

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

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:

Fastiggi, Beth of Burlington - Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources - from March 27, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Wadhams, Emily of Burlington - Member of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, - from February 1, 2017, to January 31, 2020.

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

Carroll, Karen R. of Vernon - Associate Justice of the Supreme Court - from April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2023.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 29.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 29. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 7, 2017, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Bill Referred

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

H. 111.

An act relating to vital records.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Third Reading Ordered

H. 14.

Senator Benning, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to automated external defibrillators.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Third Reading Ordered

J.R.S. 17.

Senator White, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution rescinding the General Assembly's request, contained in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. R-454, for Congress to convene a U.S. Constitutional Convention.

Reported that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

Thereupon, the joint resolution was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the joint resolution was ordered on a roll call, Yeas 23, Nays 7.

Senator Sears having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Kitchel, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sirotkin, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Flory, Ingram, Lyons, Mullin, Sears, Starr, Westman.

Bills Passed in Concurrence

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

H. 4. An act relating to calculating time periods in court proceedings.

H. 379. An act relating to providing an extension for the repeal of the Search and Rescue Council.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.