Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Puppets in Education from Burlington, VT.

Message from Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Alexandra Maclean, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the eighteenth day of January, 2012, he approved and signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 461 An act relating to the reimbursement of statewide education property taxes that were abated due to flood damage

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. 591

By Rep. Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to APRN hospital staff privileges;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 592

By Rep. Koch of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to powers of attorney;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 593

By Rep. Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to jewelry stores serving malt or vinous beverages;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 594

By Reps. Turner of Milton and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating an income tax return checkoff for contributions to help the victims of Tropical Storm Irene;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 40

By Senators Carris and Mullin,

J.R.S. 40. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, January 26, 2012, or, Friday, January 27, 2012, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committee to Other Committee

H. 527

Rep. Crawford of Burke moved that the committee on Education be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring immunizations for attendance at school and child care facilities

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Health Care, which was agreed to.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 475

House bill, entitled

An act relating to net metering and definitions of capacity

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 59

House bill, entitled

An act relating to unfair housing practices

Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, on motion of **Rep. Stevens of Waterbury**, action on the bill was postponed until the next legislative day.

Message from the Senate No. 7

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 Governor has informed the Senate that on the twenty fourth day of January, 2012, he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 92. An act relating to the protection of students' health by requiring the use of safe cleaning products in schools.

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

S.C.R. 33. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Rick Cochran of Walden on being named the Vermont and National Small Business Person of the Year.

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

H.C.R. 233. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Vermont State Poet Ruth Stone of Goshen.

H.C.R. 234. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship girls' soccer team.

H.C.R. 235. House concurrent resolution honoring Jan Sotirakis of Pittsford for her extraordinary public service following Tropical Storm Irene.

H.C.R. 236. House concurrent resolution thanking Neale Lunderville for his leadership of Vermont's post-Irene recovery effort.

H.C.R. 237. House concurrent resolution congratulating Stratton Mountain Ski Resort on its golden anniversary.

H.C.R. 238. House concurrent resolution honoring James T. Day for his outstanding four-decade career in public education.

H.C.R. 239. House concurrent resolution wishing a very happy and joyous 90th birthday to the member from Burlington, Representative William Aswad.

H.C.R. 240. House concurrent resolution congratulating Barbara Brody on winning a national Teacher of the Year Award for Dedication and Excellence as a Driver Educator.

H.C.R. 241. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders boys' and girls' cross-country teams on winning their respective Division II state championships.

H.C.R. 242. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II field hockey team.

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.