

Journal of the House

Friday, February 14, 2014

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

Memorial Service

The Speaker placed before the House the following name of member of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Lawrence Powers

**Member from North Bennington
Sessions of 1975, 1977 and 1979**

House Bill Introduced

H. 861

By Rep. Frank of Underhill,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing noise limits for motor vehicles on highways;

To the committee on Transportation.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 795

House bill, entitled

An act relating to victim's compensation and restitution procedures

Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35a, was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the Speaker recognized the following named Pages who are completing their service today and presented them with commemorative pins:

**Christian Bolding of Northfield
Harrison Bushnell of Middlesex
Izabel Estrin of Putney
Susan Flint of Springfield**

Jasper Goodman of Waterbury Center
Gabriello Lewis of Burlington
Jacob Metivier of Barre Town
Lauren Polk of Hinesburg
Grace Simmons of Waitsfield
Margaret Toll of Danville

Recess

At ten o'clock and thirty-five minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

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Bill Amended, Read Third Time and Passed

H. 62

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the handheld use of a portable electronic device while driving

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, **Reps. Zagar of Barnard, Donahue of Northfield, Michelsen of Hardwick, and Pearson of Burlington** moved that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, in 23 V.S.A. § 1095b(b), by striking subdivisions (1)–(4) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1) to hands-free use; ~~or~~

(2) to activation or deactivation of hands-free use as long as the device is in a cradle or otherwise securely mounted in the vehicle;

~~(2)~~(3) when use of a portable electronic device is necessary for a person to communicate with law enforcement or emergency service personnel under emergency circumstances;

(4) to communications among law enforcement or emergency service personnel in the performance of their official duties; or

(5) to use of an ignition interlock device, as defined at 23 V.S.A. § 1200.

Which was agreed to.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh Christie of Hartford, and Donahue of Northfield** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, in 23 V.S.A. § 1095b(b)(3), by striking the word “or” at the end of the sentence

Second: In Sec. 1, in 23 V.S.A. § 1095b(b)(4), by deleting the period at the end of the sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “; or”

Third: In Sec. 1, by inserting 23 V.S.A. § 1095b(b)(5) to read:

(5) to use of a portable electronic device by an operator of a registered farm truck or a farm truck or farm tractor not required to be registered, if:

(A) the farm truck or farm tractor is being used in connection with the operation of a farm; and

(B) the device is used to receive a communication relating to the dispatch of the farm truck or farm tractor to a work location.

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

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 640

House bill, entitled

An act relating to technical corrections

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Adjournment

At eleven o'clock and thirty-two minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of JRS 44.

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 Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 222

House concurrent resolution commemorating the placement of a historic marker at Wagon Wheels Farm in South Royalton;

H.C.R. 223

House concurrent resolution honoring Windsor civic leader John Tansey;

H.C.R. 224

House concurrent resolution congratulating Carole Lacasse on her Vermont State government career;

H.C.R. 225

House concurrent resolution designating February 7, 2014 as Wear Red Day;

H.C.R. 226

House concurrent resolution honoring Ruth Levin for her community service in the town of Shaftsbury;

H.C.R. 227

House concurrent resolution congratulating *Vermont Standard* publisher Phillip Camp on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame;

H.C.R. 228

House concurrent resolution congratulating Chris Braithwaite on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame and the *Barton Chronicle* on its 40th anniversary;

H.C.R. 229

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus Director Robert De Cormier on his remarkable career in the musical arts;

[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 2014, seventy-second Adjourned session.]