

Journal of the House

Thursday, April 24, 2025

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by former Rep. Avram Patt of Worcester, now of Montpelier.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 509

By Reps. Berbeco of Winooski and Tomlinson of Winooski,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Winooski

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 510

By Rep. Burt of Cabot,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to repealing the charter of the Town of Danville

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 86

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program at the Agency of Natural Resources

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.

Ceremonial Reading**H.C.R. 95**

Offered by Representative Noyes of Wolcott

House concurrent resolution designating April 24, 2025 as Vermont Children's Alliance Day at the State House

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 13 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) focusing on the challenges and solutions to the continuing prevalence of child abuse in our State, and

Whereas, these important organizations provide critical support and representational services to children whose needs can be acute and who rely on the centers to assist in transforming their lives from ones that may be harsh to a potentially more promising future, and

Whereas, a CAC provides "forensic interviews, a safe meeting space, victim advocacy, and coordinated care to children that report sexual and physical abuse," and

Whereas, "the vision of the Vermont Children's Alliance (VCA) [the CACs' membership organization] is to empower Vermont's CACs to provide equal and reliable access to support, treatment, justice, and healing for every child," and

Whereas, this vision is encompassed in the organization's mission "to foster the growth of the CAC movement by providing statewide support and resources, promoting awareness of child abuse and its impact on our communities," and

Whereas, today, April 24, 2025, representatives of the VCA and its member CACs are visiting the State House to educate legislators on the importance of addressing the continuing problems associated with the abuse of our youngest Vermonters, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 24, 2025 as Vermont Children's Alliance Day at the State House, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Children's Alliance.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 18, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Action on Bill Postponed**S. 36**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the Medicaid payment model for residential substance use disorder treatment services

Was taken up and, pending second reading, on motion of **Rep. Bishop of Colchester**, action on the bill was postponed until April 25, 2025.

House Discrimination Prevention Panel Appointment

Pursuant to House Rule 90(a), the House Rules Committee appointed the following member to the House Discrimination Prevention Panel to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Donahue of Northfield:

Rep. Sibilia of Dover

Message from the Senate No. 46

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. 21. An act relating to service of writs of possession.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 13. An act relating to Medicaid payment rates for home- and community-based service providers.

H. 206. An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code.

H. 463. An act relating to technical corrections for the 2025 legislative session.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Governor has informed the Senate that on the 24th day of April, he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 3. An act relating to the transfer of property to a trust.

Adjournment

At one o'clock and twenty-eight minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.