

# Journal of the House

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Reverend Peter Plagge, Waterbury Congregational Church, Waterbury, VT.

## Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

### H. 184

**Rep. Dunn of Essex**, for the committee on Health Care, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to evaluation of suicide profiles

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 7260 is added to read:

#### § 7260. EVALUATION OF SUICIDE PROFILES

(a) To the extent permitted under federal law, the Secretary of Human Services shall annually identify and collect information related to each death by suicide occurring in the State, including data from the Vermont Vital Statistics Program. The Agency shall use data collected by the Secretary to assess individual deaths by suicide for the purposes of:

(1) determining trends and patterns of suicide deaths;

(2) identifying and evaluating the prevalence of risk factors for preventable deaths;

(3) evaluating high-risk factors, current practices, gaps in systematic responses, and barriers to safety and well-being for individuals at risk for suicide;

(4) informing the implementation of suicide prevention activities and supporting the prioritization of suicide prevention resources and activities; and

(5) recommending improvement to the sources of data relative to investigating reported suicide deaths and preventing suicide.

(b) On or before February 15 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House

Committee on Health Care regarding its findings and recommendations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Reports produced by the Secretary shall not contain any personally identifying information.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, report of the committee on Health Care agreed to and third reading ordered.

**Favorable Report; Second Reading;  
Third Reading Ordered**

**H. 376**

**Rep. Frenier of Chelsea**, for the committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to occupational safety and workers' compensation

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

**Adjournment**

At one o'clock and twenty-six 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.