

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Greta Getlein of Burlington.

Message from the House No. 11

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

J.R.S. 9. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 44.

By Senators Bray, Clarkson, MacDonald, McCormack, Watson and White,

An act relating to household products containing hazardous substances.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 45.

By Senators Chittenden, Baruth, Brock, Clarkson and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to an elective pass-through entity income tax and credit.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 46.

By Senators Gulick, Champion, Clarkson, Cummings, Hashim, Lyons, McCormack, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to the Vermont Fair Repair Act.

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

S. 47.

By Senators Lyons, Sears and Chittenden,

An act relating to the transport of individuals requiring psychiatric care.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Appointments Confirmed

The following Gubernatorial appointment was confirmed by the Senate, upon full report given by the Committee to which it was referred:

Morrison, Jennifer of North Hero - Commissioner, Public Safety Department - July 25, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

Was confirmed by the Senate on a roll call, Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Senator Collamore having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Baruth, Bray, Brock, Champion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Ingalls, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Norris, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Starr, Vyhovsky, Watson, Weeks, Westman, White, Williams, Wrenner.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: None.

The Senator absent and not voting was: Sears.

Message from the House No. 12

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

H.C.R. 12. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Colchester 10-to-12 Little League Softball All-Stars on winning the 2022 Vermont Little League Softball Championship.

H.C.R. 13. House concurrent resolution in memory of Rebecca N. Ballard of Georgia.

H.C.R. 14. House concurrent resolution in memory of Anna E. MacWilliams Neville.

H.C.R. 15. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and District 4 Act 250 Environmental Commissioner James McNamara of Burlington.

H.C.R. 16. House concurrent resolution celebrating the importance of mentoring programs for young persons in Vermont.

H.C.R. 17. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Montpelier High School Division II championship boys' soccer team.

H.C.R. 18. House concurrent resolution congratulating Alexander Collins of Norwich on winning the 2022 Vermont Open chess championship.

H.C.R. 19. House concurrent resolution in memory of Robert D. Murray of South Strafford.

H.C.R. 20. House concurrent resolution recognizing February 2023 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

H.C.R. 21. House concurrent resolution honoring the organizations and individuals working to resolve Vermont's rural broadband access crisis.

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

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

S.C.R. 4. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Barry Bernstein of Calais for his innovative leadership as president of the Washington Electric Cooperative Inc.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Senate Concurrent Resolution

The following joint concurrent resolution, 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, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Perchlik, Cummings and Watson,

S.C.R. 4.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Barry Bernstein of Calais for his innovative leadership as president of the Washington Electric Cooperative Inc.

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. Austin and others,

By Senator Mazza,

H.C.R. 12.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Colchester 10-to-12 Little League Softball All-Stars on winning the 2022 Vermont Little League Softball Championship.

By Rep. Branagan,

H.C.R. 13.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Rebecca N. Ballard of Georgia.

By Rep. Branagan,

H.C.R. 14.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Anna E. MacWilliams Neville.

By Reps. Hooper and others,

By Senators Baruth, Chittenden, Gulick, Lyons, Mazza, Ram Hinsdale and Vyhovsky,

H.C.R. 15.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and District 4 Act 250 Environmental Commissioner James McNamara of Burlington.

By Reps. Brown and Brady,

H.C.R. 16.

House concurrent resolution celebrating the importance of mentoring programs for young persons in Vermont.

By Reps. Casey and McCann,

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik and Watson,

H.C.R. 17.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2022 Montpelier High School Division II championship boys' soccer team.

By Reps. Holcombe and Masland,

H.C.R. 18.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alexander Collins of Norwich on winning the 2022 Vermont Open chess championship.

By Reps. O'Brien and others,

H.C.R. 19.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Robert D. Murray of South Strafford.

By Reps. Sibilina and others,

H.C.R. 20.

House concurrent resolution recognizing February 2023 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

By All Members of the House,

H.C.R. 21.

House concurrent resolution honoring the organizations and individuals working to resolve Vermont's rural broadband access crisis.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 9.