

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotion.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Ada Allen of Craftsbury led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. 792

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Morris of Springfield, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Residential and Commercial Building Energy Standards

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 793

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Morris of Springfield, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of

Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to studying the adoption of a residential building code

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 794

By Reps. Morrissey of Bennington, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Brownell of Pownal, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Casey of Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Clifford of Rutland City, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Peterson of Clarendon, Roberts of Halifax, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Taylor of Colchester, Templeman of Brownington, Toof of St. Albans Town, Troiano of Stannard, Walker of Swanton, Whitman of Bennington, Williams of Granby, and Wilson of Lyndon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to services provided by the Vermont Veterans' Home

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 795

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of an earned allowance program and other workforce development for justice-involved individuals

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 796

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to promoting recovery in residential facilities for justice-involved individuals

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 797

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston, Anthony of Barre City, Berbeco of Winooski, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Carroll of Bennington, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Jerome of Brandon, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lalley of Shelburne, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nugent of South Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of social media platforms for the protection of child users

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 798

By Reps. Chase of Colchester, Hooper of Burlington, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting speed bumps and speed humps

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 799

By Rep. Arsenault of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to judicial retention and judicial nominations

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 800

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Brumsted of Shelburne, Cole of Hartford, Harrison of Chittenden, Krasnow of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Page of Newport City, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Vermont Olympics Task Force

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 801

By Reps. Wood of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Waterbury

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 802

By Rep. Carroll of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to local option taxes

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 803

By Reps. Chase of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Hooper of Burlington, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Nugent of South Burlington, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the modification of a motor vehicle's exhaust system

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 804

By Reps. Chase of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Boyden of Cambridge, Hooper of Burlington, McCarthy of St. Albans City, and Waters Evans of

Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exhibition vehicle registration

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 805

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burrows of West Windsor, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to amending the prohibitions against harassment in schools

To the Committee on Education.

H. 806

By Reps. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, McCann of Montpelier, Anthony of Barre City, Berbeco of Winooski, Casey of Montpelier, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Morris of Springfield, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Surprenant of Barnard, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the prohibition of book bans by public and school libraries

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 807

By Reps. Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Casey of

Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Small of Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, White of Bethel, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a school library material selection policy

To the Committee on Education.

H. 808

By Rep. Brennan of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of gun suppressors while hunting

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 809

By Reps. LaLonde of South Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lalley of Shelburne, LaMont of Morristown, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCarthy of

St. Albans City, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sabilia of Dover, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Templeman of Brownington, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, Williams of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to climate change cost recovery

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 810

By Reps. Cole of Hartford, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Buss of Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chase of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Elder of Starksboro, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Graham of Williamstown, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Minier of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pearl of Danville, Rice of Dorset, Surprenant of Barnard, Templeman of Brownington, Torre of Moretown, Whitman of Bennington, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Workforce and Housing Directory

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 811

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

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the eligibility of posted land for enrollment in the Use Value Appraisal Program

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 812

By Reps. Satcowitz of Randolph, Berbeco of Winooski, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Cina of Burlington, Clifford of Rutland City, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of

Essex, Headrick of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Roberts of Halifax, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Stebbins of Burlington, and Torre of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to threatened and endangered species

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 813

By Reps. Arrison of Weathersfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Anthony of Barre City, Burke of Brattleboro, Chase of Chester, Hooper of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Rice of Dorset, Sibia of Dover, and Surprenant of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Tree Fruit Farmer Assistance Program

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 814

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supportive and transitional housing for justice-involved individuals

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 815

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health equity training in correctional facilities and to community-based mental health and substance use disorder services for detained or incarcerated individuals and individuals reentering the community

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 816

By Reps. Berbeco of Winooski, Stone of Burlington, Andrews of Westford,

Arsenault of Williston, Black of Essex, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Graning of Jericho, Krasnow of South Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Templeman of Brownington, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to mental health screenings in school-age youth

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 817

By Reps. Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Holcombe of Norwich, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Carroll of Bennington, Casey of Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Essex Junction, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Gregoire of Fairfield, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pearl of Danville, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Taylor of Milton, Templeman of Brownington, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, Whitman of Bennington, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to in-state tuition eligibility for the Vermont State Colleges System and financial aid eligibility for Vermont Student Assistance Corporation programs

To the Committee on Education.

H. 818

By Reps. Berbeco of Winooski, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Black of Essex, Burke of Brattleboro, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of

Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaBounty of Lyndon, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Templeman of Brownington, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, Waters Evans of Charlotte, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a mental wellness and climate resilience pilot program

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 819

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Anthony of Barre City, and Beck of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the portability of Vermont Student Assistance Corporation grants and scholarships

To the Committee on Education.

H. 820

By Reps. Brady of Williston, Arsenault of Williston, Holcombe of Norwich, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to public school designation and the use of public funds for tuition

To the Committee on Education.

H. 821

By Rep. Sammis of Castleton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating term limits for individuals holding the positions of trustee and chancellor within the Vermont State Colleges Corporation

To the Committee on Education.

H. 822

By Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a report on the postgraduation career and settlement behaviors of students attending Vermont colleges and universities

To the Committee on Education.

H. 823

By Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to educator preparation and evidence-based literacy instruction

To the Committee on Education.

H. 824

By Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to virtual learning

To the Committee on Education.

H. 825

By Reps. Galfetti of Barre Town, Anthony of Barre City, Chase of Chester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, McCann of Montpelier, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Peterson of Clarendon, Roberts of Halifax, Templeman of Brownington, and Williams of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing municipalities to conduct maintenance of waterways

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

H. 826

By Reps. Buss of Woodstock, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax,

Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Gregoire of Fairfield, Headrick of Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Roberts of Halifax, and Stebbins of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to student supports and literacy

To the Committee on Education.

H. 827

By Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to applying personal income tax to unrealized gains

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 828

By Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of a personal income tax surcharge

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 554

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of South Hero

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 516

House bill, entitled

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

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 141

Senate bill, entitled

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

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 560

Rep. Graning of Jericho, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to making technical corrections to workers' compensation rulemaking requirements

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.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.