

# Journal of the House

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**Friday, January 28, 2011**

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## **Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mark Pitton of Bethany Church, Montpelier, VT.

## **Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced**

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced. Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

### **H. 131**

By Reps. Hubert of Milton, Atkins of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, McAllister of Highgate, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburgh, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to casino gaming;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

### **H. 132**

By Rep. Larson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Vermont Health Care False Claims Act;

To the committee on Human Services.

### **H. 133**

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Komline of Dorset, Lewis of Berlin, Myers of Essex and Strong of Albany,

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House bill, entitled

An act relating to changing the structure of education governance and funding;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 134**

By Reps. Gilbert of Fairfax, Andrews of Rutland City, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Buxton of Royalton, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Consejo of Sheldon, Dakin of Chester, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Edwards of Brattleboro, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Lenes of Shelburne, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, McAllister of Highgate, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Savage of Swanton, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Shoreham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weston of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to granting postsecondary credit for successful completion of dual enrollment courses, advanced placement courses, and postsecondary courses completed through an online or correspondence course offered by an accredited postsecondary institution;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 135**

By Rep. Martin of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to redemption upon tax sale of real property;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 136**

By Rep. Johnson of Canaan,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting trailers in storage from the property tax;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 137**

By Reps. Clarkson of Woodstock, Olsen of Jamaica, Wizowaty of Burlington, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Campton of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Degree of St. Albans City, Edwards of Brattleboro, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pearson of Burlington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington and Young of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting nonprofit entertainment charges from the sales tax if the nonprofit organization bears the risk of loss of the production;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 138**

By the committee on Ways and Means,

An act relating to executive branch fees;

Under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice.

**H. 139**

By Reps. Krebs of South Hero, Johnson of South Hero, McCullough of Williston and Webb of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to noise levels of motorboats;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 140**

By Reps. Consejo of Sheldon, Atkins of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Gilbert of Fairfax, Howrigan of Fairfield, Martin of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Shoreham and Wilson of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to designating snowboarding as the official sport of the state of Vermont;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 141**

By Rep. Wizowaty of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to improving transparency in government and economic development policy and expenditures;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**Rules Suspended; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered;  
Rules Suspended; Bill Read Third Time and Passed; Rules Suspended and  
Bill Ordered Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

**H. 30**

On motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring the board of governors of the unified towns and gores of Essex County to hear tax appeals;

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

**Rep. Hubert of Milton**, for the committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred the bill reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

By adding a new section to be Sec. 2 to read:

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Thereupon the bill was read the second time, the report of the committee on Government Operations agreed to and third reading ordered.

On motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and the bill placed on all remaining stages of passage. The bill was read the third time and passed and, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton** the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

### **Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

#### **J.R.S. 13**

Joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution urging the United States Department of Homeland Security not to close the international port of entry at Morses Line in the town of Franklin

Was taken up and adopted in concurrence.

### **Members Appointed to Joint Rules Committee**

The Speaker appointed the following members to the committee on Joint Rules:

**Rep. Leriche of Hardwick**

**Rep. Jewett of Ripton**

**Rep. Turner of Milton**

### **Adjournment**

At nine o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 12.

### **Concurrent Resolutions Adopted**

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

#### **H.C.R. 31**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Jazz Ensemble on its 35th anniversary;

#### **H.C.R. 32**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Rice Memorial High School Division III championship field hockey team;

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**H.C.R. 33**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants on their respective 30th and 100th anniversaries;

**H.C.R. 34**

House concurrent resolution honoring Michael Law on his outstanding career as a secondary school athletic coach;

**H.C.R. 35**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of January 23, 2011 as Nurse Anesthetist Week in Vermont;

**H.C.R. 36**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Keith Gerritt on his designation as the Vermont Principals' Association's 2010 High School Principal of the Year;

**H.C.R. 37**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' soccer team;

**H.C.R. 38**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Congregation Beth El of Bennington as it commences its second century;

**S.C.R. 2**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Hildred Tatro for her exemplary role as co-librarian at the Enosburg Public Library;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2011, seventy-first Biennial session.]