

Journal of the House

Friday, February 23, 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 Jeff Fellingner of Craftsbury, Katie Trautz of Montpelier, and Julia Wayne of Charlotte, musical trio.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 132

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against persons without homes

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

Bill Amended; Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 745

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Parentage Act

Was taken up and, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Donahue of Northfield** moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 7, 15C V.S.A. § 704, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(a)(1) A person who intends to be a parent of a child born through assisted reproduction shall consent to such in a signed record that is executed by each intended parent and provides that the signatories consent to the use of assisted reproduction to conceive a child with the intent to parent the child;

(1) in a record, signed before, on, or after the birth of the child by each intended parent; or

(2) Consent pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, executed via a form made available by the Department of Health, shall be accepted and relied upon for purposes of issuing a birth record in an oral agreement entered into before conception by each intended parent.

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 861

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reimbursement parity for health care services delivered in person, by telemedicine, and by audio-only telephone

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

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 629

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changes to property tax abatement and tax sales

Was taken up and, pending second reading of the bill, on motion of **Rep. Demrow of Corinth**, action on the bill was postponed until February 28, 2024.

Message from the Senate No. 23

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 considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 849. An act relating to technical corrections for the 2024 legislative session.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and six minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 46.

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 Senate

and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

H.C.R. 160

House concurrent resolution in memory of veteran Pownal firefighter Kenneth Carlton O'Dell

H.C.R. 161

House concurrent resolution honoring Newport City Council Chair John Wilson for his national and municipal public service

H.C.R. 162

House concurrent resolution honoring Sergeant at Arms Janet Miller for her stellar public service for the General Assembly

H.C.R. 163

House concurrent resolution recognizing Public Schools Week in Vermont

[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.]