

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

S. 311.

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to bringing everyone home.

Was committed to the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy with the report of the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs *intact*.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 850.

House 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 transitioning education financing to the new system for pupil weighting.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 46.

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

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 46. Joint resolution regarding weekend adjournment on February 23, 2024.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 23, 2024, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Bill Amended; Bill Passed**S. 309.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to the Department of Motor Vehicles, motor vehicles, and vessels.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Hardy moved to amend the bill in Sec. 31, 23 V.S.A. § 3306, by striking out subdivisions (c)(1) and (2) in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1) motorboats with no fixed fire extinguisher system in the machinery space and that are:

(A) less than 26 feet in length, not fewer than one extinguisher;

(B) 26 feet or longer, but less than 40 feet, not fewer than two extinguishers; and

(C) 40 feet or longer, not fewer than three extinguishers; and

(2) motorboats with a fixed fire extinguisher system in the machinery space and that are:

(A) less than 26 feet in length, no extinguishers required;

(B) 26 feet or longer but less than 40 feet, not fewer than one extinguisher; and

~~(B)~~(C) 40 feet or longer, not fewer than two extinguishers.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Third Reading Ordered**H. 849.**

Senator Clarkson, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

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

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Message from the House No. 21

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

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 154. An act relating to the Vermont State Plane Coordinate System.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.