

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Kenzan of East Calais.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

H. 554.

House bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of South Hero.

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Bordeau, Christina Marie of South Burlington - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from November 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Education.

Schmidt, Len of Brandon - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from November 1, 2023 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Education.

Hubbard, Julie of Colchester - Member of the Cannabis Control Board - from November 1, 2023 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Handfield, Steve of Poultney - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from November 14, 2023 to January 31, 2026.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Tucker, Scott of Clarendon - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from November 15, 2023 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

King, Patricia A. of Burlington - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from January 1, 2024 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Snedeker, David of St. Johnsbury - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board - from January 15, 2024 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

Foley, Mark of Rutland - Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026.

To the Committee on Finance.

Winters, Deborah of Swanton - Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026.

To the Committee on Finance.

McSoley, John of Essex Junction - Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - from January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

Bill Passed in Concurrence

H. 849.

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence:

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

**Rules Suspended; Immediate Consideration; Third Reading Ordered;
Rules Suspended; Bill Passed in Concurrence; Rules Suspended; Bill
Messaged; Bill Ordered Delivered**

H. 850.

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

An act relating to transitioning education financing to the new system for pupil weighting.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Cummings, for the Committee on Finance, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Senator Kitchel, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended and the bill was placed on all remaining stages of its passage in concurrence.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended, and the bill was ordered messaged to the House forthwith.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Baruth, the bill was ordered to the Governor forthwith, pursuant to Joint Rule 15.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 23, 2024.