

Journal of the House

Friday, March 17, 2023

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Conor Casey of Montpelier.

Memorial Service

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

Rep. Peter Joseph Brady of Bennington	Member of the House, Sessions 1995-1998
Rep. Sarah Edwards of Brattleboro	Member of the House, Sessions 2003-2012

Thereupon, the members of the House held a moment of silence in memory of the deceased members.

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 473

By the Committee on Health Care,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to radiologist assistants

Pursuant to House Rule 48, placed on the Notice Calendar.

H. 474

By Reps. Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 475

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Casey of Montpelier, Burrows of West Windsor, LaBounty of Lyndon, LaMont of Morristown, Lipsky of Stowe, McGill of Bridport, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Small of Winooski, Templeman of Brownington, and Williams of Granby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to preserving the rights of a parent with a disability

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 476

By the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to law enforcement officer training laws

Pursuant to House Rule 48, placed on the Notice Calendar.

H. 477

By the Committee on Judiciary,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to marriage license fees

Pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time, and referred as follows:

S. 14

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to a report on criminal justice-related investments and trends

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 95

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to banking and insurance

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Bills Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Notice Calendar, affecting the revenue of the State, under House Rule 35(a), were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 102

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Art in State Buildings Program

H. 125

House bill, entitled

An act relating to boards and commissions

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 291

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Cybersecurity Advisory Council

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Coffey of Guilford**, the following remarks by **Rep. Toleno of Brattleboro** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

This morning we read the name of Sarah Edwards, a member of this body for ten years and my immediate predecessor in Brattleboro’s 3rd district. Because of the incredible turnover of the last few bienniums, many of you did not know Sarah. I had a special relationship with Sarah and want to share just a few brief thoughts.

Sarah came into my life when I was four years old and was my stepmother for my entire childhood. Her two children are my youngest siblings: my brother, Yves and my only sister, Elizabeth. In our wonderful and eccentric way, we stayed a family even when she and my father divorced and found new partners. Sarah’s husband Blake is dear to me and an anchor for my siblings - Sarah was the love of his life. They did amazing things together - including for those of you who knew about it, the island project in Belize. Sarah was a champion for the environment and also for the needs of everyday Vermonters.

She will be missed by many. I've borrowed and rearranged some of John O' Donoghue's words as a way to close.

May the nourishment of the earth be hers,
may the clarity of light be hers,
may the fluency of the ocean be hers,
may the protection of the ancestors be hers.

May there come across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight
to bring her safely home."

On motion of **Rep. Coffey of Guilford**, the following remarks by **Rep. Burke of Brattleboro** were ordered printed in the Journal:

"Madam Speaker:

We have just honored the memory of our former colleague, Representative Sarah Edwards of Brattleboro.

Representative Edwards was a strong and effective legislator, and a passionate advocate for renewable energy and environmental issues. She is remembered fondly by those who knew her here.

She is also the reason I am here. Fifteen years ago, she recruited me to run for the House.

During our years here together, she was my Montpelier housemate, carpool companion, legislative mentor, and especially a trusted friend. It is so fitting that we remember her in our chamber."

Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed:

H. 62

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the interstate Counseling Compact

H. 77

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

H. 86

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

H. 465

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regional emergency management committees' meeting quorum requirement

H. 466

House bill, entitled

An act relating to technical corrections for the 2023 legislative session

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 470

Rep. Birong of Vergennes spoke for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws

Having appeared on the Notice Calendar and appearing on the Action Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Communication from the Governor

“March 17, 2023

The Honorable Jill Krowinski
Speaker of the House
115 State Street, Drawer 33
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-2301

Dear Speaker Krowinski:

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Melanie Carpenter of Hyde Park, Vermont to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Lamoille-2.

Sincerely,
/s/Philip B. Scott
Governor
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CC: Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, Secretary of State
BetsyAnn Wrask, Clerk of the House”

Message from the Senate No. 28

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Kucserik, 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. 17. Joint resolution urging U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to comply with the expedited asylum hearing provisions of the Afghan Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 48. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement on the observance of St Patrick’s Day 2023.

H.C.R. 49. House concurrent resolution congratulating Westford Elementary School’s robotics teams for their award-winning performances at the FIRST LEGO League State Championship.

H.C.R. 50. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Governor’s Institutes of Vermont on their 40th anniversary.

H.C.R. 51. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Vermont Downtown Program and designating March 22, 2023 as Downtown Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 52. House concurrent resolution designating March 22, 2023 as Vermont Tourism Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 53. House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of May 14–20 as National Skilled Nursing Care Week and the week of September 10–16 as National Assisted Living Week in Vermont.

H.C.R. 54. House concurrent resolution honoring Bruce Sklar, Harwood Union Middle and High School jazz teacher extraordinaire.

H.C.R. 55. House concurrent resolution honoring Chris Rivers on his transformative career as Harwood Union Middle and High School Music Department Chair.

H.C.R. 56. House concurrent resolution recognizing March 12–18 as AmeriCorps Week in Vermont.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and seventeen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 18.

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 Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

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[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 2023 Biennial Session.]