

# Journal of the House

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Thursday, January 19, 2017

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

## Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced. Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred as follows:

### H. 74

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to nonconsensual sexual conduct;

To the committee on Judiciary.

### H. 75

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury and Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Government Accountability Committee and the State Outcomes Report;

To the committee on Government Operations.

### H. 76

By Rep. Partridge of Windham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects;

To the committee on Agriculture & Forestry.

### H. 77

By Reps. Pugh of South Burlington and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 78**

By Rep. Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to commercial vehicle operation on the Hazen's Notch segment of Vermont Route 58;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 79**

By Reps. Weed of Enosburgh, Cina of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski and McCormack of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to slow-moving vehicles;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 80**

By Rep. Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to traffic safety on Vermont Route 242;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 81**

By Rep. Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to improving safety at the intersection of VT Route 105 and Water Tower Road in Enosburg Falls;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 82**

By Reps. Bissonnette of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Canfield of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton and Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the use of salt brine on Vermont roads;

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To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 83**

By Rep. Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to unemployment compensation referee final decisions;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 84**

By Reps. Yantachka of Charlotte, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dunn of Essex, Forguites of Springfield, Parent of St. Albans Town, Sibia of Dover and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to survivor benefits for law enforcement officers;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 85**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal, Marcotte of Coventry, Frenier of Chelsea, Hill of Wolcott, Kimbell of Woodstock, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Stuart of Brattleboro and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to captive insurance companies;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 86**

By Rep. Poirier of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of vision insurance plans;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 87**

By Reps. Sullivan of Dorset, Browning of Arlington, Frenier of Chelsea and Murphy of Fairfax,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to strengthening the role of municipal and regional recommendations in energy siting;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

**H. 88**

By Reps. Yantachka of Charlotte, McCormack of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Cristensen of Weathersfield, Dunn of Essex and Gannon of Wilmington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of disposable carryout bags;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

**H. 89**

By Reps. Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Keefe of Manchester, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the service of alcoholic beverages by theaters;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 90**

By Rep. Poirier of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing health coverage for hearing aids;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 91**

By Reps. Myers of Essex, Devereux of Mount Holly, Potter of Clarendon, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Greshin of Warren, Hubert of Milton, Parent of St. Albans Town, Poirier of Barre City, Sullivan of Dorset and Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allocation of monies collected from enforcement of distracted driving laws;

To the committee on Transportation.

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**House Resolution Amended; House Resolution Adopted****H.R. 5**

Rep. Deen of Westminster, for the committee on Rules, to which had been referred House Resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to House Rules

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

First: That Rule 40 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

40. (a) During the first year of the biennium,~~except:~~

(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill ~~into the House~~ drafted in standard form, ~~after the last day of February or submit any requests~~ unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in this form later than on or before the last legislative day of January and approves the bill for public release on or before the fourth legislative day before the end of February. ~~During the first year of the biennium, a~~

(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form relating to the adoption or amendment of a municipal charter or to the approval of a municipal merger at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(3) A member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in short form at any time, and may submit requests submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council ~~that for~~ for a bill to be drafted in this short form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(b) During the second year of the biennium,~~except:~~

(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill ~~into the House~~ drafted in standard form ~~after the last day of January or submit any requests~~ unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in this form later than on or before the fifteenth day of January, and approves the bill for public release on or before the last legislative day of January. ~~During the second year of the biennium, a~~

(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form relating to the adoption or amendment of a municipal charter or to the approval of a municipal merger at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(3) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in short form until the second Friday after the annual Town meeting day, and may submit requests unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in short form until on or before the fifteenth day of February and approves the bill for public release on or before the second Friday after the annual Town meeting day.

(c) During the first year of the biennium, a Committee may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time. During the second year of the biennium, except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no committee, except the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Ways and Means, or the Committee on Government Operations, may introduce a bill drafted in standard form after unless it approves the bill for public release on or before the last legislative day of March. The, except for the Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means, which may introduce a bill drafted in standard form submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council at any time, and the Committee on Government Operations may introduce a bill drafted in standard form relating to changes in a town or city charter and may approve the bill for public release at any time.

(d) For the purposes of this rule, a request for drafting by to the Office of Legislative Council shall contain specific instructions as to the content of the bill sufficient to permit its drafting in accordance with Rules 41 and 42.

Second: That Rule 90(f) of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

(f) The House Rules Committee shall, at the beginning of the biennium, or as soon as possible thereafter, establish a Sexual Harassment Prevention Panel with the authority to receive, investigate, and resolve complaints of sexual harassment, retaliation, and noncompliance made against members or officers of the House. The panel shall be comprised of five members of the House.

The resolution, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and read, report of the committee on Rules agreed to and resolution adopted as amended.

### **House Resolution Amended; House Resolution Adopted**

#### **H.R. 6**

Rep. Deen of Westminster, for the committee on Rules, to which had been referred House Resolution, entitled

House resolution amending the Rules and Orders of the House of

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Representatives related to members' disclosure form

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

That Rule 14a of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

14a. On or before the 10th day of the beginning of the biennium, each member shall submit to the Clerk a disclosure form prepared by the Clerk. The form shall be signed by the member, be publicly available on the official website of the General Assembly and of the Clerk, and may be updated. The form shall set forth, to the best of the member's ability, the following information applicable as of the date of submission:

(a) any boards, commissions, or ~~other~~ entities that are regulated by law or that receive funding from the State on which the member serves; a description of that the member's position on the board, commission, or entity; and, except in the case of legislative appointments, whether the member receives any form of remuneration for that position; and

(b) the member's employer.

The resolution, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and read, the report of the committee on Rules agreed to and resolution adopted as amended.

**Tobacco Evaluation And Review Board Appointed**

Pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9504, the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board:

**Rep. Till of Jericho**

**Adjournment**

At one o'clock and forty minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.