

Journal of the House

Thursday, January 26, 2017

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Paul Habersang, Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier, VT.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 129

By Rep. Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to providing educational materials on nutrition to recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 130

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Buckholz of Hartford and Lucke of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Hartford;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 131

By Reps. Yantachka of Charlotte, Burke of Brattleboro, Carr of Brandon, Lalonde of South Burlington, McCormack of Burlington and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to licensing and regulating art therapists;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 132

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting landowner liability for posting the dangers of swimming holes;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 133

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury, Masland of Thetford and Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Office of Native American Affairs;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 134

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Agency of Controlled Substances;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 135

By Rep. Greshin of Warren,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to subcommittee meetings under the Open Meeting Law;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 136

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Joseph of North Hero, Macaig of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Poirier of Barre City, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Burlington, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to accommodations for pregnant employees;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 137

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford, Carr of Brandon,

Conquest of Newbury, Troiano of Stannard and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation premiums;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 138

By Reps. Till of Jericho, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dunn of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Troiano of Stannard and Yacavone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to co-payments for physical therapy services;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 139

By Reps. Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a private right of action against unpermitted salvage yards;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time and referred as follows:

S. 2

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to information sharing by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

S. 5

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to plea agreements;

To the committee on Judiciary.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**H. 58**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to awarding hunting and fishing licenses at no cost to persons 65 years of age or older

Appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the state, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**H. 38**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the membership of the Clean Water Fund Board

Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**H. 125**

Rep. Toll of Danville spoke for the committee on Appropriations.

House bill entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2017 budget adjustments

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? **Reps. Brennan of Colchester** and **Helm of Fair Haven** moved to amend the bill as follows:

that the bill be amended in Sec. 64, in subsection (a), by striking out the phrase “is authorized to” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “shall”

Which was agreed to and third reading was ordered.

Message from the Senate No. 11

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate a bill of the following title:

S. 1. An act relating to the determination of average daily membership for

the 2016–2017 school year and equalized pupil count for fiscal year 2018.

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

Adjournment

At one o'clock and thirty seven 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.