

# Journal of the House

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Wednesday, January 4, 2012

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Peter Plagge of the United Church of Christ, Waterbury, VT.

## Message from the Senate No. 1

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 resolutions of the following titles:

**J.R.S. 33.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the State-of-the-State message from the Governor.

**J.R.S. 34.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

**J.R.S. 35.** Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

**J.R.S. 36.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

The Senate has on its part considered the Governor's veto of a Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 77.** An act relating to water testing of private wells.

And has sustained such veto.

## 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. 477**

By Rep. Poirier of Barre City,

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House bill, entitled

An act relating to compensability of mental injuries under the workers' compensation statutes;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 478**

By Rep. Branagan of Georgia,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an appropriation for water quality staff of the agency of agriculture, food and markets;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

**H. 479**

By Reps. Klein of East Montpelier and Clarkson of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a tax on the storage of spent nuclear fuel and a tax to fund postclosure activities at nuclear generating plants;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**H. 480**

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to salvage yard fees;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

**H. 481**

By Rep. Poirier of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a study of payday lending in Vermont;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 482**

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to stream alteration;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence****J.R.S. 33**

By Senator Campbell,

**J.R.S. 33.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the State-of-the-State message from the Governor.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at two o'clock in the afternoon to receive the State-of-the-State message from the Governor.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence****J.R.S. 34**

By Senator Campbell,

**J.R.S. 34.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at two o'clock in the afternoon to receive the budget message of the Governor.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

**Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar****J.R.S. 35**

By Senator Campbell,

**J.R.S. 35.** Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 2, 2012, or Saturday, March 3, 2012 it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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

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**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

**J.R.S. 36**

By Senators Carris and Mullin,

**J.R.S. 36.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 6, 2012, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration  
and Bill Committed to Other Committee**

**S. 95**

**Rep. Turner of Milton** moved that the committee on Rules be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to exemptions for newspaper deliverers from the unemployment statutes; relieving an employer's experience rating record of charges; studying the receipt of unemployment compensation between academic terms; allowing school employees to be paid wages over the course of a year; and requiring employers to furnish required work apparel

And that the bill be committed to the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, which was agreed to.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration  
and Bill Committed to Other Committee**

**S. 98**

**Rep. Turner of Milton** moved that the committee on Rules be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing owner-financed property sales

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Commerce and Economic Development, which was agreed to.

**Senate Proposal of Amendment to House Proposal of Amendment  
Concurred in with a Further Amendment Thereto**

**S. 92**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the protection of students' health by requiring the use of safe cleaning products in schools

Was taken up and **Rep. Buxton of Tunbridge** moved to concur in the Senate proposal of amendment to House proposal of amendment with a further amendment thereto as follows:

First: In Sec. 2 (Transition), subdivision (1), by striking both references to "2011" and inserting in lieu thereof "2012"

Second: In Sec. 2, subdivision (2), by striking both references to "2012" and inserting in lieu thereof "2013"

Third: In Sec. 4 (Effective Date), by striking "2011" and inserting in lieu thereof "2012"

Which proposal of amendment was considered and concurred in.

#### **Remarks Journalized**

On motion of **Rep. Donovan of Burlington**, the following remarks by **Rep. Weston of Burlington** were ordered printed in the Journal:

"Mr. Speaker:

As many of you know, today is my last day as a member of this esteemed body. I have accepted a job working on women's political participation in Jordan. In doing so, I must resign my legislative seat.

It has been an honor to represent the people of Burlington and work with a strong community of people building a better Vermont for the last five years. Our State has one of the best forms of community-based democracy in the world.

Our camaraderie as a body, our accountability and accessibility to the public, and our ability to make brave and forward thinking public policy decisions are some of the things that make the Vermont House of Representatives a unique, and, in my opinion, one of the best deliberative bodies in the country. It is the power of all of us working together and with our constituents that makes this all possible. On the other side of the coin, I have learned so much during these last five years and I am looking forward to sharing some of our experiences with leaders abroad.

I'll miss each and every one of you.

Keep up the good work! And be in touch!"

**Adjournment**

At one o'clock and thirty-five minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.