

Journal of the House

Thursday, January 6, 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.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 1

By Rep. Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to challenges for change outcomes for persons with disabilities;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 2

By Rep. Poirier of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a ban on discretionary clauses in health insurance contracts;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 3

By Rep. Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting use of Tasers by law enforcement officers who have not completed training for interacting with people experiencing a mental health crisis;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 4

By Rep. Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to mental health hospital admissions;

To the committee on Human Services.

Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar**J.R.S. 5**

By Senators Miller and Mullin,

J.R.S. 5. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 25, 2011, or Saturday, February 26, 2011, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

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

Message from the Senate No. 4

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 on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 6. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Manwaring of Wilmington**, the following remarks by **Rep. Minter of Waterbury** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker, members, my time with you this biennium will be brief. I will soon be submitting my letter of resignation to the Clerk, and I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude. It is quite a moving experience when you know you are leaving a very special place and time. I keep hearing in my head the words I learned from Joni Mitchell: “ ... You don't know what you've got till it's gone...”.

First, I'd like to thank my seatmates, the members from Castleton, South Burlington and Norwich. We have shared many claps, laughs and poignant moments together. I want to thank my Committee-mates, especially my Chairs, for their patience with me, particular for my sometimes too numerous questions. I want to thank my district mates, my mentor, Robert Dostis, and my current partner, Rep. Stevens, and I thank my constituents for their confidence in me and for sending me here to this amazing life experience. I thank the curator of this wonderful museum that we get to work in, for keeping the windows of history illuminated, while enabling us to open the doors to the future. My thanks to the Sergeant at Arms, for taking care of me (and especially for not losing the many belongings I tended to leave behind). I thank the staff at the legislative council and joint fiscal office for their tolerance, hard work and brilliance. And most of all, I want to thank you, Mr. Speaker, and your terrific leadership team, for a truly honorable experience. Mr. Speaker, you have demonstrated courage, pragmatism and foresight, and your leadership has carried us through a remarkable and challenging time. Thank you all my colleagues in the House for the ways you have educated me with your stories, your life experience and your perspective. Thank you for making such a difference in my life, for your friendship, and for making history here together. Good luck!"

Rep. Obuchowski of Rockingham in Chair.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.