

# Journal of the Senate

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Mara Dowdall of Montpelier.

## Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the President recognized the following-named pages who are completing their services today and presented them with letters of appreciation.

Sophie Basescu of Putney  
Stefan Brecher of Waterbury Center  
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 Somorriba of Barre City

## Message from the House No. 18

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

**H. 240.** An act relating to Executive Branch fees.

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

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions 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.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate 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.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

#### **Bills Introduced**

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

#### **S. 110.**

By Senator Benning,

An act relating to amending the Open Meeting Law.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

#### **S. 111.**

By Senator Mullin,

An act relating to trespass for skiing off designated trails.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

#### **S. 112.**

By Senators Lyons, Zuckerman and Campbell,

An act relating to Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

#### **S. 113.**

By Senators Sears and Hartwell,

An act relating to employee rights to certain inventions.

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

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**Bills Referred**

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

**H. 67.**

An act relating to the transport of election ballots by town clerks after a recount.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 131.**

An act relating to harvesting guidelines and procurement standards.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**H. 240.**

An act relating to Executive Branch fees.

To the Committee on Finance.

**Joint Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate****J.R.S. 14.**

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was read the third time and adopted on the part of the Senate:

Joint resolution supporting the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' proposal to adopt an administrative rule to implement international maple grading standards in Vermont.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

The following joint concurrent resolution, 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, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Mullin, Flory, French, Baruth, Benning, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Kitchel, Mazza, McCormack and Pollina,

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

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

**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 severally adopted in concurrence:

By Representative Ram and others,

By Senators Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Campbell, Cummings, Fox, Lyons, Pollina, Snelling, White and Zuckerman,

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

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

By Representatives South and Masland,

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

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

By Representative Koch and others,

By Senators Benning, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Kitchel, Mazza, Mullin, Nitka and Pollina,

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

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

By Representative Hooper and others,

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

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

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 13.