

# Journal of the House

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Wednesday, April 3, 2013

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Caleb Abetti of St. Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Church, Northfield Falls, Vt.

## Message from the Senate No. 35

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 bills of the following titles:

**S. 18.** An act relating to automated license plate recognition systems.

**S. 27.** An act relating to respectful language in the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

**S. 40.** An act relating to establishing an interim committee that will develop policies to restore the 1980 ratio of state funding to student tuition at Vermont State Colleges and to make higher education more affordable.

**S. 81.** An act relating to the regulation of octaBDE, pentaBDE, decaBDE, and the flame retardant known as Tris in consumer products .

**S. 154.** An act relating to classification of crimes.

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

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

**J.R.S. 23.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

## Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time and referred as follows:

**S. 18**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to automated license plate recognition systems;

To the committee on Transportation.

**S. 27**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to respectful language in the Vermont Statutes Annotated;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**S. 40**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing an interim committee that will develop policies to restore the 1980 ratio of state funding to student tuition at Vermont State Colleges and to make higher education more affordable;

To the committee on Education.

**S. 81**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of octaBDE, pentaBDE, decaBDE, and the flame retardant known as Tris in consumer products ;

To the committee on Human Services.

**S. 154**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to classification of crimes;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence****J.R.S. 23**

By Senators Baruth and Benning,

**J.R.S. 23.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 5, 2013, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

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**House Resolution Adopted****H.R. 10**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution reaffirming the friendship between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the State of Vermont; supporting the strengthening of the bilateral economic relationships between Taiwan and the United States and between Taiwan and the State of Vermont; and supporting the Republic of China's participation in international organizations

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover and Kupersmith of South Burlington

Whereas, Taiwan, the United States, and the State of Vermont share common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and a commitment to a free market economy, and

Whereas, President Ma Ying-jeou of Taiwan has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's 23 million people, promote Taiwan's international standing, and further improve relations between the United States and Taiwan, and

Whereas, Taiwan and the United States, and especially Taiwan and the State of Vermont, share historically close relationships marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchanges, scientific and technological interests, and tourism, and

Whereas, as of November 1, 2012, Taiwan is a member of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program, reflecting the friendship, trust, and cooperation shared between our two countries and making business and travel between Taiwan and the United States even more convenient, and

Whereas, the United States is Taiwan's third largest trading partner and Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of the United States, and

Whereas, trade between the United States and Taiwan reached \$85 billion in 2011, and

Whereas, New England exported approximately \$1.4 billion in goods to Taiwan, and approximately \$202 million of New England's exports to Taiwan originated in Vermont, and

Whereas, negotiations for a bilateral investment agreement between Taiwan and the United States are important for strengthening bilateral trade and as a foundation for the establishment of a free trade agreement that would create

even greater economic opportunities for Taiwan, the United States, and Vermont, and

Whereas, Taiwan is the 17th largest trading economy in the world and a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, which promotes free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region, and

Whereas, in November 2011, President Barack Obama and the leaders of the other eight Trans-Pacific Partnership countries announced the broad outlines for a new economic agreement, and Taiwan has expressed a strong interest in participating in partnership activities, and

Whereas, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international forum addressing climate change, and Taiwan has expressed a strong desire to participate in this Convention, and

Whereas, Taiwan is an important international transportation hub in the Asia-Pacific region as the Taipei Flight Information Region, which is under Taiwan's jurisdiction, covers an area of 176,000 square nautical miles with 1.35 million annual controlled flights, and it is in the interest of the traveling public that Taiwan be included in the International Civil Aviation Organization, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body reaffirms its support for strong bilateral relationships between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States and between Taiwan and the State of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That this legislative body supports the establishment of a bilateral investment agreement and a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan, and be it further

Resolved: That this legislative body supports Taiwan's participation in international organizations, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the International Civil Aviation Organization, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Governor Peter Shumlin, the Vermont Congressional Delegation, Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

Which was read and adopted.

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**Committee Appointed**

The Speaker appointed the following named members to the Lake Champlain Advisory Committee:

**Rep. Krebs of South Hero**

**Rep. Webb of Shelburne**

**Third Reading; Bill Passed****H. 474**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to amending the membership and charge of the Government Accountability Committee

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Bill Read Second Time; Third Reading Ordered****H. 531**

**Rep. South of St. Johnsbury** spoke for the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

House bill entitled

An act relating to Building 617 in Essex

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

**Adjournment**

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