

# Journal of the House

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**Friday, February 15, 2013**

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## **Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Timothy Jerman of Essex, Vt.

## **Pages Honored**

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the Speaker recognized the following named Pages who are completing their service today and presented them with commemorative pins:

**Sophie Basescu of Putney**  
**Stefan Brecher of Waterbury**  
**Abigail Brewer of Berlin**  
**Adam Isaacs-Falbel of Montpelier**  
**Sadie Jones of South Burlington**  
**McKenzie Lattimore of Middlesex**  
**Emma Murray-Clasen of Montpelier**  
**Araceli Rebmann of East Montpelier**  
**Leah Sagan-Dworsky of Montpelier**  
**Gianna Somarriba of Barre City**

## **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. 277**

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal and Marcotte of Coventry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to severe weather deductibles;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

### **H. 278**

By Reps. Dickinson of St. Albans Town and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

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An act relating to exemptions to Vermont's prescribed product manufacturer gift ban;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 279**

By Reps. Townsend of South Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Cross of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Ram of Burlington, Spengler of Colchester, Till of Jericho and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to payment of wages;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 280**

By Reps. Moran of Wardsboro, Botzow of Pownal, Consejo of Sheldon, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to payment of wages;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**H. 281**

By Rep. Greshin of Warren,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to cancellation periods for home solicitation sales and civil penalties for consumer protection violations against persons aged 62 or older;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**House Resolution Placed on Calendar**

**H.R. 8**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution to amend Rule 25 of the Rules of the House of Representatives pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture

Offered by: Committee on Rules

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body moves to amend Rule 25 of the Rules of the House of Representatives to read:

25. At the beginning of each regular session, standing committees shall be appointed having the following names, number of members, and duties:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>To Consider Matters Relating to</u>
<u>Agriculture &amp; Forest Products</u>	11	<u>Agriculture and forest-based forest products and their markets.</u>

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

#### **Remarks Journalized**

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

"Mr. Speaker:

Good Morning!

Today is the 92nd anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment in Vermont giving women the right to vote and serve in office at the local, state, and federal levels. But before we pop the champagne I'd remind us that the amendment passed 41 years after it was first proposed, and that Vermont was not among the 36 states needed to reach the 2/3 threshold for passage. The honor of putting the amendment over the top went to Tennessee on April 18, 1920.

This morning I joined a feisty group of latter-day suffragettes in a march to the State House to commemorate the anniversary of the Vermont vote which preceded the 1921 election of Edna Beard of Orange as the first elected woman in the Vermont legislature. She was also the first elected woman to the Vermont Senate a year later...in this body she occupied seat 145 and no one wanted to sit next to her...I observe that the reverse is now true for the distinguished current occupant of seat 145!

Now, lest you think any of us in 2013 are getting challenging and less-than-supportive letters and emails from constituents on a range of issues, consider

this letter to Vermont women's rights activist Annette Parmalee from Mrs. H.W. Abbott of Landgrove dated November 10, 1920:

“Madame: I received papers from you this morning relating to woman's suffrage. This is the way I feel about it. First, I consider it an insult, and I think that a woman who will lower herself enough to want to vote, does not deserve to be called woman. I should be ashamed to be called woman if the legislature ever gives women the right, THAT YOU want them to have, there will be nothing right or just about it. I don't believe the Creator intended that woman should have that right. If a woman attends to her house-duties as she ought to, that is enough law making for her.”

Well, fast forward and there are now 63 of you in this chamber being grossly negligent of your house-duties, and may I opine that we are all profoundly better off for your astonishing impertinence!!

Women of the Vermont House of Representatives on this anniversary...

HATS OFF to YOU!!”

### **Rules Suspended; Bill Committed**

#### **H. 99**

On motion of **Rep. Head of South Burlington**, the rules were suspended and House bill, entitled

An act relating to equal pay

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pending the reading of the report of the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, on motion of **Rep. Head of South Burlington**, the bill was committed to the committee on Judiciary.

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

#### **H. 256**

**Rep. Haas of Rochester** moved that the committee on Human Services be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to guardianship of minors

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

**Third Reading; Bills Passed**

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed:

**H. 39**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Public Service Board and the Department of Public Service;

**H. 41**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to civil forfeiture of retirement payments to public officials convicted of certain crimes;

**H. 57**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to self-employment assistance;

**Message from the Senate No. 18**

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 passed Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 77.** An act relating to patient choice and control at end of life.

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

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

**S.C.R. 16.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. and Edward A. Fabian on the company's 75th anniversary.

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

**H.C.R. 30.** House concurrent resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

**H.C.R. 31.** House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Police Sergeant Todd A. Protzman.

**H.C.R. 32.** House concurrent resolution honoring the 2012 class of Vermont Boy Scouts awarded the rank of Eagle.

**H.C.R. 33.** House concurrent resolution designating February 14 as One Billion Rising Day in Vermont.

### **Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Savage of Swanton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 15.

### **Concurrent Resolutions Adopted**

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

#### **H.C.R. 30**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993;

#### **H.C.R. 31**

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Police Sergeant Todd A. Protzman;

#### **H.C.R. 32**

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2012 class of Vermont Boy Scouts awarded the rank of Eagle;

#### **H.C.R. 33**

House concurrent resolution designating February 14 as One Billion Rising Day in Vermont;

#### **S.C.R. 16**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Fabian Earth Moving, Inc. and Edward A. Fabian on the company's 75th anniversary;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2013, seventy-second Adjourned session.]