

# Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

**Rep. Krowinski of Burlington** in chair.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Page Hazel Wagner of Brattleboro led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Message from the Senate No. 8

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted Senate concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

**S.C.R. 3.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary.

**S.C.R. 4.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

**S.C.R. 5.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Howard Frank Mosher, the Northeast Kingdom's special chronicler and literary ambassador.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 9.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Division I championship softball team.

**H.C.R. 10.** House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Carter and Danby-Mt Tabor NOW for their innovative leadership in establishing the new Danby-Mount Tabor veterans memorial.

**H.C.R. 11.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School State championship boys' rugby team.

**H.C.R. 12.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School State championship Ultimate team.

**H.C.R. 13.** House concurrent resolution designating January 2017 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 14.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert McBride on receiving the 2016 Vermont Arts Council's Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy.

**H.C.R. 15.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Eric Aho of Saxtons River on his selection as the winner of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

**H.C.R. 16.** House concurrent resolution designating January 2017 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

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

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

#### **H. 101**

By Reps. Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Batchelor of Derby, Christie of Hartford, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Morrissey of Bennington, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany and Viens of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to drug-free workplace workers' compensation premium reductions;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

#### **H. 102**

By Reps. Toll of Danville, Brumstead of Shelburne, Dakin of Colchester, Dunn of Essex, Hooper of Brookfield, Lucke of Hartford, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to penalties for the failure to timely file standard campaign finance reports;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 103**

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to primary enforcement of the adult seatbelt law;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 104**

By Reps. Corcoran of Bennington, Emmons of Springfield, Bock of Chester and Forguites of Springfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to removal of vehicles and cargo from highways;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 105**

By Reps. Mrowicki of Putney, Squirrell of Underhill and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of single-use carryout bags;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

**H. 106**

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to presumed consent for organ donation;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 107**

By Reps. Devereux of Mount Holly, Townsend of South Burlington, Brumstead of Shelburne, Gardner of Richmond, Hubert of Milton, LaClair of Barre Town and Lewis of Berlin,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to marriage solemnization;

To the committee on Government Operations.

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**H. 108**

By Reps. Colburn of Burlington and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limiting drug-related criminal liability and civil forfeiture actions against persons associated with an approved safer drug consumption program;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 109**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal, Marcotte of Coventry, Hill of Wolcott, Kimbell of Woodstock, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to portable employment benefits and contingent workers;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 110**

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Greshin of Warren, Keefe of Manchester, LaClair of Barre Town, Olsen of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Sibilia of Dover, Tate of Mendon and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to excluding reinvested capital gains from Vermont's income tax;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 111**

By Reps. Devereux of Mount Holly, Townsend of South Burlington, Brumstead of Shelburne, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Hubert of Milton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to vital records;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 112**

By Reps. Hubert of Milton, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Fagan of Rutland City, Higley of Lowell, Martel of Waterford, Tate of Mendon and Viens of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to automobile advertising;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 113**

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Ainsworth of Royalton, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Donahue of Northfield, Gage of Rutland City, Jickling of Brookfield, Keefe of Manchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, Olsen of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pugh of South Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilila of Dover, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing ethics rules for the General Assembly and the Executive Branch of government and creating the Vermont Ethics Commission;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 114**

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to portability of Vermont Student Assistance Corporation grants and scholarships;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 115**

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to defining an ounce of marijuana for the purpose of therapeutic use;

To the committee on Human Services.

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**H. 116**

By Rep. Botzow of Pownal,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to contamination of a public water system or a potable water supply by a hazardous material release;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

**H. 117**

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donahue of Northfield, Frenier of Chelsea, Gannon of Wilmington, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Sibilila of Dover, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Toll of Danville, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State Board of Education;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 118**

By Reps. Donahue of Northfield, Ancel of Calais, Briglin of Thetford, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Joseph of North Hero, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington and Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to insurance coverage for telemedicine services delivered in or outside a health care facility;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 119**

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Jickling of Brookfield, Keefe of Manchester, LaClair of Barre Town, McCormack of Burlington, Olsen of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilila of Dover, Tate of Mendon, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the classification of employees and independent contractors;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 120**

By Reps. Devereux of Mount Holly, Townsend of South Burlington, Brumstead of Shelburne, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Hubert of Milton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lalonde of South Burlington, Lewis of Berlin and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changes of name;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 121**

By Reps. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Colburn of Burlington, Forguites of Springfield, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, McCullough of Williston, Sibia of Dover and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the State Ethics Commission and standards of governmental ethical conduct;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 122**

By Reps. Hill of Wolcott, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Houghton of Essex, Jickling of Brookfield, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Poirier of Barre City, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to appropriations for Vermont State Colleges;

To the committee on Education.

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**H. 123**

By Reps. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Rachelson of Burlington,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to the process for furlough revocation;  
To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

**H. 124**

By Reps. Donahue of Northfield, Cristensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Dunn of Essex and Pugh of South Burlington,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to mental health insurance benefits;  
To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 125**

By the committee on Appropriations,  
An act relating to fiscal year 2017 budget adjustments;  
Under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice.

**Message from the Senate No. 9**

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 11.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

**Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and sixteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Shaw of Pittsford**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.