

Journal of the House

Monday, June 17, 2024

VETO SESSION

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

Devotional Exercises

The Speaker led the House in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Speaker led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

House Bill Introduced

H. 890

By Reps. Houghton of Essex Junction, McFaun of Barre Town, and Black of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to delaying implementation of certain health insurance claims editing requirements

Having been approved for introduction by the Committee on Rules pursuant to House Rule 40(b), was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care.

Building Energy Code Working Group Appointment

Pursuant to 2024, Act No. 151 (S.253), Sec. 2, the Speaker appointed the following member to the Building Energy Code Working Group:

Rep. Campbell of St. Johnsbury

Message from the Senate No. 77

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 on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 57. Joint resolution relating to compensation of Members of the General Assembly during the remainder of the 2024 Adjourned Session.

In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

**Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration;
Governor's Veto Overridden**

H. 687

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection through land use

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 107. Nays, 38.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Andrews of Westford | Demrow of Corinth | McGill of Bridport |
| Andriano of Orwell | Dodge of Essex | Mihaly of Calais |
| Anthony of Barre City | Dolan of Waitsfield | Minier of South Burlington |
| Arrison of Weathersfield | Duke of Burlington | Morris of Springfield |
| Arsenault of Williston | Durfee of Shaftsbury | Mrowicki of Putney |
| Austin of Colchester | Elder of Starksboro | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Emmons of Springfield | Notte of Rutland City |
| Birong of Vergennes | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Black of Essex | Garofano of Essex | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
| Bluemle of Burlington | Goldman of Rockingham | Ode of Burlington |
| Bongartz of Manchester | Graning of Jericho | Pajala of Londonderry |
| Bos-Lun of Westminster | Headrick of Burlington | Patt of Worcester |
| Boyden of Cambridge | Holcombe of Norwich | Pouech of Hinesburg |
| Brady of Williston | Hooper of Randolph | Priestley of Bradford |
| Brown of Richmond | Hooper of Burlington | Rachelson of Burlington |
| Brownell of Pownal | Houghton of Essex Junction | Rice of Dorset |
| Brumsted of Shelburne | Howard of Rutland City | Roberts of Halifax |
| Burke of Brattleboro | Hyman of South Burlington | Satcowitz of Randolph |
| Burrows of West Windsor | James of Manchester | Scheu of Middlebury |
| Buss of Woodstock | Jerome of Brandon | Sheldon of Middlebury |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Kornheiser of Brattleboro | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Carpenter of Hyde Park | Krasnow of South | Small of Winooski |
| Carroll of Bennington | Burlington | Squirrell of Underhill |
| Casey of Montpelier | Krowinski of Burlington | Stebbins of Burlington |
| Chapin of East Montpelier | LaBounty of Lyndon | Stevens of Waterbury |
| Chase of Chester | Lalley of Shelburne | Surprenant of Barnard |
| Chase of Colchester | LaLonde of South | Taylor of Colchester |
| Chesnut-Tangerman of | Burlington | Templeman of Brownington |
| Middletown Springs | LaMont of Morristown | Toleno of Brattleboro |

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| Christie of Hartford | Lanpher of Vergennes | Torre of Moretown |
| Cina of Burlington | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Troiano of Stannard |
| Clifford of Rutland City | Logan of Burlington | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Coffey of Guilford | Long of Newfane | White of Bethel |
| Cole of Hartford | Maguire of Rutland City | Whitman of Bennington |
| Conlon of Cornwall | Masland of Thetford | Williams of Barre City |
| Corcoran of Bennington | McCann of Montpelier | Wood of Waterbury |
| Cordes of Lincoln | McCarthy of St. Albans City | |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Bartley of Fairfax | Gregoire of Fairfield | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Hango of Berkshire | Page of Newport City |
| Branagan of Georgia | Harrison of Chittenden | Parsons of Newbury |
| Brennan of Colchester | Higley of Lowell | Pearl of Danville |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Labor of Morgan | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Laroche of Franklin | Quimby of Lyndon |
| Demar of Enosburgh | Lipsky of Stowe | Sammis of Castleton |
| Dickinson of St. Albans Town | Marcotte of Coventry | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Donahue of Northfield | Mattos of Milton | Sibilia of Dover |
| Galfetti of Barre Town | McCoy of Poultney | Taylor of Milton |
| Goslant of Northfield | McFaun of Barre Town | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| Graham of Williamstown | Morgan of Milton | Walker of Swanton |
| | Morrissey of Bennington | Williams of Granby * |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Bartholomew of Hartland | Noyes of Wolcott | Stone of Burlington |
| Dolan of Essex Junction | Smith of Derby | |

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In case you are not aware, I am from Essex County. This bill is a perfect example of how you legislators don’t care about us. You should be ashamed of yourselves for excluding/minimizing any part of the State. Don’t come up to me today and ask how I am. The answer is – I am sick and afraid and defeated and angry and sad. There you have it. Don’t ask because you have no idea or care about what you are doing to my county and the rest of the other 70% of Vermont.”

**Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration;
Governor's Veto Overridden**

H. 72

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to a harm-reduction criminal justice response to drug use

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 104. Nays, 41.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Andrews of Westford | Duke of Burlington | Mihaly of Calais |
| Andriano of Orwell | Durfee of Shaftsbury | Minier of South Burlington |
| Anthony of Barre City | Elder of Starksboro | Mrowicki of Putney |
| Arsenault of Williston | Emmons of Springfield | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Austin of Colchester | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Notte of Rutland City |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Garfano of Essex | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Birong of Vergennes | Goldman of Rockingham | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
| Black of Essex | Graning of Jericho | Ode of Burlington |
| Bluemle of Burlington | Headrick of Burlington | Pajala of Londonderry |
| Bongartz of Manchester | Holcombe of Norwich | Patt of Worcester |
| Bos-Lun of Westminster | Hooper of Randolph | Pouech of Hinesburg |
| Boyden of Cambridge | Hooper of Burlington | Priestley of Bradford |
| Brady of Williston | Houghton of Essex Junction | Rachelson of Burlington |
| Brown of Richmond | Howard of Rutland City | Rice of Dorset |
| Brumsted of Shelburne | Hyman of South Burlington | Roberts of Halifax * |
| Burke of Brattleboro | James of Manchester | Sammis of Castleton * |
| Burrows of West Windsor | Jerome of Brandon | Satcowitz of Randolph |
| Buss of Woodstock | Kornheiser of Brattleboro | Scheu of Middlebury |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Krasnow of South Burlington | Sheldon of Middlebury |
| Carpenter of Hyde Park | Krowinski of Burlington | Sibilia of Dover |
| Carroll of Bennington | LaBounty of Lyndon | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Casey of Montpelier | Lalley of Shelburne | Small of Winooski |
| Chapin of East Montpelier | LaLonde of South Burlington | Squirrell of Underhill |
| Chase of Chester | LaMont of Morristown | Stebbins of Burlington |
| Chase of Colchester | Lanpher of Vergennes | Stevens of Waterbury |
| Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Surprenant of Barnard |
| Christie of Hartford | Lipsky of Stowe | Taylor of Colchester |
| Cina of Burlington * | Logan of Burlington | Templeman of Brownington |
| Coffey of Guilford | Long of Newfane | Toleno of Brattleboro |
| Cole of Hartford | Masland of Thetford | Torre of Moretown |
| Conlon of Cornwall | McCann of Montpelier | Troiano of Stannard |
| Cordes of Lincoln | McCarthy of St. Albans City | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Demrow of Corinth | McGill of Bridport | White of Bethel |
| Dodge of Essex | | Whitman of Bennington |
| Dolan of Waitsfield | | Williams of Barre City |
| | | Wood of Waterbury |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Arrison of Weathersfield | Galfetti of Barre Town | Morgan of Milton * |
| Bartley of Fairfax | Goslant of Northfield | Morris of Springfield |

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| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Graham of Williamstown | Morrissey of Bennington |
| Branagan of Georgia | Gregoire of Fairfield | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Brennan of Colchester | Hango of Berkshire | Page of Newport City |
| Brownell of Pownal | Harrison of Chittenden | Parsons of Newbury |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Higley of Lowell | Pearl of Danville |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Labor of Morgan | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Clifford of Rutland City | Laroche of Franklin | Quimby of Lyndon |
| Corcoran of Bennington | Maguire of Rutland City * | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Demar of Enosburgh | Marcotte of Coventry | Taylor of Milton |
| Dickinson of St. Albans Town | Mattos of Milton | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| Donahue of Northfield | McCoy of Poultney | Walker of Swanton |
| | McFaun of Barre Town | Williams of Granby |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Bartholomew of Hartland | Noyes of Wolcott | Stone of Burlington |
| Dolan of Essex Junction | Smith of Derby | |

Rep. Cina of Burlington explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes in honor of all of our family, friends, and neighbors who have died from overdoses. I vote yes in the spirit of hope and with love for those struggling now. Don’t give up. Every day you stay alive is another day that recovery is possible.”

Rep. Maguire of Rutland City explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

To invest into an unknown harm reduction model is an injustice to the underfunded proven practices that save lives and bring our loved one’s home to us.”

Rep. Morgan of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Constituents in my district have vehemently opposed this bill. In fact, the State’s Attorney in five of my six towns has stated his displeasure with this bill and its implications. I vote no.”

Rep. Roberts of Halifax explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I was reluctant to support a ‘safe injection site’ in Burlington. Then I visited OnPoint in New York City and I saw regular people who have a very difficult disease being met with love, in a safe environment, an ‘overdose prevention site’ with group supports like pancake breakfasts, laundry and

medical care. I vote yes to meeting people where they are – not in a dangerous alley, but in a safe environment, with love.”

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

My vote today was made in honor of those lost along the way, and for their families and communities that wear the scars and pain of loss. You are in our thoughts, and today we take action.”

Message from the Senate No. 78

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 House proposal of amendment to Senate proposal of amendment to House bill of the following title:

H. 55. An act relating to miscellaneous unemployment insurance amendments.

And has concurred therein.

Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration; Governor's Veto Overridden

H. 887

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to homestead property tax yields, nonhomestead rates, and policy changes to education finance and taxation

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 103. Nays, 42.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford
Andriano of Orwell
Anthony of Barre City
Arrison of Weathersfield

Dodge of Essex
Dolan of Waitsfield
Duke of Burlington
Durfee of Shaftsbury

Mihaly of Calais
Minier of South Burlington
Morris of Springfield
Mrowicki of Putney

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| Arsenault of Williston | Elder of Starksboro | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Austin of Colchester | Emmons of Springfield | Notte of Rutland City |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Birong of Vergennes | Garofano of Essex | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
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| Brady of Williston * | Houghton of Essex Junction | Rachelson of Burlington * |
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| Burrows of West Windsor | Jerome of Brandon | Scheu of Middlebury |
| Buss of Woodstock | Kornheiser of Brattleboro | Sheldon of Middlebury |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Krasnow of South Burlington | Sibilia of Dover |
| Carpenter of Hyde Park | Krowinski of Burlington | Small of Winooski |
| Carroll of Bennington | LaBounty of Lyndon | Squirrell of Underhill |
| Casey of Montpelier | Lalley of Shelburne | Stebbins of Burlington |
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| Chase of Colchester | Lanpher of Vergennes | Taylor of Colchester |
| Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Templeman of Brownington |
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| Coffey of Guilford | Masland of Thetford | Troiano of Stannard |
| Cole of Hartford | McCann of Montpelier | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Conlon of Cornwall | McCarthy of St. Albans City | White of Bethel |
| Corcoran of Bennington | McGill of Bridport | Whitman of Bennington |
| Cordes of Lincoln | | Williams of Barre City |
| Demrow of Corinth | | Wood of Waterbury |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Bartley of Fairfax * | Gregoire of Fairfield | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Hango of Berkshire | Page of Newport City |
| Branagan of Georgia | Harrison of Chittenden | Parsons of Newbury |
| Brennan of Colchester | Higley of Lowell | Pearl of Danville |
| Brownell of Pownal | Hooper of Randolph | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Labor of Morgan | Quimby of Lyndon |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Laroche of Franklin | Sammis of Castleton |
| Clifford of Rutland City | Lipsky of Stowe | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Demar of Enosburgh | Maguire of Rutland City | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Dickinson of St. Albans Town | Marcotte of Coventry | Taylor of Milton * |
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| Galfetti of Barre Town | McCoy of Poultney | Walker of Swanton |
| Goslant of Northfield | McFaun of Barre Town | Williams of Granby |
| Graham of Williamstown | Morgan of Milton * | |
| | Morrissey of Bennington | |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Bartholomew of Hartland
Dolan of Essex Junction

Noyes of Wolcott
Smith of Derby

Stone of Burlington

Rep. Bartley of Fairfax explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I heard my constituents not just one time but both times when our school budgets were voted down. We need structural reform, not just more excuses with both sides at the table, not just the majority.”

Rep. Brady of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted to override the veto of H 887. This bill funds locally decided school budgets and I hardly consider school budgets beasts that we are feeding. Rather, schools are an essential service to kids and families. They may be expensive, but they are also the most important investment we make as a society. We have hard work ahead to bend the cost curve, but we must do it in a coherent way with a view of the whole forest and not just our individual trees. Students must be at the center of our work. We must transform our system in Vermont into a right-sized, strong public education system that supports all students and uses our precious statewide resources sustainably and efficiently. Our system is over 200 years in the making and while many of us might want to move faster, coherent change that truly supports students and schools with a common vision and much needed financial predictability will take time and extraordinarily political will by all of us. I voted yes to commit to that work.”

Rep. Morgan of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Sadly, this bill will saddle the taxpayer with double digit education property tax increases. With all of the towns that I represent having extreme difficulty passing budgets due to these looming increases it has at best been chaotic for them. Contrary to what is publicly being said, the Governor and his administration did have a plan that could have made this bill much, much more palatable to the taxpayer, which includes all of us in this room! My constituents, as a whole, have reached out begging for relief in this arena. Why we would not want a solution, now, for change is beyond my comprehension. Doing this bill as it sits simply, proverbially, kicks the can down the road without proper relief to the citizens of Vermont.”

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted yes. We are between a rock and a hard place. Vermont’s current law requires the Legislature to set a tax rate to raise enough money to fund the budgets that passed the will of our local voters. Currently this is a \$2.8 billion price tag that gets no additional scrutiny and has no other checks and balances. Our current law of how we fund education doesn’t work and is not sustainable. It’s not easy to figure out, especially for part-time citizen legislatures, who have limited staffing, to sort out a new path forward. It’s no wonder there have been so many studies done. The Governor’s short-term options were unacceptable. I am not willing to take away free meals from school children and using our reserve funds to buy down the tax rate further this year is an expensive band-aid with long-term financial consequences.”

Rep. Taylor of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted to sustain the Governor’s veto. The taxpayers of my district and the Milton Town School District itself deserve better. This school budget season the Milton Town School District went to three votes and was on the verge of having to borrow money to continue to operate. The town became extremely divided, and emotions were high. The failure to pass substantial change this session leaves the path open for the same scenario or worse to play out next budget season. This will be devastating to Milton and I cannot sit back and support that possibility.”

Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

Our constituents deserve better than this historic double-digit 13.8% increase in property tax bills. We owe it to Vermonters to lessen this financial burden and make more structural changes to our broken system.”

Rules Suspended, Bills Messaged to Senate Forthwith

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the following bills were ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith:

H. 687

House bill, entitled

An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection through land use

H. 72

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a harm-reduction criminal justice response to drug use

H. 887

House bill, entitled

An act relating to homestead property tax yields, nonhomestead rates, and policy changes to education finance and taxation

**Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration;
Governor's Veto Overridden; Rules Suspended,
Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

H. 289

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 102. Nays, 43.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Andrews of Westford | Dolan of Waitsfield | Mihaly of Calais |
| Andriano of Orwell | Duke of Burlington | Minier of South Burlington |
| Anthony of Barre City | Durfee of Shaftsbury | Morris of Springfield |
| Arrison of Weathersfield | Elder of Starksboro | Mrowicki of Putney |
| Arsenault of Williston | Emmons of Springfield | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Austin of Colchester | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Notte of Rutland City |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Garofano of Essex | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Birong of Vergennes | Goldman of Rockingham | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
| Black of Essex | Graning of Jericho | Ode of Burlington |
| Bluemle of Burlington | Headrick of Burlington | Pajala of Londonderry |
| Bongartz of Manchester | Holcombe of Norwich | Patt of Worcester * |
| Bos-Lun of Westminster | Hooper of Burlington | Pouech of Hinesburg |
| Boyden of Cambridge | Houghton of Essex Junction | Priestley of Bradford |
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| Casey of Montpelier | LaBounty of Lyndon | Stebbins of Burlington |
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| Coffey of Guilford | Logan of Burlington | Troiano of Stannard |
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| Conlon of Cornwall | Masland of Thetford | White of Bethel |
| Cordes of Lincoln | McCann of Montpelier | Whitman of Bennington |
| Demrow of Corinth | McCarthy of St. Albans City | Williams of Barre City |
| Dodge of Essex | McGill of Bridport | Wood of Waterbury |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Bartley of Fairfax | Graham of Williamstown | Morrissey of Bennington |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Gregoire of Fairfield | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Branagan of Georgia | Hango of Berkshire | Page of Newport City |
| Brennan of Colchester | Harrison of Chittenden | Parsons of Newbury |
| Brownell of Pownal | Higley of Lowell | Pearl of Danville |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Hooper of Randolph | Peterson of Clarendon * |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Labor of Morgan | Quimby of Lyndon |
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| Goslant of Northfield | McFaun of Barre Town | Williams of Granby * |
| | Morgan of Milton | |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Bartholomew of Hartland | Noyes of Wolcott | Stone of Burlington |
| Dolan of Essex Junction | Smith of Derby | |

Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I voted no to stop the punitive exploitation of Vermonters. The Renewable Energy Standard, like the unaffordable Heat Act of last session, is a vehicle for a carbon tax. Proponents of H.289 have stated publicly that an alternative cost-effective proposal to H.289 would not go far enough to enrich renewable energy producers. This plan will force Vermonters to absorb the cost of the required, expensive, and volatile carbon credits. The environmental impacts

on our hillsides and open spaces to make way for wind and solar have been completely ignored. This bill will drive up the cost of electricity for struggling Vermonters that cannot afford another carbon tax.”

Rep. Patt of Worcester explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

When the Environment and Energy Committee first began taking testimony on H.289, I was astounded by the degree of agreement and consensus that went into this bill before it was formally introduced. I was disappointed and troubled by the Department of Public Service’s cost analysis and counterproposal. Neither the PDS’s nor the Joint Fiscal Offices’ cost analysis considers what financial benefits Vermonters may also see going forward. H.289 does recognize that different utilities are in different situations, that some have already reached 100% renewable, for example. And, lastly, some of the PSD’s supposedly ‘clean’ energy alternatives are not clean at all, based on my own knowledge and experience.”

Rep. Peterson of Clarendon explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I’ll vote no to any bill associated with the global warming money grab.”

Rep. Williams of Granby explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The most underserved, lowest income, oldest population in Vermont – yes, my district is getting shafted again. May I remind you, two towns in my district didn’t even get electricity until 1963. We can’t afford to live here anymore. Our children are leaving the State. Instead of helping us help ourselves, you are destroying our very existence. I have reminded you several times, leave us alone, stop putting these financial burdens on us and we can survive. You are not listening. The Vermont we grew up in no longer exists. I think a more fitting name for the new Vermont is CaliConnChusetts.”

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the House's actions on the bill were ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Recess

At twelve o'clock and fourteen minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

Called to Order

At one o'clock and fifty-one minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

**Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration; Favorable Report;
Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended,
All Remaining Stages of Passage; Third Reading; Bill Passed;
Rules Suspended, Messaged to the Senate Forthwith**

H. 890

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to delaying implementation of certain health insurance claims editing requirements

Pending entry on the Notice Calendar, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Rep. Black of Essex, for the Committee on Health Care, reported in favor of its passage.

The bill was read the second time, and third reading ordered.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed in all remaining stages of passage. The bill was read the third time and passed.

Thereupon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney** the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

**Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration;
Governor's Veto Overridden**

H. 645

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to the expansion of approaches to restorative justice

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 110. Nays, 35.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Andrews of Westford
Andriano of Orwell
Anthony of Barre City
Arrison of Weathersfield

Dolan of Waitsfield
Duke of Burlington
Durfee of Shaftsbury
Elder of Starksboro

Minier of South Burlington
Morris of Springfield
Morrissey of Bennington
Mrowicki of Putney

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| Arsenault of Williston | Emmons of Springfield | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Austin of Colchester | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Notte of Rutland City |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Garofano of Essex | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Birong of Vergennes | Goldman of Rockingham | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
| Black of Essex | Graning of Jericho | Ode of Burlington |
| Bluemle of Burlington | Headrick of Burlington | Pajala of Londonderry |
| Bongartz of Manchester | Holcombe of Norwich | Patt of Worcester |
| Bos-Lun of Westminster | Hooper of Randolph | Pearl of Danville |
| Boyden of Cambridge | Hooper of Burlington | Pouech of Hinesburg |
| Brady of Williston | Houghton of Essex Junction | Priestley of Bradford |
| Brown of Richmond | Howard of Rutland City | Rachelson of Burlington |
| Brownell of Pownal | Hyman of South Burlington | Rice of Dorset |
| Brumsted of Shelburne | James of Manchester | Roberts of Halifax |
| Burke of Brattleboro | Jerome of Brandon | Sammis of Castleton |
| Burrows of West Windsor | Kornheiser of Brattleboro | Satcowitz of Randolph |
| Buss of Woodstock | Krasnow of South Burlington | Scheu of Middlebury |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Krowinski of Burlington | Sheldon of Middlebury |
| Carpenter of Hyde Park | LaBounty of Lyndon | Sibilia of Dover |
| Carroll of Bennington | Lalley of Shelburne | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Casey of Montpelier | LaLonde of South Burlington | Small of Winooski |
| Chapin of East Montpelier | LaMont of Morristown | Squirrell of Underhill |
| Chase of Chester | Lanpher of Vergennes | Stebbins of Burlington |
| Chase of Colchester | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Stevens of Waterbury |
| Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs | Lipsky of Stowe | Surprenant of Barnard |
| Christie of Hartford | Logan of Burlington | Taylor of Colchester |
| Cina of Burlington | Long of Newfane | Templeman of Brownington |
| Coffey of Guilford | Masland of Thetford | Toleno of Brattleboro |
| Cole of Hartford | McCann of Montpelier | Torre of Moretown |
| Conlon of Cornwall | McCarthy of St. Albans City | Troiano of Stannard |
| Corcoran of Bennington | McGill of Bridport | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Cordes of Lincoln | Mihaly of Calais | White of Bethel |
| Demrow of Corinth | | Whitman of Bennington |
| Dodge of Essex | | Williams of Barre City |
| | | Wood of Waterbury |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Bartley of Fairfax | Goslant of Northfield | McFaun of Barre Town |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Graham of Williamstown | Morgan of Milton |
| Branagan of Georgia | Gregoire of Fairfield | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Brennan of Colchester | Hango of Berkshire | Page of Newport City |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Harrison of Chittenden | Parsons of Newbury |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Higley of Lowell | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Clifford of Rutland City | Labor of Morgan | Quimby of Lyndon |
| Demar of Enosburgh | Laroche of Franklin | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Dickinson of St. Albans Town | Maguire of Rutland City | Taylor of Milton |
| Donahue of Northfield | Marcotte of Coventry | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| Galfetti of Barre Town | Mattos of Milton | Walker of Swanton |
| | McCoy of Poultney | Williams of Granby |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Bartholomew of Hartland | Noyes of Wolcott | Stone of Burlington |
| Dolan of Essex Junction | Smith of Derby | |

**Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration;
Governor's Veto Overridden**

H. 706

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to banning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 114. Nays, 31.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Andrews of Westford | Durfee of Shaftsbury | Mihaly of Calais |
| Andriano of Orwell | Elder of Starksboro | Minier of South Burlington |
| Anthony of Barre City | Emmons of Springfield | Morris of Springfield |
| Arrison of Weathersfield | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Morrissey of Bennington |
| Arsenault of Williston | Galfetti of Barre Town | Mrowicki of Putney |
| Austin of Colchester | Garofano of Essex | Nicoll of Ludlow |
| Berbeco of Winooski | Goldman of Rockingham | Notte of Rutland City |
| Birong of Vergennes | Goslant of Northfield | Nugent of South Burlington |
| Black of Essex | Graning of Jericho | O'Brien of Tunbridge |
| Bluemle of Burlington | Harrison of Chittenden | Ode of Burlington |
| Bongartz of Manchester | Headrick of Burlington | Page of Newport City |
| Bos-Lun of Westminster | Holcombe of Norwich | Pajala of Londonderry |
| Brady of Williston | Hooper of Randolph | Parsons of Newbury |
| Brown of Richmond | Hooper of Burlington | Patt of Worcester |
| Brumsted of Shelburne | Houghton of Essex Junction | Pouech of Hinesburg |
| Burke of Brattleboro | Howard of Rutland City | Priestley of Bradford |
| Burrows of West Windsor | Hyman of South Burlington | Rachelson of Burlington |
| Buss of Woodstock | James of Manchester | Rice of Dorset |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Jerome of Brandon | Roberts of Halifax |
| Carpenter of Hyde Park | Kornheiser of Brattleboro | Samms of Castleton * |
| Carroll of Bennington | Krasnow of South Burlington | Satcowitz of Randolph |
| Casey of Montpelier | Krowinski of Burlington | Scheu of Middlebury |
| Chapin of East Montpelier | LaBounty of Lyndon | Sheldon of Middlebury |
| Chase of Chester | Lalley of Shelburne | Small of Winooski |
| Chase of Colchester | LaLonde of South Burlington | Squirrell of Underhill |
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| Christie of Hartford | LaMont of Morristown | Surprenant of Barnard |
| Cina of Burlington | Lanpher of Vergennes | Taylor of Colchester |
| Coffey of Guilford | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Templeman of Brownington |
| Cole of Hartford | Lipsky of Stowe | Toleno of Brattleboro |
| Conlon of Cornwall | Logan of Burlington | Torre of Moretown |
| Corcoran of Bennington | Long of Newfane | Troiano of Stannard * |
| Cordes of Lincoln | Marcotte of Coventry | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Demar of Enosburgh | Masland of Thetford | White of Bethel |
| Demrow of Corinth | McCann of Montpelier | Whitman of Bennington |
| Dodge of Essex | McCarthy of St. Albans City | Williams of Barre City |
| Dolan of Waitsfield | McFaun of Barre Town | Wood of Waterbury |
| Donahue of Northfield | McGill of Bridport | |
| Duke of Burlington | | |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Bartley of Fairfax | Graham of Williamstown | Pearl of Danville |
| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Gregoire of Fairfield | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Boyden of Cambridge | Hango of Berkshire | Quimby of Lyndon |
| Branagan of Georgia | Higley of Lowell | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Brennan of Colchester | Labor of Morgan | Sibilia of Dover |
| Brownell of Pownal | Laroche of Franklin | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Maguire of Rutland City | Taylor of Milton |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Mattos of Milton | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| Clifford of Rutland City | McCoy of Poultney | Walker of Swanton |
| Dickinson of St. Albans Town | Morgan of Milton | Williams of Granby |
| | Oliver of Sheldon | |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Bartholomew of Hartland | Noyes of Wolcott | Stone of Burlington |
| Dolan of Essex Junction | Smith of Derby | |

Rep. Sammis of Castleton explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I vote yes to support H.706, not just for the sake of pollinators, but for the long-term health of our food chain, entire ecosystems, and our State. It should also be noted the United States government approved DDT as ‘safe’ once upon a time, and we all know how that turned out. Not too well.”

Rep Troiano of Stannard explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I have been a sponsor of four pollinator protection bills in my ten years here. Virtually every Vermonter I have ever spoken to about pollinators has favored this and all these bills. As one beekeeper put it, I am not a beekeeper, I am a bee buyer. The evidence is strong; neonics are damaging our pollinator population.”

**Rules Suspended, Immediate Consideration;
Governor's Veto Overridden**

H. 121

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhancing consumer privacy and the age-appropriate design code

Appearing on the Calendar for Notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, the Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 128. Nays, 17.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Andrews of Westford | Durfee of Shaftsbury | Mihaly of Calais |
| Andriano of Orwell | Elder of Starksboro | Minier of South Burlington |
| Anthony of Barre City | Emmons of Springfield | Morgan of Milton |
| Arrison of Weathersfield | Farlice-Rubio of Barnet | Morris of Springfield |
| Arsenault of Williston * | Galfetti of Barre Town | Morrissey of Bennington |
| Austin of Colchester | Garofano of Essex | Mrowicki of Putney |
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| Berbeco of Winooski | Graning of Jericho | Notte of Rutland City |
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| Boyden of Cambridge | Hooper of Randolph | Parsons of Newbury |
| Brady of Williston | Hooper of Burlington | Patt of Worcester |
| Branagan of Georgia | Houghton of Essex Junction | Pearl of Danville |
| Brown of Richmond | Howard of Rutland City | Peterson of Clarendon |
| Brownell of Pownal | Hyman of South Burlington | Pouech of Hinesburg |
| Brumsted of Shelburne | James of Manchester | Priestley of Bradford |
| Burke of Brattleboro | Jerome of Brandon | Rachelson of Burlington |
| Burrows of West Windsor | Kornheiser of Brattleboro | Rice of Dorset |
| Buss of Woodstock | Krasnow of South | Roberts of Halifax |
| Campbell of St. Johnsbury | Burlington | Sammis of Castleton |
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| Chase of Chester | LaLonde of South | Sims of Craftsbury |
| Chase of Colchester | Burlington | Small of Winooski |
| | LaMont of Morristown | Squirrell of Underhill |

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| Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs | Lanpher of Vergennes Laroche of Franklin | Stebbins of Burlington Stevens of Waterbury |
| Christie of Hartford | Leavitt of Grand Isle | Surprenant of Barnard |
| Cina of Burlington | Lipsky of Stowe | Taylor of Milton |
| Coffey of Guilford | Logan of Burlington | Taylor of Colchester |
| Cole of Hartford | Long of Newfane | Templeman of Brownington |
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| Corcoran of Bennington | Marcotte of Coventry | Torre of Moretown |
| Cordes of Lincoln | Masland of Thetford | Troiano of Stannard |
| Demar of Enosburgh | McCann of Montpelier | Waters Evans of Charlotte |
| Demrow of Corinth | McCarthy of St. Albans City | White of Bethel |
| Dodge of Essex | McFaun of Barre Town | Whitman of Bennington |
| Dolan of Waitsfield | McGill of Bridport | Williams of Barre City |
| Donahue of Northfield | | Wood of Waterbury |
| Duke of Burlington | | |

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Beck of St. Johnsbury | Town | Oliver of Sheldon |
| Brennan of Colchester | Goslant of Northfield | Quimby of Lyndon |
| Burditt of West Rutland | Graham of Williamstown | Shaw of Pittsford |
| Canfield of Fair Haven | Higley of Lowell | Toof of St. Albans Town |
| Clifford of Rutland City | Mattos of Milton | Walker of Swanton |
| Dickinson of St. Albans | McCoy of Poultney | Williams of Granby |

Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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| Bartholomew of Hartland | Noyes of Wolcott | Stone of Burlington |
| Dolan of Essex Junction | Smith of Derby | |

Rep. Arsenault of Williston explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

The provisions in H.121 represent the least we can do right now to protect our kids from a wholly unregulated and predatory industry. I vote yes to place the health and safety of children before the false claims of financial peril from some in the business community.”

Rules Suspended, Bills Messaged to Senate Forthwith

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the following bills were ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith:

H. 645

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the expansion of approaches to restorative justice

H. 706

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides

H. 121

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enhancing consumer privacy and the age-appropriate design code

**Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred in with
Further Proposal of Amendment Thereto; Rules Suspended,
Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

H. 81

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to fair repair of agricultural equipment

The Senate proposed to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds:

(1) The Vermont food, agriculture, and forest sectors are significant components of the State's economy, its rural heritage, and its identity as a State.

(A) According to the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative, about 20 percent of Vermont's land is used for agriculture, while another 78 percent is forested. In surveys conducted by the Initiative, over 97 percent of Vermonters expressed that they value the working landscape.

(B) The 2023 U.S. Food and Agriculture Industries Economic Impact Study found that the food and agriculture industries in Vermont were associated with nearly 104,000 jobs, \$5.2 billion in wages, and \$19.3 billion in economic output.

(C) The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund estimates that Vermont's forest products industry generates an annual economic output of \$1.4 billion and supports 10,500 jobs.

(2) Agricultural and forestry activity varies by season, is weather-dependent, and is heavily reliant on having access to increasingly sophisticated agricultural and forestry equipment. Vermont farmers' and foresters' access to safe and reliable equipment is essential to timely planting, cultivating, tilling,

and harvesting of produce, protein, grain, timber, and other wood forest products.

(3) The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the increased and ongoing need for functional agricultural and forestry equipment as individuals in Vermont increasingly rely on the equipment to guarantee access to food and wood products during periods of supply chain disruption, raw material and commodities shortages, and heightened food insecurity.

(4) Authorized repair providers are important Vermont businesses that play a critical role for farmers and foresters by offering access to diagnosis, maintenance, and repair services for agricultural and forestry equipment.

(5) In general, original equipment manufacturers and authorized repair providers are able to provide independent repair providers and owners with adequate access to necessary parts for agricultural and forestry equipment. However, in order to maintain complex safety and emissions systems, limitations on software-related repairs implemented by original equipment manufacturers have led to frustration for some customers.

(6) Due to workforce, seasonal workload, and geographic constraints, authorized repair providers are not always able to meet the demand for timely diagnosis, maintenance, or repair services to farmers and foresters in this State.

(7) As for many Vermont employers, critical workforce shortages prevent authorized repair providers from operating at full staff capacity, which can contribute to costly delays in performing diagnosis, maintenance, and repair services.

(8) The need for more accessible and affordable repair options is felt more acutely among specific sectors of the population, notably Vermont residents in more rural and remote areas.

(9) Original equipment manufacturer shops and authorized repair providers are sometimes not located close to owners or independent repair providers, which may require owners or independent repair providers to travel long distances for repair or to be without functioning agricultural or forestry equipment for longer periods of time.

(10) Owners may be capable of performing their own diagnosis, maintenance, and repair services for their equipment.

(11) Independent repair providers play a vital role in Vermont's economy. Providing access to information, parts, and diagnostic and repair tools is essential in contributing to a competitive repair market and allowing independent repair shop employees to fix equipment safely.

(12) Extending the useful life and efficient operation of equipment may provide additional benefits for farmers, foresters, and the environment.

(A) Computerized components of modern agricultural and forestry equipment include precious metals that are finite.

(B) Emissions of agricultural and forestry equipment are better regulated and limited by functional software and hardware computer elements, thereby increasing the need for access to timely and effective repairs to ensure optimal functionality that is within the confines of federal regulatory limitations and existing technology needed to preserve intellectual property.

(13) Broader distribution of the information, tools, and parts necessary to repair modern agricultural and forestry equipment may shorten repair times, lengthen the useful lives of the equipment, lower costs for users, and benefit the environment.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this act is to ensure equitable access to the parts, tools, and documentation that are necessary for independent repair providers and owners to perform timely repair of agricultural and forestry equipment in a safe, secure, reliable, and sustainable manner.

Sec. 2. SHORT TITLE

This act may be cited as the Fair Repair Act.

Sec. 3. 9 V.S.A. chapter 106 is added to read:

CHAPTER 106. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; FAIR REPAIR

§ 4051. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Agricultural equipment” means a device, part of a device, or an attachment to a device used principally off road and designed solely for an agricultural purpose, including a tractor, trailer, or combine; implements for tillage, planting, or cultivation; and other equipment principally associated with livestock or crop production, horticulture, or floriculture.

(2)(A) “Authorized repair provider” means an individual or business that has an arrangement with the original equipment manufacturer under which the original equipment manufacturer grants to the individual or business a license to use a trade name, service mark, or other proprietary identifier for the purposes of offering the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of equipment under the name of the original equipment manufacturer or other arrangement with the original equipment manufacturer to offer such services on behalf of the original equipment manufacturer.

(B) An original equipment manufacturer that offers the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of its own equipment and that does not have an arrangement described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2) with an unaffiliated individual or business shall be considered an authorized repair provider with respect to such equipment.

(3) “Documentation” means any manual, diagram, reporting output, service code description, schematic diagram, security code, password, or other guidance or information, whether in an electronic or tangible format, to perform the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment.

(4) “Forestry equipment” means nondivisible equipment, implements, accessories, and contrivances used principally off road and designed solely for harvesting timber or for on-site processing of wood forest products necessary to and associated with a logging operation.

(5) “Independent repair provider” means a person operating in this State, either through a physical business location or through a mobile service that offers on-site repairs in the State, that does not have an arrangement described in subdivision (2) of this section with an original equipment manufacturer and that is engaged in the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment.

(6) “Memorandum of understanding” means an agreement that is:

(A) related to the right to repair of agricultural or forestry equipment;

(B) not legally binding; and

(C) between the original equipment manufacturer and the American Farm Bureau Federation or similar organization that advocates on behalf of farmers or loggers.

(7) “Original equipment manufacturer” means a person engaged in the business of selling, leasing, or otherwise supplying new agricultural or forestry equipment manufactured by or on behalf of itself to any individual or business.

(8) “Owner” means an individual or business that owns or leases agricultural or forestry equipment used in this State.

(9) “Part” means any replacement part, either new or used, made available by an original equipment manufacturer for purposes of effecting the services of maintenance or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment manufactured by or on behalf of, sold or otherwise supplied by, the original equipment manufacturer.

(10) “Repair” means to maintain, diagnose, or fix agricultural or forestry equipment resulting in the equipment being returned to its original equipment manufacturer specifications. “Repair” does not include the ability to:

(A) modify from original equipment specifications the embedded software or code;

(B) change any equipment or engine settings that negatively affect emissions or safety compliance; or

(C) download or access the source code of any embedded software or code.

(11) “Tools” means any software program, hardware implement, or other apparatus used for diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment, including software or other mechanisms required to restore the product to its original manufacturer, including any updates.

(12) “Trade secret” has the same meaning as provided in 18 U.S.C. § 1839.

§ 4052. AVAILABILITY OF PARTS, TOOLS, AND DOCUMENTATION

(a) Duty to make available parts, tools, and documentation.

(1) An original equipment manufacturer shall offer for sale or otherwise make available to an independent repair provider or owner the parts, tools, and documentation for diagnosis or repair.

(2) If agricultural or forestry equipment includes an electronic security lock or other security-related function that must be unlocked, enabled, or disabled to perform diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the equipment, an original equipment manufacturer may require a secured authorization process in order to prevent access to the source code or infringement of intellectual property in software or hardware owned by the original equipment manufacturer or licensed to the original equipment manufacturer by a third party and subject to terms of use.

(3) An original equipment manufacturer may satisfy its obligation to make parts, tools, and documentation available to an independent repair provider or owner through an authorized repair provider that consents to sell or make available parts, tools, or documentation on behalf of the manufacturer.

(b) Terms; limitations. Under the terms governing the sale or provision of parts, tools, and documentation, an original equipment manufacturer shall not impose on an independent repair provider or owner an additional cost or burden that is not reasonably necessary within the ordinary course of business

or is designed to be an impediment on the independent repair provider or owner, including:

(1) a substantial obligation to use, or a restriction on the use of, the parts, tools, or documentation necessary to diagnose, maintain, or repair agricultural or forestry equipment;

(2) a condition that the independent repair provider or owner become an authorized repair provider of the original equipment manufacturer; or

(3) an additional burden or material change that adversely affects the timeliness or method of delivering parts, tools, or documentation.

§ 4053. ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT; NOTICE

(a) A violation of this section shall be deemed a violation of the Consumer Protection Act, 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, provided that no private right of action shall arise from the provisions of this act. The Attorney General has the same authority to make rules, conduct civil investigations, enter into assurances of discontinuance, and bring civil actions as provided under 9 V.S.A. chapter 63, subchapter 1.

(b) The Attorney General shall be notified in writing by the original equipment manufacturer not later than 30 days after a memorandum of understanding expires or has been terminated, withdrawn, or canceled by an original equipment manufacturer subject to this chapter.

§ 4054. APPLICATION; LIMITATIONS

(a) This chapter does not require an original equipment manufacturer to divulge a trade secret to an owner or an independent repair provider.

(b) This chapter does not alter the terms of any arrangement described in subdivision 4051(2)(A) of this title in force between an authorized repair provider and an original equipment manufacturer, including the performance or provision of warranty or recall repair work by an authorized repair provider on behalf of an original equipment manufacturer pursuant to such arrangement, except that any provision governing such an arrangement that purports to waive, avoid, restrict, or limit the original equipment manufacturer's obligations to comply with this chapter is void and unenforceable.

(c) This chapter does not alter the terms of a lease of agricultural or forestry equipment between an owner and another person.

(d) An independent repair provider or owner shall not:

(1) modify agricultural or forestry equipment to temporarily deactivate safety notification systems, except as necessary to provide diagnosis, maintenance, or repair services;

(2) access any function of a tool that enables the independent repair provider or owner to change the settings for a piece of agricultural or forestry equipment in a manner that brings the equipment out of compliance with the original manufacturer specifications or any applicable federal, state, or local safety or emissions laws; or

(3) obtain or use parts, tools, or documentation to evade or violate emissions, copyright, trademark, or patent laws or to engage in any other illegal activity.

(e) Original equipment manufacturers and authorized repair providers are not liable for faulty or otherwise improper repairs completed by independent repair providers or owners, including repairs that cause:

(1) damage to agricultural or forestry equipment that occurs during such repairs; and

(2) an inability to use, or the reduced functionality of, agricultural or forestry equipment resulting from the faulty or otherwise improper repair.

(f) In the event that federal law preempts part of the activity regulated by this chapter, this chapter shall be construed to regulate activity that has not been preempted.

(g) This chapter shall not apply to an original equipment manufacturer that has entered into a memorandum of understanding that substantially incorporates the provisions of this chapter. In the event that a memorandum of understanding expires or is terminated, withdrawn, or canceled, the original equipment manufacturer shall be required to comply with all provisions of this chapter no later than 30 days upon such termination, withdrawal, cancellation, or expiration.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

Pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, **Reps. Templeman of Brownington, Priestley of Bradford, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Chester, Cole of Hartford, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Graning of Jericho, Jerome of Brandon, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Marcotte of Coventry, Nicoll of Ludlow, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Pearl of Danville, Rice of Dorset, Sammis of Castleton, Surprenant of Barnard, White of Bethel, and Williams of Barre City** moved that the House concur in the Senate the proposal of amendment

with further proposal of amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds:

(1) The Vermont food, agriculture, and forest sectors are significant components of the State's economy, its rural heritage, and its identity as a State.

(A) According to the Working Lands Enterprise Initiative, about 20 percent of Vermont's land is used for agriculture, while another 78 percent is forested. In surveys conducted by the Initiative, over 97 percent of Vermonters expressed that they value the working landscape.

(B) The 2023 U.S. Food and Agriculture Industries Economic Impact Study found that the food and agriculture industries in Vermont were associated with nearly 104,000 jobs, \$5.2 billion in wages, and \$19.3 billion in economic output.

(C) The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund estimates that Vermont's forest products industry generates an annual economic output of \$1.4 billion and supports 10,500 jobs.

(2) Agricultural and forestry activity varies by season, is weather-dependent, and is heavily reliant on having access to increasingly sophisticated agricultural and forestry equipment. Vermont farmers' and foresters' access to safe and reliable equipment is essential to timely planting, cultivating, tilling, and harvesting of produce, protein, grain, timber, and other wood forest products.

(3) The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the increased and ongoing need for functional agricultural and forestry equipment as individuals in Vermont increasingly rely on the equipment to guarantee access to food and wood products during periods of supply chain disruption, raw material and commodities shortages, and heightened food insecurity.

(4) Authorized repair providers are important Vermont businesses that play a critical role for farmers and foresters by offering access to diagnosis, maintenance, and repair services for agricultural and forestry equipment.

(5) In general, original equipment manufacturers and authorized repair providers are able to provide independent repair providers and owners with adequate access to necessary parts for agricultural and forestry equipment. However, in order to maintain complex safety and emissions systems, limitations on software-related repairs implemented by original equipment manufacturers have led to frustration for some customers.

(6) Due to workforce, seasonal workload, and geographic constraints, authorized repair providers are not always able to meet the demand for timely diagnosis, maintenance, or repair services to farmers and foresters in this State.

(7) As for many Vermont employers, critical workforce shortages prevent authorized repair providers from operating at full staff capacity, which can contribute to costly delays in performing diagnosis, maintenance, and repair services.

(8) The need for more accessible and affordable repair options is felt more acutely among specific sectors of the population, notably Vermont residents in more rural and remote areas.

(9) Original equipment manufacturer shops and authorized repair providers are sometimes not located close to owners or independent repair providers, which may require owners or independent repair providers to travel long distances for repair or to be without functioning agricultural or forestry equipment for longer periods of time.

(10) Owners may be capable of performing their own diagnosis, maintenance, and repair services for their equipment.

(11) Independent repair providers play a vital role in Vermont's economy. Providing access to information, parts, and diagnostic and repair tools is essential in contributing to a competitive repair market and allowing independent repair shop employees to fix equipment safely.

(12) Extending the useful life and efficient operation of equipment may provide additional benefits for farmers, foresters, and the environment.

(A) Computerized components of modern agricultural and forestry equipment include precious metals that are finite.

(B) Emissions of agricultural and forestry equipment are better regulated and limited by functional software and hardware computer elements, thereby increasing the need for access to timely and effective repairs to ensure optimal functionality that is within the confines of federal regulatory limitations and existing technology needed to preserve intellectual property.

(13) Broader distribution of the information, tools, and parts necessary to repair modern agricultural and forestry equipment may shorten repair times, lengthen the useful lives of the equipment, lower costs for users, and benefit the environment.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this act is to ensure equitable access to the parts, tools, and documentation that are necessary for independent repair providers and owners to perform timely repair of agricultural and forestry equipment in a safe, secure, reliable, and sustainable manner.

Sec. 2. SHORT TITLE

This act may be cited as the Fair Repair Act.

Sec. 3. 9 V.S.A. chapter 106 is added to read:

CHAPTER 106. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EQUIPMENT;
FAIR REPAIR

§ 4051. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Agricultural equipment” means a device, part of a device, or an attachment to a device used principally off road and designed solely for an agricultural purpose, including a tractor, trailer, or combine; implements for tillage, planting, or cultivation; and other equipment principally associated with livestock or crop production, horticulture, or floriculture.

(2)(A) “Authorized repair provider” means an individual or business that has an arrangement with the original equipment manufacturer under which the original equipment manufacturer grants to the individual or business a license to use a trade name, service mark, or other proprietary identifier for the purposes of offering the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of equipment under the name of the original equipment manufacturer or other arrangement with the original equipment manufacturer to offer such services on behalf of the original equipment manufacturer.

(B) An original equipment manufacturer that offers the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of its own equipment and that does not have an arrangement described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2) with an unaffiliated individual or business shall be considered an authorized repair provider with respect to such equipment.

(3) “Documentation” means any manual, diagram, reporting output, service code description, schematic diagram, security code, password, or other guidance or information, whether in an electronic or tangible format, used to perform the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment.

(4) “Forestry equipment” means nondivisible equipment, implements, accessories, and contrivances used principally off road and designed solely for harvesting timber or for on-site processing of wood forest products necessary to and associated with a logging operation.

(5) “Independent repair provider” means a person operating in this State, either through a physical business location or through a mobile service that offers on-site repairs in the State, that does not have an arrangement

described in subdivision (2) of this section with an original equipment manufacturer and that is engaged in the services of diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment.

(6) “Memorandum of understanding” means an agreement that is:

(A) related to the right to repair of agricultural or forestry equipment;

(B) not legally binding; and

(C) between the original equipment manufacturer and the American Farm Bureau Federation or similar organization that advocates on behalf of farmers or loggers.

(7) “Original equipment manufacturer” means a person engaged in the business of selling, leasing, or otherwise supplying new agricultural or forestry equipment manufactured by or on behalf of itself to any individual or business.

(8) “Owner” means an individual or business that owns or leases agricultural or forestry equipment used in this State.

(9) “Part” means any replacement part, either new or used, made available by an original equipment manufacturer for purposes of effecting the services of maintenance or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment manufactured by or on behalf of, sold or otherwise supplied by, the original equipment manufacturer.

(10) “Repair” means to maintain, diagnose, or fix agricultural or forestry equipment, resulting in the equipment being restored to its fully functional condition, including any updates. “Repair” does not include the ability to:

(A) permanently modify from original equipment specifications the embedded software or code;

(B) permanently change any equipment or engine settings that negatively affect emissions or safety compliance; or

(C) download or access the source code of any embedded software or code, unless doing so is required to restore the equipment to its fully functional condition, including any updates.

(11) “Tools” means any software program, hardware implement, or other apparatus used for diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of agricultural or forestry equipment, including software or other mechanisms that provision, program, or pair a new part; calibrate functionality; or perform any other function required to bring the product back to fully functional condition, including any updates.

(12) “Trade secret” has the same meaning as provided in 18 U.S.C. § 1839.

§ 4052. AVAILABILITY OF PARTS, TOOLS, AND DOCUMENTATION

(a) Duty to make available parts, tools, and documentation.

(1) An original equipment manufacturer shall offer for sale or otherwise make available to an independent repair provider or owner the parts, tools, and documentation that the original equipment manufacturer offers for sale or otherwise makes available to an authorized repair provider.

(2) If agricultural or forestry equipment includes an electronic security lock or other security-related function that must be unlocked, enabled, or disabled to perform diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of the equipment, an original equipment manufacturer shall make available to an independent repair provider or owner any parts, tools, and documentation necessary to unlock or disable the function and to reset the lock or function after the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair is complete.

(3) An original equipment manufacturer may satisfy its obligation to make parts, tools, and documentation available to an independent repair provider or owner through an authorized repair provider that consents to sell or make available parts, tools, or documentation on behalf of the manufacturer.

(b) Terms; limitations. Under the terms governing the sale or provision of parts, tools, and documentation, an original equipment manufacturer shall not impose on an independent repair provider or owner an additional cost or burden that is not reasonably necessary within the ordinary course of business or is designed to be an impediment on the independent repair provider or owner, including:

(1) a substantial obligation to use, or a restriction on the use of, the parts, tools, or documentation necessary to diagnose, maintain, or repair agricultural or forestry equipment;

(2) a condition that the independent repair provider or owner become an authorized repair provider of the original equipment manufacturer;

(3) a requirement that a part, tool, or documentation be registered, paired with, or approved by the original equipment manufacturer or an authorized repair provider before the part, tool, or documentation is operational; or

(4) an additional burden or material change that adversely affects the timeliness or method of delivering parts, tools, or documentation.

§ 4053. ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT; NOTICE

(a) A person who violates a provision of this chapter commits an unfair and deceptive act in trade and commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

(b) The Attorney General has the same authority to make rules, conduct civil investigations, enter into assurances of discontinuance, and bring civil actions as provided under chapter 63, subchapter 1 of this title.

(c) The Attorney General shall be notified in writing by the original equipment manufacturer not later than 30 days after a memorandum of understanding expires or has been terminated, withdrawn, or canceled by an original equipment manufacturer subject to this chapter.

§ 4054. APPLICATION; LIMITATIONS

(a) This chapter does not require an original equipment manufacturer to divulge a trade secret to an owner or an independent repair provider.

(b) This chapter does not alter the terms of any arrangement described in subdivision 4051(2)(A) of this title in force between an authorized repair provider and an original equipment manufacturer, including the performance or provision of warranty or recall repair work by an authorized repair provider on behalf of an original equipment manufacturer pursuant to such arrangement, except that any provision governing such an arrangement that purports to waive, avoid, restrict, or limit the original equipment manufacturer's obligations to comply with this chapter is void and unenforceable.

(c) This chapter does not alter the terms of a lease of agricultural or forestry equipment between an owner and another person.

(d) An independent repair provider or owner shall not:

(1) modify agricultural or forestry equipment to temporarily deactivate safety notification systems, except as necessary to provide diagnosis, maintenance, or repair services;

(2) access any function of a tool, excluding a tool strictly needed for a software update or to correct a defect or safety issue, that enables the independent repair provider or owner to change the settings for a piece of agricultural or forestry equipment in a manner that brings the equipment out of compliance with the original manufacturer specifications or any applicable federal, state, or local safety or emissions laws; or

(3) obtain or use parts, tools, or documentation to evade or violate emissions, copyright, trademark, or patent laws or to engage in any other illegal activity.

(e) Original equipment manufacturers and authorized repair providers are not liable for faulty or otherwise improper repairs completed by independent repair providers or owners, including repairs that cause:

(1) damage to agricultural or forestry equipment that occurs during such repairs; and

(2) an inability to use, or the reduced functionality of, agricultural or forestry equipment resulting from the faulty or otherwise improper repair.

(f) In the event that federal law preempts part of the activity regulated by this chapter, this chapter shall be construed to regulate activity that has not been preempted.

(g) If an original equipment manufacturer is a party to a memorandum of understanding:

(1) the original equipment manufacturer is still obligated to meet the requirements established in this chapter; and

(2) the memorandum of understanding may be used, subject to the provisions set forth in this chapter, to establish the processes and procedures for an independent repair provider or owner to repair agricultural or forestry equipment.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the House concurred in the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal thereto.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the House's actions on the bill were ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence; Rules Suspended, Messaged to Senate Forthwith

J.R.S. 57

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 57. Joint resolution relating to compensation of Members of the General Assembly during the remainder of the 2024 Adjourned Session.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That notwithstanding the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §§ 1051(a)(1) and 1052(a)(1) providing for a weekly rate of compensation, commencing June 17, 2024, Members of the General Assembly shall be entitled to compensation for services equal to a daily rate of one-fourth of the annually adjusted weekly compensation set forth in sections 1051(a)(1) and 1052(a)(1) and reimbursement for expenses at the daily rate established in sections 1051(a)(3) and 1052(b) of Title 32 for each day on which their respective houses shall sit and the member attends for the remainder of the 2024 Adjourned Session, except that no member shall receive compensation for more than four days in any week.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the House's actions on the resolution were ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Bill Ordered Delivered to Governor Forthwith

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the following bill passed by the House and Senate was ordered to be delivered to the Governor forthwith pursuant to Joint Rule 15.

H. 55

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous unemployment insurance amendments

Recess

At three o'clock and eighteen minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

Message from the Senate No. 79

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 on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

H. 687. An act relating to community resilience and biodiversity protection through land use.

And has passed the same, the refusal of the Governor to approve notwithstanding.

The Senate has on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

H. 887. An act relating to homestead property tax yields, nonhomestead rates, and policy changes to education finance and taxation.

And has passed the same, the refusal of the Governor to approve notwithstanding.

The Senate has on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

H. 289. An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard.

And has passed the same, the refusal of the Governor to approve notwithstanding.

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

H. 890. An act relating to delaying implementation of certain health insurance claims editing requirements.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

Called to Order

At four o'clock and thirty-eight minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Bill Ordered Delivered to Governor Forthwith

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the following bill passed by the House and Senate was ordered to be delivered to the Governor forthwith pursuant to Joint Rule 15.

H. 890

House bill, entitled

An act relating to delaying implementation of certain health insurance claims editing requirements

Special Oversight Committee on Workforce Expansion and Development Appointment

Pursuant to 2024, Act 146, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Special Oversight Committee on Workforce Expansion and Development:

Rep. Marcotte of Coventry

**Advisory Council on Child Poverty and Strengthening Families
Appointments**

Pursuant to Act No. 207 of 2018, Sec. 1, the Speaker appointed the following members of the Advisory Council on Child Poverty and Strengthening Families:

Rep. McGill of Bridport
Rep. Branagan of Georgia

**Joint Resolution Adopted;
Rules Suspended, Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

J.R.H. 12

Joint House resolution, entitled

By Representatives Long of Newfane, McCoy of Poultney, and Small of Winooski,

J.R.H. 12. Joint resolution relating to final adjournment of the General Assembly in 2024.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate adjourn their respective Houses on the seventeenth or eighteenth day of June 2024, they be adjourned *sine die*.

Was taken up, read, and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the House's actions on the resolution were ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Senate Notified of Completion of House Business

Rep. Long of Newfane moved that the House direct the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House has completed the business of the Biennial Session and is ready to adjourn *sine die* pursuant to the provisions of J.R.H. 12, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

At four o'clock and forty-three minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Long of Newfane**, the House adjourned pursuant to the provisions of J.R.H. 12.

FINAL MESSAGES AND COMMUNICATIONS**Message from the Senate No. 80**

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 on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

H. 72. An act relating to a harm-reduction criminal justice response to drug use.

And has passed the same, the refusal of the Governor to approve notwithstanding.

The Senate has on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

H. 645. An act relating to the expansion of approaches to restorative justice.

And has passed the same, the refusal of the Governor to approve notwithstanding.

The Senate has on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

H. 706. An act relating to banning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

And has passed the same, the refusal of the Governor to approve notwithstanding.

The Senate has on its part considered the Governor's veto of a House bill of the following title:

H. 121. An act relating to enhancing consumer privacy and the age-appropriate design code.

And has sustained such veto.

The Senate has considered joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

J.R.H. 12. Joint resolution relating to final adjournment of the General Assembly in 2024.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.