

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Katelyn Macrae of Richmond.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

S. 188.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 173.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to the State House Oversight Committee.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 42.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senator Balint,

J.R.S. 42. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 18, 2022, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Bill Passed**S. 122.**

Senate bill of the following title:

An act relating to the required votes of presidential electors.

Was read the third time and passed on a roll call, Yeas 22, Nays 7.

Senator Ingalls having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Balint, Baruth, Bray, Champion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Ram Hinsdale, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Benning, Brock, Collamore, Ingalls, Parent, Terenzini, Westman.

The Senator absent and not voting was: Perchlik.

Bill Passed in Concurrence**H. 361.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence:

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro.

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**S. 169.**

Senator Cummings, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to education property tax overpayments by a municipality or school district.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, Education Fund refund; City of Barre TIF District; tax increment; FY 2016–FY 2019, by striking out “fiscal year 2023” and inserting in lieu thereof June 30, 2022

Second: In Sec. 2, 16 V.S.A. § 4011, in subsection (d), in the second sentence, by striking out the words “General Assembly” and inserting in lieu

thereof the words House Committees on Education and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Education and on Finance

Third: In Sec. 3, 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), in subdivision (6), after “as determined by the Secretary of Education” by inserting the words in consultation with the Commissioner of Taxes

Fourth: In Sec. 4, effective date, by striking out “July 1, 2022” and inserting in lieu thereof the word passage

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Senator Kitchel, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported that the bill be amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 1, Education Fund refund; City of Barre TIF District; tax increment; FY 2016–FY 2019, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. [Deleted.]

Second: In Sec. 4, effective date, by striking out “passage” and inserting in lieu thereof July 1, 2022

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the recommendation of the Committee on Finance was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was amended as recommended by the Committee on Appropriations.

Thereupon, third reading of the bill was ordered.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.H. 15.

Joint House resolution entitled:

Joint resolution extending the application of temporary Joint Rule 22A through Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, was taken up and adopted in concurrence.

Message from the House No. 19

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Madam President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled:

H. 679. An act relating to fiscal year 2022 budget adjustments.

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

The Speaker appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the House:

Rep. Hooper of Montpelier
Rep. Fagan of Rutland City
Rep. Jessup of Middlesex.

The Governor has informed the House that on February 14, 2022, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 454. An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington.

H. 693. An act relating to the annual budget vote of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.