

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Amelia Pitton of Montpelier.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by Alexandra MacLean, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Sbardella, Julian of Fair Haven - Member of the Liquor Control Board, - from July 3, 2012, to January 31, 2013.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Mazza, Melissa D., of Essex Junction - Member of the Liquor Control Board, - from June 14, 2012, to January 31, 2017.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Gallagher, Thomas of St. Albans - Member of the Liquor Control Board, - from July 3, 2012, to January 31, 2015.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Heald, Francis of Rutland - Member of the Travel Information Council, - from July 3, 2012, to February 28, 2014.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Kennett, Elizabeth of Rochester - Member of the Travel Information Council, - from July 3, 2012, to February 28, 2014.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Davis, Susan of North Hero - Member of the Travel Information Council, - from July 3, 2012, to February 28, 2014.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Stephens, Mary L. of Forestdale - Member of the Parole Board, - from July 3, 2012, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Skinner, Mary Just of Middlesex - Member of the Human Services Board, - from July 3, 2012, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Dunsmore, Carol of Swanton - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board, - from June 14, 2012, to January 31, 2014.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Gish, Jim of Middlebury - Member of the Board of Libraries, - from June 1, 2012, to February 29, 2016.

To the Committee on Education.

Fitzhugh, John of Berlin - Member of the Board of Libraries, - from May 16, 2012, to February 29, 2016.

To the Committee on Education.

Francis, Lachlan of Putney - Member of the Board of Education, - from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2014.

To the Committee on Education.

Breton, Julie of Winooski - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board, - from July 1, 2012, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Education.

Phillips, Hannah of Brattleboro - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs, - from May 4, 2012, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Randall, Lisa of Colchester - Member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, - from May 4, 2012, to January 31, 2016.

To the Committee on Finance.

Watkins, Timothy of Colchester - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board, - from August 15, 2012, to June 30, 2015.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Williams, Robert of Poultney - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board, - from August 15, 2012, to June 30, 2015.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Pallito, Patti of Richmond - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission, - from August 15, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Sartorelli, Ugo of Barre - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission, - from August 15, 2012, to June 30, 2016.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Britt, Robert D. of South Burlington - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, - from August 1, 2012, to June 30, 2018.

To the Committee on Finance.

McEwan, Kenneth D. of Panton - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, - from August 1, 2012, to June 30, 2018.

To the Committee on Finance.

Patten, Will of Hinesburg - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, - from June 20, 2012, to June 30, 2018.

To the Committee on Finance.

Bullock, Frederick of Bellows Falls - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board, - from July 20, 2012, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Finance.

Bishop, Robert of St. Johnsbury - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board, - from July 20, 2012, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Finance.

MacDonald, Gregory, MD of East Montpelier - Member of the Vermont Tobacco Evaluations and Review Board, - from July 20, 2012, to June 30, 2015.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Crowley, Thomas of South Burlington - Member of the State Police Advisory Committee, - from July 20, 2012, to June 30, 2016.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Hunter, Patricia of Rutland - Member of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, - from July 20, 2012, to December 31, 2016.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Message from the Governor
Appointments Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by William Lofy, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Fitzgerald, James B. of St. Albans - Member of the Transportation Board, - from August 12, 2012, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Bokan, Carol of Shelburne - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board, - from August 30, 2012, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Education.

MacIlwaine, Andy of Burlington - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board, - from August 30, 2012, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Education.

Larocque, Leo O. of Whiting - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board, - from October 23, 2012, to June 30, 2015.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Dengler, Wayne S. of Saxtons River - Member of the Parole Board, - from October 23, 2012, to February 28, 2013.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Bishop, Bethany of Montpelier - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, - from October 23, 2012, to June 30, 2018.

To the Committee on Finance.

Moulton, Mary of Moretown - Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, - from December 1, 2012, to February 28, 2013.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Evans, Allen of Middlesex - Member of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, - from November 13, 2012, to December 31, 2016.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

LeCours, Leo M. of Jericho - Member of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, - from November 13, 2012, to December 31, 2013.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by Louis Porter, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Donegan, Susan of Montpelier – Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulation, - from January 9, 2013, to February 28, 2013.

To the Committee on Finance.

Recchia, Christopher of Randolph – Commissioner of the Department of Public Service, - from January 9, 2013, to February 28, 2013.

To the Committee on Finance.

Vilaseca, Armando of Westford – Secretary of the Agency of Education, - from January 2, 2013, to February 28, 2015.

To the Committee on Education.

Clark, Edward W., Jr. of Guildhall - Member of the State Labor Relations Board, - from December 28, 2012, to June 30, 2018.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Willard, Alan R. of Woodstock - Member of the State Labor Relations Board, - from December 28, 2012, to June 30, 2018.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Griffin, Kevin William of Norwich – Superior Judge, - from January 4, 2013, to March 31, 2013.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Coates, David R. of Colchester – Director, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, - from February 1, 2013, to January 31, 2015.

To the Committee on Finance.

Boardman, Kathryn of Shelburne – Director, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, - from February 1, 2013, to January 31, 2015.

To the Committee on Finance.

Joint 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 Baruth and Flory,

J.R.S. 7. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 18, 2013, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 21.

By Senators Galbraith, Benning, Campbell, Hartwell, Kitchel, Rodgers and Starr,

An act relating to prohibiting commercial construction on certain state and conserved lands and to municipal approval of wind towers and turbines.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 22.

By Senator MacDonald,

An act relating to rental assistance.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 23.

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to access to records in adult protective services investigations.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 24.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to adult protective services reporting requirements.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 25.

By Senator Hartwell,

An act relating to public advocacy in utility matters.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 26.

By Senators Fox, Lyons, Pollina and Westman,

An act relating to providing state financial support for school meals for children of low-income households.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 27.

By Senator Pollina,

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

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 28.

By Senators Baruth, Pollina and White,

An act relating to gender-neutral nomenclature for the identification of parents on birth certificates.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 29.

By Senator White,

An act relating to authorizing industrial hemp licenses.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 30.

By Senators Benning, Hartwell, Flory, Galbraith, Kitchel, McAllister, Mullin, Rodgers and Starr,

An act relating to siting of electric generation plants.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 31.

By Senators Sears and Hartwell,

An act relating to prohibiting a court from consideration of interests in revocable trusts or wills when making a property settlement in a divorce proceeding.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 32.

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to semiautomatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 33.

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to prohibiting handheld use of portable electronic devices.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.