

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Rules Suspended; Joint House Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.H. 1.

On motion of Senator Brock, the rules were suspended and Joint resolution originating in the House of the following title was read and adopted in concurrence and is as follows:

Joint resolution condemning the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 as an attack on democracy.

Whereas, on January 6, 2021, President Donald J. Trump addressed thousands of supporters, urging them to go to the U.S. Capitol in support of his false claim that he won the 2020 presidential election, and

Whereas, the President's supporters marched to the Capitol and violently stormed the building, attacking police officers, ransacking offices, terrorizing the members of Congress, and forcing the stoppage of the certification of President-elect Biden's electoral victory, and four people died as a result of the violence, and

Whereas, the actions of this mob were not just criminal and lawless, they constituted a direct attack upon our democracy, and

Whereas, this attack was instigated by President Donald Trump, who is attempting to overturn the results of a fair and free election that he lost in order to keep himself in power, and

Whereas, Governor Phil Scott forcefully stated that "The fabric of our democracy and the principles of our republic are under attack by the President" and called for President Trump to resign or be removed from office, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly condemns the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 as an attack on democracy, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly calls for President Donald J. Trump to resign or to be removed from office by his Cabinet or by the Congress, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Michael Pence, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Standing Committees Appointed

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, reported the appointment of the standing committees, as follows:

Agriculture

A.M.	Senator Starr, Chair	Room 26
	Pearson, Vice-Chair	
	Pollina	
	Collamore	
	Parent	

Appropriations

P.M.	Senator Kitchel, Chair	Room 5
	Nitka, Vice-Chair	
	Sears	
	Starr	
	Westman	
	Baruth	
	Balint	

Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs

A.M.	Senator Sirotkin, Chair	Room 27
	Clarkson, Vice-Chair	
	Balint	
	Brock	
	Ram	

Education

P.M.	Senator Campion, Chair	Room 28
	Hooker, Vice-Chair	
	Perchlik	
	Lyons	
	Chittenden	
	Terenzini	

Finance

P.M. Senator Cummings, Chair Room 6
MacDonald, Vice-Chair
Pearson
Brock
Sirotkin
Bray
Hardy

Government Operations

P.M. Senator White, Chair Room 4
Pollina, Vice-Chair
Collamore
Clarkson
Ram

Health and Welfare

A.M. Senator Lyons, Chair Room 17
Hardy, Vice-Chair
Cummings
Hooker
Terenzini

Institutions

P.M. Senator Benning, Chair Room 7
McCormack, Vice-Chair
Mazza
Parent
Ingalls

Judiciary

A.M. Senator Sears, Chair Room 1
Baruth, Vice-Chair
White
Nitka
Benning

Natural Resources and Energy

A.M. Senator Bray, Chair Room 8
 Westman, Vice-Chair
 MacDonald
 Campion
 McCormack

Transportation

A.M. Senator Mazza, Chair Room 3
 Perchlik, Vice-Chair
 Kitchel
 Chittenden
 Ingalls

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 7.