

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Devon Thomas of Jeffersonville.

Senate Resolution Placed on Calendar

S.R. 7.

Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senator Baruth,

S.R. 7. Senate resolution relating to adoption of a temporary Rule 44A.

Resolved by the Senate:

That a temporary rule, to be designated Rule 44A, be adopted by the Senate, to read as follows:

Rule 44A. (a) Any bill failing to make the crossover dates of March 17, 2023 and March 24, 2023 shall be referred to the Committee on Rules. This provision shall not apply to the following measures:

- (1) The transportation capital bill;
- (2) The capital construction bill;
- (3) The general appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”);
- (4) The fees bill; and
- (5) The miscellaneous tax/revenue bill.

(b) The Committee on Rules may release any bills referred to it for reference to another committee of jurisdiction pursuant to Senate Rule 24 or to the Notice Calendar, as applicable.

(c) All bills referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to this temporary Rule 44A and still in the Committee on Rules on the convening of the 2024 adjourned session shall be referred to another committee of jurisdiction pursuant to Senate Rule 24 or placed on the Notice Calendar, as applicable.

(d) This Temporary Rule 44A shall expire on the convening of the 2024 adjourned session.

Thereupon, under Rule 34 and 51, the resolution was placed on the Calendar for notice.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 53.

By Senator Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to the Vermont Climate Corps.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 54.

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik, Watson and Wrenner,

An act relating to individual and small group insurance markets.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 55.

By Senators Clarkson, Chittenden, Gulick, Hardy, Hashim, McCormack, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to authorizing public bodies to meet electronically under Vermont's Open Meeting Law.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 56.

By Senators Hardy, Lyons, Baruth, Bray, Campion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Cummings, Gulick, Hashim, McCormack, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Sears, Vyhovsky, Watson and White,

An act relating to child care and early childhood education.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Third Reading Ordered

H. 1.

Senator Gulick, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to legislative oversight of payment reform and conflict-free case management for developmental disability services.

Reported that the bill ought to passage 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.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 2, 2023.