sides to every situation.”

CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL 4. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS; GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE; EQUALITY OF RIGHTS

Proposal 4; Roll Call #83

On 5/8/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House adopt the constitutional proposal in concurrence?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 140; Nays, 4; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 5/8/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman	City	Burlington
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Hyman of South	O'Brien of Tunbridge
City	Springs	Burlington	Ode of Burlington
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	James of Manchester	Oliver of Sheldon
Weathersfield	Cina of Burlington	Jerome of Brandon	Page of Newport City
Arsenault of	Coffey of Guilford	Kornheiser of	Pajala of
Williston	Cole of Hartford	Brattleboro	Londonderry
Austin of Colchester	Conlon of Cornwall	Krasnow of South	Parsons of Newbury
Bartholomew of	Corcoran of	Burlington	Patt of Worcester
Hartland	Bennington	Labor of Morgan	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bartley of Fairfax	Cordes of Lincoln	LaBounty of Lyndon	Priestley of Bradford
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Demar of Enosburgh	Lalley of Shelburne	Quimby of Lyndon
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South	*Rachelson of
Birong of Vergennes	Dickinson of St.	Burlington	Burlington
Black of Essex	Albans Town	*LaMont of	Rice of Dorset
Bluemle of	Dodge of Essex	Morristown	Roberts of Halifax
Burlington	Dolan of Essex	Lanpher of	Satcowitz of
Bongartz of	Junction	Vergennes	Randolph
Manchester	Dolan of Waitsfield	Laroche of Franklin	Scheu of Middlebury
Bos-Lun of	Donahue of	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Shaw of Pittsford
Westminster	Northfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Sheldon of
Boyden of	Duke of Burlington	Logan of Burlington	Middlebury
Cambridge	Durfee of Shaftsbury	*Long of Newfane	Sibilia of Dover
Brady of Williston	Elder of Starksboro	Maguire of Rutland	Sims of Craftsbury
Branagan of Georgia	Emmons of	City	Squirrell of Underhill
Brennan of	Springfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Stebbins of
Colchester	Farlice-Rubio of	Masland of Thetford	Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	Mattos of Milton	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Galfetti of Barre	McCann of	Stone of Burlington
*Brumsted of	Town	Montpelier	Surprenant of
Shelburne	Garofano of Essex		Barnard

Burditt of West Rutland	Goldman of Rockingham	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Taylor of Milton
Burke of Brattleboro	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West Windsor	*Graning of Jericho	McFaun of Barre Town	Templeman of Brownington
Buss of Woodstock	Gregoire of Fairfield	McGill of Bridport	Toleno of Brattleboro
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Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	Minier of South Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Headrick of Burlington	Morgan of Milton	Troiano of Stannard
Carroll of Bennington	Holcombe of Norwich	Morris of Springfield	Walker of Swanton
Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Morrissey of Bennington	Waters Evans of Charlotte
*Chapin of East Montpelier	Hooper of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	White of Bethel
Chase of Chester	Houghton of Essex Junction	Nicoll of Ludlow	Whitman of Bennington
		Notte of Rutland City	Williams of Barre City
		Noyes of Wolcott	Wood of Waterbury

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Higley of Lowell	Peterson of Clarendon	Smith of Derby	*Williams of Granby
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Clifford of Rutland City	Graham of Williamstown	Pearl of Danville Sammis of Castleton	Small of Winooski
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Rep. Brumsted of Shelburne explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Remembering back to my 2nd year living in Vermont. I was a Junior at the University of Vermont back in 1986, I volunteered to help at the polls for Governor Kunin, my job was to bring the final vote counts to the then Radisson Hotel, my post was Winooski, VT. The Equal Rights Amendment was on the ballot along with Governor Kunin’s second race for Governor – I assumed both would win. At the end of the vote count, I was given the official results by the Town Clerk and I headed to the Radisson Hotel to post Winooski’s results. After my work was done, I started looking at the board and realized that town after town had voted for Governor Kunin but against the Equal Rights Amendment, I was shocked! I just couldn’t believe that anyone would vote against an equal rights amendment. I knew then I would continue to work on passing this constitutional amendment, hence the beginning of my working on campaigns. I am so pleased to be here this evening 38 years later, as a State legislator

able to vote yes on the Equal Rights Amendment; I can help give every Vermont voter the ability to vote on this important amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker!”

Rep. Chapin of East Montpelier explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for Proposal 4 to add equal rights protection for all Vermonters, so that we can take bold steps toward a truly inclusive and equitable community, by enshrining these values and protections in our State Constitution.”

Rep. Graning of Jericho explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is disappointing that in 2024 we need to codify antidiscrimination, but sadly we do. It gives me hope that today we are moving one step closer to equality for all.”

Rep. LaMont of Morristown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

What we have seen here today is once again how our antiquated system does not work in our favor. So, we follow rules and process that may seem trivial and take time to make necessary amendments as we can. This will be put forth to the voters of Vermont; they will have the ultimate say. It is time we make sure ALL Vermonters are guaranteed the right to equal treatment and dignity. I have said it before, and I will say it again. Equity is not an afterthought.”

Rep. Long of Newfane explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because it is time for Vermont to add an equal rights clause to our State Constitution in order to ensure all people are guaranteed equal protection under the law. I am proud to support this amendment, which is foundational to protecting the rights of historically marginalized groups and addressing existing inequalities.”

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Today we took an important step toward saying to ALL Vermonters – Discrimination has no place here.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As much as I support all the groups listed, there is no equality in a proposal that has the potential to leave a ‘people’ group out.”

H.27. AN ACT RELATING TO COERCIVE CONTROLLING BEHAVIOR AND ABUSE PREVENTION ORDERS

H.27; Roll Call #43

On 1/11/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 106; Nays, 31; Absent, 12.

[House Journal 1/11/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman	Kornheiser of	Pajala of
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Brattleboro	Londonderry
City	Springs	Krasnow of South	Patt of Worcester
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	Pearl of Danville
Weathersfield	Coffey of Guilford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Pouech of Hinesburg
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Williston	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Corcoran of	LaMont of	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of	Bennington	Morristown	Roberts of Halifax
Hartland	Demrow of Corinth	Lanpher of	Sammis of Castleton
Berbeco of Winooski	Dodge of Essex	Vergennes	Satcowitz of
Birong of Vergennes	*Dolan of Essex	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Randolph
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Brownell of Pownal	Harrison of	Minier of South	Surprenant of
Brumsted of	Chittenden	Burlington	Barnard
Shelburne	Headrick of	Morris of Springfield	Taylor of Colchester
Burke of Brattleboro	Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Templeman of
Burrows of West	Holcombe of	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Brownington
Windsor	Norwich	Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Buss of Woodstock	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Torre of Moretown
Carpenter of Hyde	Houghton of Essex	*Notte of Rutland	Troiano of Stannard
Park	Junction	City	Waters Evans of
Carroll of Bennington	Howard of Rutland	Noyes of Wolcott	Charlotte
Casey of Montpelier	City		White of Bethel

Chapin of East Montpelier	Hyman of South Burlington	Nugent of South Burlington	Whitman of Bennington
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Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Peterson of Clarendon
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Branagan of Georgia	Albans Town	City	Smith of Derby
Brennan of Colchester	Galfetti of Barre Town	Mattos of Milton	Taylor of Milton
Burditt of West Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Toof of St. Albans Town
Canfield of Fair Haven	Graham of Williamstown	Morrissey of Bennington	Walker of Swanton
Clifford of Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	Page of Newport City	Williams of Granby
City	Hango of Berkshire	Parsons of Newbury	Wilson of Lyndon
	Labor of Morgan		

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Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Elder of Starksboro	Hooper of Randolph	Oliver of Sheldon
Cina of Burlington	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Lalley of Shelburne	Priestley of Bradford

Rep. Arsenault of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Forty percent of all calls to Vermont law enforcement for violent crimes are cases of domestic violence and 80% of victims are women. Nearly half of all homicides in Vermont are related to domestic violence. We cannot say that we truly care about public safety – or the women of our State – without doing all we can to address domestic violence. H.27 expands the definition of abuse to accurately capture the harm of coercive controlling behavior – both on its own and as a known precursor to physical violence. I vote yes in honor of all victims of domestic violence, especially those who are no longer here to use their own voice.”

Rep. Dolan of Essex Junction explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to protect Vermonters from the harms of coercive controlling behavior and provide our State with an important tool to address domestic violence as early as possible.”

Rep. Notte of Rutland City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

H.27 adds protections for people attempting to escape abusive relationships. And while we employ gender neutral language when drafting bills, the honest reality here is that we are trying to assist women facing abuse from men who want to keep them under their thumb. I voted yes on H.27 because it offers needed protections for such women. Such women have died in instances where the first physically violent act of their partner was the one that killed them. Physical violence cannot be the bar, too many lives depend on this.”

H.72. AN ACT RELATING TO A HARM-REDUCTION CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TO DRUG USE

H.72; Roll Call #42.

On 1/10/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Human Services, as amended?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 96; Nays, 35; Absent, 18.

[House Journal 1/10/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Brattleboro	Pearl of Danville
City	Springs	Krasnow of South	*Rachelson of
Arsenault of	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	Burlington
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Carroll of Bennington	City	Burlington	Charlotte
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Chapin of East	Burlington	Ode of Burlington	Bennington
Montpelier	James of Manchester		

Chase of Chester Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Pajala of Londonderry	*Williams of Barre City *Wood of Waterbury
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Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Andriano of Orwell Bartley of Fairfax Beck of St. Johnsbury Birong of Vergennes Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Cina of Burlington Cordes of Lincoln Demrow of Corinth Graham of Williamstown Higley of Lowell	Lalley of Shelburne McCann of Montpelier McFaun of Barre Town	Oliver of Sheldon Pouech of Hinesburg Priestley of Bradford Walker of Swanton White of Bethel
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Rep. Berbeco of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am voting yes because until our system of care can offer people living with substance use issues comprehensive integrated mental health and substance use care and recovery services, we are obligated to be nearby as compassionate neighbors, family members, and friends.”

Rep. Bluemle of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support this bill, grateful for the combined courage, persistence, compassion, and expertise that finally brought it to the floor today. I cast this vote in honor of the life work and tireless advocacy of Scot Pavék.”

Rep. Brown of Richmond explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes in support of H.72 because it is imperative that we provide this harm reduction strategy to communities overwhelmed by our current overdose crisis. The urgency of this issue and its heartbreaking impact on Vermonters in our communities cannot be overstated. We must employ new strategies to meet this challenging moment.”

Rep. Maguire of Rutland City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The State of Vermont does not have the substance abuse contingency of care infrastructure in place to support this harm reduction model.”

Rep. Peterson of Clarendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Passage of H.72 will make Vermont drug dealers very happy.”

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Research shows that overdose prevention centers make a positive difference by reducing public drug use, decreasing syringe litter, lowering the demand on local health care providers and emergency responders, connecting people to other services, and most importantly preventing drug overdoses. Let’s not lose any more Vermonters to overdoses, a preventable cause of death.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It’s not just our population that’s suffering, but our workforce. I vote Yes for the reduced toll this will have on our Emergency Medical Services and our hard-working EMTs. For the individual already traumatized by their addiction, their overdose can be prevented, or reversed in a loving environment where they can be recalled back to life by name, and without shame.”

Rep. Whitman of Bennington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we promised Vermonters that we would follow the science and prioritize saving lives. I believe that H.72 continues this promise by making life-saving services available for Vermonters at-risk of fatal overdose.”

Rep. Williams of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for my brother Justin. I am so grateful he is still with us. My new nephew is so beautiful! So many others were not so lucky. I look forward to when an overdose prevention center is built in Barre, next door, or otherwise.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Today we took a brave step forward to save lives and increase access to supportive services, including counseling and medical care. My yes vote is to provide hope to people impacted by substance use disorder and hope to all citizens of our brave State.”

H.72; Roll Call #90.

On 6/17/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 104; Nays, 41; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 6/17/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Patt of Worcester
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman	Kornheiser of	Pouech of Hinesburg
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Brattleboro	Priestley of Bradford
City	Springs	Krasnow of South	Rachelson of
Arsenault of	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	Burlington
Williston	*Cina of Burlington	Krowinski of	Rice of Dorset
Austin of Colchester	Coffey of Guilford	Burlington	*Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Cole of Hartford	LaBounty of Lyndon	*Sammis of Castleton
Birong of Vergennes	Conlon of Cornwall	Lalley of Shelburne	Satcowitz of
Black of Essex	Cordes of Lincoln	LaLonde of South	Randolph
Bluemle of	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Burlington	Dodge of Essex	LaMont of	Sheldon of
Bongartz of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Morristown	Middlebury
Manchester	Duke of Burlington	Lanpher of	Sibilia of Dover
Bos-Lun of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Vergennes	Sims of Craftsbury
Westminster	Elder of Starksboro	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Small of Winooski
Boyden of	Emmons of	Lipsky of Stowe	Squirrell of Underhill
Cambridge	Springfield	Logan of Burlington	Stebbins of
Brady of Williston	Farlice-Rubio of	Long of Newfane	Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	Masland of Thetford	Stevens of Waterbury
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	McCann of	Surprenant of
Shelburne	Goldman of	Montpelier	Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	McCarthy of St.	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West	Graning of Jericho	Albans City	Templeman of
Windsor	Headrick of	McGill of Bridport	Brownington
Buss of Woodstock	Burlington	Mihaly of Calais	Toleno of Brattleboro
Campbell of St.	Holcombe of	Minier of South	Torre of Moretown
Johnsbury	Norwich	Burlington	Troiano of Stannard
	Hooper of Randolph	Mrowicki of Putney	

Carpenter of Hyde Park	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carroll of Bennington	Houghton of Essex Junction	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Casey of Montpelier	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South Burlington	Whitman of Bennington
Chapin of East Montpelier	Hyman of South Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Williams of Barre
Chase of Chester	James of Manchester	Ode of Burlington	City
		Pajala of Londonderry	Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Corcoran of Bennington	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City
Branagan of Georgia	Donahue of Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury
Brennan of Colchester	Galfetti of Barre Town	*Maguire of Rutland City	Pearl of Danville
Brownell of Pownal	Goslant of Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Peterson of Clarendon
Burditt of West Rutland	Graham of Williamstown	Mattos of Milton	Quimby of Lyndon
Canfield of Fair Haven	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland City	Hango of Berkshire	McFaun of Barre Town	Taylor of Milton
		*Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
		Morris of Springfield	Walker of Swanton
			Williams of Granby

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

Bartholomew of Hartland	Dolan of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott Smith of Derby	Stone of Burlington
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Rep. Cina of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes in honor of all of our family, friends, and neighbors who have died from overdoses. I vote yes in the spirit of hope and with love for those struggling now. Don’t give up. Every day you stay alive is another day that recovery is possible.”

Rep. Maguire of Rutland City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

To invest into an unknown harm reduction model is an injustice to the underfunded proven practices that save lives and bring our loved ones home to us.”

Rep. Morgan of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Constituents in my district have vehemently opposed this bill. In fact, the State’s Attorney in five of my six towns has stated his displeasure with this bill and its implications. I vote no.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I was reluctant to support a ‘safe injection site’ in Burlington. Then I visited OnPoint in New York City and I saw regular people who have a very difficult disease being met with love, in a safe environment, an ‘overdose prevention site’ with group supports like pancake breakfasts, laundry, and medical care. I vote yes to meeting people where they are – not in a dangerous alley, but in a safe environment, with love.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

My vote today was made in honor of those lost along the way, and for their families and communities that wear the scars and pain of loss. You are in our thoughts, and today we take action.”

H.121. AN ACT RELATING TO ENHANCING CONSUMER PRIVACY AND THE AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE

H.121; Roll Call #55

On 3/22/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 139; Nays, 0; Absent, 10.

[House Journal 3/22/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

*Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown	Howard of Rutland City	Pajala of Londonderry
Anthony of Barre City	Springs	James of Manchester	Patt of Worcester
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	*Jerome of Brandon	Peterson of
Weathersfield	*Cina of Burlington	Kornheiser of	Clarendon
*Arsenault of	Clifford of Rutland	Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Williston	City	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Austin of Colchester	Coffey of Guilford	Burlington	Quimby of Lyndon
Bartholomew of	Cole of Hartford	Labor of Morgan	Rachelson of
Hartland	Conlon of Cornwall	LaBounty of Lyndon	Burlington
Bartley of Fairfax	Corcoran of	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Bennington	LaLonde of South	Roberts of Halifax
Birong of Vergennes	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Sammis of Castleton
Black of Essex	Demar of Enosburgh	LaMont of	Satcowitz of
Bluemle of	Demrow of Corinth	Morristown	Randolph
Burlington	Dickinson of St.	Lanpher of	Scheu of Middlebury
Bongartz of	Albans Town	Vergennes	Shaw of Pittsford
Manchester	Dodge of Essex	*Laroche of Franklin	Sheldon of
Bos-Lun of	Dolan of Essex	Lipsky of Stowe	Middlebury
Westminster	Junction	Logan of Burlington	*Sibilia of Dover
Boyden of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Cambridge	Donahue of	Maguire of Rutland	Small of Winooski
Brady of Williston	Northfield	City	Smith of Derby
Branagan of Georgia	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Marcotte of Coventry	Squirrell of Underhill
Brennan of	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Stebbins of
Colchester	Springfield	Mattos of Milton	Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Farlice-Rubio of	McCann of	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Barnet	Montpelier	Stone of Burlington
Brumsted of	Galfetti of Barre	McCarthy of St.	Surprenant of
Shelburne	Town	Albans City	Barnard
Burditt of West	Garofano of Essex	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Rutland	Goldman of	McFaun of Barre	Taylor of Colchester
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	Town	Templeman of
	Goslant of Northfield	McGill of Bridport	Brownington

Burrows of West Windsor	Graham of Williamstown	Mihaly of Calais	Toleno of Brattleboro
Buss of Woodstock	*Graning of Jericho	Minier of South Burlington	Toof of St. Albans Town
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	Torre of Moretown
Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	Morris of Springfield	Troiano of Stannard
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Headrick of Burlington	Morrissey of Bennington	Walker of Swanton
Carroll of Bennington	Higley of Lowell	Mrowicki of Putney	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Casey of Montpelier	Holcombe of Norwich	*Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel
Chapin of East Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of Bennington
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Williams of Barre City
Chase of Colchester	*Houghton of Essex Junction	Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Granby
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury
		Oliver of Sheldon	
		Page of Newport City	

Those who voted in the negative are: none.

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

Andriano of Orwell	Hango of Berkshire	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Ode of Burlington
Berbeco of Winooski	Hyman of South	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Parsons of Newbury
Elder of Starksboro	Burlington	Burlington	Pearl of Danville

Rep. Andrews of Westford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As a parent and as a legislator, I stand in unwavering support of this comprehensive data privacy bill, especially its critical provisions aimed at safeguarding our children’s future in the age of big data.”

Rep. Arsenault of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because all Vermonters deserve the protection provided in H.121, but especially our kids. Predatory data-usage causes real harm. This bill works to mitigate that harm.”

Rep. Cina of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes, but we cannot stop here. We must go further and protect neural data as we stand on the brink of the merging of humanity and our machines.”

Rep. Graning of Jericho explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to make Vermont the 15th state to protect the data of its citizens. This is a thoughtful bill that delivers a delicate balance providing consumer protections while still allowing a business to thrive in the 21st century.”

Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for Vermonters and appreciate that this bill works with HIPAA, preserves the provision of care, and holds entities handling sensitive information to the same HIPAA-level duty of care they are well versed in.”

Rep. Jerome of Brandon explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

H.121 is a strong consumer protection bill! Protecting our personal information – our face, our fingerprints, our gait, address, shopping habits, running routes, and travel – our biometrics, and our personally identifying data - this is important now more than ever and it belongs to us. Fourteen states have passed data privacy legislation to protect consumer privacy. Vermont is poised to be the 15th and a national model. Data privacy is a vitally important topic and rightfully should be a federal law. That is not happening, and it has become each state’s responsibility. The Commerce and Economic Development Committee has built on the work done in states across the country and by national experts to create a data privacy bill that works for Vermonters and Vermont businesses. I am very proud of the work that we have done to create this bill.”

Rep. Laroche of Franklin explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I approve the unity that we express by this vote.”

Rep. Nicoll of Ludlow explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes. This bill is a significant step forward in protecting Vermonters and their data from predatory companies. I am particularly supportive of this bill because of the Geolocation data provisions in section 2428, which will enhance protections for people exercising their reproductive rights in Vermont.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Three transformative forces are pressing on Vermonters: demographic shifts and the aging of the workforce, climate change, and the digitization of our economy and everyday life. I worry that we aren’t responding with the speed and accuracy needed to help Vermonters manage these transformative forces. Today, thanks to the leadership of the HCED committee, and in particular the work of the member from Bradford, I’m relieved that we will take this important step forward to help protect Vermonters in the digital age and I will vote yes.”

H.121; Roll Call #85

On 5/9/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment thereto as offered by Rep. Priestley of Bradford and others?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 139; Nays, 3; Absent, 7

[House Journal 5/9/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Christie of Hartford	Hyman of South	Page of Newport City
Anthony of Barre	Cina of Burlington	Burlington	Pajala of
City	Clifford of Rutland	James of Manchester	Londonderry
Arrison of	City	Jerome of Brandon	Parsons of Newbury
Weathersfield	Coffey of Guilford	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
*Arsenault of	Cole of Hartford	Brattleboro	Peterson of
Williston	Conlon of Cornwall	Krasnow of South	Clarendon
Austin of Colchester	Corcoran of	Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bartholomew of	Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	*Priestley of
Hartland	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Bradford
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	LaLonde of South	Quimby of Lyndon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Rachelson of
*Berbeco of	Dickinson of St.	LaMont of	Burlington
Winooski	Albans Town	Morristown	Rice of Dorset
Birong of Vergennes	Dodge of Essex	Lanpher of	Roberts of Halifax
Black of Essex	Dolan of Essex	Vergennes	*Sammis of Castleton
Bluemle of	Junction	Laroche of Franklin	Satcowitz of
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Randolph
Bongartz of	Donahue of	Lipsky of Stowe	Scheu of Middlebury
Manchester	Northfield	Logan of Burlington	Shaw of Pittsford
Bos-Lun of	Duke of Burlington	Long of Newfane	Sheldon of
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Maguire of Rutland	Middlebury
Boyden of	Elder of Starksboro	City	Sibilia of Dover
Cambridge	Emmons of	Marcotte of Coventry	Sims of Craftsbury
*Brady of Williston	Springfield	Masland of Thetford	Smith of Derby
Branagan of Georgia	Farlice-Rubio of	Mattos of Milton	Squirrell of Underhill
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	McCann of	*Stebbins of
Brownell of Pownal	Galfetti of Barre	Montpelier	Burlington
Brumsted of	Town	McCarthy of St.	Stevens of Waterbury
Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	Albans City	Stone of Burlington
Burke of Brattleboro	Goldman of	McFaun of Barre	Surprenant of
Burrows of West	Rockingham	Town	Barnard
Windsor	Goslant of Northfield	McGill of Bridport	Taylor of Milton
Buss of Woodstock	*Graning of Jericho	*Mihaly of Calais	Taylor of Colchester
Campbell of St.	Gregoire of Fairfield	Minier of South	Templeman of
Johnsbury	Hango of Berkshire	Burlington	Brownington

Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	Morgan of Milton	Toleno of Brattleboro
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Headrick of Burlington	Morris of Springfield	Torre of Moretown
Carroll of Bennington	Higley of Lowell	Morrissey of Bennington	Troiano of Stannard
Casey of Montpelier	Holcombe of Norwich	Mrowicki of Putney	Waters Evans of Charlotte
*Chapin of East Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of Bennington
Chase of Colchester	Houghton of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott	*Williams of Barre City
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Howard of Rutland City	Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Granby
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury
		Ode of Burlington	
		Oliver of Sheldon	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Brennan of Colchester	Burditt of West Rutland	Toof of St. Albans Town
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Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Andriano of Orwell	Labor of Morgan	Pearl of Danville	Walker of Swanton
Graham of Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney	Small of Winooski	

Rep. Arsenault of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for H.121 because our kids need to be protected from predatory data collection and product design. In ways both subtle and tragically overt, they are begging us for help. This bill is a first step, and for that I am grateful.”

Rep. Brady of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes. For years I have told my high school students that I’m concerned there will come a day when we look back with shock that we let kids walk around school with personal devices loaded with social media much like we now look back with shock that schools once had smoking lounges. Kids today face so many challenges we work to address in our schools and communities. I’m on the kids’ side.”

Rep. Berbeco of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because I care about addressing the youth mental health crisis. Protections in this legislation are one way to do that.”

Rep. Chapin of East Montpelier explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to protect Vermonters – especially our youth – to protect our personal information, privacy, and mental health. We need to keep our consumer protection laws up to speed in this wildly changing time.”

Rep. Graning of Jericho explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We live in a surveillance economy. That is today’s reality. This bill gives adults the opportunity to opt out of having their information purchased, sold, and traded without their knowledge. We also ensure that children’s data and other sensitive data has greater protections. We do this while providing Vermont businesses with protections and ample opportunities to be successful in the cyber age.”

Rep. Mihaly of Calais explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In a body of this size, we must rely on the work of committees. Here I vote in substantial reliance on the brilliant and thorough work of the Committee on Commerce and thank them.”

Rep. Priestley of Bradford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to uphold the principles of freedom and unity – to unite us in the face of surveillance, capitalism, and to protect the rights and freedoms of Vermonters to choose how our data is collected, used, and sold.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes not only on behalf of my constituents, and to protect the children of our State, but to bring our consumer protection and privacy into the 21st century. This bill, in my opinion, is one of the best vetted bills to ever come across my desk in my time as Representative.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We live in a capitalist society. And we must remember who corporations serve - corporations are made of people, and they exist only as long as people are healthy, whole, and free.”

Rep. Williams of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Information is the currency of our digital age. Your habits, your inclinations, your interests, your genes, each a commodity that is recorded, bought, and sold. You, and your children, are priceless. Let us with this bill secure the wealth, the inherent value, of each and every person in Vermont.”

H.121; Roll Call #95

On 6/17/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 128; Nays, 17; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 6/17/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Cina of Burlington	Kornheiser of	Page of Newport City
Andriano of Orwell	Coffey of Guilford	Brattleboro	Pajala of
Anthony of Barre	Cole of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Londonderry
City	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Parsons of Newbury
Arrison of	Corcoran of	Krowinski of	Patt of Worcester
Weathersfield	Bennington	Burlington	Pearl of Danville
*Arsenault of	Cordes of Lincoln	Labor of Morgan	Peterson of
Williston	Demar of Enosburgh	LaBounty of Lyndon	Clarendon
Austin of Colchester	Demrow of Corinth	Lalley of Shelburne	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bartley of Fairfax	Dodge of Essex	LaLonde of South	Priestley of Bradford
Berbeco of Winooski	Dolan of Waitsfield	Burlington	Rachelson of
Birong of Vergennes	Donahue of	LaMont of	Burlington
Black of Essex	Northfield	Morristown	Rice of Dorset
Bluemle of	Duke of Burlington	Lanpher of	Roberts of Halifax
Burlington	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Vergennes	Sammis of Castleton
Bongartz of	Elder of Starksboro	Laroche of Franklin	Satcowitz of
Manchester	Emmons of	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Randolph
Bos-Lun of	Springfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Scheu of Middlebury
Westminster	Farlice-Rubio of	Logan of Burlington	Sheldon of
Boyden of	Barnet	Long of Newfane	Middlebury
Cambridge	Galfetti of Barre	Maguire of Rutland	Sibilia of Dover
Brady of Williston	Town	City	Sims of Craftsbury
Branagan of Georgia	Garofano of Essex	Marcotte of Coventry	Small of Winooski
Brown of Richmond	Goldman of	Masland of Thetford	Squirrell of Underhill
Brownell of Pownal	Rockingham	McCann of	Stebbins of
Brumsted of	Graning of Jericho	Montpelier	Burlington
Shelburne	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCarthy of St.	Stevens of Waterbury
Burke of Brattleboro	Hango of Berkshire	Albans City	

Burrows of West Windsor	Harrison of Chittenden	McFaun of Barre Town	Surprenant of Barnard
Buss of Woodstock	Headrick of	McGill of Bridport	Taylor of Milton
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Carpenter of Hyde Park	Holcombe of Norwich	Minier of South Burlington	Templeman of Brownington
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Randolph	Morgan of Milton	Toleno of Brattleboro
Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Burlington	Morris of Springfield	Torre of Moretown
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Chase of Chester	Howard of Rutland City	Mrowicki of Putney	Waters Evans of Charlotte
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Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	James of Manchester	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of Bennington
Christie of Hartford	Jerome of Brandon	Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury
		Ode of Burlington	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beck of St. Johnsbury	Clifford of Rutland City	Higley of Lowell	Shaw of Pittsford
Brennan of Colchester	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Mattos of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
Burditt of West Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Walker of Swanton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Graham of Williamstown	Oliver of Sheldon	Williams of Granby
		Quimby of Lyndon	

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

Bartholomew of Hartland	Dolan of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott Smith of Derby	Stone of Burlington
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Rep. Arsenault of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The provisions in H.121 represent the least we can do right now to protect our kids from a wholly unregulated and predatory industry. I vote yes to place the health and safety of children before the false claims of financial peril from some in the business community.”

H.158. AN ACT RELATING TO THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION SYSTEM

H.158; Roll Call #41

On 1/4/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 112; Nays, 32; Absent, 6.

[House Journal 1/4/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Hyman of South	Ode of Burlington
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman	Burlington	Page of Newport City
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	James of Manchester	Pajala of
City	Springs	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
Weathersfield	Cina of Burlington	Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arsenault of	Coffey of Guilford	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Williston	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Rachelson of
Austin of Colchester	Conlon of Cornwall	Krowinski of	Burlington
Bartholomew of	Corcoran of	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Hartland	Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	*Satcowitz of
Birong of Vergennes	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South	Randolph
Black of Essex	Dodge of Essex	Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Bluemle of	Dolan of Essex	LaMont of	*Sheldon of
Burlington	Junction	Morristown	Middlebury
Bongartz of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Sims of Craftsbury
Manchester	Donahue of	Vergennes	Small of Winooski
Bos-Lun of	Northfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Smith of Derby
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Logan of Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of	Elder of Starksboro	Long of Newfane	*Stebbins of
Cambridge	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Burlington
Brady of Williston	Springfield	McCarthy of St.	Stevens of Waterbury
Branagan of Georgia	Farlice-Rubio of	Albans City	Stone of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	McGill of Bridport	Surprenant of
Brownell of Pownal	Garofano of Essex	Mihaly of Calais	Barnard
Brumsted of	Goldman of	Minier of South	Taylor of Colchester
Shelburne	Rockingham	Burlington	Templeman of
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	Morris of Springfield	Brownington
Burrows of West	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morrissey of	Toleno of Brattleboro
Windsor	Headrick of	Bennington	*Torre of Moretown
Buss of Woodstock	Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Troiano of Stannard

Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Holcombe of Norwich	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Randolph	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of
Chapin of East Montpelier	Houghton of Essex Junction	Nugent of South Burlington	Bennington
Chase of Chester	Howard of Rutland City	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Williams of Barre City
			Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland City	Parsons of Newbury
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Goslant of Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Peterson of Clarendon
Brennan of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	Mattos of Milton	Sammis of Castleton
Burditt of West Rutland	Hango of Berkshire	McCann of Montpelier	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Higley of Lowell	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Clifford of Rutland City	Labor of Morgan	McFaun of Barre Town	Toof of St. Albans Town
Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Morgan of Milton	Walker of Swanton
	Lipsky of Stowe	Oliver of Sheldon	Williams of Granby
			Wilson of Lyndon

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

Carpenter of Hyde Park	Galfetti of Barre Town	Harrison of Chittenden	Nicoll of Ludlow
			Pearl of Danville
			Sibilia of Dover

Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This updated version of the bottle bill will more efficiently and expansively turn used bottles into new bottles, making our economy more circular and making better use of our finite, natural resources. It will hold producers responsible for the containers they send out into the world, and it will create incentives to keep more of these containers from littering our parks, roadsides, and waterways, fulfilling the original intent of the bottle law as written back in 1973.”

Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The bottle bill addresses one piece of a larger solid waste challenge that our throwaway economy has created for us. It shifts the cost of product disposal from the taxpayer to the

manufacturer who profits from their product. Changes to the bottle bill are overdue and strongly supported by the majority of Vermonters. Modernizing the bottle bill is the right thing to do.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follow:

“Madam Speaker:

Two years ago, we had a veto vote on the bottle bill. Stakeholders worked for many hours, addressing the concerns that were raised previously. It is high time to update this 50-year-old bill.”

Rep. Torre of Moretown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The bottle bill will allow our small communities to successfully recycle and I’m very excited about the producer responsibility organization and the ability to expand resources equitably and ensure the most recycling success.”

H.289. AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD

H.289; Roll Call #52

On 3/20/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Environment and Energy?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 99; Nays, 39; Absent, 11.

[House Journal 3/20/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Chester	Hyman of South	*Patt of Worcester
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	Burlington	*Pouech of
Anthony of Barre	Chesnut-Tangerman	*James of	Hinesburg
City	of Middletown	Manchester	Priestley of Bradford
Arrison of	Springs	Jerome of Brandon	Rachelson of
Weathersfield	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Burlington
Arsenault of	Cina of Burlington	Brattleboro	Rice of Dorset
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Krasnow of South	Roberts of Halifax
Austin of Colchester	*Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Satcowitz of
Bartholomew of	Conlon of Cornwall	LaBounty of Lyndon	Randolph
Hartland	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Scheu of Middlebury
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South	Sheldon of
Black of Essex	Dodge of Essex	Burlington	Middlebury
Bluemle of	Dolan of Essex	LaMont of	*Sibilia of Dover
Burlington	Junction	Morristown	Small of Winooski
Bongartz of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Squirrell of Underhill
Manchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Vergennes	*Stebbins of
Bos-Lun of	Emmons of	Logan of Burlington	Burlington
Westminster	Springfield	Long of Newfane	Stevens of Waterbury
Boyden of	Farlice-Rubio of	Masland of Thetford	Stone of Burlington
Cambridge	Barnet	McCann of	Surprenant of
Brady of Williston	Garofano of Essex	Montpelier	Barnard
Brown of Richmond	Goldman of	McCarthy of St.	Taylor of Colchester
Brumsted of	Rockingham	Albans City	Templeman of
Shelburne	Graning of Jericho	McGill of Bridport	Brownington
*Burke of Brattleboro	Headrick of	Mihaly of Calais	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burrows of West	Burlington	Minier of South	*Torre of Moretown
Windsor	Holcombe of	Burlington	Troiano of Stannard
Buss of Woodstock	Norwich	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of
Campbell of St.	Hooper of Randolph	*Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte
Johnsbury	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel
Carpenter of Hyde	Houghton of Essex	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of
Park	Junction	Nugent of South	Bennington
Casey of Montpelier		Burlington	

Chapin of East Montpelier	Howard of Rutland City	O'Brien of Tunbridge Pajala of Londonderry	Williams of Barre City Wood of Waterbury
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Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Dickinson of St.	Labor of Morgan	Noyes of Wolcott
Branagan of Georgia	Albans Town	Laroche of Franklin	Oliver of Sheldon
Brennan of	Donahue of	Lipsky of Stowe	Page of Newport City
Colchester	Northfield	Maguire of Rutland	Pearl of Danville
Brownell of Pownal	*Galfetti of Barre	City	Peterson of
Canfield of Fair	Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Clarendon
Haven	*Goslant of	Mattos of Milton	Quimby of Lyndon
Carroll of Bennington	Northfield	*McCoy of Poultney	Sims of Craftsbury
Clifford of Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	McFaun of Barre	Smith of Derby
City	Hango of Berkshire	Town	Taylor of Milton
Corcoran of	Harrison of	Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans
Bennington	Chittenden	Morrissey of	Town
Demar of Enosburgh	Higley of Lowell	Bennington	Walker of Swanton
			*Williams of Granby

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

Beck of St. Johnsbury	Elder of Starksboro	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Sammis of Castleton
Birong of Vergennes	Graham of	Burlington	Shaw of Pittsford
Burditt of West	Williamstown	Ode of Burlington	
Rutland	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Parsons of Newbury	

Rep. Burke of Brattleboro explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Yesterday, during the bill presentation for the Transportation Bill, H. 868, I spoke about our electric vehicle incentive programs and how they have influenced electric vehicle adoption in our State, so that the number of registered electric and plug-in-electric vehicles in Vermont increased 44% over the past year. Vehicle electrification is State policy. As we push for this, we have the responsibility to ensure that the energy we are using for our vehicles comes from more in-state renewables, and that it is not adding to the demand of natural gas, large-scale hydro, nuclear, or biomass. H. 289 will provide the opportunity for a clean electric portfolio, while enhancing the clean transportation options inherent in driving an electric vehicle.”

Rep. Cole of Hartford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As a small state, Vermont has little control over wars abroad or the shrinking supply of non-renewable resources. Where we CAN claim control, however, is through investment in our own State’s renewable energy generation – the energy system we’ll be leaving to our State’s children. We must not neglect the power we hold to prepare for the inevitable, dramatic increase in demand for electricity nationwide. H.289 specifically requires us to meet more of that demand in-state and keeps that revenue in Vermont. As one of the youngest legislators here, I am voting YES for Vermonters even younger than me. The stakes are incredibly high, and the cost of doing nothing is higher.”

Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I have heard many people say that Vermont must lead by example; as our carbon initiative will have no impact on climate change. But I ask myself at a time when we are demanding more and more out of the pockets of Vermonters, does it make sense to raise costs again on a bill that will do nothing for climate change? The purchase and manipulation of carbon credits is for the rich, not this brave little state. For that reason, I am voting yes for affordability by voting no on this bill.”

Rep. Goslant of Northfield explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am voting no because this bill is making electricity more expensive at a time we are trying to push people away from fossil fuels. I am concerned about the affordability of this State when you couple this with pending property tax rate increases, a \$150 million new payroll tax that will kick in this summer, and the additional \$100 million of taxes currently being discussed in Ways and Means. We must get serious about balancing our values with our constituents’ ability to pay.”

Rep. James of Manchester explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In H.289, we are supporting a policy that since 2017 has benefitted Vermont without negative impact. The RES helps us to reduce fossil fuel consumption in tangible ways – with all of the positive economic, environmental, and societal impacts that accompany making a planned and predictable transition to renewable energy. The global economy is shifting to clean energy. We are responding and looking ahead. That’s the smart thing to do.”

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While I appreciate the goals of H.289, I am disappointed that the 18-month engagement process and ultimate report and recommendations of the Public Service Department were summarily dismissed. If we mandate recommendations and reports from Agencies and Departments, then we should fully vet what they are offering.”

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to support the good work of your Environment and Energy Committee. I vote yes for my children and grandchild that we might leave a legacy of action. And I vote yes for the voters who sent me and a large majority here to do something about climate. Doing nothing is not an option.”

Rep. Patt of Worcester explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I spent many years in the electric utility business as a board member of Washington Electric Co-op for 8 years and then as general manager for 16 ½ years. Getting to 100% renewable was a major achievement and it has been cost effective for the most rural utility in Vermont. Capital investments are paid for over extended periods of time; and they avoid immediate short-term costs. We have to change. We should not kick the can down the road. Costs will likely go up more over time if we do nothing. That’s what I know from experience.”

Rep. Pouech of Hinesburg explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I considered voting no because this bill eliminated group net metering. I have been passionate about renewable energy since the late 1970s. I believe our State and every government should commit to 100% use of renewables. I support this bill despite it eliminating municipalities, including water and wastewater districts, fire districts, villages, school districts, and towns from utilizing renewables through group net metering. I would add to this list of organizations, local business, and churches. I have personally worked with my local church, the Town of Hinesburg, and several local businesses to use and share solar power under our existing group net metering rules. This bill gives all the control and benefits back to utilities and shuts the door on participating and benefitting to local organizations who don’t have South-facing roofs or property capable or permittable to meet their renewable energy needs. I expect this body to fully understand what the elimination of group net metering does to our communities, businesses, schools, and non-profits. And I expect this body will take up this important aspect of community based solar in the future.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to giving our utilities more flexibility to manage rates, energy transition, climate change, and increasing load.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to 100% renewable electricity for all Vermonters, handcrafted as only Vermont does, to meet our shared goals of reliability, safety, affordability, and sustainability.”

Rep. Torre of Moretown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted for this bill because more of a good thing is better – more resilience, more public health benefits, and a better future. Our electric utilities can and want to do more to decarbonize our grid – bring it on.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I pray this bill does not pass, but, if it does, those involved must do a much better job of selling this idea to the general public. The perception is that this is being shoved down our throats, and in a very aggressive time frame, and that small businesses (which the Legislature does a very poor job of supporting anyway) will be harmed to the point that many will close. Vermont has the oldest demographic in the country, which equates to fixed incomes. Conservative Vermonters truly believe we cannot financially afford this new idea. If you are so sure this is the way to go, you must do better. Most of us are not on board. That doesn’t set well with having the confidence that the Legislature is here to support the great people of our State.”

H.289; Roll Call #53

On 3/21/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Reps. Walker of Swanton and Harrison of Chittenden?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 52; Nays, 90; Absent, 7.

[House Journal 3/21/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anthony of Barre City	Corcoran of Bennington	Labor of Morgan LaBounty of Lyndon	Pajala of Londonderry
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dickinson of St.	Lipsky of Stowe	Pearl of Danville
Branagan of Georgia	Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland	Peterson of
Brennan of Colchester	Donahue of Northfield	City	Clarendon
Burditt of West Rutland	Galfetti of Barre Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Canfield of Fair Haven	Galfetti of Barre Town	Mattos of Milton	Roberts of Halifax
Carroll of Bennington	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Sammis of Castleton
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Graham of Williamstown	McFaun of Barre Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Cina of Burlington	Gregoire of Fairfield	Mihaly of Calais	Sims of Craftsbury
Clifford of Rutland City	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Taylor of Milton
	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington	Templeman of Brownington
	Higley of Lowell	Noyes of Wolcott	Toof of St. Albans Town
	Hooper of Randolph	Oliver of Sheldon	*Walker of Swanton
		Page of Newport City	Williams of Granby

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chapin of East	Howard of Rutland	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Andriano of Orwell	Montpelier	City	Patt of Worcester
Arrison of	Chase of Chester	James of Manchester	Pouech of Hinesburg
Weathersfield	Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Rachelson of
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Brattleboro	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Satcowitz of
Hartland	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Randolph
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South	Scheu of Middlebury
Black of Essex	Dodge of Essex	Burlington	*Sheldon of
Bluemle of	Dolan of Essex	Lanpher of	Middlebury
Burlington	Junction	Vergennes	Sibilia of Dover
Bos-Lun of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Small of Winooski
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Logan of Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of	Elder of Starksboro	Long of Newfane	*Stebbins of
Cambridge	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Burlington
Brady of Williston	Springfield	McCann of	Stevens of Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Farlice-Rubio of	Montpelier	Stone of Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Barnet	McCarthy of St.	Surprenant of
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	Albans City	Barnard
Shelburne	Goldman of	McGill of Bridport	Taylor of Colchester
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burrows of West	Graning of Jericho	Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Windsor	Headrick of	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of
Buss of Woodstock	Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte
Campbell of St.	Holcombe of	Mulvaney-Stanak of	White of Bethel
Johnsbury	Norwich	Burlington	Whitman of
Carpenter of Hyde	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Bennington
Park	Houghton of Essex	Notte of Rutland City	Williams of Barre
Casey of Montpelier	Junction	Nugent of South	City
		Burlington	Wood of Waterbury

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

Birong of Vergennes	Hyman of South	LaMont of	Smith of Derby
Bongartz of	Burlington	Morristown	Troiano of Stannard
Manchester		Ode of Burlington	

Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no because this amendment is redundant and unnecessary and has potential unintended consequences.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no for four reasons. First, the 248-permit process requires grid impact analysis as it is. Second, developers pay for grid upgrades required by their project. Third, VELCO and our electric utilities complete Integrated Resource Plans every three years and they study this issue. And fourth, due to time, our committee could not hear from VELCO, VPPSE, Vermont Electric, or Washington Electric Co-op on this amendment.”

Rep. Walker of Swanton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While the ratepayers will continue to write larger and larger checks, the developers will cash them.”

H.289; Roll Call #92

On 6/17/2024 the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 102; Nays, 43; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 6/17/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Chester	James of Manchester	Pajala of
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry
Anthony of Barre	Chesnut-Tangerman	Kornheiser of	*Patt of Worcester
City	of Middletown	Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arrison of	Springs	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Weathersfield	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	Rachelson of
Arsenault of	Cina of Burlington	Krowinski of	Burlington
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Conlon of Cornwall	Lalley of Shelburne	Satcowitz of
Birong of Vergennes	Cordes of Lincoln	LaLonde of South	Randolph
Black of Essex	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Bluemle of	Dodge of Essex	LaMont of	Sheldon of
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	Morristown	Middlebury
Bongartz of	Duke of Burlington	Lanpher of	Sibilia of Dover
Manchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Vergennes	Small of Winooski
	Elder of Starksboro	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill

Bos-Lun of Westminster	Emmons of Springfield	Logan of Burlington	Stebbins of Burlington
Boyden of Cambridge	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Long of Newfane	Stevens of Waterbury
Brady of Williston	Garofano of Essex	Masland of Thetford	Surprenant of Barnard
Brown of Richmond	Goldman of Rockingham	McCann of Montpelier	Taylor of Colchester
Brumsted of Shelburne	Graning of Jericho	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Templeman of Brownington
Burke of Brattleboro	Headrick of Burlington	McGill of Bridport	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burrows of West Windsor	Holcombe of Norwich	Mihaly of Calais	Torre of Moretown
Buss of Woodstock	Hooper of Burlington	Minier of South Burlington	Troiano of Stannard
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Houghton of Essex Junction	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Howard of Rutland City	Mrowicki of Putney	White of Bethel
Carroll of Bennington	Hyman of South Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Whitman of Bennington
Casey of Montpelier		Notte of Rutland City	Williams of Barre City
Chapin of East Montpelier		Nugent of South Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	
		Ode of Burlington	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Donahue of Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	*Galfetti of Barre Town	Lipsky of Stowe	Pearl of Danville
Brennan of Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland City	*Peterson of Clarendon
Brownell of Pownal	Graham of Williamstown	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Burditt of West Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	Mattos of Milton	Sammis of Castleton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland City	Harrison of Chittenden	McFaun of Barre Town	Sims of Craftsbury
Corcoran of Bennington	Higley of Lowell	Morgan of Milton	Taylor of Milton
Demar of Enosburgh	Hooper of Randolph	Morrissey of Bennington	Toof of St. Albans Town
		Oliver of Sheldon	Walker of Swanton
			*Williams of Granby

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

Bartholomew of Hartland	Dolan of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott Smith of Derby	Stone of Burlington
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Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no to stop the punitive exploitation of Vermonters. The Renewable Energy Standard, like the unaffordable Heat Act of last session, is a vehicle for a carbon tax. Proponents of H.289 have stated publicly that an alternative cost-effective proposal to H.289 would not go far enough to enrich renewable energy producers. This plan will force Vermonters to absorb the cost of the required, expensive, and volatile carbon credits. The environmental impacts on our hillsides and open spaces to make way for wind and solar have been completely ignored. This bill will drive up the cost of electricity for struggling Vermonters that cannot afford another carbon tax.”

Rep. Patt of Worcester explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

When the Environment and Energy Committee first began taking testimony on H.289, I was astounded by the degree of agreement and consensus that went into this bill before it was formally introduced. I was disappointed and troubled by the Department of Public Service’s cost analysis and counterproposal. Neither the PSD’s nor the Joint Fiscal Office’s cost analysis considers what financial benefits Vermonters may also see going forward. H.289 does recognize that different utilities are in different situations, that some have already reached 100% renewable, for example. And, lastly, some of the PSD’s supposedly ‘clean’ energy alternatives are not clean at all, based on my own knowledge and experience.”

Rep. Peterson of Clarendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I’ll vote no to any bill associated with the global warming money grab.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The most underserved, lowest income, oldest population in Vermont – yes, my district is getting shafted again. May I remind you, two towns in my district didn’t even get electricity until 1963. We can’t afford to live here anymore. Our children are leaving the State. Instead of helping us help ourselves, you are destroying our very existence. I have reminded you several times, leave us alone, stop putting these financial burdens on us and we can survive. You are not listening. The Vermont we grew up in no longer exists. I think a more fitting name for the new Vermont is CaliConnChusetts.”

H.363. AN ACT RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON CERTAIN HAIR TYPES AND STYLES

H.363; Roll Call #45

On 1/31/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 132; Nays, 5; Absent, 12.

[House Journal 1/31/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chapin of East	James of Manchester	Ode of Burlington
Andriano of Orwell	Montpelier	Jerome of Brandon	Oliver of Sheldon
Anthony of Barre	Chase of Chester	Kornheiser of	Page of Newport City
City	Chase of Colchester	Brattleboro	Pajala of
Arrison of	Chesnut-Tangerman	*Krasnow of South	Londonderry
Weathersfield	of Middletown	Burlington	Parsons of Newbury
Arsenault of	Springs	Labor of Morgan	Patt of Worcester
Williston	Christie of Hartford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Pouech of Hinesburg
Austin of Colchester	Cina of Burlington	Lalley of Shelburne	Priestley of Bradford
Bartholomew of	Clifford of Rutland	LaLonde of South	Rachelson of
Hartland	City	Burlington	Burlington
Bartley of Fairfax	Coffey of Guilford	*LaMont of	Rice of Dorset
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cole of Hartford	Morristown	*Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Conlon of Cornwall	Lanpher of	Sammis of Castleton
Birong of Vergennes	Corcoran of	Vergennes	Satcowitz of
Black of Essex	Bennington	Laroche of Franklin	Randolph
Bluemle of	Cordes of Lincoln	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Scheu of Middlebury
Burlington	Demrow of Corinth	Lipsky of Stowe	Shaw of Pittsford
Bongartz of	Dodge of Essex	Logan of Burlington	Sheldon of
Manchester	Dolan of Essex	Long of Newfane	Middlebury
Bos-Lun of	Junction	Maguire of Rutland	Sibilia of Dover
Westminster	Dolan of Waitsfield	City	Sims of Craftsbury
Boyden of	Donahue of	Marcotte of Coventry	Small of Winooski
Cambridge	Northfield	Masland of Thetford	Squirrell of Underhill
Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCann of	Stebbins of
Branagan of Georgia	Elder of Starksboro	Montpelier	Burlington
Brennan of	Emmons of	McCarthy of St.	*Stone of Burlington
Colchester	Springfield	Albans City	Taylor of Milton
Brown of Richmond	Farlice-Rubio of	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Colchester
Brownell of Pownal	Barnet	McFaun of Barre	Templeman of
Brumsted of	Galfetti of Barre	Town	Brownington
Shelburne	Town	McGill of Bridport	Toleno of Brattleboro
	Garofano of Essex	Mihaly of Calais	

Burditt of West Rutland	Goldman of Rockingham	Minier of South Burlington	Toof of St. Albans Town
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	Morgan of Milton	Torre of Moretown
Burrows of West Windsor	Hango of Berkshire	Morris of Springfield	Troiano of Stannard
Buss of Woodstock	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Headrick of Burlington	*Mrowicki of Putney	White of Bethel
Canfield of Fair Haven	Holcombe of Norwich	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Whitman of Bennington
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Williams of Barre City
Carroll of Bennington	Houghton of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott	Williams of Granby
Casey of Montpelier	Howard of Rutland City	Nugent of South Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Demar of Enosburgh	Peterson of Clarendon	Smith of Derby
Higley of Lowell		Wilson of Lyndon

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

Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Gregoire of Fairfield	Mattos of Milton	Surprenant of Barnard
Goslant of Northfield	Hooper of Randolph	Nicoll of Ludlow	Walker of Swanton
Graham of Williamstown	Hyman of South Burlington	Pearl of Danville	
		Stevens of Waterbury	

Rep. Krasnow of South Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support H.363 because this legislation signifies a pivotal step toward equality and justice in our society. No one should face prejudice or bias based on their hair texture or style. H.363 dismantles the stereotypes and systemic discrimination that have persisted for far too long. It advocates for inclusivity, recognizing that diversity in appearance should be celebrated, not penalized. By passing H.363 we affirmed our commitment to creating a society that values each individual for who they are, embracing our diverse backgrounds. We stand united against discrimination and ensure that every person has the right to express their identity authentically, without fear of repercussions. We send a powerful message that the beauty of diversity extends to the strands of our hair. It is a call for fairness, understanding, and respect for every individual's right to wear their crown with pride. This is a beacon of progress, moving toward a future where no one is judged or treated unfairly based on the texture or style of their hair. This is not just a

matter of legislation; it is a declaration of our commitment to a more just and inclusive society for all.”

Rep. Lamont of Morristown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I want to thank the body for their support and, more importantly, learning and understanding the importance of this important legislation. This is about so much more than hair discrimination. It is about setting the standard that we embrace and welcome all people to show up as their whole authentic selves to participate in and live a life that is most in alignment with their cultural beliefs and identity. Vermont has been the pioneer for many issues, campaigns, movements, and coups. I am so honored to be a part of this body and I hope we become state number 24.”

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for Angela Laurence, a constituent who asked for this bill to be introduced. Her journey began in Kenya, then to the U.S., and after time in the U.S. Army, she became a mother. And as a mother she asked for this bill to protect her children.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I dedicate my vote on H.363 to the memory and legacy of Malcolm X.”

Rep. Stone of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

What is a crown? If we want to speak literally, it’s the circular pattern of hair follicles atop our heads. However, that word holds so much more. It’s a symbol of strength, empowerment, self-love, and belonging. I think most of us could agree that we all need a lot more of that good stuff in this world. As a biracial woman who grew up in a blended family full of different languages, religions, and pertinent to this bill—hair types, I know the importance of what this bill brings to light. My father’s coils, my sister’s tightly wound type 4A curls, my brother’s wavy locks, and my lioness mane. I know that our hair is more than just follicles. It holds stories. Stories of family, stories of love, and stories of resilience. However, I also know that for some, hair can hold biases, fear of the other, and a basis for race-based discrimination. I also recognize that race-based hair discrimination disproportionately impacts Black women, including their opportunities for employment and professional advancement. This is unacceptable and that is why I am happy to join the movement to make hair discrimination, specifically race-based hair discrimination, illegal here in our brave little State.”

H.612. AN ACT RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS CANNABIS AMENDMENTS

H.612; Roll Call #86

On 5/10/24, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment thereto as offered by Rep. Donahue of Northfield?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 56; Nays, 85; Absent, 8.

[House Journal 5/10/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Coffey of Guilford Corcoran of Bennington	Howard of Rutland City LaBounty of Lyndon	Pajala of Londonderry Pearl of Danville
Austin of Colchester	Demar of Enosburgh	Lalley of Shelburne	Peterson of Clarendon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Laroche of Franklin	Quimby of Lyndon
Black of Essex	Donahue of Northfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Roberts of Halifax
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Duke of Burlington	Maguire of Rutland City	Shaw of Pittsford
Branagan of Georgia	Galfetti of Barre Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Sibilia of Dover
Brennan of Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	*Smith of Derby
Brumsted of Shelburne	Graham of Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Burrows of West Windsor	Gregoire of Fairfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Taylor of Colchester
Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
Carroll of Bennington	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington	White of Bethel
Cina of Burlington	Higley of Lowell	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Whitman of Bennington
Clifford of Rutland City		Oliver of Sheldon	Williams of Granby
		Page of Newport City	Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Hyman of South Burlington	Patt of Worcester
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	James of Manchester	Pouech of Hinesburg
Anthony of Barre City	Christie of Hartford	Jerome of Brandon	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of Williston	Cole of Hartford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Rachelson of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland	Conlon of Cornwall	Krasnow of South Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Bartley of Fairfax	Cordes of Lincoln		*Sammis of Castleton
	Demrow of Corinth		Satcowitz of Randolph

Berbeco of Winooski	Dodge of Essex	LaLonde of South	Scheu of Middlebury
Birong of Vergennes	Dolan of Essex	Burlington	Sheldon of
Bluemle of	Junction	Lanpher of	Middlebury
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	Vergennes	Sims of Craftsbury
Bongartz of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Small of Winooski
Manchester	Elder of Starksboro	Logan of Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of	Emmons of	Long of Newfane	Stebbins of
Cambridge	Springfield	Masland of Thetford	Burlington
Brady of Williston	Farlice-Rubio of	McCann of	Stevens of Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	Montpelier	Stone of Burlington
Burditt of West	Garofano of Essex	McCarthy of St.	Surprenant of
Rutland	Goldman of	Albans City	Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	McGill of Bridport	Templeman of
Buss of Woodstock	Graning of Jericho	Mihaly of Calais	Brownington
Campbell of St.	Headrick of	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Johnsbury	Burlington	Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Carpenter of Hyde	Holcombe of	Nicoll of Ludlow	Troiano of Stannard
Park	Norwich	Notte of Rutland City	Waters Evans of
Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Charlotte
Chapin of East	Houghton of Essex	Nugent of South	Williams of Barre
Montpelier	Junction	Burlington	City
Chase of Chester		Ode of Burlington	

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

Brownell of Pownal	Labor of Morgan	Morris of Springfield	Parsons of Newbury
Hooper of Randolph	LaMont of	Mrowicki of Putney	Walker of Swanton
	Morristown		

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

With all due respect, we have bigger problems to solve as a government than legal marijuana shops giving away free hats or tee shirts.”

Rep. Smith of Derby explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

If more of us paid attention and listened to the Representative from Northfield, they would realize that her wisdom and intelligence would be most beneficial to the well-being of our State.”

H.629. AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES TO PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT AND TAX SALES

H.629; Roll Call #47

On 2/28/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the report of the Committee on Ways and Means be amended as offered by Rep. McCarthy of St. Albans City?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 92; Nays, 44; Absent, 13.

[House Journal 2/28/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of	Pouech of Hinesburg
Anthony of Barre	Chesnut-Tangerman	Brattleboro	Priestley of Bradford
City	of Middletown	Krasnow of South	Rachelson of
Arsenault of	Springs	Burlington	Burlington
Williston	Cina of Burlington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rice of Dorset
Austin of Colchester	Coffey of Guilford	Lalley of Shelburne	Satcowitz of
Bartholomew of	Cole of Hartford	LaLonde of South	Randolph
Hartland	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of	Sheldon of
Birong of Vergennes	Dolan of Essex	Morristown	Middlebury
Black of Essex	Junction	Lanpher of	Sims of Craftsbury
Bluemle of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Vergennes	Small of Winooski
Burlington	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Bongartz of	Elder of Starksboro	Logan of Burlington	Stebbins of
Manchester	Emmons of	Long of Newfane	Burlington
Bos-Lun of	Springfield	Masland of Thetford	Stevens of Waterbury
Westminster	Farlice-Rubio of	McCarthy of St.	Stone of Burlington
Boyden of	Barnet	Albans City	Surprenant of
Cambridge	Garofano of Essex	McGill of Bridport	Barnard
Brady of Williston	Goldman of	Mihaly of Calais	Templeman of
Brown of Richmond	Rockingham	Minier of South	Brownington
Brumsted of	Graning of Jericho	Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Shelburne	Headrick of	Mrowicki of Putney	Torre of Moretown
Burke of Brattleboro	Burlington	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Troiano of Stannard
Burrows of West	Holcombe of	Burlington	Waters Evans of
Windsor	Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	Charlotte
Buss of Woodstock	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Campbell of St.	Houghton of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of
Johnsbury	Junction	Nugent of South	Bennington
Carpenter of Hyde	Hyman of South	Burlington	*Williams of Barre
Park	Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge	City
Casey of Montpelier	James of Manchester	Ode of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
Chase of Chester	Jerome of Brandon	Patt of Worcester	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Demar of Enosburgh Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Laroche of Franklin Lipsky of Stowe Maguire of Rutland City	Pajala of Londonderry Parsons of Newbury Peterson of Clarendon
Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Roberts of Halifax
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Galfetti of Barre Town	Mattos of Milton *McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Branagan of Georgia	Goslant of Northfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Sibilia of Dover
Brennan of Colchester	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Brownell of Pownal	Hango of Berkshire	Morris of Springfield	Taylor of Milton
Burditt of West Rutland	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington	Taylor of Colchester
Canfield of Fair Haven	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon	Toof of St. Albans Town
Clifford of Rutland City	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City	Walker of Swanton
Corcoran of Bennington			Williams of Granby

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

Andriano of Orwell	Cordes of Lincoln	Hooper of Randolph	Pearl of Danville
Carroll of Bennington	Dodge of Essex	Howard of Rutland City	Sammis of Castleton
Chapin of East Montpelier	Graham of Williamstown	McCann of Montpelier	Wilson of Lyndon
Christie of Hartford			

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our municipalities are looking at a 20% increase in property taxes this year. And now, our communities’ hands will be tied by lowering the interest rates they can charge on delinquent taxes and mandating they wait more than one year to collect delinquent taxes. My vote is no.”

Rep. Williams of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The ability for communities to hold abatement hearings in a class is a much-needed tool to address bottlenecks created by natural disasters. This bill will aid communities so affected and allow them to recover.”

H.645. AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF APPROACHES TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

H.645; Roll Call #93

On 6/17/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 110; Nays, 35; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 6/17/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	James of Manchester	Pajala of
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
City	Springs	Brattleboro	Pearl of Danville
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Weathersfield	Cina of Burlington	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of	Coffey of Guilford	Krowinski of	Rachelson of
Williston	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Conlon of Cornwall	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rice of Dorset
Berbeco of Winooski	Corcoran of	Lalley of Shelburne	Roberts of Halifax
Birong of Vergennes	Bennington	LaLonde of South	Sammis of Castleton
Black of Essex	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Satcowitz of
Bluemle of	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of	Randolph
Burlington	Dodge of Essex	Morristown	Scheu of Middlebury
Bongartz of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Sheldon of
Manchester	Duke of Burlington	Vergennes	Middlebury
Bos-Lun of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sibilia of Dover
Westminster	Elder of Starksboro	Lipsky of Stowe	Sims of Craftsbury
Boyden of	Emmons of	Logan of Burlington	Small of Winooski
Cambridge	Springfield	Long of Newfane	Squirrell of Underhill
Brady of Williston	Farlice-Rubio of	Masland of Thetford	Stebbins of
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	McCann of	Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Garofano of Essex	Montpelier	Stevens of Waterbury
Brumsted of	Goldman of	McCarthy of St.	Surprenant of
Shelburne	Rockingham	Albans City	Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	McGill of Bridport	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West	Headrick of	Mihaly of Calais	Templeman of
Windsor	Burlington	Minier of South	Brownington
Buss of Woodstock	Holcombe of	Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Campbell of St.	Norwich	Morris of Springfield	Torre of Moretown
Johnsbury	Hooper of Randolph	Morrissey of	Troiano of Stannard
Carpenter of Hyde	Hooper of Burlington	Bennington	Waters Evans of
Park		Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte

Carroll of Bennington	Houghton of Essex	Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel
Casey of Montpelier	Junction	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of
Chapin of East	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South	Bennington
Montpelier	City	Burlington	Williams of Barre
Chase of Chester	Hyman of South	O'Brien of Tunbridge	City
	Burlington	Ode of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Dickinson of St.	Higley of Lowell	Page of Newport City
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	Donahue of	Laroche of Franklin	Peterson of
Brennan of	Northfield	Maguire of Rutland	Clarendon
Colchester	Galfetti of Barre	City	Quimby of Lyndon
Burditt of West	Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Shaw of Pittsford
Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Taylor of Milton
Canfield of Fair	Graham of	McCoy of Poultney	Toof of St. Albans
Haven	Williamstown	McFaun of Barre	Town
Clifford of Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	Town	Walker of Swanton
City	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Williams of Granby
Demar of Enosburgh	Harrison of	Oliver of Sheldon	
	Chittenden		

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

Bartholomew of	Dolan of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott	Stone of Burlington
Hartland	Junction	Smith of Derby	

No vote explanations were offered for this question.

H.687. AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION THROUGH LAND USE

H.687; Roll Call #58

On 3/27/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, as amended, be further amended as offered by Rep. Elder of Starksboro and others in the fourth instance of amendment?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 84; Nays, 60; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 3/27/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andriano of Orwell	Clifford of Rutland	Labor of Morgan	Pearl of Danville
Arsenault of	City	LaBounty of Lyndon	Peterson of
Williston	Cole of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Clarendon
Bartley of Fairfax	Corcoran of	LaMont of	Pouech of Hinesburg
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Bennington	Morristown	Priestley of Bradford
Birong of Vergennes	Cordes of Lincoln	Laroche of Franklin	Quimby of Lyndon
Boyden of	Demar of Enosburgh	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Rice of Dorset
Cambridge	Dickinson of St.	Lipsky of Stowe	Roberts of Halifax
Brady of Williston	Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland	*Sammis of Castleton
Branagan of Georgia	Donahue of	City	Shaw of Pittsford
Brennan of	Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Sibilia of Dover
Colchester	Elder of Starksboro	Mattos of Milton	Sims of Craftsbury
Brownell of Pownal	Farlice-Rubio of	McCann of	Small of Winooski
Burditt of West	Barnet	Montpelier	Stone of Burlington
Rutland	Galfetti of Barre	*McCoy of Poultney	Surprenant of
Burrows of West	Town	McFaun of Barre	Barnard
Windsor	Goslant of Northfield	Town	Taylor of Milton
Buss of Woodstock	Graham of	McGill of Bridport	Taylor of Colchester
Canfield of Fair	Williamstown	Minier of South	Templeman of
Haven	Graning of Jericho	Burlington	Brownington
Carpenter of Hyde	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans
Park	Hango of Berkshire	Morrissey of	Town
Carroll of Bennington	Harrison of	Bennington	Walker of Swanton
Casey of Montpelier	Chittenden	O'Brien of Tunbridge	White of Bethel
Chapin of East	Headrick of	Oliver of Sheldon	Whitman of
Montpelier	Burlington	Page of Newport City	Bennington
Chase of Colchester	Hooper of Randolph	Pajala of	Williams of Granby
Christie of Hartford	Howard of Rutland	Londonderry	
Cina of Burlington	City	Parsons of Newbury	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman	James of Manchester	Ode of Burlington
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Jerome of Brandon	Patt of Worcester
City	Springs	Kornheiser of	Satcowitz of
Arrison of	Coffey of Guilford	Brattleboro	Randolph
Weathersfield	Conlon of Cornwall	Krasnow of South	Scheu of Middlebury
Austin of Colchester	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Sheldon of
Bartholomew of	Dodge of Essex	LaLonde of South	Middlebury
Hartland	Dolan of Essex	Burlington	Smith of Derby
Black of Essex	Junction	Lanpher of	Squirrell of Underhill
Bluemle of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Vergennes	Stebbins of
Burlington	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Burlington
Bongartz of	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Stevens of Waterbury
Manchester	Springfield	McCarthy of St.	Toleno of Brattleboro
Bos-Lun of	Garofano of Essex	Albans City	Torre of Moretown
Westminster	Goldman of	Mihaly of Calais	Troiano of Stannard
Brown of Richmond	Rockingham	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of
Brumsted of	Holcombe of	Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte
Shelburne	Norwich	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Williams of Barre
Burke of Brattleboro	Hooper of Burlington	Burlington	City
Campbell of St.	Houghton of Essex	Nicoll of Ludlow	Wood of Waterbury
Johnsbury	Junction	Notte of Rutland City	
Chase of Chester	Hyman of South	Nugent of South	
Chase of Chester	Burlington	Burlington	

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

Berbeco of Winooski	Logan of Burlington	Rachelson of
Higley of Lowell	Noyes of Wolcott	Burlington

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This amendment just makes sense.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I rise in support of this amendment not because housing is just an issue. It is ‘the issue’ that will define the future of this State and impact future generations to come. You cannot have a state if you don’t have people. The issue is here, and it is now. We have a conscious choice today to either address it, or willfully continue kicking the can down the road. It’s as simple as that.”

H.687; Roll Call #59

On 3/27/2024, The House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the report of the Committee on Environment and Energy, as amended, be further amended as offered by Rep. Buss of Woodstock and others?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 53; Nays, 89; Absent, 7.

[House Journal 3/27/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andriano of Orwell	Dickinson of St.	Lipsky of Stowe	Parsons of Newbury
Bartley of Fairfax	Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland	Pearl of Danville
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Donahue of	City	Peterson of
Boyden of	Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Clarendon
Cambridge	Elder of Starksboro	Mattos of Milton	Priestley of Bradford
Branagan of Georgia	Farlice-Rubio of	*McCoy of Poultney	Quimby of Lyndon
Brennan of	Barnet	McFaun of Barre	*Sammis of Castleton
Colchester	Galfetti of Barre	Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Burditt of West	Town	Minier of South	Sibilia of Dover
Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Buss of Woodstock	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Canfield of Fair	Hango of Berkshire	Morrissey of	Taylor of Milton
Haven	Harrison of	Bennington	Templeman of
Carpenter of Hyde	Chittenden	Noyes of Wolcott	Brownington
Park	Hooper of Randolph	Oliver of Sheldon	Toof of St. Albans
Clifford of Rutland	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City	Town
City	LaBounty of Lyndon	Pajala of	Walker of Swanton
Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Londonderry	Williams of Granby

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman	Howard of Rutland	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	City	*Ode of Burlington
City	Springs	Hyman of South	Patt of Worcester
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
Weathersfield	Cina of Burlington	James of Manchester	Rice of Dorset
Arsenault of	Coffey of Guilford	Jerome of Brandon	Roberts of Halifax
Williston	Cole of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Satcowitz of
Austin of Colchester	Conlon of Cornwall	Brattleboro	Randolph
Bartholomew of	Corcoran of	Lalley of Shelburne	Scheu of Middlebury
Hartland	Bennington	LaLonde of South	Sheldon of
Birong of Vergennes	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Middlebury
Black of Essex	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of	Small of Winooski
Bluemle of	Dodge of Essex	Morristown	Squirrell of Underhill
Burlington			

Bongartz of Manchester	Dolan of Essex Junction	Lanpher of Vergennes	Stebbins of Burlington
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Stevens of Waterbury
Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Stone of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Emmons of Springfield	Masland of Thetford	Surprenant of Barnard
Brownell of Pownal	Garofano of Essex	McCann of Montpelier	Taylor of Colchester
Brumsted of Shelburne	Goldman of Rockingham	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	McGill of Bridport	Torre of Moretown
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Headrick of Burlington	Mihaly of Calais	Troiano of Stannard
Carroll of Bennington	Holcombe of Norwich	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	White of Bethel
Chapin of East Montpelier	Houghton of Essex Junction	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Whitman of Bennington
Chase of Chester		Nicoll of Ludlow	Williams of Barre City
Chase of Colchester		Notte of Rutland City	Wood of Waterbury
		Nugent of South Burlington	

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

Berbeco of Winooski	Graham of	Krasnow of South	Rachelson of
Burrows of West Windsor	Williamstown	Burlington	Burlington
	Higley of Lowell	Logan of Burlington	

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

To have the ERB provide policies, guidance, and suggestions to the District Commission, have the Commission hear and decide the approval/denial of permit applications, and after all the help, suggestions, and guidance of the ERB, have the very same ERB hear the appeal from a denial of a permit is absolutely absurd.”

Rep. Ode of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no. The role and ability of citizens to create fair and rational deliberative bodies is embedded in the Vermont Constitution. This bill restores a citizen process to Act 250. I say this as a member of a citizen legislature.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes because the Act 250 process is in severe need of updating. It has hampered our State for decades and created the majority of the issues we have today, from housing, population loss,

and economic stagnancy. Better yet, maybe it's time for the State to consider ending its misplaced pride of ownership for the confusing mess that is Act 250 and come up with better legislation that doesn't put our population in a perpetual economic and housing stranglehold."

H.687; Roll Call #60

On 3/27/2024, The House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be read a third time?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 89; Nays, 51; Absent, 9.

[House Journal 3/27/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chapin of East	Hooper of Burlington	Nugent of South
Anthony of Barre	Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Burlington
City	Chase of Chester	Junction	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Arrison of	Chase of Colchester	Howard of Rutland	Ode of Burlington
Weathersfield	Chesnut-Tangerman	City	*Patt of Worcester
Arsenault of	of Middletown	Hyman of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Williston	Springs	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Austin of Colchester	Christie of Hartford	James of Manchester	Satcowitz of
Bartholomew of	Cina of Burlington	Jerome of Brandon	Randolph
Hartland	*Coffey of Guilford	Kornheiser of	Scheu of Middlebury
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cole of Hartford	Brattleboro	*Sheldon of
Berbeco of Winooski	Conlon of Cornwall	Lalley of Shelburne	Middlebury
Birong of Vergennes	Corcoran of	LaLonde of South	Small of Winooski
Black of Essex	Bennington	Burlington	Squirrell of Underhill
Bluemle of	Cordes of Lincoln	LaMont of	*Stebbins of
Burlington	Demrow of Corinth	Morristown	Burlington
Bongartz of	Dodge of Essex	Lanpher of	Stevens of Waterbury
Manchester	Dolan of Essex	Vergennes	Stone of Burlington
Bos-Lun of	Junction	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Surprenant of
Westminster	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Long of Newfane	Barnard
Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Masland of Thetford	Taylor of Colchester
Brown of Richmond	Emmons of	McCann of	Toleno of Brattleboro
Brownell of Pownal	Springfield	Montpelier	Torre of Moretown
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	McCarthy of St.	Troiano of Stannard
Shelburne	Goldman of	Albans City	Waters Evans of
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	McGill of Bridport	Charlotte
Campbell of St.	Graning of Jericho	Mihaly of Calais	White of Bethel
Johnsbury	Headrick of	Morris of Springfield	Whitman of
Carroll of Bennington	Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Bennington
Casey of Montpelier	Holcombe of	Nicoll of Ludlow	Williams of Barre
	Norwich	Notte of Rutland City	City
			Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andriano of Orwell	Dickinson of St.	Maguire of Rutland	Peterson of
*Bartley of Fairfax	Albans Town	City	Clarendon
Boyden of	Donahue of	Marcotte of Coventry	Priestley of Bradford
Cambridge	Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Quimby of Lyndon
Branagan of Georgia	Farlice-Rubio of	McCoy of Poultney	Roberts of Halifax
Brennan of	Barnet	McFaun of Barre	Sammis of Castleton
Colchester	Galfetti of Barre	Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Burditt of West	Town	Minier of South	Sibilia of Dover
Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Buss of Woodstock	*Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Canfield of Fair	Hango of Berkshire	Morrissey of	Taylor of Milton
Haven	Harrison of	Bennington	Templeman of
Carpenter of Hyde	Chittenden	Noyes of Wolcott	Brownington
Park	Hooper of Randolph	Oliver of Sheldon	Toof of St. Albans
Clifford of Rutland	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City	Town
City	LaBounty of Lyndon	Pajala of	Walker of Swanton
Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Londonderry	Williams of Granby
	Lipsky of Stowe	Pearl of Danville	

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

Burrows of West	Higley of Lowell	Logan of Burlington	Parsons of Newbury
Windsor	Krasnow of South	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Rachelson of
Elder of Starksboro	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington
Graham of			
Williamstown			

Rep. Bartley of Fairfax explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no today not just for Fairfax, not just for rural Vermont, but all Vermont!”

Rep. Coffey of Guilford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Changing the way we design, plan, and build will support, grow, and strengthen our downtowns and village centers, build the housing that we need to attract workers, and accommodate older Vermonters in our rural State. H.687 helps us do this. I vote yes.”

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on this bill to improve the efficiency, transparency, and predictability of the Act 250

process. This bill supports the livability and economic vitality of our communities including farms and forests, and tourism and outdoor-based recreation-based business. This bill also contributes to the scaffolding we need to achieve a more climate resistant future.”

Rep. Gregoire of Fairfield explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I have no doubt supporters of this bill believe in it. Multiple experts tell us something very different. This bill is not good for rural Vermont. Others have said this, but it is wrong and against the principles of this body to impugn the motives of those who support or do not support a bill. We all care about the environment, and insinuations to the contrary are shameful.”

Rep. Patt of Worcester explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Three of the towns I represent are rural with less than 1000 residents. H.687 is a major bill in many ways. It will allow us to accomplish a simple and critical purpose. We have experienced and will continue to experience the effects of climate change on our communities large and small, so we must learn from these experiences to use our landscape in ways that mitigate future damage as much as possible, and to promote much needed new housing and other projects of benefit to our economy in ways that are resilient and lasting.”

Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Today I vote Yes for improvements to the administration of Act 250 that support good governance, effective locally driven land-use planning, and economic development initiatives.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

To meet Vermont’s land use challenges – be they lack housing or areas of flooding – we need a more efficient, consistent permitting process that exempts Act 250 review in locations identified through stakeholder mapping processes, and that clarifies where environmental review should occur. This bill does this and increases access to technical assistance and grants for all communities.”

H.687; Roll Call #84

On 5/8/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment thereto, as offered by Rep. Bongartz of Manchester and others, as amended?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 99; Nays, 32; Absent, 18.

[House Journal 5/8/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford *Christie of Hartford James of Manchester Pouech of Hinesburg

Andriano of Orwell	Coffey of Guilford	Jerome of Brandon	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of Williston	Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown	Hyman of South Burlington	Rachelson of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Springs	Kornheiser of	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of Hartland	Cole of Hartford	Brattleboro	Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Conlon of Cornwall	LaBounty of Lyndon	Satcowitz of Randolph
Birong of Vergennes	Corcoran of Bennington	Lalley of Shelburne	Scheu of Middlebury
Black of Essex	Cordes of Lincoln	LaLonde of South Burlington	*Sheldon of Middlebury
Bluemle of Burlington	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of Morristown	Sibilia of Dover
Bongartz of Manchester	Dodge of Essex	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Dolan of Essex Junction	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of Cambridge	Dolan of Waitsfield	*Logan of Burlington	*Stebbins of Burlington
Brady of Williston	Duke of Burlington	*Long of Newfane	*Stevens of Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Maguire of Rutland City	Stone of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne	Elder of Starksboro	Masland of Thetford	Surprenant of Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Emmons of Springfield	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West Windsor	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	McGill of Bridport	Templeman of Brownington
Buss of Woodstock	Garofano of Essex	Minier of South Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Goldman of Rockingham	Morris of Springfield	Torre of Moretown
Carroll of Bennington	Graning of Jericho	Mrowicki of Putney	Troiano of Stannard
Casey of Montpelier	Headrick of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Chapin of East Montpelier	Holcombe of Norwich	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of Bennington
Chase of Colchester	Houghton of Essex Junction	Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City
	Howard of Rutland City	Ode of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
		Pajala of Londonderry	
		Patt of Worcester	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	*Peterson of Clarendon
Branagan of Georgia	*Galfetti of Barre Town	Lipsky of Stowe	Quimby of Lyndon
Brennan of Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Burditt of West Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	McFaun of Barre Town	*Smith of Derby
Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Taylor of Milton
		Morrissey of Bennington	Toof of St. Albans Town

Demar of Enosburgh Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Harrison of Chittenden Higley of Lowell Labor of Morgan	Oliver of Sheldon Page of Newport City Parsons of Newbury	Walker of Swanton Williams of Granby
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Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Anthony of Barre City Arrison of Weathersfield Beck of St. Johnsbury Brownell of Pownal	Carpenter of Hyde Park Cina of Burlington Clifford of Rutland City Graham of Williamstown	Hooper of Randolph Krasnow of South Burlington Marcotte of Coventry Mattos of Milton McCann of Montpelier	Mihaly of Calais O'Brien of Tunbridge Pearl of Danville Sammis of Castleton Small of Winooski
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Rep. Christie of Hartford explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

When I moved to Vermont by choice in April of 1973, I sensed how special the Brave Little State was. When my father came to visit, he said to me ‘this reminds me of the ally—being the mountains of Jamaica.’ My yes vote on H.687 will help others be or become part of what makes these Green Hills special.”

Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill is a dumpster fire and signifies everything that is wrong with the unthoughtful lawmaking of a supermajority that has permeated this whole biennium.”

Rep. Logan of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes in support of providing our communities the opportunity to work together to envision how and where they will grow, as well an incentive to act on how to build workforce housing.”

Rep. Long of Newfane explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

H.687 is the product of years of work on Act 250 modernization and resulted from robust engagement with stakeholders, several key reports, and thoughtful consideration and compromise as this bill moved through the legislative process. This bill reflects major progress in modernizing Act 250 after more than 50 years. I support H.687 as an important step forward in supporting both our housing goals and land conservation policies.”

Rep. Peterson of Clarendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill is too large, too sweeping in scope, and simply not ready for enactment. In an end of biennium rush, bill H.687 is being crammed down the throats of Vermonters, leaving rural communities to suffer the consequences.”

Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote Yes on H.687 to modernize our State land use framework to support human and natural communities as they adapt to a changing climate by establishing a location-based structure for state land use regulation that protects critical natural resources while encouraging economic development and housing.”

Rep. Smith of Derby explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

A lot of hard work and dedication by my Environment and Energy Committee went into this bill. I voted in favor of this amendment in committee. After hearing some of my colleagues speak on the bill, I believe a No vote is best for my Derby constituents and for the Northeast Kingdom.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes because building thriving communities and housing in a way that keeps Vermont’s character requires us to have a functioning land use board working within a decision-making framework based on where we want to build more swiftly, versus where we should prudently require a consistent environmental review process. This bill supports on-farm businesses, requires flood disclosure, grows needed revenue through the Property Transfer Tax, extends last year’s housing exemptions, and more. This phenomenal, sprawling bill is exactly what we need now.”

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The housing crisis as we talk about it here is not unique to Vermont. Every state in this country is in crisis for many different reasons. First, and foremost, is funding. Zoning and land use are incredible components and are necessary to make sure we live up to our own standards. We must acknowledge that we won’t easily raise enough revenue to take care of the most vulnerable Vermonters, as well as that we have no control over the cost of money and commodities to build the housing. Saving the crisis requires more of everything, done in a measured and thoughtful way. H.687 does this. I vote yes.”

H.687 Roll Call #89

On 6/17/2024, The House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 107; Nays, 38; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 6/17/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Hyman of South	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman	Burlington	Ode of Burlington
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	James of Manchester	Pajala of
City	Springs	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
Weathersfield	Cina of Burlington	Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arsenault of	Clifford of Rutland	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Williston	City	Burlington	Rachelson of
Austin of Colchester	Coffey of Guilford	Krowinski of	Burlington
Berbeco of Winooski	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Birong of Vergennes	Conlon of Cornwall	LaBounty of Lyndon	Roberts of Halifax
Black of Essex	Corcoran of	Lalley of Shelburne	Satcowitz of
Bluemle of	Bennington	LaLonde of South	Randolph
Burlington	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Bongartz of	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of	Sheldon of
Manchester	Dodge of Essex	Morristown	Middlebury
Bos-Lun of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Sims of Craftsbury
Westminster	Duke of Burlington	Vergennes	Small of Winooski
Boyden of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Cambridge	Elder of Starksboro	Logan of Burlington	Stebbins of
Brady of Williston	Emmons of	Long of Newfane	Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Springfield	Maguire of Rutland	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Farlice-Rubio of	City	Surprenant of
Brumsted of	Barnet	Masland of Thetford	Barnard
Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	McCann of	Taylor of Colchester
Burke of Brattleboro	Goldman of	Montpelier	Templeman of
Burrows of West	Rockingham	McCarthy of St.	Brownington
Windsor	Graning of Jericho	Albans City	Toleno of Brattleboro
Buss of Woodstock	Headrick of	McGill of Bridport	Torre of Moretown
Campbell of St.	Burlington	Mihaly of Calais	Troiano of Stannard
Johnsbury	Holcombe of	Minier of South	Waters Evans of
Carpenter of Hyde	Norwich	Burlington	Charlotte
Park	Hooper of Randolph	Morris of Springfield	White of Bethel
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Whitman of
Casey of Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Nicoll of Ludlow	Bennington
Chapin of East	Junction	Notte of Rutland City	Williams of Barre
Montpelier			City

Chase of Chester	Howard of Rutland City	Nugent of South Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
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Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Pearl of Danville
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Galfetti of Barre	Lipsky of Stowe	Peterson of Clarendon
Branagan of Georgia	Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Brennan of Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Sammis of Castleton
Burditt of West Rutland	Graham of Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	McFaun of Barre Town	Sibilia of Dover
Demar of Enosburgh	Harrison of Chittenden	Morgan of Milton	Taylor of Milton
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Higley of Lowell	Morrissey of Bennington	Toof of St. Albans Town
	Labor of Morgan	Oliver of Sheldon	Walker of Swanton
		Page of Newport City	*Williams of Granby
		Parsons of Newbury	

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

Bartholomew of Hartland	Dolan of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott Smith of Derby	Stone of Burlington
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Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In case you are not aware, I am from Essex County. This bill is a perfect example of how you legislators don’t care about us. You should be ashamed of yourselves for excluding/minimizing any part of the State. Don’t come up to me today and ask how I am. The answer is – I am sick and afraid and defeated and angry and sad. There you have it. Don’t ask because you have no idea or care about what you are doing to my county and the rest of the other 70% of Vermont.”

H.706. AN ACT RELATING TO BANNING THE USE OF NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES

H.706; Roll Call #54

On 3/12/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 112; Nays, 29; Absent, 8.

[House Journal 3/21/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Howard of Rutland	Page of Newport City
Andriano of Orwell	*Chesnut-Tangerman	City	Pajala of
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	James of Manchester	Londonderry
City	Springs	Jerome of Brandon	Parsons of Newbury
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
Weathersfield	Cina of Burlington	Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arsenault of	Coffey of Guilford	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Williston	*Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Quimby of Lyndon
Austin of Colchester	Conlon of Cornwall	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rachelson of
Bartholomew of	Corcoran of	Lalley of Shelburne	Burlington
Hartland	Bennington	LaLonde of South	Rice of Dorset
Berbeco of Winooski	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	*Roberts of Halifax
Black of Essex	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of	Sammis of Castleton
Bluemle of	Dodge of Essex	Morristown	Satcowitz of
Burlington	Dolan of Essex	Lanpher of	Randolph
Bongartz of	Junction	Vergennes	Scheu of Middlebury
Manchester	Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sheldon of
Bos-Lun of	Donahue of	Lipsky of Stowe	Middlebury
Westminster	Northfield	Logan of Burlington	Small of Winooski
Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Squirrell of Underhill
Brown of Richmond	Elder of Starksboro	Marcotte of Coventry	Stebbins of
Brownell of Pownal	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Burlington
Brumsted of	Springfield	McCann of	Stevens of Waterbury
Shelburne	Farlice-Rubio of	Montpelier	Stone of Burlington
Burditt of West	Barnet	McCarthy of St.	*Surprenant of
Rutland	Galfetti of Barre	Albans City	Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Town	McFaun of Barre	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West	Garofano of Essex	Town	*Templeman of
Windsor	Goldman of	McGill of Bridport	Brownington
Buss of Woodstock	Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Toleno of Brattleboro
Campbell of St.	Goslant of Northfield	Minier of South	Torre of Moretown
Johnsbury	Graning of Jericho	Burlington	Waters Evans of
		Morris of Springfield	Charlotte

*Carpenter of Hyde Park	Headrick of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	White of Bethel
Carroll of Bennington	Holcombe of	Nicoll of Ludlow	Whitman of
Casey of Montpelier	Norwich	Notte of Rutland City	Bennington
Chapin of East Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Noyes of Wolcott	Williams of Barre
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Burlington	Nugent of South Burlington	City
	Houghton of Essex Junction	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	*Demar of	Labor of Morgan	Peterson of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Clarendon
Boyden of Cambridge	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland City	Shaw of Pittsford
Branagan of Georgia	*Graham of	McCoy of Poultney	Sibilia of Dover
Brennan of	Williamstown	Morgan of Milton	Sims of Craftsbury
Colchester	*Gregoire of Fairfield	Morrissey of	Taylor of Milton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	Bennington	Toof of St. Albans Town
Clifford of Rutland City	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon	Walker of Swanton
		Pearl of Danville	Williams of Granby

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

Birong of Vergennes	Hyman of South	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Smith of Derby
Harrison of	Burlington	Burlington	Troiano of Stannard
Chittenden	Mattos of Milton	Ode of Burlington	

Rep. Carpenter of Hyde Park explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes as a farmer: for the health of the pollinators, for the health of the land, for the next generation of farmers who deserve the best we can give them, and it’s not neonicks.”

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill is a well-crafted law that provides a reasonable timeline, necessary exemption options, and science-supported directives to give farmers more choice in pest management, and provides protections for our critical pollinators, both wild and managed.”

Rep. Cole of Hartford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted YES because healthy pollinator populations increase crop yields, expand farmers’ economic viability, and support a diversified, resilient food system. Neonicotinoids, in contrast, have proven ineffective in advancing any of those three goals.”

Rep. Graham of Williamstown explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

If we are really concerned about pollinator protection and humans, we should be voting on a complete ban, not just one sector.”

Rep. Gregoire of Fairfield explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support the goals of this bill. We need more data - perhaps from New York’s new process. My farmers were clear that they oppose the bill. I do support the goals, however.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

No pollinators mean no farms, no food. I vote yes on H.706, and I also say – let ‘er thrip!”

Rep. Surprenant of Barnard explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I have been farming for a decade, a third of my life. It is my entire world. I have struggled to balance this legislative work with my farming career and when I hear sentiments like ‘Do you know how hard it is for our farmers to meet the demands of what the State imposes on them?’, I FUME. You underestimate farmers’ ability to adapt. By speaking as if you know our struggles, YOU undermine our agency as part of a community of responsible land stewards who want to do better. I am 32 years old. I have many years of farming ahead of me – yet already I have experienced devastating weather events. I voted YES to ensure my future in this industry.”

Rep. Templeman of Brownington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because I am concerned for our environment and neonicotinoids are not an economic benefit when applied to seed; rather, the contrary is true for apiaries.”

H.706; Roll Call #94

On 6/17/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 114; Nays, 31; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 6/17/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Cina of Burlington	James of Manchester	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Andriano of Orwell	Coffey of Guilford	Jerome of Brandon	Ode of Burlington
Anthony of Barre	Cole of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Page of Newport City
City	Conlon of Cornwall	Brattleboro	Pajala of
Arrison of	Corcoran of	Krasnow of South	Londonderry
Weathersfield	Bennington	Burlington	Parsons of Newbury
Arsenault of	Cordes of Lincoln	Krowinski of	Patt of Worcester
Williston	Demar of Enosburgh	Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
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Berbeco of Winooski	Dodge of Essex	Lalley of Shelburne	Rachelson of
Birong of Vergennes	Dolan of Waitsfield	LaLonde of South	Burlington
Black of Essex	Donahue of	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Bluemle of	Northfield	LaMont of	Roberts of Halifax
Burlington	Duke of Burlington	Morristown	*Sammis of Castleton
Bongartz of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Lanpher of	Satcowitz of
Manchester	Elder of Starksboro	Vergennes	Randolph
Bos-Lun of	Emmons of	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Scheu of Middlebury
Westminster	Springfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Sheldon of
Brady of Williston	Farlice-Rubio of	Logan of Burlington	Middlebury
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	Long of Newfane	Small of Winooski
Brumsted of	Galfetti of Barre	Marcotte of Coventry	Squirrell of Underhill
Shelburne	Town	Masland of Thetford	Stebbins of
Burke of Brattleboro	Garofano of Essex	McCann of	Burlington
Burrows of West	Goldman of	Montpelier	Stevens of Waterbury
Windsor	Rockingham	McCarthy of St.	Surprenant of
Buss of Woodstock	Goslant of Northfield	Albans City	Barnard
Campbell of St.	Graning of Jericho	McFaun of Barre	Taylor of Colchester
Johnsbury	Harrison of	Town	Templeman of
Carpenter of Hyde	Chittenden	McGill of Bridport	Brownington
Park	Headrick of	Mihaly of Calais	Toleno of Brattleboro
Carroll of Bennington	Burlington	Minier of South	Torre of Moretown
Casey of Montpelier	Holcombe of	Burlington	*Troiano of Stannard
Chapin of East	Norwich	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of
Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Morrissey of	Charlotte
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Burlington	Bennington	White of Bethel
Chase of Colchester	Houghton of Essex	Mrowicki of Putney	Whitman of
	Junction	Nicoll of Ludlow	Bennington

Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs Christie of Hartford	Howard of Rutland City Hyman of South Burlington	Notte of Rutland City Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City Wood of Waterbury
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Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Canfield of Fair	Labor of Morgan	Quimby of Lyndon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Haven	Laroche of Franklin	Shaw of Pittsford
Boyden of Cambridge	Clifford of Rutland City	Maguire of Rutland City	Sibilia of Dover
Branagan of Georgia	Dickinson of St.	Mattos of Milton	Sims of Craftsbury
Brennan of Colchester	Albans Town	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Brownell of Pownal	Graham of Williamstown	Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
Burditt of West Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	Oliver of Sheldon	Walker of Swanton
	Hango of Berkshire	Pearl of Danville	Williams of Granby
	Higley of Lowell	Peterson of Clarendon	

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

Bartholomew of Hartland	Dolan of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott Smith of Derby	Stone of Burlington
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Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to support H.706, not just for the sake of pollinators, but for the long-term health of our food chain, entire ecosystems, and our State. It should also be noted the United States government approved DDT as ‘safe’ once upon a time, and we all know how that turned out. Not too well.”

Rep Troiano of Stannard explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I have been a sponsor of four pollinator protection bills in my ten years here. Virtually every Vermonter I have ever spoken to about pollinators has favored this and all these bills. As one beekeeper put it, I am not a beekeeper, I am a bee buyer. The evidence is strong; neonics are damaging our pollinator population.”

H.721. AN ACT RELATING TO EXPANDING ACCESS TO MEDICAID AND DR. DYNASAUR

H.721; Roll Call #57

On 3/26/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the report of the Committee on Health Care be amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as amended?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 92; Nays, 39; Absent, 18.

[House Journal 3/26/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chapin of East	Hooper of Burlington	Ode of Burlington
Anthony of Barre	Montpelier	*Houghton of Essex	Pajala of
City	Chase of Chester	Junction	Londonderry
Arrison of	Chase of Colchester	Howard of Rutland	Patt of Worcester
Weathersfield	Chesnut-Tangerman	City	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arsenault of	of Middletown	Hyman of South	Priestley of Bradford
Williston	Springs	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Austin of Colchester	Christie of Hartford	James of Manchester	Satcowitz of
Bartholomew of	*Cina of Burlington	Jerome of Brandon	Randolph
Hartland	Coffey of Guilford	Kornheiser of	Scheu of Middlebury
Berbeco of Winooski	Cole of Hartford	Brattleboro	Sheldon of
*Black of Essex	Conlon of Cornwall	Krasnow of South	Middlebury
Bluemle of	Corcoran of	Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Burlington	Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Squirrell of Underhill
Bongartz of	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Stebbins of
Manchester	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South	Burlington
Bos-Lun of	Dodge of Essex	Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Westminster	Dolan of Essex	LaMont of	Stone of Burlington
Boyden of	Junction	Morristown	Taylor of Colchester
Cambridge	Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Templeman of
Brown of Richmond	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Vergennes	Brownington
Brownell of Pownal	Emmons of	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Toleno of Brattleboro
Brumsted of	Springfield	Logan of Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Shelburne	Farlice-Rubio of	Long of Newfane	Troiano of Stannard
Burke of Brattleboro	Barnet	Masland of Thetford	Waters Evans of
Burrows of West	Garofano of Essex	McCarthy of St.	Charlotte
Windsor	*Goldman of	Albans City	Whitman of
Buss of Woodstock	Rockingham	*McGill of Bridport	Bennington
Campbell of St.	Graning of Jericho	Mihaly of Calais	Williams of Barre
Johnsbury	Headrick of	Morris of Springfield	City
Carpenter of Hyde	Burlington	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Wood of Waterbury
Park		Burlington	

Carroll of Bennington	Holcombe of	Notte of Rutland City
Casey of Montpelier	Norwich	Noyes of Wolcott

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of	Lipsky of Stowe	Parsons of Newbury
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Northfield	Maguire of Rutland	Peterson of
Birong of Vergennes	Galfetti of Barre	City	Clarendon
Branagan of Georgia	Town	Mattos of Milton	Quimby of Lyndon
Brennan of	Goslant of Northfield	*McCoy of Poultney	Roberts of Halifax
Colchester	Gregoire of Fairfield	Minier of South	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair	Hango of Berkshire	Burlington	Sibilia of Dover
Haven	Harrison of	*Morgan of Milton	*Taylor of Milton
Clifford of Rutland	Chittenden	Morrissey of	Toof of St. Albans
City	Higley of Lowell	Bennington	Town
Demar of Enosburgh	Hooper of Randolph	Oliver of Sheldon	Walker of Swanton
Dickinson of St.	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City	White of Bethel
Albans Town	Laroche of Franklin		Williams of Granby

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

Andriano of Orwell	Marcotte of Coventry	Nicoll of Ludlow	Sammis of Castleton
Brady of Williston	McCann of	Nugent of South	Small of Winooski
Burditt of West	Montpelier	Burlington	Smith of Derby
Rutland	McFaun of Barre	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Surprenant of
Elder of Starksboro	Town	Pearl of Danville	Barnard
Graham of	Mrowicki of Putney	Rachelson of	
Williamstown		Burlington	

Rep. Black of Essex explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is a rare occurrence when we can make an investment and know exactly what the payoff will be. I vote yes to put \$175 per month back into the social security checks of nearly 20,000 Vermonters who need and deserve it the most.”

Rep. Cina of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Read my lips, yes, new taxes on corporations, so that Vermont can take this important step forward toward guaranteeing the human right of health care to all Vermonters.”

Rep. Goldman of Rockingham explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on H.721. Increasing access to Medicaid for 19- and 20- year-olds and pregnant individuals will support them in staying healthier and cost less for them and to the system over time. Premium and cost-sharing support for those reaching 65 years old and going from Medicaid to Medicare may put \$2,000 a year in their pockets. This will make more money available for food, heat, and other needs for low-income individuals.”

Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

H.721 takes significant steps for health and well-being for our most vulnerable older and disabled Vermonters by drawing down significant federal dollars and will help our hospitals decrease uncompensated care. This is good fiscal policy.”

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As the senior member from St. Johnsbury previously stated . . . we do not have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem.”

Rep. McGill of Bridport explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because this is a critical investment in the health and welfare of struggling Vermonters.”

Rep. Morgan of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Again, we are asking businesses to shoulder more and more tax burden. With something of this importance, we should be shifting our priorities on the General Fund of the budget. We must control our spending!”

Rep. Taylor of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We’ve had some great initiatives presented in bills today. If these are so important, which I believe they are, let’s find a way to fund them without raising taxes. We can’t have everything. What bills can we scrap, or initiatives we can end to offset the spending? We need to prioritize, and Vermonters can’t afford to keep paying more.”

H.766. AN ACT RELATING TO PRIOR AUTHORIZATION AND STEP THERAPY REQUIREMENTS, HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS, AND PROVIDER CONTRACTS

H.766; Roll Call #50

On 3/13/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 137; Nays, 0; Absent, 12.

[House Journal 3/13/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Howard of Rutland	Page of Newport City
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman	City	Pajala of
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Hyman of South	Londonderry
City	Springs	Burlington	Parsons of Newbury
Arrison of	Cina of Burlington	James of Manchester	Patt of Worcester
Weathersfield	Clifford of Rutland	Jerome of Brandon	Peterson of
Arsenault of	City	Kornheiser of	Clarendon
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Bartholomew of	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Quimby of Lyndon
Hartland	Corcoran of	Labor of Morgan	Rachelson of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Burlington
Berbeco of Winooski	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Birong of Vergennes	Demar of Enosburgh	LaLonde of South	Roberts of Halifax
Black of Essex	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Sammis of Castleton
Bluemle of	Dickinson of St.	LaMont of	Satcowitz of
Burlington	Albans Town	Morristown	Randolph
Bongartz of	Dodge of Essex	Lanpher of	Scheu of Middlebury
Manchester	Dolan of Essex	Vergennes	Shaw of Pittsford
Bos-Lun of	Junction	Laroche of Franklin	Sheldon of
Westminster	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Middlebury
Boyden of	Donahue of	Lipsky of Stowe	Sibilia of Dover
Cambridge	Northfield	Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Maguire of Rutland	Small of Winooski
*Branagan of	Emmons of	City	Smith of Derby
Georgia	Springfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Squirrell of Underhill
Brennan of	Farlice-Rubio of	Masland of Thetford	Stebbins of
Colchester	Barnet	Mattos of Milton	Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Galfetti of Barre	McCann of	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Town	Montpelier	Surprenant of
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	McCarthy of St.	Barnard
Shelburne	Goldman of	Albans City	Taylor of Milton
	Rockingham		Taylor of Colchester

Burditt of West Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Templeman of Brownington
Burke of Brattleboro	Graham of Williamstown	McGill of Bridport	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burrows of West Windsor	Graning of Jericho	Mihaly of Calais	Toof of St. Albans Town
Buss of Woodstock	Gregoire of Fairfield	Minier of South Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Walker of Swanton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Headrick of Burlington	Morrissey of Bennington	White of Bethel
Carroll of Bennington	Higley of Lowell	Mrowicki of Putney	Whitman of Bennington
Casey of Montpelier	Holcombe of Norwich	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Williams of Barre City
Chapin of East Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Notte of Rutland City	Williams of Granby
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Burlington	Nugent of South Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
	Houghton of Essex Junction	Ode of Burlington	

Those who voted in the negative are: none.

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

Bartley of Fairfax	Logan of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Pearl of Danville
Christie of Hartford	McCoy of Poultney	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Stone of Burlington
Elder of Starksboro	Nicoll of Ludlow	Oliver of Sheldon	Troiano of Stannard

Rep. Branagan of Georgia explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on H.766 for the great value it has for Vermont’s caregivers. And I appreciate the help given to me by committee members yesterday in finding a solution for the slow payment of physicians providing medications in their office as a result of the recent computer hacking.”

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I stand in support of this bill. My own daughter, at age 16, was denied cancer treatment. We worked with her oncologist to fight that decision. This bill is long overdue. This bill will help other families who otherwise could face similar difficult and unconscionable decisions.”

H.766; Roll Call #79

On 5/2/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 104; Nays, 23; Absent, 21.

[House Journal 5/2/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Pajala of
Andriano of Orwell	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Londonderry
Anthony of Barre	Cina of Burlington	Brattleboro	Patt of Worcester
City	Coffey of Guilford	Krasnow of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arrison of	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Weathersfield	Conlon of Cornwall	LaBounty of Lyndon	Quimby of Lyndon
Austin of Colchester	Corcoran of	Lalley of Shelburne	Rachelson of
Bartholomew of	Bennington	LaLonde of South	Burlington
Hartland	*Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Bartley of Fairfax	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of	*Roberts of Halifax
*Berbeco of	Dodge of Essex	Morristown	Sammis of Castleton
Winooski	Dolan of Essex	Lanpher of	Satcowitz of
Birong of Vergennes	Junction	Vergennes	Randolph
*Black of Essex	Dolan of Waitsfield	Laroche of Franklin	Scheu of Middlebury
Bluemle of	Donahue of	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sheldon of
Burlington	Northfield	Logan of Burlington	Middlebury
Bongartz of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Sibilia of Dover
Manchester	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of	Springfield	McCann of	Small of Winooski
Westminster	Farlice-Rubio of	Montpelier	Stebbins of
Boyden of	Barnet	McCarthy of St.	Burlington
Cambridge	Galfetti of Barre	Albans City	Stevens of Waterbury
Branagan of Georgia	Town	McFaun of Barre	Taylor of Milton
Brown of Richmond	Garofano of Essex	Town	Taylor of Colchester
Brumsted of	Goldman of	McGill of Bridport	Templeman of
Shelburne	Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Brownington
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burrows of West	Headrick of	Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Windsor	Burlington	Morris of Springfield	Troiano of Stannard
Buss of Woodstock	Holcombe of	Mrowicki of Putney	Waters Evans of
Campbell of St.	Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	Charlotte
Johnsbury	Hooper of Burlington	*Notte of Rutland	White of Bethel
Carpenter of Hyde	Howard of Rutland	City	Whitman of
Park	City	Noyes of Wolcott	Bennington
Carroll of Bennington	*Hyman of South	Nugent of South	Williams of Barre
Casey of Montpelier	Burlington	Burlington	City
Chase of Chester	James of Manchester	Ode of Burlington	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beck of St. Johnsbury	*Harrison of	Mattos of Milton	*Peterson of
Clifford of Rutland	Chittenden	McCoy of Poultney	Clarendon
City	Higley of Lowell	Morgan of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Demar of Enosburgh	Labor of Morgan	Morrissey of	Smith of Derby
Goslant of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland	Bennington	Toof of St. Albans
Gregoire of Fairfield	City	Oliver of Sheldon	Town
*Hango of Berkshire	Marcotte of Coventry	Page of Newport City	Walker of Swanton
			Williams of Granby

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

Arsenault of	Canfield of Fair	Elder of Starksboro	Parsons of Newbury
Williston	Haven	Graham of	Pearl of Danville
Brady of Williston	Chapin of East	Williamstown	Squirrell of Underhill
Brennan of	Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Stone of Burlington
Colchester	Chesnut-Tangerman	Houghton of Essex	Surprenant of
Brownell of Pownal	of Middletown	Junction	Barnard
Burditt of West	Springs	Lipsky of Stowe	Wood of Waterbury
Rutland	Dickinson of St.	O'Brien of Tunbridge	
	Albans Town		

Rep. Cordes of Lincoln explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As a nurse, I see every day how the prior authorization process and subsequent denials prevent patients from getting the medically necessary care they need or force them to accept a suboptimal treatment. It’s long overdue to provide relief to our providers so that they can get back to what they do best - providing us with quality care without unnecessary and harmful delay.”

Rep. Berbeco of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our population is aging, and our State’s health needs are only growing. We have to streamline the path between us and the care we need. We have to remove the barriers one brick at a time that prevent our clinicians from delivering timely appropriate quality care.”

Rep. Black of Essex explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We have much work to do when it comes to controlling the increasing costs of health care. But I know that denying clinically appropriate care and endangering Vermonters’ health to save a couple of dollars isn’t the way to do it.”

Rep. Hango of Berkshire explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Although I support the premise behind this bill, I voted no because I could not be confident that the changes proposed by the Senate would not cause undue financial burden on certain populations of Vermonters.”

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no to saddling Vermonters with higher health insurance premiums.”

Rep. Hyman of South Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I want to thank your Committee on Health Care. The hours spent on prior authorization for my children every year, the constant visits to the pediatrician multiple times a year to only have things approved every time, is wasteful and overly demanding on people who can’t afford to work, and it also reduces the ability of doctors to see patients with real needs.”

Rep. Notte of Rutland City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on H.766. Our community of health care providers is stretched thin. Every hour spent on the phone with insurance companies is an hour denied to a Vermonter in need of treatment.”

Rep. Peterson of Clarendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The prior authorization system needs change, there is no question about that. But this Senate amendment goes too far for me to support it. I wish the original bill was left unaltered.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill gives me and my doctor a little more authority to make medical decisions about my body – not a for-profit consultant to the insurer who doesn’t know me or my medical history.”

H.829. AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM HOUSING SOLUTIONS

H.829; Roll Call #63

On 3/28/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the report of the Committee on General and Housing, as amended, be further amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as amended?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 92; Nays, 43; Absent, 14.

[House Journal 3/28/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Christie of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Anthony of Barre	Cina of Burlington	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
City	Coffey of Guilford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rachelson of
Arsenault of	Cole of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Burlington
Williston	Conlon of Cornwall	LaLonde of South	Rice of Dorset
Austin of Colchester	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Satcowitz of
Bartholomew of	Demrow of Corinth	LaMont of	Randolph
Hartland	Dodge of Essex	Morristown	Scheu of Middlebury
Berbeco of Winooski	Dolan of Essex	Lanpher of	Sheldon of
Black of Essex	Junction	Vergennes	Middlebury
Bluemle of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sibilia of Dover
Burlington	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Bongartz of	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Small of Winooski
Manchester	Springfield	McCann of	Squirrell of Underhill
Bos-Lun of	Farlice-Rubio of	Montpelier	Stebbins of
Westminster	Barnet	McCarthy of St.	Burlington
Brady of Williston	Garofano of Essex	Albans City	Stevens of Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Goldman of	McGill of Bridport	Stone of Burlington
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West	Graning of Jericho	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Windsor	Headrick of	Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Buss of Woodstock	Burlington	Morris of Springfield	Troiano of Stannard
Campbell of St.	Holcombe of	Mrowicki of Putney	Waters Evans of
Johnsbury	Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	Charlotte
Carpenter of Hyde	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Park	Houghton of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of
Carroll of Bennington	Junction	Nugent of South	Bennington
Casey of Montpelier	Howard of Rutland	Burlington	Williams of Barre
Chase of Chester	City	Ode of Burlington	City
Chase of Colchester	James of Manchester	Pajala of	Wood of Waterbury
Chesnut-Tangerman	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry	
of Middletown	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester	
Springs	Brattleboro		

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Clifford of Rutland City	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon
Bartley of Fairfax	Corcoran of Bennington	Hooper of Randolph	Parsons of Newbury
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Demar of Enosburgh	Hyman of South Burlington	Pearl of Danville
Birong of Vergennes	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Peterson of Clarendon
Boyden of Cambridge	Donahue of Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Quimby of Lyndon
Branagan of Georgia	Galfetti of Barre Town	Lipsky of Stowe	Roberts of Halifax
Brennan of Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland City	Shaw of Pittsford
Brumsted of Shelburne	Gregoire of Fairfield	Mattos of Milton	Taylor of Milton
Burditt of West Rutland	Hango of Berkshire	McCoy of Poultney	Toof of St. Albans Town
Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	McFaun of Barre Town	Walker of Swanton
		Morgan of Milton	Williams of Granby
		Morrissey of Bennington	

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

Andriano of Orwell	Elder of Starksboro	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Smith of Derby
Brownell of Pownal	Graham of Williamstown	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Surprenant of Barnard
Chapin of East Montpelier	Logan of Burlington	Page of Newport City	Templeman of Brownington
	Marcotte of Coventry	Sammis of Castleton	

No vote explanations were offered on this question.

H. 829; Roll Call #67

On 4/2/2024, the House voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 97; Nays, 42; Absent, 9.

[House Journal 4/2/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	*Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown	Krasnow of South Burlington	Pajala of Londonderry
Arsenault of Williston	Christie of Hartford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Patt of Worcester
Austin of Colchester		*Lalley of Shelburne	Pouech of Hinesburg

Bartholomew of Hartland	Cina of Burlington	Jerome of Brandon	Priestley of Bradford
Berbeco of Winooski	Coffey of Guilford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Rachelson of Burlington
Black of Essex	Cole of Hartford	LaLonde of South	Rice of Dorset
Bluemle of Burlington	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Bongartz of	Cordes of Lincoln	*LaMont of	Scheu of Middlebury
Manchester	Demrow of Corinth	Morristown	Sheldon of Middlebury
Bos-Lun of	Dodge of Essex	Lanpher of	Sims of Craftsbury
Westminster	Dolan of Essex	Vergennes	Small of Winooski
Brady of Williston	Junction	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Brown of Richmond	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Logan of Burlington	Stebbins of
Brownell of Pownal	Durfee of Shaftsbury	*Long of Newfane	Burlington
Brumsted of	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Stevens of Waterbury
Shelburne	Springfield	McCarthy of St.	*Stone of Burlington
Burke of Brattleboro	Farlice-Rubio of	Albans City	Surprenant of
Burrows of West	Barnet	McFaun of Barre	Barnard
Windsor	Garofano of Essex	Town	Taylor of Colchester
Buss of Woodstock	Goldman of	*McGill of Bridport	Templeman of
Campbell of St.	Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Brownington
Johnsbury	Graning of Jericho	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Carpenter of Hyde	Headrick of	Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Park	Burlington	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of
Carroll of Bennington	Holcombe of	Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte
Casey of Montpelier	Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel
Chapin of East	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of
Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott	Bennington
Chase of Chester	Junction	Nugent of South	Williams of Barre
Chase of Colchester	Howard of Rutland	Burlington	City
	City	O'Brien of Tunbridge	*Wood of Waterbury
	Hyman of South	Ode of Burlington	
	Burlington		
	James of Manchester		

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arrison of	Corcoran of	Hango of Berkshire	Page of Newport City
Weathersfield	Bennington	Harrison of	Parsons of Newbury
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Chittenden	Peterson of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dickinson of St.	Higley of Lowell	Clarendon
Birong of Vergennes	Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Quimby of Lyndon
Boyden of	Donahue of	Laroche of Franklin	Sammis of Castleton
Cambridge	Northfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Shaw of Pittsford
Branagan of Georgia	Elder of Starksboro	Maguire of Rutland	Sibilia of Dover
Brennan of	Galfetti of Barre	City	Smith of Derby
Colchester	Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Taylor of Milton
Burditt of West	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Toof of St. Albans
Rutland		*McCoy of Poultney	Town

Canfield of Fair
Haven
Clifford of Rutland
City

Graham of
Williamstown
Gregoire of Fairfield

Morrissey of
Bennington

Walker of Swanton
Williams of Granby

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

Andriano of Orwell
Anthony of Barre
City

Hooper of Randolph
McCann of
Montpelier

Morgan of Milton
Oliver of Sheldon
Pearl of Danville

Satcowitz of
Randolph
Troiano of Stannard

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

When you are in crisis you need to act. This bill is action to move us out of crisis. Voting no is not a solution.”

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to address comprehensively and over time our statewide housing shortage that will benefit and sustain the vitality of our communities. This bill also continues our commitment to provide much needed housing for our Vermont adults with developmental disabilities.”

Rep. Lalley of Shelburne explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support a long-term vision to create the supportive and affordable housing Vermont needs. The costs to build the housing we need are estimated at \$200 million a year for ten years. As we finance this housing, we must continue to address the regulatory barriers that are the reason why smaller and affordable options for older Vermonters and for one or two person households, now the norm, are in such short supply.”

Rep. LaMont of Morristown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am a committee member who voted yes for the Taylor amendment, and here on the floor I am voting yes. This is a temporary extension of a moratorium that has already been passed. We just voted yes for temporary supportive housing. Intersectionality exists; we cannot address the homelessness without taking proactive measures to keep people housed. This too is not it, but with housing as a priority we have to start somewhere.”

Rep. Long of Newfane explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Lack of affordable housing is a top issue for Vermonters. This bill will make a real difference in Vermonters’ lives while continuing to move us forward toward our housing goals. I voted to support H.829 as Vermont’s roadmap for continued, strategic housing investment.”

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Raising taxes and fees, instead of funding these programs through our budget, is something I cannot support. Increasing the property transfer tax as well as the personal income tax to support these programs is something that I cannot support. My vote is no.”

Rep. McGill of Bridport explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on this bill, on the second day of Fair Housing Month, because we are in the midst of a housing crisis and the ill effects are far-reaching. When we invest in struggling Vermonters, we all thrive.”

Rep. Stone of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes as this will help facilitate equal access to timely justice and facilitates greater input from a diverse array of stakeholders. I look forward to this process and working closely with my colleagues and constituents to make it happen and reach consensus.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We lament about not having a plan to help solve our homelessness crisis. This is the first bona fide bill that sets forth such a plan. I vote yes to bring some sanity to solving the homelessness and housing crises.”

H.839. AN ACT RELATED TO FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

H.839; Roll Call #44

On 1/25/2024, the House voted on the question: *Shall the bill be read a third time?*

The House of Representatives voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 112; Nays, 24; Absent, 13.

[House Journal 1/25/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of	Pajala of
Andriano of Orwell	*Chesnut-Tangerman	Brattleboro	Londonderry
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Krasnow of South	Patt of Worcester
City	Springs	Burlington	Pearl of Danville
Arrison of	Cina of Burlington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Pouech of Hinesburg
Weathersfield	Coffey of Guilford	Lalley of Shelburne	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of	Cole of Hartford	LaLonde of South	Rachelson of
Williston	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Corcoran of	LaMont of	*Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of	Bennington	Morristown	Roberts of Halifax
Hartland	Cordes of Lincoln	Lanpher of	Sammis of Castleton
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	Vergennes	Satcowitz of
Birong of Vergennes	Dodge of Essex	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Randolph
Black of Essex	Dolan of Essex	Lipsky of Stowe	*Scheu of
Bluemle of	Junction	Logan of Burlington	Middlebury
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	*Long of Newfane	Sheldon of
Bongartz of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Maguire of Rutland	Middlebury
Manchester	Elder of Starksboro	City	Sibilia of Dover
Bos-Lun of	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Sims of Craftsbury
Westminster	Springfield	McCann of	Small of Winooski
Boyden of	Farlice-Rubio of	Montpelier	Squirrell of Underhill
Cambridge	Barnet	McCarthy of St.	Stebbins of
Brady of Williston	Galfetti of Barre	Albans City	Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Town	McFaun of Barre	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Garofano of Essex	Town	Stone of Burlington
Brumsted of	Goldman of	McGill of Bridport	Surprenant of
Shelburne	Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	Minier of South	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West	Headrick of	Burlington	Templeman of
Windsor	Burlington	Morris of Springfield	Brownington
Buss of Woodstock	Holcombe of	Morrissey of	Toleno of Brattleboro
Campbell of St.	Norwich	Bennington	Torre of Moretown
Johnsbury	Hooper of Randolph	Mrowicki of Putney	Troiano of Stannard
	Hooper of Burlington		

Carpenter of Hyde Park	Houghton of Essex Junction	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carroll of Bennington	Howard of Rutland	*Noyes of Wolcott	White of Bethel
*Casey of Montpelier	City	Nugent of South	Whitman of
Chapin of East	James of Manchester	Burlington	Bennington
Montpelier	Jerome of Brandon	O'Brien of Tunbridge	*Williams of Barre
Chase of Chester		Ode of Burlington	City
			Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beck of St. Johnsbury	Donahue of	Laroche of Franklin	Shaw of Pittsford
Branagan of Georgia	Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Smith of Derby
Brennan of	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Colchester	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans
Canfield of Fair	Harrison of	Oliver of Sheldon	Town
Haven	Chittenden	Page of Newport City	Walker of Swanton
Demar of Enosburgh	Higley of Lowell	Peterson of	*Williams of Granby
	Labor of Morgan	Clarendon	

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

Bartley of Fairfax	Clifford of Rutland	Graham of	Mattos of Milton
Burditt of West	City	Williamstown	Nicoll of Ludlow
Rutland	Dickinson of St.	Gregoire of Fairfield	Notte of Rutland City
Christie of Hartford	Albans Town	Hyman of South	Parsons of Newbury
		Burlington	Wilson of Lyndon

Rep. Casey of Montpelier explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This Budget Adjustment is a life raft for flood impacted communities. Disasters don’t recognize town borders and recovery shouldn’t be placed solely on the backs of our municipalities.”

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The current housing crisis is a humanitarian crisis. We don’t have the luxury of either keeping Vermonters housed or spurning new construction. This BAA digs deep to do both, and both are critical. I am happy to vote for this BAA.”

Rep. Long of Newfane explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes for a Budget Adjustment Act that meets the immediate needs of Vermonters, houses those who lack shelter, helps communities devastated by floods, and makes smart investments for the future.”

Rep. Noyes of Wolcott explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted in favor of H.839 as it supports older Vermonters and individuals with disabilities who are struggling with access to housing.”

Rep. Rice of Dorset explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This Budget Adjustment Act upholds our Vermont values and takes care of our communities. That is what my constituents expect us to do here. I was proud to vote yes.”

Rep. Scheu of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We are here as legislators to serve all Vermonters, including, and perhaps especially, those that need our help – with food, with housing, with flood relief, and with so many other things. It’s not always easy, but it is our job. I am proud to support this Budget Adjustment bill because we are finding ways to accomplish much for the people that are counting on us.”

Rep. Williams of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for this Budget Adjustment. It extends a needed hand to those communities so impacted by the July flooding event. A \$1 billion natural disaster, by many metrics the most expensive in Vermont State history, deserves a concerted, immediate response from our government and this Assembly.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I just spent almost two hours listening to superintendents all across the State tell us that their towns and schools are in dire straits when trying to put forward budgets that their towns can support. Every single time we vote to spend more money for any reason, we are putting pressures on all our residents. We need to learn how to live within our means. And – there is nothing wrong with neighbors helping neighbors. That is what Vermont’s foundation is built on.”

H.839; Roll Call #49

On 3/1/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the report of the Committee of Conference be adopted?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 129; Nays, 9; Absent, 11.

[House Journal 3/1/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Cina of Burlington	Jerome of Brandon	Pajala of
Anthony of Barre	Clifford of Rutland	Kornheiser of	Londonderry
City	City	Brattleboro	Parsons of Newbury
Arrison of	Coffey of Guilford	*Krasnow of South	Patt of Worcester
Weathersfield	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Peterson of
Austin of Colchester	Conlon of Cornwall	Labor of Morgan	Clarendon
Bartholomew of	Corcoran of	LaBounty of Lyndon	Pouech of Hinesburg
Hartland	Bennington	Lalley of Shelburne	Priestley of Bradford
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	LaLonde of South	Rachelson of
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Burlington
Birong of Vergennes	Dickinson of St.	LaMont of	Rice of Dorset
Black of Essex	Albans Town	Morristown	Roberts of Halifax
*Bluemle of	Dodge of Essex	Lanpher of	*Sammis of Castleton
Burlington	Dolan of Essex	Vergennes	Satcowitz of
Bongartz of	Junction	Laroche of Franklin	Randolph
Manchester	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Scheu of Middlebury
Bos-Lun of	Donahue of	Lipsky of Stowe	Shaw of Pittsford
Westminster	Northfield	Logan of Burlington	Sheldon of
Boyden of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Middlebury
Cambridge	Elder of Starksboro	Maguire of Rutland	Sims of Craftsbury
*Branagan of	Emmons of	City	Small of Winooski
Georgia	Springfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Smith of Derby
Brennan of	Farlice-Rubio of	Masland of Thetford	Squirrell of Underhill
Colchester	Barnet	Mattos of Milton	*Stebbins of
Brown of Richmond	Galfetti of Barre	McCarthy of St.	Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Town	Albans City	Stevens of Waterbury
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	McCoy of Poultney	Surprenant of
Shelburne	*Goldman of	McFaun of Barre	Barnard
Burditt of West	Rockingham	Town	Taylor of Milton
Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	McGill of Bridport	Taylor of Colchester
Burke of Brattleboro	Graham of	Mihaly of Calais	Templeman of
Buss of Woodstock	Williamstown	Morgan of Milton	Brownington
Campbell of St.	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morris of Springfield	Toof of St. Albans
Johnsbury	Hango of Berkshire	Morrissey of	Town
Canfield of Fair	Harrison of	Bennington	Torre of Moretown
Haven	Chittenden	Mrowicki of Putney	Troiano of Stannard
		Nicoll of Ludlow	Walker of Swanton

Carpenter of Hyde Park	Headrick of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Casey of Montpelier	Higley of Lowell	Noyes of Wolcott	White of Bethel
Chase of Chester	Hooper of Burlington	Nugent of SouthBurlington	Whitman of
Chase of Colchester	Houghton of Essex Junction	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Bennington
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Hyman of South Burlington	Ode of Burlington	*Williams of Barre City
Christie of Hartford	*James of Manchester	Oliver of Sheldon	Williams of Granby
		Page of Newport City	*Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arsenault of Williston	*Burrows of West Windsor	Hooper of Randolph	*Stone of Burlington
*Brady of Williston	Holcombe of Norwich	*Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
		*Sibilia of Dover	

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Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cordes of Lincoln	McCann of	Pearl of Danville
Carroll of Bennington	Graning of Jericho	Montpelier	Wilson of Lyndon

Rep. Bluemle of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I rise in support of what the bill does for so many of our neighbors who are unhoused, suffer addiction, have served our country, or been affected by floods. I do so with particular thanks to the courage and creativity of the Chair of Human Services, her committee, and tireless advocates whose work has extended shelter to some of our most vulnerable Vermonters. And as many have said, we have more work to do.”

Rep. Brady of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no today. It’s Public Schools Week and a peek into any classroom on any given day would likely fill us all with tremendous hope about our future. But I think we all understand that our system is also under extraordinary strain at this moment for a lot of complex reasons. I fear that one of the reasons is that at the statewide level, we are sometimes avoiding hard decisions in order to please everyone, rather than coming together for one coherent, forward-looking public education system that serves all kids and uses our precious statewide resources in the most sustainable and efficient manner.”

Rep. Branagan of Georgia explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am a person of strong faith. There should be no discrimination in any of our work and to protect the people in my district I watch for it in all our bills. This Committee of Conference Report does not discriminate in any way. Members should read the wording on p. 822 in today’s Calendar, Sec. 92.”

Rep. Burrows of West Windsor explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is with significant and deepest regret that I cannot vote in favor of this bill, which provides a step toward making Vermonter’s whole. But it also surprises me that the end result of the Conference Committee, charged with compromise, is actually a decreased compromise regarding the disposition of after-school funding in Section 97. This Budget Adjustment Act contains SO MANY courageous and thoughtful measures to stabilize many areas of Vermont life, and that is exactly why it mystifies me that there is *policy* still contained herein – policy that effectively further destabilizes protections for ALL children. Besides the aforementioned and clear erosions of their legal protections, living in a rural community I will be sad to witness the loss of our summer programs and after-school programs, established as partnerships between our LEAs and communities to bridge learning loss, evaporating now because nothing will fill that gap in many small towns, in rural areas. I continue to be baffled that despite a huge protest vote in the Senate this matter was not removed for ample legislative policy consideration. This is NOT a good way to consider policy with implications for the well-being of our State’s biggest asset - our children - but perhaps this outcome in privatizing our after-school and summer programs, during Public Schools Week and amid painful funding turmoil, is just where we are: a thought we wrestle with and then drop because we are wont to avoid the sometimes-difficult work toward protections for all. We can, and we must, do better on behalf of our public schools, our rural communities, our families, and our children.”

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes, as this bill provides the much-needed flood recovery funds that our communities so desperately need to get back on their feet. This body must remain vigilant in supporting public education free of the risk of antidiscrimination now and into the future.”

Rep. Goldman of Rockingham explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes today on the BAA because I know this money is needed in our communities, particularly those affected by the recent floods. But I continue to have very serious concerns about potential discrimination in the after school and summer programs as currently designed and I implore leadership to move this conversation forward.”

Rep. James of Manchester explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

One essential role of our State government is to protect the most vulnerable Vermonters. In this budget adjustment, the Legislature has taken the lead on housing those who would otherwise be unhoused and on providing much-needed relief to towns devastated by floods. For those reasons above all, I vote yes.”

Rep. Krasnow of South Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes for the Budget Adjustment. Among many things, the Budget Adjustment includes \$380,000 for Vermont’s four adult education and literacy providers, which deliver adult basic education services across the State. If you had the chance to meet with the providers and adult learners in the building yesterday, then you know what a valuable service adult basic education is to the State of Vermont. They are relying on this funding to keep the lights on at their learning centers across the State.”

Rep. Minier of South Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am compelled to speak today for the reasons so eloquently outlined by my colleagues from Dover, Hyde Park, Norwich, Williston, Cornwall, West Windsor, and Rockingham. There is so much to like in this bill, but my concern for public education prevents me from voting for it. Twice in my time here I have chosen pragmatism over either process or principle, and I regret both instances. I speak now not to chide but to exhort - myself as much as anyone. I vote no because of my support for public education and our kids.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes in support of this budget adjustment. While it may have potential flaws that need to be resolved, it directly addresses the needs of suffering Vermonters, Vermonters who are suffering right now as we sit in this chamber, who have needed our support since last July and December. It is now March. We need to move forward and address this disaster relief that should have been addressed months ago. Any more delays will only further the suffering of displaced Vermonters – let’s not leave them behind.”

Rep Sibia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill contains support for many vulnerable and flood impacted communities. But we should not have combined support for flood impacted communities with rolling back discrimination protections for all Vermonters. I must vote no. The continued failure to address Carson now results in a new avenue for publicly funded discrimination.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes today for all of the good in this Budget Adjustment Act. And, I stand in support that we must address the challenge of how we strengthen our public schools to nurture all of our children.”

Rep. Stone of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While I support much of this bill, I voted no because we are at a crossroads in education, particularly in a post-Carson world. We should be intentional about where our public tax dollars go and ensure we are supporting, empowering, and uplifting our public schools as they truly are a bedrock of our democracy, uphold values of inclusion, and serve all of Vermont’s children without exception.”

Rep. Williams of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on this bill to demonstrate to those who lost so much that their government, their elected representatives, will be there for them. This was not the first flood, nor will it be the last. We must be ready.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This Budget Adjustment continues to house some of our State’s very vulnerable citizens. To see the face of homelessness we only need to look in the mirror. This budget supports our very humanity.”

H.847. AN ACT RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT PROVIDER AND PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

H.847; Roll Call #46

On 2/27/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be committed to the Committee on Human Services?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 39; Nays, 94; Absent, 16.

[House Journal 2/27/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

*Bartley of Fairfax	Galfetti of Barre	Lipsky of Stowe	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	Town	Logan of Burlington	Pearl of Danville
Brennan of	Goslant of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland	*Peterson of
Colchester	Graham of	City	Clarendon
Brownell of Pownal	Williamstown	Marcotte of Coventry	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair	*Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Small of Winooski
Haven	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Clifford of Rutland	Harrison of	Morrissey of	Taylor of Milton
City	Chittenden	Bennington	Toof of St. Albans
Demar of Enosburgh	Headrick of	Mulvaney-Stanak of	Town
Dickinson of St.	Burlington	Burlington	Walker of Swanton
Albans Town	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon	Williams of Granby
*Donahue of	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City	
Northfield	Laroche of Franklin		

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Carpenter of Hyde	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Anthony of Barre	Park	Burlington	Rachelson of
City	Casey of Montpelier	LaBounty of Lyndon	Burlington
Arrison of	Chase of Chester	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Weathersfield	Chase of Colchester	LaLonde of South	Roberts of Halifax
Arsenault of	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	Satcowitz of
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Lanpher of	Randolph
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	Vergennes	Scheu of Middlebury
Bartholomew of	Conlon of Cornwall	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sheldon of
Hartland	Corcoran of	Long of Newfane	Middlebury
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Bennington	Masland of Thetford	Sibilia of Dover
*Berbeco of	Demrow of Corinth	Mattos of Milton	Sims of Craftsbury
Winooski	Dolan of Essex	McCarthy of St.	Squirrell of Underhill
Birong of Vergennes	Junction	Albans City	Stebbins of
Black of Essex	Dolan of Waitsfield	McFaun of Barre	Burlington
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Bluemle of Burlington	Emmons of Springfield	McGill of Bridport	Stone of Burlington
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Bos-Lun of Westminster	Garofano of Essex	Minier of South Burlington	Taylor of Colchester
Boyden of Cambridge	Goldman of Rockingham	Morris of Springfield	Templeman of Brownington
Brady of Williston	Holcombe of Norwich	Mrowicki of Putney	Toleno of Brattleboro
Brown of Richmond	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Torre of Moretown
Brumsted of Shelburne	Houghton of Essex Junction	Notte of Rutland City	Troiano of Stannard
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Burrows of West Windsor	James of Manchester	Nugent of South Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Buss of Woodstock	Jerome of Brandon	Ode of Burlington	White of Bethel
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Pajala of Londonderry	Whitman of Bennington
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Carroll of Bennington	Cina of Burlington	Hooper of Randolph	Sammis of Castleton
Chapin of East Montpelier	Cordes of Lincoln	Howard of Rutland City	Wilson of Lyndon
	Dodge of Essex		

Rep. Bartley of Fairfax explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While I am supportive of this legislation, I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, process matters.”

Rep. Berbeco of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I’m voting no because people with lived experience of mental health and substance use challenges and people representing the largest organized groups of those professionals in Vermont have already asked the Legislature to pass this. That’s on the public record for all to view. Why make them wait?”

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This vote is a slap in the face to the importance of transparency in our public processes of notice of subjects within a specific committee’s explicit jurisdiction.”

Rep. Gregoire of Fairfield explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I strongly support this bill. However, process should matter. There is zero harm in allowing Human Services to look at the bill. There is, however, harm from circumventing process. As I always say, ‘How we do things matters,’ and it matters every bit as much as the policies themselves.”

Rep. Peterson of Clarendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The Health Care Committee thoroughly reviewed this bill. However, when an expert in peer counseling has a suggestion, I give it my support. It will improve the bill.”

H.847; Roll Call #48

On 2/28/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Gregoire of Fairfield and others?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 48; Nays, 87; Absent, 14.

[House Journal 2/28/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	*Donahue of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland City	Parsons of Newbury
Bartley of Fairfax	Elder of Starksboro	Marcotte of Coventry	Peterson of Clarendon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Galfetti of Barre Town	Mattos of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Branagan of Georgia	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Sims of Craftsbury
Brennan of Colchester	Gregoire of Fairfield	McGill of Bridport	*Small of Winooski
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Burrows of West Windsor	Harrison of Chittenden	Morris of Springfield	Taylor of Milton
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Clifford of Rutland City	Higley of Lowell	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Toof of St. Albans Town
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Andrews of Westford	Casey of Montpelier	James of Manchester	Patt of Worcester
Anthony of Barre	Chase of Chester	Jerome of Brandon	Pouech of Hinesburg
City	Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of	Chesnut-Tangerman	Brattleboro	Rachelson of
Williston	of Middletown	Krasnow of South	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Springs	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of	Cina of Burlington	Lalley of Shelburne	Roberts of Halifax
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Birong of Vergennes	Conlon of Cornwall	LaMont of	Scheu of Middlebury
Black of Essex	Demar of Enosburgh	Morristown	Sheldon of
Bluemle of	Demrow of Corinth	Lanpher of	Middlebury
Burlington	Dolan of Essex	Vergennes	Sibilia of Dover
Bongartz of	Junction	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Manchester	Dolan of Waitsfield	Long of Newfane	Stebbins of
Bos-Lun of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Masland of Thetford	Burlington
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Brady of Williston	Barnet	Town	Barnard
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Campbell of St.	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	White of Bethel
Johnsbury	Houghton of Essex	Nugent of South	Williams of Barre
Canfield of Fair	Junction	Burlington	City
Haven	Hyman of South	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury
Carpenter of Hyde	Burlington	Ode of Burlington	
Park			

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

Andriano of Orwell	Christie of Hartford	Hooper of Randolph	McCann of
Carroll of Bennington	Cordes of Lincoln	Howard of Rutland	Montpelier
Chapin of East	Dodge of Essex	City	Pearl of Danville
Montpelier	Graham of	Lipsky of Stowe	Sammis of Castleton
	Williamstown		Wilson of Lyndon

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Nothing about us without us. Fundamental to peer support. Yet the ‘us’ is missing from the very definition of the professional role this bill is creating. On behalf of my peers in the disability world, I vote no to the bill unamended.”

Rep. Small of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The lack of due process means that we will not be using the language that Vermonters know and is undermining the very nature of peer-delivered services.”

H.875. AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS

H.875; Roll Call #65

On 3/29/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Brennan of Colchester?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 43; Nays, 95; Absent, 11.

[House Journal 3/29/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Arrison of	Demar of Enosburgh	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City
Weathersfield	Dickinson of St.	Laroche of Franklin	Pajala of
Bartley of Fairfax	Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland	Londonderry
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Donahue of	City	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Peterson of
Brennan of	Galfetti of Barre	Mattos of Milton	Clarendon
Colchester	Town	McCoy of Poultney	Quimby of Lyndon
Brownell of Pownal	Goslant of Northfield	McFaun of Barre	Roberts of Halifax
Burditt of West	Graham of	Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Rutland	Williamstown	Minier of South	Sibilia of Dover
Canfield of Fair	Gregoire of Fairfield	Burlington	Smith of Derby
Haven	Hango of Berkshire	Morris of Springfield	Taylor of Milton
Clifford of Rutland	Harrison of	Morrissey of	Toof of St. Albans
City	Chittenden	Bennington	Town
Corcoran of	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon	*Walker of Swanton
Bennington			

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Andriano of Orwell	Chapin of East	Hooper of Burlington	Ode of Burlington
*Anthony of Barre	Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Patt of Worcester
City	Chase of Chester	Junction	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arsenault of	Chase of Colchester	Hyman of South	Priestley of Bradford
Williston	Chesnut-Tangerman	Burlington	Rachelson of
Austin of Colchester	of Middletown	James of Manchester	Burlington
Bartholomew of	Springs	Jerome of Brandon	Rice of Dorset
Hartland	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of	Sammis of Castleton
Berbeco of Winooski	Cina of Burlington	Brattleboro	Satcowitz of
Birong of Vergennes	Coffey of Guilford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Randolph
Black of Essex	Cole of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Scheu of Middlebury
Bluemle of	Conlon of Cornwall	LaLonde of South	Sheldon of
Burlington	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Middlebury

Bongartz of Manchester	Demrow of Corinth	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Dodge of Essex	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Small of Winooski
Boyden of Cambridge	Dolan of Essex Junction	Lipsky of Stowe	Squirrell of Underhill
Brady of Williston	Dolan of Waitsfield	Long of Newfane	Stebbins of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Masland of Thetford	Stevens of Waterbury
Brumsted of Shelburne	Elder of Starksboro	McCann of Montpelier	Stone of Burlington
Burke of Brattleboro	Emmons of Springfield	*McCarthy of St. Albans	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West Windsor	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	McGill of Bridport	Templeman of Brownington
Buss of Woodstock	Garofano of Essex	Mihaly of Calais	Toleno of Brattleboro
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Goldman of Rockingham	Mrowicki of Putney	Torre of Moretown
Carpenter of Hyde Park	*Graning of Jericho	Nicoll of Ludlow	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carroll of Bennington	Headrick of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
	Holcombe of Norwich	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of Bennington
		Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City

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

Howard of Rutland City	LaMont of Morristown	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Troiano of Stannard
Krasnow of South Burlington	Logan of Burlington	Pearl of Danville	Williams of Granby
	Morgan of Milton	Surprenant of Barnard	Wood of Waterbury

Rep. Anthony of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no only in light of the absence of ‘equivalence’ language embedded in a municipal ethics regime.”

Rep. Graning of Jericho explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

When we create a system to ensure ethical behavior and allow for self- certification of compliance, we open the door to misuse and even abuse.”

Rep. McCarthy of St. Albans City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no. All towns should have the benefit of a common starting point and support from the State Ethics Commission on the Municipal Code of Ethics.”

Rep. Walker of Swanton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is always interesting to me when we believe in local control and when we don’t.”

H.875; Roll Call #68

On 4/2/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Brennan of Colchester and others?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 41; Nays, 83; Absent, 24.

[House Journal 4/2/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Donahue of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland City	Peterson of Clarendon
Bartley of Fairfax	Galfetti of Barre Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Branagan of Georgia	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Roberts of Halifax
Brennan of Colchester	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Brownell of Pownal	Hango of Berkshire	McFaun of Barre Town	Sibilia of Dover
Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	Minier of South Burlington	Smith of Derby
Clifford of Rutland City	Higley of Lowell	Morris of Springfield	Templeman of Brownington
Corcoran of Bennington	Labor of Morgan	Morrissey of Bennington	Toof of St. Albans Town
Demar of Enosburgh	LaBounty of Lyndon	Page of Newport City	Walker of Swanton
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Laroche of Franklin	Pajala of Londonderry	Williams of Granby
	Lipsky of Stowe		

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Christie of Hartford	Jerome of Brandon	Patt of Worcester
Austin of Colchester	Cina of Burlington	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bartholomew of Hartland	Coffey of Guilford	Krasnow of South Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Berbeco of Winooski	Cole of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Rachelson of Burlington
Birong of Vergennes	Conlon of Cornwall	LaLonde of South Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Black of Essex	Cordes of Lincoln	LaMont of Morristown	Satcowitz of Randolph
Bluemle of Burlington	Dodge of Essex		Scheu of Middlebury
Bongartz of Manchester	Dolan of Essex Junction		Sheldon of Middlebury
	Dolan of Waitsfield		
	Durfee of Shaftsbury		

Boyden of Cambridge	Elder of Starksboro	Lanpher of Vergennes	Small of Winooski
Brady of Williston	Emmons of Springfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Brown of Richmond	Goldman of Rockingham	Logan of Burlington	Stebbins of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne	Graning of Jericho	Long of Newfane	Stevens of Waterbury
Burke of Brattleboro	Headrick of Burlington	Masland of Thetford	Stone of Burlington
Burrows of West Windsor	Holcombe of Norwich	McCann of Montpelier	Taylor of Milton
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Hooper of Burlington	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Taylor of Colchester
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Houghton of Essex Junction	McGill of Bridport	Toleno of Brattleboro
Carroll of Bennington	Howard of Rutland City	Mihaly of Calais	Torre of Moretown
Chase of Chester	Hyman of South Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Chase of Colchester	James of Manchester	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs		Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of Bennington
		Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City
		Ode of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury

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

Andriano of Orwell	Burditt of West Rutland	Garofano of Essex	Parsons of Newbury
Anthony of Barre City	Buss of Woodstock	Graham of Williamstown	Pearl of Danville
Arsenault of Williston	Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Sammis of Castleton
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Chapin of East Montpelier	Morgan of Milton	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Demrow of Corinth	Mrowicki of Putney	Surprenant of Barnard
	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Troiano of Stannard
		Oliver of Sheldon	

No vote explanations were offered on this question.

H.875; Roll Call #69

On 4/2/2024, the House voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 82; Nays, 37; Absent, 29.

[House Journal 4/2/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Christie of Hartford	Jerome of Brandon	Rachelson of
Austin of Colchester	*Coffey of Guilford	Kornheiser of	Burlington
Bartholomew of	Cole of Hartford	Brattleboro	Rice of Dorset
Hartland	Conlon of Cornwall	Krasnow of South	Satcowitz of
Berbeco of Winooski	Cordes of Lincoln	Burlington	Randolph
Birong of Vergennes	Dodge of Essex	Lalley of Shelburne	Scheu of Middlebury
Black of Essex	Dolan of Essex	LaLonde of South	Sheldon of
Bluemle of	Junction	Burlington	Middlebury
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Sibilia of Dover
Bongartz of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Vergennes	Small of Winooski
Manchester	Elder of Starksboro	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of	Emmons of	Logan of Burlington	Stebbins of
Cambridge	Springfield	Long of Newfane	Burlington
Brady of Williston	Goldman of	Mattos of Milton	Stone of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Rockingham	McCann of	Taylor of Milton
Brumsted of	Graning of Jericho	Montpelier	*Taylor of Colchester
Shelburne	Headrick of	McCarthy of St.	Templeman of
Burke of Brattleboro	Burlington	Albans City	Brownington
Burrows of West	Holcombe of	McGill of Bridport	Toleno of Brattleboro
Windsor	Norwich	Mihaly of Calais	Torre of Moretown
Campbell of St.	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Waters Evans of
Johnsbury	Houghton of Essex	Notte of Rutland City	Charlotte
Carpenter of Hyde	Junction	Noyes of Wolcott	White of Bethel
Park	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South	Whitman of
Carroll of Bennington	City	Burlington	Bennington
Chase of Chester	Hyman of South	Ode of Burlington	Williams of Barre
Chase of Colchester	Burlington	Patt of Worcester	City
Chesnut-Tangerman	*James of	Pouech of Hinesburg	Wood of Waterbury
of Middletown	Manchester	Priestley of Bradford	
Springs			

Those who voted in the negative are:

*Arrison of	Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Page of Newport City
Weathersfield	Dickinson of St.	Lipsky of Stowe	Pajala of
Bartley of Fairfax	Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland	Londonderry
Branagan of Georgia		City	

Brennan of Colchester	Donahue of Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Peterson of Clarendon
Brownell of Pownal	Goslant of Northfield	*McCoy of Poultney	Quimby of Lyndon
Canfield of Fair Haven	Gregoire of Fairfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Roberts of Halifax
Clifford of Rutland City	Hango of Berkshire	Minier of South Burlington	Shaw of Pittsford
Corcoran of Bennington	Harrison of Chittenden	Morris of Springfield	Smith of Derby
	Higley of Lowell	Morrissey of Bennington	Toof of St. Albans Town
	Labor of Morgan		Walker of Swanton
	LaBounty of Lyndon		Williams of Granby

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

Andriano of Orwell	Buss of Woodstock	Garofano of Essex	Oliver of Sheldon
Anthony of Barre City	Casey of Montpelier	Graham of Williamstown	Parsons of Newbury
Arsenault of Williston	Chapin of East Montpelier	Hooper of Randolph	Pearl of Danville
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cina of Burlington	LaMont of Morristown	Sammis of Castleton
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Demrow of Corinth	Masland of Thetford	Sims of Craftsbury
Burditt of West Rutland	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Morgan of Milton	Stevens of Waterbury
	Galfetti of Barre Town	Mrowicki of Putney	Surprenant of Barnard
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	Troiano of Stannard

Rep. Arrison of Weathersfield explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I cannot support a bill that places this significant additional burden on our municipal offices.”

Rep. Coffey of Guilford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Today I voted yes to support our small town select boards and communities. When we have clear ethical standards and training for our elected officials, we bring accountability, transparency, and support for our local officials in doing their important work in municipal government.”

Rep. James of Manchester explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Democracy is fragile in America today. We have to rebuild trust. That work begins at the grassroots level in our towns with all of us. The bill offers a simple way to rebuild that trust – to take a tangible step toward figuring that elected officials at every level are held to high and consistent ethical standards.”

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Yet another unfunded mandate on our municipalities.”

Rep. Taylor of Colchester explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This has been a particularly difficult vote for me. The Town of Colchester that I represent has an ethics policy that I understand has been working well. I am loath to burden our town clerk with any additional work. But I also understand that all towns need a similar well thought out ethics policy.”

H.879. AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SHELTER PROGRAM

H.879; Roll Call #66

On 4/2/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 105; Nays, 37; Absent, 6.

[House Journal 4/2/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	James of Manchester	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arrison of	Chesnut-Tangerman	Jerome of Brandon	Priestley of Bradford
Weathersfield	of Middletown	Kornheiser of	Rachelson of
Arsenault of	Springs	Brattleboro	Burlington
Williston	Christie of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Rice of Dorset
Austin of Colchester	Cina of Burlington	Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Bartholomew of	Coffey of Guilford	LaBounty of Lyndon	*Sammis of Castleton
Hartland	Cole of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Satcowitz of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Conlon of Cornwall	LaLonde of South	Randolph
Berbeco of Winooski	Corcoran of	Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Birong of Vergennes	Bennington	*LaMont of	Sheldon of
Black of Essex	Cordes of Lincoln	Morristown	Middlebury
Bluemle of	Demrow of Corinth	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sibilia of Dover
Burlington	Dodge of Essex	Lipsky of Stowe	Sims of Craftsbury
Bongartz of	Dolan of Essex	*Logan of Burlington	*Small of Winooski
Manchester	Junction	Long of Newfane	Squirrell of Underhill
*Bos-Lun of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Masland of Thetford	Stebbins of
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCann of	Burlington
Boyden of	Elder of Starksboro	Montpelier	Stevens of Waterbury
Cambridge	Emmons of	McCarthy of St.	*Stone of Burlington
Brady of Williston	Springfield	Albans City	Surprenant of
*Brown of Richmond	Farlice-Rubio of	*McGill of Bridport	Barnard
Brumsted of	Barnet	Mihaly of Calais	Taylor of Colchester
Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	Morris of Springfield	Templeman of
Burke of Brattleboro	*Goldman of	Mrowicki of Putney	Brownington
Burrows of West	Rockingham	Nicoll of Ludlow	Toleno of Brattleboro
Windsor	Graning of Jericho	Notte of Rutland City	Torre of Moretown
Buss of Woodstock	Headrick of	Noyes of Wolcott	Troiano of Stannard
Campbell of St.	Burlington	Nugent of South	Waters Evans of
Johnsbury	Holcombe of	Burlington	Charlotte
Carpenter of Hyde	Norwich	O'Brien of Tunbridge	White of Bethel
Park	Hooper of Burlington	Ode of Burlington	*Whitman of
Casey of Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Pajala of	Bennington
	Junction	Londonderry	

Chapin of East Montpelier Chase of Chester	*Howard of Rutland City *Hyman of South Burlington	Patt of Worcester Pearl of Danville	Williams of Barre City Wood of Waterbury
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Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax Branagan of Georgia Brennan of Colchester Brownell of Pownal Burditt of West Rutland Canfield of Fair Haven Carroll of Bennington Clifford of Rutland City Demar of Enosburgh	Dickinson of St. Albans Town *Donahue of Northfield Galfetti of Barre Town Goslant of Northfield Graham of Williamstown Gregoire of Fairfield Hango of Berkshire Harrison of Chittenden Higley of Lowell	Labor of Morgan Laroche of Franklin Maguire of Rutland City Marcotte of Coventry Mattos of Milton McCoy of Poultney McFaun of Barre Town Minier of South Burlington Morrissey of Bennington	Page of Newport City Parsons of Newbury Peterson of Clarendon Quimby of Lyndon Shaw of Pittsford Smith of Derby Taylor of Milton Toof of St. Albans Town Walker of Swanton *Williams of Granby
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Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Andriano of Orwell Anthony of Barre City	Hooper of Randolph Lanpher of Vergennes	Morgan of Milton Oliver of Sheldon
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Rep. Bos-Lun of Westminster explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Keeping people sheltered in hotels is not an ideal way to provide housing. But providing hotel rooms for Vermonters when other options are not available is an essential policy to protect and preserve lives until better housing options can be developed.”

Rep. Brown of Richmond explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes to support this bill as an established plan addressing how we provide shelter and services for our most vulnerable community members.”

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I cannot support the significant expansions to our existing rules that this bill places into statute.”

Rep. Goldman of Rockingham explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because housing is health care.”

Rep. Howard of Rutland City explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on this bill. Nothing is perfect. I visited a motel in Rutland – deplorable! Mold in the laundry room, which had to be closed. Seeing children in hallways is heartbreaking. The Administration has had over three years to come up with a ‘plan.’ How many houses could have been built during that time?”

Rep. Hyman of South Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We are all in this body one bad day away from needing this program.”

Rep. LaMont of Morristown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I want to apologize to Vermonters for having to brunt the financial burden of the expansive program. And, although not fiscally sound, it is all we have. It is not the best solution. It costs so much, and I wish there was a better plan to sustainably house Vermonters, especially our most vulnerable population. Humans are not disposable. I hope the people in these situations tap into services and find their way to a sustainable lifestyle.”

Rep. Logan of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As a housing and services provider for young adults transitioning out of homelessness, I support H.879. It meets one part of the State’s obligation to ensure that, when homelessness occurs, it is brief, rare, and non-recurring.”

Rep. McGill of Bridport explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on this bill because all Vermonters are worthy of dignity, respect, and compassion. Until this body is ready to truly commit to resolving homelessness and ensure all Vermonters can thrive, this bill is the bare minimum in upholding our oaths of office.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Between a poorly run program and no program, we’re effectively left with no good options - a rock and a hard place. It goes without saying the hotels need oversight, and to be preserved for those who actually need it as a temporary housing option, not full-time residence.”

Rep. Small of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for the dignity of unhoused Vermonters. At a time when it takes the average Vermonter over 200 days to find permanent housing, this program provides time and services to support some of our State’s most vulnerable people, rather than throwing them out on the street in 28 days.”

Rep. Stone of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on this bill as it applies values and purpose to the work we do. We should do all that we can to ensure that Vermont is a place where all can not only live but where all can be safe and thrive.”

Rep. Whitman of Bennington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill provides temporary shelter, between 45 to 90 days, for families with children, people with disabilities, and others experiencing catastrophic situations, while establishing a long-term vision for emergency temporary shelter. I believe this is the least we can do for our most vulnerable Vermonters and vote yes.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Instead of blaming the Governor for things that are not working, maybe it would be more productive to work with him. Let’s start working as a team instead of pointing fingers. This is four plus years in the making. It is way past time to ‘fix’ homelessness and far, far, too much money that could have been spent on permanent solutions.”

H.880. AN ACT RELATING TO INCREASING ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND TO CORPORATE TAXES AND FEES

H.880; Roll Call #56

On 3/26/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as amended, in the first division of amendment, which is Sections 3 – 5 and their applicable effective dates?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 97; Nays, 40; Absent, 12.

[House Journal 3/26/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Casey of Montpelier	Hyman of South	Patt of Worcester
*Andriano of Orwell	Chapin of East	Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
Anthony of Barre	Montpelier	James of Manchester	Priestley of Bradford
City	Chase of Chester	Jerome of Brandon	Rice of Dorset
Arsenault of	Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of	Roberts of Halifax
Williston	Chesnut-Tangerman	Brattleboro	Satcowitz of
Austin of Colchester	of Middletown	Krasnow of South	Randolph
Bartholomew of	Springs	Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Hartland	Christie of Hartford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Sheldon of
Berbeco of Winooski	Cina of Burlington	*Lalley of Shelburne	Middlebury
Black of Essex	Coffey of Guilford	LaLonde of South	Sibilia of Dover
Bluemle of	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Burlington	Conlon of Cornwall	LaMont of	Squirrell of Underhill
Bongartz of	Cordes of Lincoln	Morristown	Stebbins of
Manchester	Demrow of Corinth	Lanpher of	Burlington
Bos-Lun of	Dodge of Essex	Vergennes	Stevens of Waterbury
Westminster	Dolan of Essex	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Stone of Burlington
Boyden of	Junction	Lipsky of Stowe	Surprenant of
Cambridge	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Logan of Burlington	Barnard
Brown of Richmond	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Taylor of Colchester
Brownell of Pownal	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Templeman of
Brumsted of	Springfield	McCarthy of St.	Brownington
Shelburne	Farlice-Rubio of	Albans City	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burditt of West	Barnet	McGill of Bridport	Torre of Moretown
Rutland	Garofano of Essex	Mihaly of Calais	Troiano of Stannard
Burke of Brattleboro	Goldman of	Morris of Springfield	Waters Evans of
Burrows of West	Rockingham	Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte
Windsor	Graning of Jericho	Mulvaney-Stanak of	White of Bethel
Buss of Woodstock	*Headrick of	Burlington	Whitman of
Campbell of St.	Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Bennington
Johnsbury	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Williams of Barre
		*Ode of Burlington	City

Carpenter of Hyde Park	Houghton of Essex Junction	Pajala of Londonderry	Wood of Waterbury
Carroll of Bennington	Howard of Rutland City		

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Corcoran of Bennington	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Hooper of Randolph	Page of Newport City
*Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Parsons of Newbury
Birong of Vergennes	*Donahue of Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Peterson of Clarendon
*Brady of Williston	Galfetti of Barre Town	Maguire of Rutland City	Quimby of Lyndon
Branagan of Georgia	Goslant of Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Shaw of Pittsford
Brennan of Colchester	Gregoire of Fairfield	Mattos of Milton	Smith of Derby
Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Clifford of Rutland City	Harrison of Chittenden	Minier of South Burlington	Toof of St. Albans Town
		*Morgan of Milton	Walker of Swanton
		Morrissey of Bennington	Williams of Granby

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

Elder of Starksboro	McCann of Montpelier	Nugent of South Burlington	Rachelson of Burlington
Graham of Williamstown	McFaun of Barre Town	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Sammis of Castleton
Holcombe of Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	Pearl of Danville	Small of Winooski

Rep. Andriano of Orwell explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes because Vermonters are imploring us to increase public safety and to do so we must decrease the court backlog. The only way to do that is to pay for it, and that’s what these sections of the bill do. Thank you.”

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Vermont’s Corporate Income Tax has tripled in the last ten years. We don’t have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem, a big one.”

Rep. Brady of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Like many of us, I have had a lot of hard conversations with constituents recently. One of them reminded me that the job of a citizen legislator is to make the best decision we can based on our values, beliefs, and community input with the very limited time and resources we have. I believe in the power of government to solve problems, particularly for those most marginalized in our society. I believe in progressive taxation to fight rising inequality and I certainly do not believe in trickle-down economics. But I believe most deeply in the power of public education as the one institution we have to close opportunity gaps and create a more just and hopeful future. Public education and particularly what we do in the early years is prevention, including prevention for being involved in the criminal justice system or being unhoused or many of the challenges we are wrestling with in this body and in society. Prevention is harder to quantify and takes longer to measure. I am hearing - quite loudly and consistently - in my community and in my committee that we are at an inflection point in education in the State for a variety of complex reasons that are no one individual or legislature’s fault. I believe we can and must do better for all kids and make funding of public education more predictable and sustainable. So, the best decision I can make today is that large policy and new revenue commitments now diminish our ability to do the hard work ahead on education and make critical investments for all kids and our collective future.”

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes for public safety – a major priority of all our communities. However, I must stress that the State is facing an education spending crisis that demands our immediate and sustained attention.”

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Almost everyone agrees on the priority to support our criminal justice system. But fiscal responsibility means choices among priorities. Achieving these priorities means offsetting with other spending choices, not raising new taxes that harm our economy and thus harm future revenues. I vote no.”

Rep. Headrick of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As of this morning, of the 1,382 incarcerated Vermonters, 435 are being detained without having been sentenced by the courts.”

Rep. Lalley of Shelburne explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because public safety is degrading quality of life and adding to the costs of policing in my community. The problems this creates increasingly pose an unfunded mandate on taxpayers in Shelburne.”

Rep. Morgan of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We are funding more judges in the General Fund as requested. Getting serious about our sentencing of crimes sends a clear message to criminals – let’s put teeth in that. More money is not always the answer. Taxing our corporations certainly isn’t the answer.”

Rep. Ode of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The Judicial Branch is a co-equal branch of government alongside the Legislative and Executive Branches. It deserves to be adequately funded – and it must be if Vermonters are to have access to justice.”

H.883. AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT

H.883; Roll Call #61

On 3/28/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Casey of Montpelier and others?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 44; Nays, 97; Absent, 8.

[House Journal 3/28/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anthony of Barre City	Chase of Chester *Cina of Burlington	LaMont of Morristown	Pearl of Danville
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cole of Hartford	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Priestley of Bradford
Bos-Lun of Westminster	*Donahue of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Roberts of Halifax
Boyden of Cambridge	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	McCann of Montpelier	Sibilia of Dover
Brownell of Pownal	Galfetti of Barre Town	McFaun of Barre Town	Sims of Craftsbury
Burke of Brattleboro	Gregoire of Fairfield	Minier of South Burlington	Small of Winooski
Burrows of West Windsor	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Buss of Woodstock	Headrick of Burlington	Morris of Springfield	Taylor of Milton
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Randolph	Nicoll of Ludlow	Templeman of Brownington
Casey of Montpelier	LaBounty of Lyndon	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Walker of Swanton
Chapin of East Montpelier		Patt of Worcester	*Williams of Barre City

Those who voted in the negative are:

*Andrews of Westford	Clifford of Rutland City	James of Manchester	Pajala of Londonderry
Arrison of Weathersfield	Coffey of Guilford	Jerome of Brandon	*Parsons of Newbury
Arsenault of Williston	Conlon of Cornwall	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Peterson of Clarendon
Austin of Colchester	Corcoran of Bennington	Krasnow of South Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bartholomew of Hartland	*Cordes of Lincoln	Labor of Morgan	Quimby of Lyndon
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Lalley of Shelburne	Rachelson of Burlington
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Birong of Vergennes	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Lanpher of Vergennes	Satcowitz of Randolph
Black of Essex	*Dodge of Essex	Laroche of Franklin	*Scheu of Middlebury
	Dolan of Essex Junction	Lipsky of Stowe	

Bluemle of Burlington	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Long of Newfane	Shaw of Pittsford
Bongartz of Manchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Maguire of Rutland City	Sheldon of Middlebury
Brady of Williston	Emmons of Springfield	*Marcotte of Coventry	Squirrell of Underhill
Branagan of Georgia	Garofano of Essex	Masland of Thetford	*Stebbins of Burlington
Brennan of Colchester	Goldman of Rockingham	McCarthy of St. Albans City	*Stevens of Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Colchester
Brumsted of Shelburne	Graham of Williamstown	McGill of Bridport	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burditt of West Rutland	Graning of Jericho	Mihaly of Calais	Toof of St. Albans Town
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington	Torre of Moretown
Canfield of Fair Haven	Higley of Lowell	Mrowicki of Putney	Troiano of Stannard
Chase of Colchester	Holcombe of Norwich	Notte of Rutland City	Waters Evans of Charlotte
*Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	White of Bethel
Christie of Hartford	Houghton of Essex Junction	Nugent of South Burlington	Whitman of Bennington
	Howard of Rutland City	Ode of Burlington	Williams of Granby
	Hyman of South Burlington	Oliver of Sheldon	*Wood of Waterbury
		Page of Newport City	

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

Andriano of Orwell	Elder of Starksboro	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Stone of Burlington
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Logan of Burlington	Sammis of Castleton	Surprenant of Barnard

Rep. Andrews of Westford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no with regret and apologies to my colleagues from flood ravaged communities, and with my commitment to work with them to create a process and a funding mechanism for now and for future disasters that we all know will happen.”

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am very sympathetic to the pain at the heart of the amendment. The appeal is powerful. But when we act on the fly, we make mistakes. When we don’t take the time or testimony to understand the full impact of our actions we act rashly and set bad precedent.”

Rep. Cina of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

According to climate scientists, the flood disasters of 2023 are just the beginning of the great environmental devastation yet to come. I vote yes because the government must be better prepared to serve the people both in the current recovery and in the future times of greatest need.”

Rep. Cordes of Lincoln explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Having felt the pain of my constituents because of failures of part of State government, I don’t want to set up a similar situation with another agency; that is why I voted no.”

Rep. Dodge of Essex explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

After spending the summer gathering and distributing supplies and donations, it is difficult to vote no. I am committed to helping our friends and neighbors in flooded regions through the process.”

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While I voted no to the amendment, the need to equitably help our communities, businesses, and people now, and to become more resilient to the devastation from flooding is real. We need everyone at the table to drive down risks, costs, and impacts associated with tomorrow’s floods.”

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This is exactly the correct process for bringing an issue before the body when it was unable to be heard elsewhere. I vote yes in support of the process.”

Rep. Marcotte of Coventry explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no. I have been clear that without money to fund this proposal, we are giving our struggling businesses false hope that we will provide them with more help.”

Rep. Parsons of Newbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I wish I could have voted yes today – I truly do. Unfortunately, this amendment requires that grant awards be prioritized by skin color. This country has been down that road before. It was wrong then, and it is wrong now.”

Rep. Scheu of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

While I believe we can all empathize and agree that the floods of this past year were extremely painful for many, this needs to be part of a larger conversation so that any program that’s created is the best one it can be. This will not be the only climate event.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no, not because this isn’t needed, but because statute needs vetting. That is our collective duty. However, we have four more weeks. We must heed this cry for help. We must do more, and with better process.”

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As a representative of a community damaged by the flooding in July and in December, I must regretfully vote no. The intent of this amendment is important, and with a full hearing would be an important addition to our governmental responses to the effects of climate change. I vote no on process, not on the need and intent to get it right.”

Rep. Williams of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes. With sincere gratitude and love to my colleagues, your sympathy and compassion sustain and inspire me. What sustains Barre?”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Representing communities that have been through similar devastation, I reluctantly vote no, and I hope we can find an avenue to address this need.”

H.883; Roll Call vote #62

On 3/28/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be read a third time?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 104; Nays, 39; Absent, 6.

[House Journal 3/28/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Casey of Montpelier	Howard of Rutland	Pajala of
Andriano of Orwell	Chapin of East	City	Londonderry
Anthony of Barre	Montpelier	Hyman of South	Patt of Worcester
City	Chase of Chester	Burlington	Pearl of Danville
	Chase of Colchester	James of Manchester	Pouech of Hinesburg

Arrison of Weathersfield	Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Jerome of Brandon	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of Williston	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Rachelson of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Cina of Burlington	Krasnow of South Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of Hartland	Coffey of Guilford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Cole of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Satcowitz of Randolph
Birong of Vergennes	Conlon of Cornwall	LaLonde of South Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Black of Essex	Corcoran of Bennington	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sheldon of Middlebury
Bluemle of Burlington	Cordes of Lincoln	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sibilia of Dover
Bongartz of Manchester	Demrow of Corinth	Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Dodge of Essex	Masland of Thetford	*Small of Winooski
Boyden of Cambridge	Dolan of Essex Junction	McCann of Montpelier	Squirrell of Underhill
Brady of Williston	Dolan of Waitsfield	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Stebbins of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Durfee of Shaftsbury	McGill of Bridport	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Emmons of Springfield	Mihaly of Calais	Stone of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Minier of South Burlington	Taylor of Colchester
Burke of Brattleboro	Garofano of Essex	Morris of Springfield	*Templeman of Brownington
Burrows of West Windsor	Goldman of Rockingham	Mrowicki of Putney	Toleno of Brattleboro
Buss of Woodstock	Graning of Jericho	Nicoll of Ludlow	Torre of Moretown
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Headrick of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Troiano of Stannard
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Holcombe of Norwich	Noyes of Wolcott	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Burlington	Nugent of South Burlington	White of Bethel
	Houghton of Essex Junction	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Whitman of Bennington
		*Ode of Burlington	Williams of Barre City
			Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of Northfield	Labor of Morgan	Oliver of Sheldon
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Galfetti of Barre Town	Laroche of Franklin	Page of Newport City
Branagan of Georgia	Goslant of Northfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Parsons of Newbury
Brennan of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	Maguire of Rutland City	Peterson of Clarendon
Burditt of West Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Canfield of Fair Haven	Hango of Berkshire	Mattos of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland City	Harrison of Chittenden	McCoy of Poultney	Smith of Derby
		McFaun of Barre Town	Taylor of Milton
		Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town

Demar of Enosburgh
Dickinson of St.
Albans Town

Higley of Lowell
Hooper of Randolph

Morrissey of
Bennington

Walker of Swanton
Williams of Granby

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

Elder of Starksboro
LaMont of
Morristown

Logan of Burlington
Mulvaney-Stanak of
Burlington

Sammis of Castleton
Surprenant of
Barnard

Rep. Ode of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes. As the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee explained in her floor report, ‘This budget so closely remains within the Governor’s recommended budget that, after accounting for the \$12 million pension plus payment, the difference in General Funds is within a 0.2 percent (not even one half of one percent) difference.’ In dollars, that’s no more than a \$3.3 million difference between the House budget and the Governor’s recommend.”

Rep. Small of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support the budget before us with hesitation and concern. We cannot say that we prioritize equity without providing adequate process. We cannot say that we prioritize those most vulnerable and hope the funding arrives later. What we say matters, but what we fund matters more.”

Rep. Templeman of Brownington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on this budget because it includes \$450,000 for The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, which supports both farmers and those living with food insecurity.”

H.883; Roll Call #64

On 3/29/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Donahue of Northfield?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 41; Nays, 97; Absent, 11.

[House Journal 3/29/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bartley of Fairfax
Beck of St. Johnsbury
Branagan of Georgia
Brownell of Pownal

Donahue of
Northfield
Galfetti of Barre
Town

Lipsky of Stowe
Maguire of Rutland
City
Marcotte of Coventry

Parsons of Newbury
Peterson of
Clarendon
Quimby of Lyndon

Burditt of West Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Sammis of Castleton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Graham of Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Cina of Burlington	Gregoire of Fairfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Sibilia of Dover
Clifford of Rutland City	Hango of Berkshire	Minier of South Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Demar of Enosburgh	Headrick of Burlington	Morrissey of Bennington	Small of Winooski
*Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Higley of Lowell	Oliver of Sheldon	Smith of Derby
	Labor of Morgan		Taylor of Milton
	Laroche of Franklin		Toof of St. Albans Town
			Walker of Swanton

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Randolph	Page of Newport City
Anthony of Barre City	Casey of Montpelier	Hooper of Burlington	Pajala of Londonderry
Arrison of Weathersfield	Chapin of East Montpelier	Houghton of Essex Junction	Patt of Worcester
Arsenault of Williston	Chase of Chester	Hyman of South Burlington	Pouech of Hinesburg
Austin of Colchester	Chase of Colchester	James of Manchester	Priestley of Bradford
Bartholomew of Hartland	Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Jerome of Brandon	Rachelson of Burlington
Berbeco of Winooski	Christie of Hartford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Rice of Dorset
Birong of Vergennes	Coffey of Guilford	LaBounty of Lyndon	Roberts of Halifax
Black of Essex	Cole of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Satcowitz of Randolph
Bluemle of Burlington	Conlon of Cornwall	LaLonde of South Burlington	Scheu of Middlebury
Bongartz of Manchester	Corcoran of Bennington	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sheldon of Middlebury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Cordes of Lincoln	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of Cambridge	Demrow of Corinth	Long of Newfane	Stebbins of Burlington
Brady of Williston	Dodge of Essex	Masland of Thetford	Stevens of Waterbury
Brennan of Colchester	Dolan of Essex Junction	McCann of Montpelier	Stone of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Dolan of Waitsfield	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Taylor of Colchester
Brumsted of Shelburne	Durfee of Shaftsbury	McGill of Bridport	Templeman of Brownington
Burke of Brattleboro	Elder of Starksboro	Mihaly of Calais	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burrows of West Windsor	Emmons of Springfield	Morris of Springfield	Torre of Moretown
Buss of Woodstock	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Mrowicki of Putney	Troiano of Stannard
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Garofano of Essex	Nicoll of Ludlow	Waters Evans of Charlotte
	Goldman of Rockingham	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
	Graning of Jericho	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of Bennington
	Harrison of Chittenden	Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	

Carpenter of Hyde
Park

Holcombe of
Norwich

Ode of Burlington

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

Andriano of Orwell
Howard of Rutland
City

Krasnow of South
Burlington

LaMont of
Morristown
Logan of Burlington
Morgan of Milton

Mulvaney-Stanak of
Burlington
Pearl of Danville
Surprenant of
Barnard

Williams of Granby
Wood of Waterbury

Rep. Dickinson of St. Albans Town explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for transparency for our constituents in our House budget.”

**H.887. AN ACT RELATING TO HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX YIELDS,
NONHOMESTEAD RATES, AND POLICY CHANGES TO
EDUCATION FINANCE AND TAXATION**

H.887; Roll Call #73

On 4/23/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Rep. Shaw of Pittsford?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 39; Nays, 104; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 4/23/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	Galfetti of Barre	Lipsky of Stowe	Peterson of
Brennan of	Town	Maguire of Rutland	Clarendon
Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	City	Quimby of Lyndon
Canfield of Fair	Graham of	Marcotte of Coventry	Sammis of Castleton
Haven	Williamstown	Mattos of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Smith of Derby
City	Hango of Berkshire	McFaun of Barre	Taylor of Milton
Corcoran of	Harrison of	Town	Toof of St. Albans
Bennington	Chittenden	Morgan of Milton	Town
Demar of Enosburgh	Higley of Lowell	Morrissey of	Walker of Swanton
Dickinson of St.	Hooper of Randolph	Bennington	Williams of Granby
Albans Town			

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Andriano of Orwell	of Middletown	Burlington	Rachelson of
Anthony of Barre	Springs	LaBounty of Lyndon	Burlington
City	Christie of Hartford	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Arrison of	Cina of Burlington	LaLonde of South	Roberts of Halifax
Weathersfield	Coffey of Guilford	Burlington	Satcowitz of
Arsenault of	Cole of Hartford	LaMont of	Randolph
Williston	Conlon of Cornwall	Morristown	Scheu of Middlebury
Austin of Colchester	Cordes of Lincoln	Lanpher of	Sheldon of
Bartholomew of	Demrow of Corinth	Vergennes	Middlebury
Hartland	Dodge of Essex	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sibilia of Dover
Berbeco of Winooski	Dolan of Essex	Logan of Burlington	Sims of Craftsbury
Birong of Vergennes	Junction	Long of Newfane	Small of Winooski
Black of Essex	Dolan of Waitsfield	Masland of Thetford	Squirrell of Underhill
	Durfee of Shaftsbury		Patt of Worcester

Bluemle of Burlington	Chapin of East Montpelier	*James of Manchester	Pajala of Londonderry
Bongartz of Manchester	Chase of Chester	Jerome of Brandon	Pearl of Danville
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Boyden of Cambridge	Elder of Starksboro	McCann of Montpelier	Stebbins of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Emmons of Springfield	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	McGill of Bridport	Stone of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	Mihaly of Calais	Surprenant of Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Goldman of Rockingham	Minier of South Burlington	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West Windsor	Graning of Jericho	Morris of Springfield	Toleno of Brattleboro
Buss of Woodstock	Headrick of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Torre of Moretown
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Holcombe of Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	Troiano of Stannard
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carroll of Bennington	Houghton of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott	White of Bethel
Casey of Montpelier	Hyman of South Burlington	Nugent of South Burlington	Whitman of Bennington
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	Williams of Barre City
		Ode of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury

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

Brady of Williston	Howard of Rutland	Templeman of
Burditt of West Rutland	City	Brownington
	Oliver of Sheldon	

Rep. James of Manchester explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I’m voting no on this amendment because striking this proposed revenue from the yield bill will increase the burden on property tax rates – both homestead and non-homestead – in a year when so many Vermonters will be struggling to pay.”

H.887; Roll Call #74

On 4/23/24, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as offered by Reps. Toof of St. Albans Town and Taylor of Milton?*

The House voted in the negative: Yeas, 41; Nays, 100; Absent, 7.

[House Journal 4/23/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	*Donahue of Northfield	LaMont of Morristown	Noyes of Wolcott
Bartley of Fairfax	Galfetti of Barre	Laroche of Franklin	Page of Newport City
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Town	Lipsky of Stowe	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	Goslant of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland	*Peterson of Clarendon
Brennan of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	City	Quimby of Lyndon
Canfield of Fair Haven	Gregoire of Fairfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Sammis of Castleton
Clifford of Rutland City	Hango of Berkshire	Mattos of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Demar of Enosburgh	Harrison of Chittenden	McCoy of Poultney	Smith of Derby
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Higley of Lowell	McFaun of Barre Town	Taylor of Milton
	Hooper of Randolph	Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
	Labor of Morgan	Morrissey of Bennington	Walker of Swanton
			*Williams of Granby

Those who voted in the negative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Chester	James of Manchester	Patt of Worcester
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Pouech of Hinesburg
Anthony of Barre City	Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of Williston	Christie of Hartford	Krasnow of South Burlington	Rachelson of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Cina of Burlington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of Hartland	Coffey of Guilford	Lalley of Shelburne	Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Cole of Hartford	LaLonde of South Burlington	Satcowitz of Randolph
Birong of Vergennes	Conlon of Cornwall	Lanpher of Vergennes	Scheu of Middlebury
Black of Essex	Corcoran of Bennington	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sheldon of Middlebury
Bluemle of Burlington	Cordes of Lincoln	Logan of Burlington	*Sibilia of Dover
Bongartz of Manchester	Demrow of Corinth	Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Dodge of Essex	Masland of Thetford	Small of Winooski
	Dolan of Essex Junction	McCann of Montpelier	Squirrell of Underhill
	Dolan of Waitsfield		Stebbins of Burlington
	Durfee of Shaftsbury		Stevens of Waterbury

Boyden of Cambridge	Elder of Starksboro	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Stone of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Emmons of Springfield	McGill of Bridport	Surprenant of Barnard
Brownell of Pownal	Farlice-Rubio of	Mihaly of Calais	Taylor of Colchester
Brumsted of	Barnet	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Burke of Brattleboro	Goldman of	Morris of Springfield	Troiano of Stannard
Burrows of West	Rockingham	Mrowicki of Putney	Waters Evans of
Windsor	Headrick of	Nicoll of Ludlow	Charlotte
Buss of Woodstock	Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Campbell of St.	Holcombe of	Nugent of South	Whitman of
Johnsbury	Norwich	Burlington	Bennington
Carpenter of Hyde	Hooper of Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Williams of Barre
Park	Houghton of Essex	Ode of Burlington	City
Carroll of Bennington	Junction	Pajala of	Wood of Waterbury
Casey of Montpelier	Hyman of South	Londonderry	
Chapin of East Montpelier	Burlington		

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

Brady of Williston	Graning of Jericho	Oliver of Sheldon	Templeman of
Burditt of West	Howard of Rutland	Pearl of Danville	Brownington
Rutland	City		

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

We have a misfit when we refuse to initiate even interim changes that actually address our Education Fund stressors – we say we shouldn’t move that fast – yet reject a sunset on what should be solely a stop-gap measure, not permanent new taxes.”

Rep. Peterson of Clarendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Instead of taxing hard working Vermont businesspeople, we should tax the cannabis industry, which hooks our kids on poison and degrades our schools.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I’m voting no on behalf of my constituents who have asked Montpelier to pay for their education spending and stop pushing that State level spending onto local property taxes.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes for the constituents of my district. They only have two requests that I shall echo again and again. Stop passing bills that restrict our ability to survive and thrive on our low incomes. And stop taxing us to death!”

H.887 Roll Call #75

On 4/23/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be read a third time?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 94; Nays, 38; Absent, 16.

[House Journal 4/23/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chesnut-Tangerman	Krasnow of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Andriano of Orwell	of Middletown	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Anthony of Barre	Springs	Lalley of Shelburne	Rachelson of
City	Christie of Hartford	LaLonde of South	Burlington
*Arsenault of	Cina of Burlington	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	LaMont of	*Roberts of Halifax
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	Morristown	Satcowitz of
Berbeco of Winooski	*Conlon of Cornwall	Lanpher of	Randolph
Birong of Vergennes	Cordes of Lincoln	Vergennes	*Scheu of
Bluemle of	*Demrow of Corinth	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Middlebury
Burlington	Dodge of Essex	Logan of Burlington	Sheldon of
Bongartz of	Dolan of Essex	Long of Newfane	Middlebury
Manchester	Junction	Masland of Thetford	Sibilia of Dover
Bos-Lun of	Dolan of Waitsfield	McCann of	*Sims of Craftsbury
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Montpelier	Small of Winooski
Boyden of	Emmons of	McCarthy of St.	Squirrell of Underhill
Cambridge	Springfield	Albans City	Stebbins of
*Brown of Richmond	Farlice-Rubio of	McGill of Bridport	Burlington
Brownell of Pownal	Barnet	*Mihaly of Calais	Stevens of Waterbury
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	Minier of South	*Stone of Burlington
Shelburne	Goldman of	Burlington	Surprenant of
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	Morris of Springfield	Barnard
Burrows of West	Headrick of	Mrowicki of Putney	Taylor of Colchester
Windsor	Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Toleno of Brattleboro
Buss of Woodstock	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Torre of Moretown
Carpenter of Hyde	Houghton of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott	Troiano of Stannard
Park	Junction	Nugent of South	Waters Evans of
Carroll of Bennington	Hyman of South	Burlington	Charlotte
Casey of Montpelier	Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge	

Chapin of East Montpelier	James of Manchester	Ode of Burlington	Whitman of
Chase of Chester	Jerome of Brandon	Pajala of	Bennington
Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of	Londonderry	Williams of Barre
	Brattleboro	Patt of Worcester	City
			Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Dickinson of St.	Hooper of Randolph	Morrissey of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Bennington
Branagan of Georgia	Donahue of	LaBounty of Lyndon	Page of Newport City
Brennan of	Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Peterson of
Colchester	Elder of Starksboro	Lipsky of Stowe	Clarendon
Canfield of Fair	Galfetti of Barre	Maguire of Rutland	Quimby of Lyndon
Haven	Town	City	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland	Goslant of Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	*Smith of Derby
City	Gregoire of Fairfield	Mattos of Milton	Taylor of Milton
Corcoran of	Hango of Berkshire	McCoy of Poultney	Toof of St. Albans
Bennington	Harrison of	McFaun of Barre	Town
Demar of Enosburgh	Chittenden	Town	Walker of Swanton
	Higley of Lowell	Morgan of Milton	Williams of Granby

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

Arrison of	Burditt of West	Graning of Jericho	Parsons of Newbury
Weathersfield	Rutland	Holcombe of	Pearl of Danville
Bartholomew of	Campbell of St.	Norwich	Sammis of Castleton
Hartland	Johnsbury	Howard of Rutland	Templeman of
Black of Essex	Graham of	City	Brownington
Brady of Williston	Williamstown	Oliver of Sheldon	White of Bethel

Rep. Arsenault of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes, but not without reservation. The excess spending provision has not been properly modeled and I fear it may lead to unintended and negative educational consequences.”

Rep. Brown of Richmond explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because H.887 will help us set the course for a strong future for public education in Vermont. Education is one of the most important functions of government, one of our most fundamental responsibilities, and essential to a functioning democracy. And in Vermont, it is a right that must be equally available to all students. And those students are the heart of this work.”

Rep. Conlon of Cornwall explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The Commission on the Future of Public Education in Vermont created in H. 887 will lay the groundwork for the General Assembly to address the most difficult questions and challenges in our public education system in a thoughtful, well-vetted way. That foundation will help us to build upon it a high-quality education for all Vermont students at a cost Vermonters can afford.”

Rep. Demrow of Corinth explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

H.887 funds the school budgets passed by voters around the State. It puts cost containment measures in place for FY’26 and beyond. And it begins the process of designing a better education system – and the funding for that system. I vote yes.”

Rep. Mihaly of Calais explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on H.887 to create a real forum to discuss before our Vermont public the complex issues of education policy and finance and to set the stage for the Legislature to act in the next biennium.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote Yes on H.887 as a vote for a strong public education system. While this bill focuses on the cost side of the equation, and those are hard to stomach, I look forward to the dividends we will reap tomorrow from today’s necessary undertaking.”

Rep. Scheu of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As we have seen from the debate today, we care deeply about education in our State. It is past time for us to assess and transform public education and indeed, we have made a commitment to do so. This bill provides us with the means, the opportunity, and a roadmap to make a difference for our children and our taxpayers. I vote yes.”

Rep. Sims of Craftsbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to bring immediate relief to property taxpayers this year, to put in place cost containment measured for next year, and to set us on the path to rethink the funding formula for the future. We are going slow to go fast.”

Rep. Smith of Derby explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no! I sincerely hope that the taxpaying, hard-working Vermonters remember what the Super Majority did to them today! I wouldn’t be able to sleep at night.”

Rep. Stone of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because I am hopeful this body will recognize the importance of this moment. I look forward to doing the hard work needed to uplift our public schools and the students they serve. After all, public schools are a bedrock of our democracy and the time to support them is now.”

H.887; Roll Call #76

On 4/24/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 101; Nays, 39; Absent, 8.

[House Journal 4/24/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

*Andrews of Westford	Chapin of East Montpelier	James of Manchester	Patt of Worcester
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Chester	Jerome of Brandon	Pouech of Hinesburg
Anthony of Barre City	Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of Williston	Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Krasnow of South Burlington	Rachelson of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Cina of Burlington	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of Hartland	Coffey of Guilford	LaLonde of South Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Cole of Hartford	LaMont of Morristown	Satcowitz of Randolph
Birong of Vergennes	Conlon of Cornwall	Lanpher of Vergennes	Scheu of Middlebury
Black of Essex	Cordes of Lincoln	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Sheldon of Middlebury
Bluemle of Burlington	Demrow of Corinth	Logan of Burlington	Sibilia of Dover
Bongartz of Manchester	Dodge of Essex	*Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Dolan of Essex Junction	Masland of Thetford	Small of Winooski
Boyden of Cambridge	Dolan of Waitsfield	McCann of Montpelier	Squirrell of Underhill
*Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Stebbins of Burlington
Brown of Richmond	Emmons of Springfield	McGill of Bridport	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Mihaly of Calais	Stone of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	Minier of South Burlington	Surprenant of Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Goldman of Rockingham	Morris of Springfield	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West Windsor	Headrick of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Templeman of Brownington
	*Holcombe of Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	Toleno of Brattleboro
		Notte of Rutland City	Torre of Moretown
			*Troiano of Stannard

Buss of Woodstock	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Waters Evans of
Campbell of St.	Houghton of Essex	Nugent of South	Charlotte
Johnsbury	Junction	Burlington	White of Bethel
Carpenter of Hyde	Howard of Rutland	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Whitman of
Park	City	Ode of Burlington	Bennington
Carroll of Bennington	Hyman of South	Pajala of	Williams of Barre
Casey of Montpelier	Burlington	Londonderry	City
			Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arrison of	Dickinson of St.	Hooper of Randolph	Morrissey of
Weathersfield	Albans Town	Labor of Morgan	Bennington
*Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of	LaBounty of Lyndon	Page of Newport City
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	*Galfetti of Barre	Lipsky of Stowe	Peterson of
Brennan of	Town	Maguire of Rutland	Clarendon
Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	City	Quimby of Lyndon
Burditt of West	Graham of	Marcotte of Coventry	Shaw of Pittsford
Rutland	Williamstown	Mattos of Milton	Smith of Derby
Canfield of Fair	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Haven	Hango of Berkshire	McFaun of Barre	*Toof of St. Albans
Corcoran of	Harrison of	Town	Town
Bennington	Chittenden	Morgan of Milton	Williams of Granby
Demar of Enosburgh	Higley of Lowell		

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

Christie of Hartford	Elder of Starksboro	Oliver of Sheldon	Sammis of Castleton
Clifford of Rutland	Graning of Jericho	Pearl of Danville	Walker of Swanton
City			

Rep. Andrews of Westford explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes to responsibly fund this year’s Education Fund as approved by Vermont voters and to also responsibly consider the best path forward to finance an equitable, high quality education system.”

Rep. Bartley of Fairfax explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill is not a solution, it is only a Band-Aid that won’t even stop the bleed.”

Rep. Brady of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes because we must transform our system in Vermont into a right-sized, strong public education system that supports all students and uses our precious statewide resources sustainably and efficiently. Coherent change that truly supports students and schools with a common vision and much needed financial predictability will take time and extraordinarily political will by all of us. In this bill, the Commission on the Future of Public Education is an important and real incremental step toward true transformation.”

Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no on this bill because this body had many, many, opportunities to save Vermonter’s money last session; instead most chose to engage in reckless spending – spending that has continued this session and resulted in this onerous and unnecessary tax hike imposed on struggling Vermonters.”

Rep. Holcombe of Norwich explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I am voting yes, not because I am happy with this bill, which is not adequate to the challenge we face. It falls short of what our children and communities need, but I stand with colleagues to send a message to the Senate that we will not support a worse bill and to give us time to address the real drivers of cost and design a system that provides for the bright future that our children deserve.”

Rep. Long of Newfane explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on H.887 because it strikes an important balance. It helps Vermont taxpayers in the short run, and it lays the groundwork for necessary transformation in the long run.”

Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no because this is just another tax, spend, and study bill.”

Rep. Troiano of Stannard explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes. Raising revenues to offset school property tax increases is the right thing to do. We cannot shortchange our students with unacceptable budget cuts.”

H.887; Roll Call #88

On 5/10/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment thereto as offered by Reps. Kornheiser of Brattleboro and Demrow of Corinth?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 93; Nays, 44; Absent, 12.

[House Journal 5/10/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Chester	Howard of Rutland	Pouech of Hinesburg
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	City	Priestley of Bradford
Anthony of Barre	Chesnut-Tangerman	Hyman of South	Rachelson of
City	of Middletown	Burlington	Burlington
Arrison of	Springs	James of Manchester	Rice of Dorset
Weathersfield	Christie of Hartford	Jerome of Brandon	Roberts of Halifax
Arsenault of	Cina of Burlington	Kornheiser of	Satcowitz of
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Brattleboro	Randolph
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	Krasnow of South	*Scheu of
Bartholomew of	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Middlebury
Hartland	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Sheldon of
Berbeco of Winooski	*Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South	Middlebury
Birong of Vergennes	Dodge of Essex	Burlington	Sibilia of Dover
Black of Essex	Dolan of Essex	Lanpher of	Squirrell of Underhill
Bluemle of	Junction	Vergennes	Stebbins of
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Burlington
Bongartz of	Duke of Burlington	Logan of Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Manchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	*Stone of Burlington
Bos-Lun of	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Surprenant of
Westminster	Springfield	McCann of	Barnard
Brady of Williston	Farlice-Rubio of	Montpelier	Taylor of Colchester
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	McCarthy of St.	Toleno of Brattleboro
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	Albans City	Torre of Moretown
Shelburne	Goldman of	McGill of Bridport	Troiano of Stannard
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Waters Evans of
Burrows of West	*Graning of Jericho	Minier of South	Charlotte
Windsor	Headrick of	Burlington	White of Bethel
Buss of Woodstock	Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Whitman of
Campbell of St.	Holcombe of	Notte of Rutland City	Bennington
Johnsbury	Norwich	Nugent of South	Williams of Barre
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Burlington	Burlington	City
Casey of Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Ode of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
Chapin of East	Junction	Patt of Worcester	
Montpelier			

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Pajala of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dickinson of St.	Lipsky of Stowe	Londonderry
Boyden of	Albans Town	Maguire of Rutland	Peterson of
Cambridge	Donahue of	City	Clarendon
Branagan of Georgia	Northfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Brennan of	Galfetti of Barre	Mattos of Milton	*Sammis of Castleton
Colchester	Town	*McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Burditt of West	Goslant of Northfield	McFaun of Barre	Sims of Craftsbury
Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	Town	Small of Winooski
Canfield of Fair	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Haven	Harrison of	Morrissey of	Taylor of Milton
Clifford of Rutland	Chittenden	Bennington	Templeman of
City	Higley of Lowell	Noyes of Wolcott	Brownington
Corcoran of	Hooper of Randolph	Oliver of Sheldon	Toof of St. Albans
Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Page of Newport City	Town
			*Williams of Granby

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

Brownell of Pownal	Graham of	LaMont of	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Carpenter of Hyde	Williamstown	Morristown	Parsons of Newbury
Park	Labor of Morgan	Morris of Springfield	Pearl of Danville
Elder of Starksboro		Mrowicki of Putney	Walker of Swanton

Rep. Demrow of Corinth explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

H.887 lays the foundation for re-engineering public education and how we pay for it. It offers relief for Vermonters who pay their education property tax based on their income. And it pays the bill for school budgets voters across the State have approved.”

Rep. Graning of Jericho explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The Commission on the Future of Public Education as established in this bill will set this body up to make the necessary difficult decisions about how, where, and at what cost we educate the student in Vermont. The Education Fund Advisory Committee will ensure that we are making informed thoughtful and timely decisions as we continue to pass laws on education finance. I am optimistic that we are now on a path to reform and improve both the quality of education and our funding processes.”

Rep. McCoy of Poultney explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I simply cannot support a double-digit-increase in property taxes without any structural change. Using 96 million dollars to buy down property tax rates for Fiscal Year 25 makes me very afraid of what will happen in Fiscal Year 26. Let’s hope the 39th study since 2000 finds the answer! I vote no.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In a time of severely declining student enrollment and a rapidly aging population, promoting more wasteful budgets with excess spending are an immediate recipe for disaster. Phrase it however you want; you cannot ignore the basic economic principles of scarcity.”

Rep. Scheu of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes on H.887. Communities at the local level voted to increase education spending by \$215 million. Our committees and this body has worked tirelessly to find a fiscally responsible path that both addresses these local increases and finds new sources of revenue. Structural issues can’t be solved overnight or in one legislative session, but we have laid the groundwork to create a path toward a quality, sustainable, and affordable public education system.”

Rep. Stone of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Public education is a bedrock of our democracy. While there may be debate about the best approach to education and its funding, supporting public education is paramount for the betterment of Vermont as a whole. The work of the Commission on the Future of Public Education is one very important step forward in providing quality education in a more efficient, sustainable, and stable system.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I dare you to come to the Northeast Kingdom so you can see firsthand the damage you have done.”

H.887; Roll Call #91

On 6/17/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 103; Nays, 42; Absent, 5.

[House Journal 6/17/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Chester	Hyman of South	Ode of Burlington
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	Burlington	Pajala of
Anthony of Barre	Chesnut-Tangerman	James of Manchester	Londonderry
City	of Middletown	Jerome of Brandon	Patt of Worcester
Arrison of	Springs	Kornheiser of	Pouech of Hinesburg
Weathersfield	Christie of Hartford	Brattleboro	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of	Cina of Burlington	Krasnow of South	*Rachelson of
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Burlington	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	Krowinski of	Rice of Dorset
Berbeco of Winooski	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Birong of Vergennes	Corcoran of	LaBounty of Lyndon	Satcowitz of
Black of Essex	Bennington	Lalley of Shelburne	Randolph
Bluemle of	Cordes of Lincoln	LaLonde of South	Scheu of Middlebury
Burlington	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Sheldon of
Bongartz of	Dodge of Essex	LaMont of	Middlebury
Manchester	Dolan of Waitsfield	Morristown	Sibilia of Dover
Bos-Lun of	Duke of Burlington	Lanpher of	Small of Winooski
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Vergennes	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of	Elder of Starksboro	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Stebbins of
Cambridge	Emmons of	Logan of Burlington	Burlington
*Brady of Williston	Springfield	Long of Newfane	Stevens of Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Farlice-Rubio of	Masland of Thetford	Surprenant of
Brumsted of	Barnet	McCann of	Barnard
Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	Montpelier	Taylor of Colchester
Burke of Brattleboro	Goldman of	McCarthy of St.	Templeman of
Burrows of West	Rockingham	Albans City	Brownington
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Buss of Woodstock	Headrick of	Mihaly of Calais	Torre of Moretown
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Johnsbury	Holcombe of	Burlington	Waters Evans of
Carpenter of Hyde	Norwich	Morris of Springfield	Charlotte
Park	Hooper of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	White of Bethel
Carroll of Bennington	Houghton of Essex	Nicoll of Ludlow	Whitman of
Casey of Montpelier	Junction	Notte of Rutland City	Bennington
Chapin of East	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South	Williams of Barre
Montpelier	City	Burlington	City
		O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

*Bartley of Fairfax	Donahue of	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury
Branagan of Georgia	Galfetti of Barre	Lipsky of Stowe	Pearl of Danville
Brennan of	Town	Maguire of Rutland	Peterson of
Colchester	Goslant of Northfield	City	Clarendon
Brownell of Pownal	Graham of	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Burditt of West	Williamstown	Mattos of Milton	Sammis of Castleton
Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair	Hango of Berkshire	McFaun of Barre	Sims of Craftsbury
Haven	Harrison of	Town	*Taylor of Milton
Clifford of Rutland	Chittenden	*Morgan of Milton	*Toof of St. Albans
City	Higley of Lowell	Morrissey of	Town
Demar of Enosburgh	Hooper of Randolph	Bennington	Walker of Swanton
Dickinson of St.		Oliver of Sheldon	Williams of Granby
Albans Town			

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

Bartholomew of	Dolan of Essex	Noyes of Wolcott	Stone of Burlington
Hartland	Junction	Smith of Derby	

Rep. Bartley of Fairfax explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I heard my constituents not just one time but both times when our school budgets were voted down. We need structural reform, not just more excuses with both sides at the table, not just the majority.”

Rep. Brady of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted to override the veto of H.887. This bill funds locally decided school budgets and I hardly consider school budgets beasts that we are feeding. Rather, schools are an essential service to kids and families. They may be expensive, but they are also the most important investment we make as a society. We have hard work ahead to bend the cost curve, but we must do it in a coherent way with a view of the whole forest and not just our individual trees. Students must be at the center of our work. We must transform our system in Vermont into a right-sized, strong public education system that supports all students and uses our precious statewide resources sustainably and efficiently. Our system is over 200 years in the making and while many of us might want to move faster, coherent change that truly supports students and schools with a common vision and

much needed financial predictability will take time and extraordinary political will by all of us. I voted yes to commit to that work.”

Rep. Morgan of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Sadly, this bill will saddle the taxpayer with double digit education property tax increases. With all of the towns that I represent having extreme difficulty passing budgets due to these looming increases it has at best been chaotic for them. Contrary to what is publicly being said, the Governor and his administration did have a plan that could have made this bill much, much more palatable to the taxpayer, which includes all of us in this room! My constituents, as a whole, have reached out begging for relief in this arena. Why we would not want a solution, now, for change is beyond my comprehension. Doing this bill as it sits simply, proverbially, kicks the can down the road without proper relief to the citizens of Vermont.”

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes. We are between a rock and a hard place. Vermont’s current law requires the Legislature to set a tax rate to raise enough money to fund the budgets that passed the will of our local voters. Currently this is a \$2.8 billion price tag that gets no additional scrutiny and has no other checks and balances. Our current law of how we fund education doesn’t work and is not sustainable. It’s not easy to figure out, especially for part-time citizen legislatures, who have limited staffing, to sort out a new path forward. It’s no wonder there have been so many studies done. The Governor’s short-term options were unacceptable. I am not willing to take away free meals from school children and using our reserve funds to buy down the tax rate further this year is an expensive band-aid with long-term financial consequences.”

Rep. Taylor of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted to sustain the Governor’s veto. The taxpayers of my district and the Milton Town School District itself deserve better. This school budget season the Milton Town School District went to three votes and was on the verge of having to borrow money to continue to operate. The town became extremely divided, and emotions were high. The failure to pass substantial change this session leaves the path open for the same scenario or worse to play out next budget season. This will be devastating to Milton and I cannot sit back and support that possibility.”

Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our constituents deserve better than this historic double-digit 13.8% increase in property tax bills. We owe it to Vermonters to lessen this financial burden and make more structural changes to our broken system.”

S.18. AN ACT RELATING TO BANNING FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND E-LIQUIDS

S.18; Roll Call #51

On 3/14/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Human Services, as amended?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 83; Nays, 53; Absent, 13.

[House Journal 3/14/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Coffey of Guilford	James of Manchester	Pajala of
Arsenault of	Cole of Hartford	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry
Williston	Conlon of Cornwall	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
Austin of Colchester	Cordes of Lincoln	Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bartholomew of	Demrow of Corinth	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Hartland	Dodge of Essex	Burlington	Rachelson of
Birong of Vergennes	Dolan of Essex	Lalley of Shelburne	Burlington
Bluemle of	Junction	LaLonde of South	Rice of Dorset
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Bongartz of	Donahue of	Lanpher of	Satcowitz of
Manchester	Northfield	Vergennes	Randolph
Bos-Lun of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Scheu of Middlebury
Westminster	Elder of Starksboro	Long of Newfane	Sheldon of
Brady of Williston	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Middlebury
Brown of Richmond	Springfield	McCann of	Sibilia of Dover
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	Montpelier	Small of Winooski
Shelburne	Goldman of	McCarthy of St.	Squirrell of Underhill
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	Albans City	Stebbins of
Buss of Woodstock	Headrick of	McGill of Bridport	Burlington
Campbell of St.	Burlington	Mihaly of Calais	Stevens of Waterbury
Johnsbury	Holcombe of	Minier of South	Stone of Burlington
Carpenter of Hyde	Norwich	Burlington	Surprenant of
Park	Hooper of Burlington	Mrowicki of Putney	Barnard
Casey of Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Notte of Rutland City	Taylor of Colchester
Chapin of East	Junction	Noyes of Wolcott	Toleno of Brattleboro
Montpelier	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South	Torre of Moretown
Chase of Chester	City	Burlington	White of Bethel
Chesnut-Tangerman	Hyman of South	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Whitman of
of Middletown	Burlington	Ode of Burlington	Bennington
Springs			*Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anthony of Barre City	Chase of Colchester	Hooper of Randolph	Nicoll of Ludlow
Arrison of	Christie of Hartford	Labor of Morgan	*Parsons of Newbury
Weathersfield	Cina of Burlington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Pearl of Danville
Bartley of Fairfax	Clifford of Rutland City	*LaMont of Morristown	Peterson of Clarendon
Berbeco of Winooski	Corcoran of Bennington	Laroche of Franklin	Quimby of Lyndon
Black of Essex	Demar of Enosburgh	Lipsky of Stowe	*Sammis of Castleton
Branagan of Georgia	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Maguire of Rutland City	Shaw of Pittsford
Brennan of Colchester	Galfetti of Barre Town	Marcotte of Coventry	Sims of Craftsbury
Brownell of Pownal	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Smith of Derby
Burditt of West Rutland	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Milton
Burrows of West Windsor	Hango of Berkshire	McFaun of Barre Town	Walker of Swanton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	Morgan of Milton	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carroll of Bennington	Higley of Lowell	Morris of Springfield	Williams of Barre City
		Morrissey of Bennington	Williams of Granby

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

Andriano of Orwell	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Logan of Burlington	Templeman of Brownington
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Graham of Williamstown	Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington	Toof of St. Albans Town
Boyden of Cambridge	Graning of Jericho	Oliver of Sheldon	Troiano of Stannard
		Page of Newport City	

Rep. LaMont of Morristown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted NO, because as I was writing this explanation, I realized how hypocritical it would be for me to vote yes. Although I want to protect children and eliminate access to harmful and illicit or illegal substances, this is not it. We talk about the expense of health care on the State, without mentioning chronic health conditions, maternal death, infancy death, mental health, exposure to unhealthy living environments, air and water quality, non-gun related suicide, violence, and other severe and pervasive harms that also cost the State significant money to address. When, if, and only when people have and can access quality care. Preventative care, improved quality of life, safely housed, well fed, positively contributing members of society should be the goal. NO to big tobacco. NO to big pharma, NO to big oil. Yes to protecting the children. Let us find another way.”

Rep. Parsons of Newbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Among other reasons, my no vote today was for my local general store that has never sold a flavored vape to a minor. Their ask? Could you please not give people one more reason to just drive by and go to New Hampshire?”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote no today not due to a lack of desire to prevent youth nicotine use, but on the principle that Vermont business owners are being targeted and singled out on an already heavily regulated product. Vermont businesses have been overwhelmingly compliant with age enforcement but are now being blamed for purchases made either out-of-state or online. The laws already on the books are under enforced. If this bill didn’t support a full ban, it would have been a monumental step in nicotine use prevention, while protecting State tax revenue, consumer options, and our local economies. I would have supported it. Instead, it will create a prohibition. And where every other prohibition this State has attempted to enact, it will be ignored by consumers and fail. It will penalize responsible adult consumer options but will also not end youth use. The State will inadvertently create an unregulated black market, which historically always has negative consequences. Businesses will close as a result of this bill, responsible businesses who follow the rule of law and want responsible product use as much as anyone else. And it is caused by a legislative body that can’t even properly enforce existing laws or confidently define what chemical nicotine is before further choosing to regulate it.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes today. Yes, for our children. Yes, for improved health of our State. And no for big tobacco.”

S.25. AN ACT RELATING TO REGULATING CONSUMER PRODUCTS CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES OR OTHER CHEMICALS

S.25; Roll Call #70

On 4/11/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House amend its proposal of amendment as offered by Reps. Higley of Lowell and Marcotte of Coventry?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 101; Nays, 28; Absent, 19.

[House Journal 4/11/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Canfield of Fair	Higley of Lowell	Morrissey of
Anthony of Barre	Haven	Holcombe of	Bennington
City	Carpenter of Hyde	Norwich	Mrowicki of Putney
Arrison of	Park	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow
Weathersfield	Carroll of Bennington	Houghton of Essex	Notte of Rutland City
Arsenault of	Chesnut-Tangerman	Junction	Noyes of Wolcott
Williston	of Middletown	Howard of Rutland	Ode of Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Springs	City	Page of Newport City
Bartholomew of	Coffey of Guilford	James of Manchester	Pajala of
Hartland	Conlon of Cornwall	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry
Bartley of Fairfax	Demar of Enosburgh	Kornheiser of	Pearl of Danville
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Demrow of Corinth	Brattleboro	Peterson of
Birong of Vergennes	Dickinson of St.	Labor of Morgan	Clarendon
Black of Essex	Albans Town	LaBounty of Lyndon	Quimby of Lyndon
Bluemle of	Dodge of Essex	Lalley of Shelburne	Roberts of Halifax
Burlington	Dolan of Essex	LaLonde of South	Satcowitz of
Bongartz of	Junction	Burlington	Randolph
Manchester	Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Scheu of Middlebury
Boyden of	Donahue of	Vergennes	Shaw of Pittsford
Cambridge	Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Sibilia of Dover
Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Smith of Derby
Branagan of Georgia	Emmons of	Maguire of Rutland	Squirrell of Underhill
Brown of Richmond	Springfield	City	Stevens of Waterbury
Brownell of Pownal	Galfetti of Barre	Marcotte of Coventry	Taylor of Milton
Brumsted of	Town	Masland of Thetford	Taylor of Colchester
Shelburne	Garofano of Essex	Mattos of Milton	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burditt of West	Goldman of	McCarthy of St.	Toof of St. Albans
Rutland	Rockingham	Albans City	Town
Burke of Brattleboro	Goslant of Northfield	McCoy of Poultney	Troiano of Stannard
Burrows of West	Graham of	McFaun of Barre	Waters Evans of
Windsor	Williamstown	Town	Charlotte
Buss of Woodstock	Graning of Jericho	Mihaly of Calais	White of Bethel
	Gregoire of Fairfield		

Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Hango of Berkshire Harrison of Chittenden	Minier of South Burlington Morris of Springfield	Williams of Barre City Williams of Granby Wood of Waterbury
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Those who voted in the negative are:

Berbeco of Winooski Bos-Lun of Westminster	Elder of Starksboro Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Nugent of South Burlington Pouech of Hinesburg	Stebbins of Burlington Stone of Burlington
Casey of Montpelier Christie of Hartford Cina of Burlington	Hyman of South Burlington Krasnow of South Burlington	Priestley of Bradford Rachelson of Burlington Rice of Dorset	Surprenant of Barnard Templeman of Brownington
Cole of Hartford Corcoran of Bennington Cordes of Lincoln	LaMont of Morristown McGill of Bridport	Sammis of Castleton Sims of Craftsbury Small of Winooski	Torre of Moretown Whitman of Bennington

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

Andriano of Orwell Brennan of Colchester	Clifford of Rutland City Headrick of Burlington	Lipsky of Stowe Logan of Burlington McCann of Montpelier	Oliver of Sheldon Parsons of Newbury Patt of Worcester Sheldon of Middlebury
Chapin of East Montpelier Chase of Chester Chase of Colchester	Hooper of Randolph Leavitt of Grand Isle	Morgan of Milton O'Brien of Tunbridge	Walker of Swanton

No vote explanations were offered on this question.

S.25; Roll Call #71

On 4/11/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 130; Nays, 0; Absent, 18.

[House Journal 4/11/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford Anthony of Barre City	Christie of Hartford Cina of Burlington Coffey of Guilford	James of Manchester Jerome of Brandon	Pearl of Danville Peterson of Clarendon
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Arrison of Weathersfield	Cole of Hartford	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arsenault of Williston	Corcoran of Bennington	Krasnow of South Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Austin of Colchester	Cordes of Lincoln	Labor of Morgan	Quimby of Lyndon
Bartholomew of Hartland	Demar of Enosburgh	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rachelson of Burlington
Bartley of Fairfax	Demrow of Corinth	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	LaLonde of South Burlington	*Roberts of Halifax
Berbeco of Winooski	Dodge of Essex	LaMont of Morristown	Sammis of Castleton
Birong of Vergennes	Dolan of Essex Junction	Lanpher of Vergennes	Satcowitz of Randolph
Black of Essex	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Laroche of Franklin	Scheu of Middlebury
Bluemle of Burlington	Donahue of Northfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Shaw of Pittsford
Bongartz of Manchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Long of Newfane	Sheldon of Middlebury
Bos-Lun of Westminster	Elder of Starksboro	Maguire of Rutland City	Sibilia of Dover
Boyden of Cambridge	Emmons of Springfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Sims of Craftsbury
Brady of Williston	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Masland of Thetford	Small of Winooski
Branagan of Georgia	Galfetti of Barre Town	Mattos of Milton	Smith of Derby
*Brown of Richmond	Garofano of Essex	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Squirrell of Underhill
Brownell of Pownal	Goldman of Rockingham	McCoy of Poultney	Stebbins of Burlington
Brumsted of Shelburne	Goslant of Northfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Stevens of Waterbury
Burditt of West Rutland	Graham of Williamstown	McGill of Bridport	Stone of Burlington
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	Mihaly of Calais	Surprenant of Barnard
Burrows of West Windsor	Gregoire of Fairfield	Minier of South Burlington	Taylor of Milton
Buss of Woodstock	Hango of Berkshire	Morris of Springfield	Taylor of Colchester
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington	Templeman of Brownington
Canfield of Fair Haven	Higley of Lowell	Mrowicki of Putney	Toleno of Brattleboro
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Holcombe of Norwich	Nicoll of Ludlow	Toof of St. Albans Town
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Burlington	Notte of Rutland City	Torre of Moretown
Casey of Montpelier	Houghton of Essex Junction	Noyes of Wolcott	Troiano of Stannard
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown	Howard of Rutland City	Nugent of South Burlington	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Springs	Hyman of South Burlington	Ode of Burlington	White of Bethel
		Page of Newport City	Whitman of Bennington
		Pajala of Londonderry	Williams of Barre City
			Williams of Granby
			*Wood of Waterbury

Those who voted in the negative are: none.

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

Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	Hooper of Randolph	O'Brien of Tunbridge
Brennan of Colchester	Clifford of Rutland City	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Oliver of Sheldon
Chapin of East Montpelier	Conlon of Cornwall	Logan of Burlington	Parsons of Newbury
Chase of Chester	Headrick of Burlington	McCann of Montpelier	Patt of Worcester
		Morgan of Milton	Walker of Swanton

Rep. Brown of Richmond explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

S.25 takes an important additional step to protect Vermonters from PFAs and the associated health risks. By prohibiting these chemicals in personal care products, textiles, artificial turf, and cookware, we act to protect public health and the environment with more work still ahead of us.”

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support this bill as an important next step for Vermont to reduce public exposure to harmful PFA chemicals, known disturbingly as ‘forever chemicals.’”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Ever wonder why so many of our cats and dogs are getting cancer? Because the ‘forever chemicals’ are themselves bonded so strongly. PFA treatments don’t stick well to textiles, carpeting, and consumer goods. Research shows that chemicals like these end up in household dust, making pets and babies the canaries in today’s coal mines. But in working with building product manufacturers, I’ve found they don’t want to poison their customers and they don’t want to include ineffective chemical treatments in their product formulations. S.25 is a standardized, scientific regulation that manufacturers can procure against and clean up their own supply chains.”

Rep. Wood of Waterbury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I enthusiastically cast my vote in favor of S.25 to reduce hazardous chemicals from our environment and our bodies.”

S.58. AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

S.58; Roll Call #87

On 5/10/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the House adopt the report of the Committee of Conference on its part?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 124; Nays, 14; Absent, 11.

[House Journal 5/10/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Chester	Hooper of Randolph	Ode of Burlington
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	Hooper of Burlington	Oliver of Sheldon
Anthony of Barre City	Christie of Hartford	Houghton of Essex Junction	Page of Newport City
Arrison of Weathersfield	Clifford of Rutland City	Howard of Rutland City	Pajala of Londonderry
Arsenault of Williston	Coffey of Guilford	Hyman of South Burlington	Patt of Worcester
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	James of Manchester	Peterson of Clarendon
Bartholomew of Hartland	Conlon of Cornwall	Jerome of Brandon	Pouech of Hinesburg
Bartley of Fairfax	Corcoran of Bennington	Krasnow of South Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cordes of Lincoln	LaBounty of Lyndon	Quimby of Lyndon
Berbeco of Winooski	Demar of Enosburgh	Lalley of Shelburne	Rice of Dorset
Birong of Vergennes	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Black of Essex	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Lanpher of Vergennes	Satcowitz of Randolph
Bluemle of Burlington	Dodge of Essex	Laroche of Franklin	Scheu of Middlebury
Bongartz of Manchester	Dolan of Essex Junction	Lipsky of Stowe	Shaw of Pittsford
Boyden of Cambridge	Dolan of Waitsfield	Long of Newfane	Sheldon of Middlebury
Brady of Williston	Donahue of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland City	Sibilia of Dover
Branagan of Georgia	Duke of Burlington	Marcotte of Coventry	Sims of Craftsbury
Brennan of Colchester	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Masland of Thetford	Smith of Derby
Brown of Richmond	Elder of Starksboro	Mattos of Milton	Squirrell of Underhill
Brumsted of Shelburne	Emmons of Springfield	McCann of Montpelier	Stebbins of Burlington
Burditt of West Rutland	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	McCarthy of St. Albans City	Stevens of Waterbury
Burke of Brattleboro	Galfetti of Barre Town	McCoy of Poultney	Stone of Burlington
Buss of Woodstock	Garofano of Essex	McFaun of Barre Town	Taylor of Milton
	Goldman of Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Taylor of Colchester
	Goslant of Northfield		Toleno of Brattleboro
			Toof of St. Albans Town
			Torre of Moretown

Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Graning of Jericho	Minier of South Burlington	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Canfield of Fair Haven	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	White of Bethel
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Hango of Berkshire	Morrissey of Bennington	Whitman of Bennington
Carroll of Bennington	Harrison of Chittenden	Nicoll of Ludlow	Williams of Barre City
Casey of Montpelier	Higley of Lowell	Notte of Rutland City	Williams of Granby
Chapin of East Montpelier	Holcombe of Norwich	Noyes of Wolcott	Wood of Waterbury
		Nugent of South Burlington	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bos-Lun of Westminster	*Cina of Burlington	Logan of Burlington	*Small of Winooski
Burrows of West Windsor	Headrick of Burlington	McGill of Bridport	Surprenant of Barnard
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	*LaMont of Morristown	*Rachelson of Burlington	Troiano of Stannard
	Leavitt of Grand Isle	*Sammis of Castleton	

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

Brownell of Pownal	Kornheiser of Brattleboro	Mrowicki of Putney	Templeman of Brownington
Graham of Williamstown	Labor of Morgan	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Walker of Swanton
	Morris of Springfield	Parsons of Newbury	
		Pearl of Danville	

Rep. Cina of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Substance use should be treated as a health care matter, not as a crime. By punishing people for substance use problems, we increase stigma and the associated suffering that drives addiction. All people, especially our youth, deserve to be held accountable while wrapped in community care that promotes the recovery of the individual, ultimately increasing both public safety and public health.”

Rep. LaMont of Morristown explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Criminals do not get caught. If they did, we would in fact not have the public safety crisis we find ourselves in. We can’t seem to convict adults who encourage, and model criminal behaviors. So, we target the children we claim to be protecting. We know which children those are, and we

know which children we condemn to a life and point of no return carrying charges that will follow them for the rest of their lives.”

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Vermont continues to find ways to delay and weaken the Raise the Age legislation that we passed in 2016. The evidence and science show if we care about public safety, successful rehabilitation of our youth, lowering recidivism rates, and good use of our public dollars, we would make it a priority to fully implement raising the age. Let's use science and evidence to guide our lawmaking.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

For those who voted yes, I really pray you never did anything stupid as a teenager. Remember that in the future for your vote.”

Rep. Small of Winooski explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

As we begin the process of building prisons for kids in our State, this bill will ensure that those beds are full.”

S.102. AN ACT RELATING TO EXPANDING EMPLOYMENT PROTECTIONS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS

S.102 Roll Call #82

On 5/7/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 115; Nays, 26; Absent, 8.

[House Journal 5/7/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Chester	Jerome of Brandon	Pajala of
Andriano of Orwell	Chase of Colchester	Kornheiser of	Londonderry
Anthony of Barre	Chesnut-Tangerman	Brattleboro	Patt of Worcester
City	of Middletown	Krasnow of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arrison of	Springs	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Weathersfield	Christie of Hartford	Labor of Morgan	Quimby of Lyndon
Arsenault of	Cina of Burlington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rachelson of
Williston	Coffey of Guilford	LaLonde of South	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of	Conlon of Cornwall	LaMont of	Roberts of Halifax
Hartland	Corcoran of	Morristown	Sammis of Castleton
*Bartley of Fairfax	Bennington	Lanpher of	Satcowitz of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cordes of Lincoln	Vergennes	Randolph
Berbeco of Winooski	Demrow of Corinth	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Scheu of Middlebury
Birong of Vergennes	*Dodge of Essex	Lipsky of Stowe	Sheldon of
Black of Essex	Dolan of Essex	*Logan of Burlington	Middlebury
Bluemle of	Junction	Long of Newfane	Sibilia of Dover
Burlington	Dolan of Waitsfield	Masland of Thetford	Sims of Craftsbury
Bongartz of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Mattos of Milton	Squirrell of Underhill
Manchester	Emmons of	McCann of	Stebbins of
Bos-Lun of	Springfield	Montpelier	Burlington
Westminster	Farlice-Rubio of	McCarthy of St.	*Stevens of
Boyden of	Barnet	Albans City	Waterbury
Cambridge	Galfetti of Barre	McFaun of Barre	Stone of Burlington
Brady of Williston	Town	Town	Taylor of Milton
*Branagan of	Garofano of Essex	McGill of Bridport	Templeman of
Georgia	Goldman of	Mihaly of Calais	Brownington
Brown of Richmond	Rockingham	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Brownell of Pownal	Graning of Jericho	Burlington	Toof of St. Albans
Burke of Brattleboro	Headrick of	Morris of Springfield	Town
Burrows of West	Burlington	Morrissey of	Torre of Moretown
Windsor	Holcombe of	Bennington	Troiano of Stannard
Buss of Woodstock	Norwich	Mrowicki of Putney	

Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Hooper of Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Houghton of Essex Junction	Notte of Rutland City	White of Bethel
Carroll of Bennington	Howard of Rutland City	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of Bennington
Casey of Montpelier	Hyman of South Burlington	Nugent of South Burlington	Williams of Barre City
Chapin of East Montpelier	James of Manchester	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury
		Ode of Burlington	
		Oliver of Sheldon	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Brennan of Colchester	Demar of Enosburgh	Higley of Lowell	Parsons of Newbury
Brumsted of Shelburne	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Lalley of Shelburne	Peterson of Clarendon
Burditt of West Rutland	*Donahue of Northfield	Laroche of Franklin	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Goslant of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland City	Smith of Derby
Clifford of Rutland City	Gregoire of Fairfield	McCoy of Poultney	Taylor of Colchester
	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Walker of Swanton
	*Harrison of Chittenden	Page of Newport City	Williams of Granby

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

Duke of Burlington	Graham of	Marcotte of Coventry	Small of Winooski
Elder of Starksboro	Williamstown	Pearl of Danville	Surprenant of Barnard
	Hooper of Randolph		

Rep. Bartley of Fairfax explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Today I vote in support for our agricultural laborers and our farms. This body needs an understanding of how we can provide and establish fair labor laws for all Vermonters so that all can experience prosperity.”

Rep. Branagan of Georgia explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on S.102 in order to move along the section in the bill which allows a study of unionized agriculture workers.”

Rep. Dodge of Essex explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I rise in support of the labor protections in this bill and beseech our Legislature to extend these same protections to the thousands of agricultural workers in Vermont. Our State owes its identity to the family farms dotting our landscape. For hundreds of years, the backbone of that landscape has been the labor of indigenous Vermonters, immigrants from Europe and Quebec, and most recently, immigrants from Latin America. Our dairy sector, in particular, depends on immigrants who work 365 days a year, through night shifts, and under dangerous conditions. While many farms practice fair labor practices, there are still countless cases of exploitation, sexual harassment, and racism. Like the broken federal immigration system, the federal prohibition barring agricultural workers to organize exacerbates this dynamic. Our State must keep stepping up to empower agricultural workers, just as S.102 has done for other workers.”

Rep. Donahue of Northfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Intimidation for joining or not joining a union should never be permitted. Denying workers the right to a secret ballot, as this bill does, creates that risk. I vote no.”

Rep. Logan of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes on S.102 to correct a long-standing stain of discrimination within our labor law, to put us on a path to resolve another, and to make collective bargaining more accessible to Vermonters who currently fear retaliation.”

Rep. Harrison of Chittenden explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The addition of the card check provision for unionization takes away the right of employees for free and fair elections without outside influence.”

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This bill does not deny anyone the right to a private election – it gives them the right to choose a card check.”

**S.209. AN ACT RELATING TO PROHIBITING UNSERIALIZED FIREARMS AND
UNSERIALIZED FIREARMS FRAMES AND RECEIVERS**

S.209; Roll Call #72

On 4/18/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be read a third time?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 110; Nays, 31; Absent, 7.

[House Journal 4/18/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Casey of Montpelier	Houghton of Essex	Pajala of
Andriano of Orwell	Chapin of East	Junction	Londonderry
Anthony of Barre	Montpelier	Howard of Rutland	Patt of Worcester
City	Chase of Chester	City	Pearl of Danville
Arrison of	Chesnut-Tangerman	Hyman of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Weathersfield	of Middletown	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of	Springs	James of Manchester	Quimby of Lyndon
Williston	Christie of Hartford	Jerome of Brandon	Rachelson of
Austin of Colchester	Cina of Burlington	Kornheiser of	Burlington
Bartholomew of	Coffey of Guilford	Brattleboro	Rice of Dorset
Hartland	Cole of Hartford	Krasnow of South	Roberts of Halifax
Bartley of Fairfax	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Satcowitz of
*Beck of St.	Corcoran of	LaBounty of Lyndon	Randolph
Johnsbury	Bennington	Lalley of Shelburne	Scheu of Middlebury
Berbeco of Winooski	Cordes of Lincoln	LaLonde of South	Shaw of Pittsford
Birong of Vergennes	Demrow of Corinth	Burlington	Sheldon of
Black of Essex	Dodge of Essex	LaMont of	Middlebury
Bluemle of	Dolan of Essex	Morristown	Sibilia of Dover
Burlington	Junction	Lanpher of	Sims of Craftsbury
Bongartz of	Dolan of Waitsfield	Vergennes	Small of Winooski
Manchester	Donahue of	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Squirrell of Underhill
Bos-Lun of	Northfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Stebbins of
Westminster	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Logan of Burlington	Burlington
Boyden of	Elder of Starksboro	Long of Newfane	Stevens of Waterbury
Cambridge	Emmons of	Marcotte of Coventry	Stone of Burlington
Brady of Williston	Springfield	Masland of Thetford	Taylor of Colchester
Branagan of Georgia	Farlice-Rubio of	McCarthy of St.	Toleno of Brattleboro
Brown of Richmond	Barnet	Albans City	Torre of Moretown
Brumsted of	Garofano of Essex	McGill of Bridport	Troiano of Stannard
Shelburne	Goldman of	Mihaly of Calais	Waters Evans of
Burke of Brattleboro	Rockingham	Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte
Burrows of West	Goslant of Northfield	Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel
Windsor	Graning of Jericho	Notte of Rutland City	

Buss of Woodstock	Harrison of	Noyes of Wolcott	Whitman of
Campbell of St.	Chittenden	Nugent of South	Bennington
Johnsbury	Headrick of	Burlington	Williams of Barre
Carpenter of Hyde	Burlington	O'Brien of Tunbridge	City
Park	Hooper of Burlington	Ode of Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
Carroll of Bennington			

Those who voted in the negative are:

Brennan of	Dickinson of St.	Maguire of Rutland	Peterson of
Colchester	Albans Town	City	Clarendon
Brownell of Pownal	Galfetti of Barre	Mattos of Milton	*Sammis of Castleton
Burditt of West	Town	McCoy of Poultney	Smith of Derby
Rutland	Graham of	McFaun of Barre	Taylor of Milton
Canfield of Fair	Williamstown	Town	Templeman of
Haven	Gregoire of Fairfield	Morgan of Milton	Brownington
Chase of Colchester	Hango of Berkshire	Morrissey of	Toof of St. Albans
Clifford of Rutland	Higley of Lowell	Bennington	Town
City	Labor of Morgan	Page of Newport City	Walker of Swanton
Demar of Enosburgh	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury	Williams of Granby

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

Holcombe of	McCann of	Minier of South	Oliver of Sheldon
Norwich	Montpelier	Burlington	Surprenant of
Hooper of Randolph		Morris of Springfield	Barnard

Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

With the exception of Sections 4 and 5, this bill meets my threshold on firearms legislation – it helps to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of dangerous people. I am hopeful that sections 4 and 5 will be removed prior to final passage.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Any bill that violates the right of few violates the rights of us all.”

S.213. AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF WETLANDS, RIVER CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT, AND DAM SAFETY

S.213; Roll Call #78

On 5/2/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be read a third time?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 111; Nays, 26; Absent, 11.

[House Journal 5/2/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Christie of Hartford	James of Manchester	Pajala of
Anthony of Barre	Cina of Burlington	Jerome of Brandon	Londonderry
City	Coffey of Guilford	Kornheiser of	Patt of Worcester
Arrison of	Cole of Hartford	Brattleboro	Pearl of Danville
Weathersfield	Conlon of Cornwall	Krasnow of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Arsenault of	Corcoran of	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Williston	Bennington	LaBounty of Lyndon	Rachelson of
Austin of Colchester	Cordes of Lincoln	Lalley of Shelburne	Burlington
Bartholomew of	Demrow of Corinth	LaLonde of South	Rice of Dorset
Hartland	Dodge of Essex	Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Dolan of Essex	LaMont of	Sammis of Castleton
Berbeco of Winooski	Junction	Morristown	Satcowitz of
Birong of Vergennes	*Dolan of Waitsfield	Lanpher of	Randolph
Black of Essex	Donahue of	Vergennes	Scheu of Middlebury
Bluemle of	Northfield	Leavitt of Grand Isle	*Sheldon of
Burlington	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Logan of Burlington	Middlebury
Bongartz of	Elder of Starksboro	*Long of Newfane	*Sibilia of Dover
Manchester	Emmons of	Masland of Thetford	Sims of Craftsbury
Bos-Lun of	Springfield	McCann of	Small of Winooski
Westminster	Farlice-Rubio of	Montpelier	Squirrell of Underhill
Boyden of	Barnet	McCarthy of St.	Stebbins of
Cambridge	Galfetti of Barre	Albans City	Burlington
Brady of Williston	Town	McFaun of Barre	Stevens of Waterbury
Brown of Richmond	Garofano of Essex	Town	Stone of Burlington
Brumsted of	Goldman of	McGill of Bridport	Surprenant of
Shelburne	Rockingham	Mihaly of Calais	Barnard
Burke of Brattleboro	Graning of Jericho	Minier of South	Taylor of Colchester
Burrows of West	Gregoire of Fairfield	Burlington	Toleno of Brattleboro
Windsor	*Hango of Berkshire	Morris of Springfield	Torre of Moretown
Buss of Woodstock	Harrison of	Morrissey of	Troiano of Stannard
Campbell of St.	Chittenden	Bennington	Waters Evans of
Johnsbury	Headrick of	Mrowicki of Putney	Charlotte
	Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel

Carpenter of Hyde Park	Holcombe of Norwich	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of Bennington
Carroll of Bennington	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	*Williams of Barre
Casey of Montpelier	Howard of Rutland	Nugent of South Burlington	City
Chase of Chester	City	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Wood of Waterbury
Chase of Colchester	Hyman of South Burlington	Ode of Burlington	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bartley of Fairfax	Graham of	Mattos of Milton	Quimby of Lyndon
Branagan of Georgia	Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Higley of Lowell	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Clifford of Rutland City	Labor of Morgan	Oliver of Sheldon	Taylor of Milton
Demar of Enosburgh	*Laroche of Franklin	Page of Newport City	Toof of St. Albans Town
Goslant of Northfield	Maguire of Rutland City	Parsons of Newbury	Walker of Swanton
	Marcotte of Coventry	Peterson of Clarendon	Williams of Granby

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

Andriano of Orwell	Chapin of East	Dickinson of St.	Lipsky of Stowe
Brennan of Colchester	Montpelier	Albans Town	Templeman of Brownington
Brownell of Pownal	Chesnut-Tangerman	Hooper of Randolph	
Burditt of West Rutland	of Middletown Springs	Houghton of Essex Junction	

Rep. Dolan of Waitsfield explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support S.213. The tools presented in this bill temper the power of floods before they inflict damages to our homes, businesses, and communities, and they drive down the costs of flood recovery.”

Rep. Hango of Berkshire explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It is with great trepidation that I vote yes for this bill – the number of new positions created necessary to carry out these new programs and the amount of money necessary to fund these new programs is staggering. While this is important work that needs to be carried out to help prevent future events such as we faced in vulnerable areas across the State this past summer, I fear that the funding will need to be taken from other necessary programs.”

Rep. Laroche of Franklin explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

It pains me to vote no. This bill has great merit. However, with all the money we are spending this year, our priorities could have been better, to say the least.”

Rep. Long of Newfane explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted in support of S.213 because it is a critical flood recovery and safety bill. Vermont’s unique patterns of historical development also mean many of our communities are vulnerable to flooding. This bill improves our flood preparedness and climate resilience by supporting our wetlands, improving dam safety, and limiting development in high hazard areas.”

Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes today for the Flood Safety Act because it provides proactive measures to address the impacts of severe flooding on our communities while also protecting the environment.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our towns are overwhelmed and under the gun. S.213, supported by the association representing Vermont’s cities and towns, takes some of the pressure for adaptation off our community volunteers.”

Rep. Williams of Barre City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to improve our State and communities’ collective resilience in the face of severe flooding and natural disaster. Too many of us have seen what these storms are capable of. We must be prepared.”

S.259. AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE COST RECOVERY

S.259 Roll Call #80

On 5/3/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill be read a third time?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 100; Nays, 33; Absent, 15.

[House Journal 5/3/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Patt of Worcester
Andriano of Orwell	Chesnut-Tangerman	Kornheiser of	*Pouech of
Anthony of Barre	of Middletown	Brattleboro	Hinesburg
City	Springs	Krasnow of South	Priestley of Bradford
Arsenault of	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	*Rachelson of
Williston	Cina of Burlington	Lalley of Shelburne	Burlington
Austin of Colchester	Coffey of Guilford	*LaLonde of South	*Rice of Dorset
Bartholomew of	Cole of Hartford	Burlington	Roberts of Halifax
Hartland	Conlon of Cornwall	LaMont of	Satcowitz of
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Corcoran of	Morristown	Randolph
Berbeco of Winooski	Bennington	Lanpher of	Scheu of Middlebury
Birong of Vergennes	Cordes of Lincoln	Vergennes	*Sheldon of
Black of Essex	Demrow of Corinth	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Middlebury
Bluemle of	Dodge of Essex	Logan of Burlington	*Sibilia of Dover
Burlington	Dolan of Essex	Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Bongartz of	Junction	Masland of Thetford	Small of Winooski
Manchester	Dolan of Waitsfield	McCann of	Squirrell of Underhill
Bos-Lun of	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Montpelier	*Stebbins of
Westminster	Elder of Starksboro	McCarthy of St.	Burlington
Boyden of	Emmons of	Albans City	Stevens of Waterbury
Cambridge	Springfield	McGill of Bridport	*Stone of Burlington
Brady of Williston	Garofano of Essex	Mihaly of Calais	Surprenant of
Brown of Richmond	Goldman of	Minier of South	Barnard
Brumsted of	Rockingham	Burlington	Taylor of Colchester
Shelburne	Graning of Jericho	Morris of Springfield	Toleno of Brattleboro
Burke of Brattleboro	Headrick of	Mrowicki of Putney	Torre of Moretown
Burrows of West	Burlington	Nicoll of Ludlow	Troiano of Stannard
Windsor	Holcombe of	Notte of Rutland City	Waters Evans of
Campbell of St.	Norwich	Noyes of Wolcott	Charlotte
Johnsbury	Hooper of Burlington	Nugent of South	White of Bethel
Carpenter of Hyde	Howard of Rutland	Burlington	Whitman of
Park	City	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Bennington
Carroll of Bennington	Hyman of South	Ode of Burlington	Williams of Barre
Casey of Montpelier	Burlington		City

Chase of Chester	James of Manchester	Pajala of Londonderry	Wood of Waterbury
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Those who voted in the negative are:

*Arrison of Weathersfield	Goslant of Northfield	Mattos of Milton	Quimby of Lyndon
Branagan of Georgia	Graham of Williamstown	McCoy of Poultney	*Sammis of Castleton
Canfield of Fair Haven	Gregoire of Fairfield	McFaun of Barre Town	Shaw of Pittsford
Clifford of Rutland City	Hango of Berkshire	Morgan of Milton	Smith of Derby
Demar of Enosburgh	Harrison of Chittenden	Morrissey of Bennington	Taylor of Milton
Donahue of Northfield	Labor of Morgan	Oliver of Sheldon	Toof of St. Albans Town
*Galfetti of Barre Town	LaBounty of Lyndon	Page of Newport City	Walker of Swanton
	Laroche of Franklin	Parsons of Newbury	Williams of Granby
	Marcotte of Coventry	Peterson of Clarendon	

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

Bartley of Fairfax	Buss of Woodstock	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Lipsky of Stowe
Brennan of Colchester	Chapin of East Montpelier	Higley of Lowell	Maguire of Rutland City
Brownell of Pownal	Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Hooper of Randolph	Pearl of Danville
Burditt of West Rutland		Houghton of Essex Junction	Templeman of Brownington

Rep. Arrison of Weathersfield explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Choose your battles. I could support joining a class action but not a battle without the forces to win.”

Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no to gambling away the money of hardworking Vermonters on legislation that may not only fail in the courts, but in its failure obligate the State to pay millions in legal fees. And I voted no to protect Vermonters from skyrocketing costs of fuel that passage of this bill will most certainly bring. I will fight to protect Vermonters, not expose them to more economic hardships on a gamble.”

Rep. Lalonde of South Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

S.259 would have the major fossil fuel extracting and refining companies pay their fair share. It is well within the State’s general police power to enact a Climate Superfund law to protect and improve the welfare of Vermonters.”

Rep. Pouech of Hinesburg explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes to S.259 to reduce the huge cost burden that climate change puts on our children and Vermont’s next generation. They will need help and should be helped by the companies who benefitted despite their knowledge of the cost impacts of their products.”

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

S.259 takes a sound and proven approach to addressing the damages that Vermonters feel, fear, live with, are paying for, and will continue to pay for from climate change. The bill is neither punitive nor overly risky. The approach is similar to both a State law and a federal effort that hold companies responsible for cleaning up their messes. The federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund has been holding polluters responsible for cleaning up toxic waste since 1980; and Vermont’s own Act 93 of 2022, An Act Relating To Establishing a Cause of Action For Medical Monitoring Expenses, the first of its kind in the nation, uses strict liability to hold chemical companies responsible if Vermonters have been exposed to PFAS and other chemicals of concern, and allows Vermont to sue manufacturers of hazardous material for the costs of the cleanup of a release of such material. A statewide poll shows 64% of Vermonters supported the approach of this bill.”

Rep. Rice of Dorset explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to have Vermonters’ backs. We know that climate change-related natural disasters are only becoming more common and more devastating, and our municipalities, our small businesses, our farmers, our constituents need additional resources to mitigate, adopt, and move on with resilience. This bill will help recover those resources on their behalf.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

With the amount of money this government is burning, maybe we should start examining ourselves as a source of carbon. Wouldn’t that be something. Activist politics impacts all Vermonters.”

Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

My constituents sent me to Montpelier to do something about climate change. I proudly vote yes to create a Climate Superfund that will assist our communities in adapting and mitigating its effects.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes. Wait and see is not an acceptable affordability strategy for addressing escalating costs our communities are facing from climate change damages.”

Rep. Stebbins of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes because it is only fair for these companies to pay their share. Vermonters should not have to go this alone. Not doing anything is not affordable.”

Rep. Stone of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Climate action, or rather the fear of inaction, is one of the top concerns I hear about from Vermonters. Climate anxiety and distress are pervasive. That’s why I supported this bill. It’s a meaningful step forward toward accountability to help ensure a brighter future for Vermonters. In the words of Mary Oliver, ‘be ignited or be gone.’”

S.259; Roll Call #81

On 5/6/2024, the House of Representatives voted on the question: *Shall the bill pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment?*

The House voted in the affirmative: Yeas, 93; Nays, 39; Absent, 17.

[House Journal 5/6/2024](#)

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford	Carroll of Bennington	Hyman of South	Pouech of Hinesburg
Andriano of Orwell	Casey of Montpelier	Burlington	Priestley of Bradford
Anthony of Barre	Chase of Chester	James of Manchester	Rachelson of
City	Chase of Colchester	Jerome of Brandon	Burlington
Arsenault of	Chesnut-Tangerman	Kornheiser of	Rice of Dorset
Williston	of Middletown	Brattleboro	Roberts of Halifax
Austin of Colchester	Springs	Krasnow of South	Satcowitz of
Bartholomew of	Christie of Hartford	Burlington	Randolph
Hartland	Coffey of Guilford	Lalley of Shelburne	Scheu of Middlebury
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Cole of Hartford	LaLonde of South	Sheldon of
Berbeco of Winooski	Conlon of Cornwall	Burlington	Middlebury
Birong of Vergennes	Corcoran of	*Logan of Burlington	*Sibilia of Dover
Black of Essex	Bennington	Long of Newfane	Sims of Craftsbury
Bluemle of	Cordes of Lincoln	Masland of Thetford	Squirrell of Underhill
Burlington	Demrow of Corinth	McCann of	Stebbins of
Bongartz of	Dodge of Essex	Montpelier	Burlington
Manchester	Dolan of Essex	McCarthy of St.	Stevens of Waterbury
	Junction	Albans City	Taylor of Colchester

Bos-Lun of Westminster	Dolan of Waitsfield	McGill of Bridport	Templeman of
Boyden of Cambridge	Duke of Burlington	Mihaly of Calais	Brownington
Brady of Williston	Durfee of Shaftsbury	Minier of South	Toleno of Brattleboro
Brown of Richmond	Emmons of Springfield	Burlington	Torre of Moretown
Brumsted of Shelburne	Farlice-Rubio of Barnet	Morris of Springfield	Troiano of Stannard
Burke of Brattleboro	Garofano of Essex	Mrowicki of Putney	Waters Evans of Charlotte
Burrows of West Windsor	Goldman of Rockingham	Nicoll of Ludlow	White of Bethel
Buss of Woodstock	Holcombe of Norwich	Notte of Rutland City	Whitman of Bennington
Campbell of St. Johnsbury	Hooper of Burlington	Noyes of Wolcott	Williams of Barre City
Carpenter of Hyde Park	Houghton of Essex Junction	Nugent of South Burlington	Wood of Waterbury
		Ode of Burlington	
		Pajala of Londonderry	
		Patt of Worcester	

Those who voted in the negative are:

Arrison of Weathersfield	Donahue of Northfield	LaBounty of Lyndon	Oliver of Sheldon
Bartley of Fairfax	Galfetti of Barre Town	Laroche of Franklin	Page of Newport City
Branagan of Georgia	Goslant of Northfield	Lipsky of Stowe	Parsons of Newbury
Brennan of Colchester	Graham of Williamstown	Maguire of Rutland City	Peterson of Clarendon
Brownell of Pownal	Gregoire of Fairfield	Marcotte of Coventry	Quimby of Lyndon
Burditt of West Rutland	Hango of Berkshire	Mattos of Milton	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Harrison of Chittenden	McCoy of Poultney	*Smith of Derby
Clifford of Rutland City	Higley of Lowell	McFaun of Barre Town	Taylor of Milton
Demar of Enosburgh	Labor of Morgan	Morgan of Milton	Toof of St. Albans Town
		Morrissey of Bennington	Walker of Swanton
			Williams of Granby

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

Chapin of East Montpelier	Graning of Jericho	LaMont of Morristown	Pearl of Danville
Cina of Burlington	Headrick of Burlington	Lanpher of Vergennes	Sammis of Castleton
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Hooper of Randolph	Leavitt of Grand Isle	Small of Winooski
Elder of Starksboro	Howard of Rutland City	O'Brien of Tunbridge	Stone of Burlington
			Surprenant of Barnard

Rep. Logan of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support S.259 as a sensible, fair policy. It will enable Vermonters to afford the crucial climate change mitigation and resilience projects that we must do in order to adapt to climate change.”

Rep. Sibilia of Dover explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In 1965, remarks of American Petroleum Industry President Frank Ikard to his industry’s annual gathering acknowledged a Johnson Administration Report of the Environmental Pollution Panel of the President’s Science Advisory Committee which warned that fossil fuel combustion could cause significant climactic changes by the end of the 20th century. In his remarks, API President Ikard noted that ‘[o]ne of the most important predictions of the report [was] that carbon dioxide is being added to the earth’s atmosphere by the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas,’ which would lead to ‘marked changes in climate beyond local or even national efforts.’”

Rep. Smith of Derby explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Extortion/suing is not the answer . . . It should be noted that fossil fuel industries built the United States of America into the most powerful and once respected country in the world. Without fossil fuels, we would still be in the Middle Ages. Instead of suing, we should be helping them to develop cleaner burning methods.”

APPENDIX

This appendix provides a list of all vote explanations offered by House members in 2024.

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Cordes of Lincoln.....	69, 106
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Donahue of Northfield.....	86, 88, 97, 102, 106, 115, 140
Duke of Burlington.....	No vote explanations offered
Durfee of Shaftsbury.....	No vote explanations offered
Elder of Starksboro.....	No vote explanations offered
Emmons of Springfield.....	No vote explanations offered
Farlice-Rubio of Barnet.....	No vote explanations offered
Galfetti of Barre Town.....	30, 36, 54, 121, 147
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Kornheiser of Brattleboro.....	No vote explanations offered
Krowinski of Burlington.....	No vote explanations offered
Krasnow of South Burlington.....	3, 38, 82
Labor of Morgan.....	No vote explanations offered
LaBounty of Lyndon.....	No vote explanations offered
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Lanpher of Vergennes.....	No vote explanations offered
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Leavitt of Grand Isle.....	No vote explanations offered
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Masland of Thetford.....	No vote explanations offered
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Morris of Springfield.....	No vote explanations offered
Morrissey of Bennington.....	No vote explanations offered
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Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington.....	No vote explanations offered
Nicoll of Ludlow.....	19
Notte of Rutland City.....	10, 70
Noyes of Wolcott.....	78
Nugent of South Burlington.....	No vote explanations offered
O'Brien of Tunbridge.....	No vote explanations offered
Ode of Burlington.....	49, 103, 109
Oliver of Sheldon.....	No vote explanations offered
Page of Newport City.....	No vote explanations offered
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