

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

In the absence of the President (who was Acting Governor in the absence of the Governor) the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Pages Jasper Goodman and Gabriello Lewis then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Louis Porter, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.

Appointment Journalized

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from His Excellency, the Honorable Peter E. Shumlin, Governor of the State of Vermont, relating to the appointment of a new Senator from the District of Chittenden, which was ordered entered in the Journal, and is as follows:

“State of Vermont
Executive Department
Montpelier

February 4, 2014

The Honorable Philip B. Scott
President
Vermont State Senate
State House
Montpelier, VT 05633-5501

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed

MICHAEL D. SIROTKIN, of South Burlington

to serve the unexpired term of Sally G. Fox, Senator from Chittenden District. The appointment is effective February 11, 2014.

Sincerely,

/s/ Peter E. Shumlin

Peter E. Shumlin
Governor”

Oath Administered; New Senator Seated

Thereupon, the Senate-appointee, Michael D. Sirotkin, was escorted to the bar of the Senate by Senator Ashe of Chittenden District, Senator Westman of Lamoille District, Senator Ayer of Addison District and Senator Kitchel of Caledonia District, and took and subscribed the oath of office required by the Constitution from the Secretary of the Senate, John H. Bloomer, Jr.

The new Senator then took his seat and assumed his legislative duties.

Joint Senate 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 Benning,

J.R.S. 44. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 14, 2014, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Committee Bill Introduced

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice the tomorrow:

S. 317.

By the Committee on Judiciary,

An act relating to repealing the unconstitutional Vermont statutes related to the performance of abortions.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 578.

An act relating to administering State funds for loans to individuals for replacement of failed wastewater systems and potable water supplies.

To the Committee on Finance.

Bills Passed

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

S. 296. An act relating to the Defender General's duty to investigate issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of inmates in correctional facilities.

S. 299. An act relating to service of malt beverages by the glass.

Standing Committees Realigned

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, and as a result of the death of Senator Sally G. Fox and subsequent replacement by Senator Michael D. Sirotkin, reported realignments and new appointments for four of the standing committees, as follows:

Agriculture

A.M.	Senator Starr, Chair Zuckerman, Vice-Chair [Bray, Clerk] McAllister French <i>Sirotkin, Clerk</i>	Room 26
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Appropriations

P.M.	Senator Kitchel, Chair Nitka, Vice-Chair [Fox] Sears Snelling, Clerk Starr Westman <i>Cummings</i>	Room 5
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Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs

A.M. Senator Mullin, Chair Room 27
Baruth, Vice-Chair
Collins, Clerk
[Cummings]
Doyle
Bray

Health and Welfare

A.M. Senator Ayer, Chair Room 17
[Fox, Vice-Chair]
Lyons, *Vice-Chair*
McCormack
Pollina, Clerk
Cummings

Institutions

P.M. Senator Flory, Chair Room 7
[Cummings, Vice-Chair]
Rodgers, *Vice-Chair*, Clerk
Benning
Mazza
Sirotkin

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.