

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend David Johnson of Websterville.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 48.

By Senators Benning, Baruth, Ashe, Cummings, Fox, McCormack, Pollina, White and Zuckerman,

An act relating to decriminalization of possession of one ounce or less of marijuana.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 49.

By Senators Ashe and Sears,

An act relating to parental rights and responsibilities involving a child conceived as a result of a sexual assault.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 50.

By Senator MacDonald,

An act relating to conveying time-share interests.

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

Bill Passed

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

S. 2. An act relating to sentence calculations.

Third Reading Ordered

S.R. 4.

Senator Fox, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred Senate resolution entitled:

Senate resolution supporting a woman's right to decide her own reproductive choices and commemorating the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

Reported that the Senate resolution ought to be adopted.

Thereupon, the resolution was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the Senate resolution was ordered.

Standing Committees Realigned

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, reported new appointments to two of the standing committees, resulting in a realignment of these committees, as follows:

	Agriculture	
A.M.	Senator Starr, Chair Zuckerman, Vice-Chair Bray, Clerk [Carris] McAllister <i>French</i>	Room 26
	Government Operations	
P.M.	Senator White, Chair Pollina, Vice-Chair Ayer [Carris] McAllister <i>French</i>	Room 4

Appointment of Senate Members to Joint Fiscal Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §501, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Fiscal Committee for terms of two years ending February 1, 2015:

Senator Kitchel, *ex officio*
 Senator Ashe, *ex officio*
 Senator Campbell
 Senator Sears
 Senator Snelling

Appointment of Senate Members to Joint Rules Committee

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Rules Committee for terms of two (2) years pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule No. 5:

Senator Campbell, *ex officio*

Senator Mazza

Senator Baruth

Senator Benning

Bill Withdrawn**S. 32.**

On motion of Senator Baruth, pursuant to Rule 50, Senate bill entitled:

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

Was withdrawn.

Message from the House No. 7

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. H. Gwynn Zakov, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 8. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, January 24, 2013.