Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

H. 630.

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Campbell, the rules were suspended and House bill entitled:

An act relating to reforming Vermont's mental health system.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Health and Welfare, Senator Campbell moved that Senate Rule 49 be suspended in order to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with the reports of the Committee on Health and Welfare and the Committee on Institutions *intact*,

Which was agreed to.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

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

By Senators Carris and Mullin,

J.R.S. 48. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, February 23, 2012, or, Friday, February 24, 2012, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

H. 512.

An act relating to banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration.

To the Committee on Finance.

H. 758.

An act relating to divorce and dissolution proceedings.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were adopted in concurrence:

By Representative Koch and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 260.

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2011 class of Vermont Boy Scouts awarded the rank of Eagle.

By Representative Acinapura and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 261.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Michael J. Garofano and Michael G. Garofano.

By Representative Acinapura and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 262.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Kermit Welch Richardson of Orange.

By Representative Russell and others,

By Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin,

H.C.R. 263.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Stephen Eddy of Rutland.

By Representative Pugh and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 264.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Sister Elizabeth Candon, RSM (Sr. Mary Patrick).

By Representative Olsen and others,

H.C.R. 265.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tong Chen as Vermont's 2012 Teacher of the Year.

By Representative Botzow and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 266.

House concurrent resolution proudly commemorating the centennial anniversary of the University of Vermont Extension.

By Representative Emmons and others,

H.C.R. 267.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Keegan Bradley on winning the 2011 PGA Championship and the 2011 PGA Grand Slam, and being named the 2011 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year.

By Representatives Savage and Consejo,

By Senators Brock and Kittell,

H.C.R. 268.

House concurrent resolution honoring Swanton town administrator Richard Thompson.

By Representative Lewis and others,

By Senators Mullin, Baruth, Doyle, Flory, Kittell, Lyons and White,

H.C.R. 269.

House concurrent resolution designating November 2012 as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month in Vermont.

By Representative Sweaney and others,

By Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka,

H.C.R. 270.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center on winning the 2011 Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service.

By Representative Toll,

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

H.C.R. 271.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Frederick M. Faeth, Jr..

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 23, 2012.