

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

In the absence of the President (who was Acting Governor in the absence of the Governor) the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rick Swanson of Stowe.

Message from the House No. 17

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 161. An act relating to issuance of burning permits.

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

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

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Message from the House No. 18

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 46. An act relating to approval of the dissolution of Colchester Fire District No. 3.

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

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

H.C.R. 24. House concurrent resolution honoring teenage Rockingham volunteer firefighter Alex Leonard for his heroism and decisive action.

H.C.R. 25. House concurrent resolution recognizing the critical importance of 3SquaresVT for thousands of Vermonters.

H.C.R. 26. House concurrent resolution honoring Putney Selectboard Vice Chair Joshua Laughlin for his outstanding municipal public service.

H.C.R. 27. House concurrent resolution honoring Edwin G. Camp of Derby for his outstanding 58-year career in the Vermont insurance industry.

H.C.R. 28. House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont.

H.C.R. 29. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary.

H.C.R. 30. House concurrent resolution congratulating World Learning Inc on its 90th anniversary.

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

Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the President *pro tempore* recognized the following-named pages who are completing their services today and presented them with letters of appreciation.

Chase Cassel of Barre Town
 William Cunningham of Burlington
 Sara DiGuglielmo of Shelburne
 Grace Donahue of Roxbury
 Nadia Frazier of Montpelier
 Elliot Palm of Essex Junction
 Hannah Young of Tunbridge

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

S. 36.

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

An act relating to permitting an arrest without a warrant for assaults and threats against health care workers and disorderly conduct at health care facilities.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Judiciary, Senator Hashim moved that Senate Rule 49 be suspended in order to commit the bill to the Committee on Health and Welfare with the report of the Committee on Judiciary *intact*,

Which was agreed to.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 77.

By Senators Chittenden, Perchlik and Westman,

An act relating to civil penalties for global positioning system (GPS) navigation providers related to the Smugglers' Notch segment of Vermont Route 108.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 78.

By Senator Vyhovsky,

An act relating to temporary State employees.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 79.

By Senators Vyhovsky, Baruth, Bray, Clarkson, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, MacDonald, McCormack, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Starr, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to limitations on hospital liens.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

H. 46.

An act relating to approval of the dissolution of Colchester Fire District No. 3.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 161.

An act relating to issuance of burning permits.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

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 on the part of the Senate:

By Reps. Goldman and Bos-Lun,

By Senators Harrison and Hashim,

H.C.R. 24.

House concurrent resolution honoring teenage Rockingham volunteer firefighter Alex Leonard for his heroism and decisive action.

By Rep. Williams,

H.C.R. 25.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the critical importance of 3SquaresVT for thousands of Vermonters.

By Rep. Mrowicki,

By Senators Harrison and Hashim,

H.C.R. 26.

House concurrent resolution honoring Putney Selectboard Vice Chair Joshua Laughlin for his outstanding municipal public service.

By Reps. Page and others,

H.C.R. 27.

House concurrent resolution honoring Edwin G. Camp of Derby for his outstanding 58-year career in the Vermont insurance industry.

By Rep. Jerome,

H.C.R. 28.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont.

By Reps. Stevens and Sheldon,

H.C.R. 29.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary.

By Reps. Burke and others,

By Senators Harrison and Hashim,

H.C.R. 30.

House concurrent resolution congratulating World Learning Inc on its 90th anniversary.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Clarkson, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 13.