

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rabbi Tobie Weisman of Montpelier.

Senate Bill Recommitted

S. 79.

Appearing on the calendar for action, on motion of Senator Baruth, Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to limitations on hospital liens.
was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 216.

By Senators Collamore, Weeks and Williams,

An act relating to the governance and transformation of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 217.

By Senators Vyhovsky, Gulick, Hardy, Perchlik, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to excluding medical debt from credit reports.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 218.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to the staffing of the Dam Safety Division.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 219.

By Senator Hardy,

An act relating to municipal regulation of private airstrips.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 220.

By Senators Hardy, Gulick, Clarkson, Harrison, Perchlik, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to Vermont's public libraries.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 221.

By Senators Vyhovsky, McCormack and White,

An act relating to compensation for the Governor and the heads of departments and agencies.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Message from the House No. 2

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. BetsyAnn Wrask, its Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

J.R.S. 31. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

J.R.S. 33. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 128. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont National Guard Deputy Adjutant General Kenneth Gragg for his exemplary career accomplishments.

H.C.R. 129. House concurrent resolution designating September 26, 2024 as Mesothelioma Awareness Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 130. House concurrent resolution honoring Richard DeGray for his dedication to the botanical beautification of Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 131. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Division I Colchester High School Lakers championship girls' soccer team.

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

The House has considered the Governor's veto on House bill of the following title:

H. 158. An act relating to the beverage container redemption system.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By Reps. Hango and others,

By Senators Hardy, Ram Hinsdale, Williams and Wrenner,

H.C.R. 128.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont National Guard Deputy Adjutant General Kenneth Gragg for his exemplary career accomplishments.

By Rep. Priestley,

H.C.R. 129.

House concurrent resolution designating September 26, 2024 as Mesothelioma Awareness Day in Vermont.

By Reps. Burke and others,

By Senators Harrison and Hashim,

H.C.R. 130.

House concurrent resolution honoring Richard DeGray for his dedication to the botanical beautification of Brattleboro.

By Reps. Austin and others,

By Senators Baruth, Mazza and Vyhovsky,

H.C.R. 131.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Division I Colchester High School Lakers championship girls' soccer team.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 31.