

Journal of the House

Friday, February 6, 2009

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. Carole Carlson of the United Church of Christ, Shelburne, VT.

Memorial Service

The Speaker placed before the House the following names of members of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Robert H. Weeks	Member from Wallingford Sessions of 1995 and 2001
Arlene J. Martell	Member from Georgia Sessions of 1969 and 1971
George E. Little, Jr.	Member from Burlington Sessions of 1969 and 1971 Member of Sentate 1983-1990

Thereupon, the members of the House rose for a moment of prayer in memory of the deceased members. The Clerk was thereupon directed to send a copy of the House Journal to the bareaved families

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

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

H. 168

By Reps. Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro and Weston of Burlington,

An act relating to direct billing by the utility of the members of a farm or group net metering system;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 169

By Reps. O'Brien of Richmond, Martin of Wolcott, Botzow of Pownal, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Jerman of Essex, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of S. Burlington, Ram of Burlington, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby and Wizowaty of Burlington,

An act relating to expanding the scope of the bottle bill;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 170

By Reps. Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro, Weston of Burlington, Mitchell of Barnard and Young of St. Albans City,

An act relating to a requirement that the Public Service Board, by August 1, 2009, issue a standard long-term contract offer for qualifying SPEED resources;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 171

By Reps. Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Clerkin of Hartford, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Lorber of Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Turner of Milton and Wilson of Manchester,

An act relating to home mortgage protection for Vermonters;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 172

By Reps. Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro, Weston of Burlington, Mitchell of Barnard and Young of St. Albans City,

An act relating to the clean energy development fund;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 173

By Reps. Rodgers of Glover and Hube of Londonderry,

An act relating to education property tax exemptions;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 174

By Reps. Jerman of Essex, Baker of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Donaghy of Poultney, Evans of Essex, McDonald of Berlin, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Wright of Burlington,

An act relating to confidentiality of law enforcement internal investigation records;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 175

By Reps. French of Randolph and Head of S. Burlington,

An act relating to income tax checkoff for Alzheimer's commission donations;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 176

By Reps. Howrigan of Fairfield, Bissonnette of Winooski, Canfield of Fair Haven, Consejo of Sheldon, Helm of Castleton, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Townsend of Randolph, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Young of St. Albans City,

An act relating to registering with the selective service system through motor vehicle permit and license applications;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 177

By Rep. Fisher of Lincoln,

An act relating to income tax surcharge;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 178

By Reps. Larson of Burlington, Zuckerman of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury,

French of Randolph, Geier of S. Burlington, Grad of Moretown, Head of S. Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of S. Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Maier of Middlebury, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, Milkey of Brattleboro, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of S. Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zenie of Colchester,

An act relating to permitting same sex marriage and the clergy's right to refuse to solemnize a marriage;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 179

By Reps. Hube of Londonderry and Minter of Waterbury,

An act relating to requiring all persons under 17 years of age who are riding a bicycle on a state highway to wear a helmet;

To the committee on Transportation.

Message from the Senate No. 14

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

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

J.R.H. 5. Joint resolution supporting the candidacy of Linda M. Perham to serve as national commander of the American Legion.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar

J.R.H. 8

Joint resolution designating October 17, 2009 as Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Hube of Londonderry and Komline of Dorset

Whereas, the carving and displaying of pumpkins are nearly as symbolic of October in Vermont as the countryside's colorful pageantry of leaves, and

Whereas, in October 2006, the first Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day was conducted in Manchester and, in 2007, and again in 2008, the general assembly extended its official recognition to each year's festive fall gathering, and

Whereas, after several successful pumpkin carving celebrations in the town of Manchester, it is now an ideal time to extend statewide this exciting prelude to the holiday season, and

Whereas, the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce is inviting every Vermont town to stage a pumpkin carving event that will serve as a substantial local economic driver, and

Whereas, in order to celebrate the art of pumpkin carving, and as an incentive to encourage the economically important Columbus Day holiday weekend visitors to linger in Vermont just a little longer, a mid-October statewide pumpkin carving day would encourage other communities to conduct pumpkin carving festivities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That this legislative body designates Saturday, October 17, 2009 as statewide pumpkin carving day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Executive Director Jay Hathaway of the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce, to Interim President and Director Chris Barbieri of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, to Executive Director Steve Jeffrey of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Inc., to Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets Roger Allbee, and to Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing Bruce Hyde.

Which was read and, in the Speaker's discretion, placed on the Calendar for action tomorrow under Rule 52.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 136

House bill, entitled

An act relating to executive branch fees

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Komline of Dorset**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 13.