

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Stannard Baker of Burlington.

Message from the House No. 45

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. 87. House concurrent resolution congratulating Mikaela Shiffrin on her exceptional and historic 2022–2023 world record-setting accomplishments in World Cup Alpine ski racing.

H.C.R. 88. House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of April 16–22 as Volunteer Week in Vermont and celebrating Vermont’s volunteers.

H.C.R. 89. House concurrent resolution congratulating the winning teams of the 2023 15th Jr Iron Chef VT competition.

H.C.R. 90. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2020, 2021, and 2022 winners of the Spirit of the ADA Award.

H.C.R. 91. House concurrent resolution congratulating the River Valley Technical Center culinary and management teams on winning the Vermont championship at the 2023 NYSRAEF ProStart Invitational.

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

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:

Russell, John III of Rutland - Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council - from April 3, 2023 to March 31, 2027.

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

Richardson, Thad of Lyndonville - Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council - from April 3, 2023 to March 31, 2027.

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

Sherman, Abbie of Randolph - Executive Director of the Vermont Economic Progress Council - from April 3, 2023 to March 31, 2027.

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

Stewart, James B. of Pittsford - Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council - from April 3, 2023 to March 31, 2027.

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

Cicio, Megan of Northfield - Member of the Board of Liquor and Lottery from March 1, 2023 to January 31, 2026.

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

Lauzon, Thom of Barre - Member of the Board of Liquor and Lottery - from March 1, 2023 to January 31, 2026.

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

Manahan, Martin of St. Albans - Member of the Board of Liquor and Lottery - from March 1, 2023 to January 31, 2026.

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

Diop, Mohamedou of Bristol - Member of the State Board of Education - from March 28, 2023 to February 28, 2029.

To the Committee on Education.

Moran, Mary of Rutland - Trustee of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees - from March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Education.

Flint, Robert T. of Springfield - Trustee of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees - from March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Education.

Buckley, Katie of South Burlington - Commissioner, Vermont Housing Finance Agency - from February 1, 2023 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Finance.

Coddaire, David MD of Morrisville - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from February 15, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

George, Dean of Middlebury - Member of the Parole Board - from March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Grassi, Richard of White River Junction - Member of the Parole Board - from March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Christie, Kevin of White River Junction - Member of the Human Rights Commission - from March 13, 2023 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Turner, Donald Jr. of Milton - Member of the Natural Resources Board - from February 17, 2023 to January 31, 2027.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Calfee, Alan of Dorset - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from February 17, 2023 to January 31, 2026.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

McClain, John of Bethel - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from February 17, 2023 to January 31, 2026.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Bill Referred to Committee on Rules

S. 146.

Senate committee bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, under Temporary Rule 44A, was referred to the Committee on Rules:

An act relating to the permitting of indirect discharges.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time and referred:

H. 386. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro.

To the Committee on Rules.

Bill Passed**S. 39.**

Senate bill of the following title:

An act relating to compensation and benefits for members of the Vermont General Assembly.

Was read the third time and passed on a division of the Senate, Yeas 18, Nays 9.

Bill Passed in Concurrence**H. 35.**

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

An act relating to the Victims Assistance Program.

Bills Passed in Concurrence with Proposals of Amendment

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment:

H. 41. An act relating to referral of domestic and sexual violence cases to community justice centers.

H. 53. An act relating to driver's license suspensions.

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. James and others,

H.C.R. 87.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mikaela Shiffrin on her exceptional and historic 2022–2023 world record-setting accomplishments in World Cup Alpine ski racing.

By Rep. Noyes,

H.C.R. 88.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of April 16–22 as Volunteer Week in Vermont and celebrating Vermont’s volunteers.

By Reps. Sibilica and others,

H.C.R. 89.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the winning teams of the 2023 15th Jr Iron Chef VT competition.

By Reps. Marcotte and others,

By Senators Ingalls and Starr,

H.C.R. 90.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2020, 2021, and 2022 winners of the Spirit of the ADA Award.

By Reps. Bos-Lun and others,

By Senators Clarkson, Harrison, Hashim, McCormack and White,

H.C.R. 91.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the River Valley Technical Center culinary and management teams on winning the Vermont championship at the 2023 NYSRAEF ProStart Invitational.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at nine o’clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 23.