

Journal of the House

Friday, January 12, 2024

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Geof Hewitt, Poet, Calais.

Rules Suspended, House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of the House bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred to committee as follows:

H. 770

By Rep. Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal authority to conduct dredging

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 771

By Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to landowner liability for unmarked and improperly marked access control devices

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 772

By Reps. Buss of Woodstock, Boyden of Cambridge, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Hartford, Elder of Starksboro, Lalley of Shelburne, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Roberts of Halifax, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to warranty coverage for heating and cooling systems

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 773

By Rep. Burditt of West Rutland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to how a defendant's criminal record is considered in imposing conditions of release

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 774

By Reps. Oliver of Sheldon, Goslant of Northfield, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Graham of Williamstown, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Labor of Morgan, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Walker of Swanton, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to bail and violations of conditions of release

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 775

By Reps. Morgan of Milton, Demar of Enosburgh, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Oliver of Sheldon, Sammis of Castleton, Smith of Derby, and Taylor of Milton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to bail and pretrial release

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 776

By Rep. Casey of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Division of Policy, Planning, and Innovation at the Green Mountain Care Board

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 777

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington and Holcombe of Norwich,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to donor-conceived persons and gamete agencies, gamete banks, and fertility clinics

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 778

By Reps. Sammis of Castleton, Brownell of Pownal, Cina of Burlington, and Headrick of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to legislative and executive term limits

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 779

By Reps. Williams of Granby, Arrison of Weathersfield, Branagan of Georgia, Brownell of Pownal, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clifford of Rutland City, Demar of Enosburgh, Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Hango of Berkshire, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Maguire of Rutland City, Morrissey of Bennington, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Sammis of Castleton, Shaw of Pittsford, and Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to crimes against an unborn child

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 780

By Reps. LaLonde of South Burlington and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to judicial nominations and appointments

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 781

By Reps. Bluemle of Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Priestley of Bradford, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the waiver of unemployment insurance overpayments

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 782

By Reps. Galfetti of Barre Town, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brennan of Colchester, Buss of Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Clifford of Rutland City, Conlon of Cornwall, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lipsky of Stowe, Mattos of Milton, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Roberts of Halifax, Sammis of Castleton, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Templeman of Brownington, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the designation of Ken Squier Day

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 783

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, and Cole of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the radon test kit pilot program

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 784

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a student nurse apprenticeship program

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 785

By Reps. Sammis of Castleton and Headrick of Burlington,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to review of orders placing the Vermont National Guard in federal active duty status

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 786

By Reps. Dodge of Essex, Anthony of Barre City, Berbeco of Winooski, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chase of Chester, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex Junction, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, LaMont of Morristown, Leavitt of Grand Isle, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, Ode of Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, and Priestley of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to child care provider citizenship status

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 787

By Reps. Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Andrews of Westford, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chapin of East Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Small of Winooski, Stone of Burlington, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Whitman of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an excise tax on the sale of firearms and ammunition

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 788

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, and Cole of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to net metering rates

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 789

By Reps. Roberts of Halifax, Black of Essex, Buss of Woodstock, Chase of Chester, Surprenant of Barnard, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Data Trust Study Committee

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 790

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, Bluemle of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, and Goslant of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring radon testing disclosure in residential real estate sales

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 791

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, and Cole of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to impact fees and affordable housing

To the Committee on General and Housing.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**H. 659**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to captive insurance

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 516

Rep. Waters Evans of Charlotte, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Essex Junction

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

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

S. 141

Rep. Birong of Vergennes, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the charter of Fairfax Fire District No. 1

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Message from the Senate No. 6

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 132. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Georgia Elementary and Middle School Chargers seventh- and eighth-grade girls' softball team on its exciting, undefeated season.

H.C.R. 133. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Thetford Academy Panthers' Division III baseball championship team.

H.C.R. 134. House concurrent resolution in memory of youth mental health care leader Margaret Atkins Reilly Gannaway.

H.C.R. 135. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Milton High School Division II Yellowjackets on winning the school's 17th girls' soccer state championship.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and three minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 36.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

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[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2024 Adjourned Session.]