

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Peter Cook of Burlington.

Bills Referred

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

H. 239.

An act relating to information regarding the rights of landlords and tenants.

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

H. 876.

An act relating to making miscellaneous amendments and technical corrections to education laws.

To the Committee on Rules.

H. 880.

An act relating to universal college savings accounts.

To the Committee on Rules.

Bills Passed

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

S. 241. An act relating to binding arbitration for State employees.

H. 563. An act relating to captive insurance laws and accreditation standards.

H. 602. An act relating to municipal budget committees.

Bill Amended; Bill Passed**S. 252.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to financing for Green Mountain Care.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Sirotkin, Ashe, Lyons and Starr moved to amend the bill by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 22 to read as follows:

Sec. 22. MEDICARE INTEGRATION; REPORT

On or before December 1, 2014, the Secretary of Administration or designee shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance regarding the options available to the State of Vermont with respect to the potential integration and coordination of Medicare with Green Mountain Care. The report shall include assessments of possible financing and coverage options for Vermont's Medicare population within Green Mountain Care and the potential continuation of Medicare supplemental insurance and Medicare Advantage plans.

And by renumbering the remaining section of the bill to be numerically correct.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered**H. 676.**

Senator Snelling, for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to regulation of land uses within flood hazard areas.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 754, in subsection (f), after the following: flood hazard area, by inserting the following: or river corridor and after the following: chapter 117 by inserting the following: or commence construction of a State-owned and -operated institution or facility located within a flood hazard area or river corridor.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and the proposal of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Appointments Confirmed

Under suspension of the rules (and particularly, Senate Rule 93), as moved by Senator White, the following Gubernatorial appointments were confirmed together as a group by the Senate, without reports given by the Committees to which they were referred and without debate:

Pallito, Patti of Richmond - Member, State Police Advisory Commission - July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2017.

Jefferson, Shirley A. of South Royalton - Member, State Police Advisory Commission - July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2017.

Boyde, Glenn of Colchester - Member, State Police Advisory Commission - August 7, 2013, to June 30, 2017.

Granquist, Deborah of - Member, Libraries, Board of – March 1, 2014, to February 28, 2018.

Vachon, Brian of Middlesex - Member, Community High School of Vermont Board – March 1, 2014, to February 28, 2017.

Willey, Leo of Newport - Member, State Police Advisory Commission - March 1, 2014, to February 28, 2018.

Senate 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 on the part of the Senate:

By Senate Committee on Transportation,

By House Committee on Transportation,

S.C.R. 52.

Senate concurrent resolution expressing appreciation and gratitude to the Agency of Transportation Maintenance Section's employees for their 2013–2014 winter highway work.

By All Members of the Senate,
By Representative McCormack and others,

S.C.R. 53.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Air Pollution Control Division Director Richard Valentinetti.

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 Moran and others,
By Senators Galbraith, Hartwell, Sears and White,

H.C.R. 274.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Devin Logan on winning the silver medal at the first Olympic slopestyle skiing women's competition.

By Representative Devereux and others,

H.C.R. 275.

House concurrent resolution designating April 9, 2014 as the Battle of Cedar Creek Remembrance Day.

By Representatives Winters and Davis,
By Senator MacDonald,

H.C.R. 276.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Williamstown High School Blue Devils Division III championship boys' basketball team.

By Representative Turner and others,

H.C.R. 277.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont State Grange.

By Representative Potter and others,

H.C.R. 278.

House concurrent resolution honoring Joyce Pedone for her municipal public service in the town of Clarendon.

By Representative Russell and others,

By Senators Flory, French and Mullin,

H.C.R. 279.

House concurrent resolution recognizing Project VISION for its role in addressing opiate addiction in Rutland City.

By Representative Keenan and others,

H.C.R. 280.

House concurrent resolution honoring cancer survivors and their caregivers.

By Representative Myers and others,

H.C.R. 281.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 and ninth consecutive Essex High School State championship gymnastics team.

By Representative Myers and others,

H.C.R. 282.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Essex High School Division I championship girls' indoor track team.

By Representative Krebs and others,

H.C.R. 283.

House concurrent resolution designating April 15, 2014 as MS Awareness Day in Vermont.

By Representative Quimby,

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

H.C.R. 284.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lida Croteau Surridge on her 100th birthday.

By Representative Haas,

H.C.R. 285.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rochester High School 2014 valedictorian Pavin Parrish on his academic and basketball accomplishments.

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 inform the Senate that on the twenty-seventh day of March, 2014, he did not approve and *allowed to become law without his signature* a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 215. An act relating to administering, implementing, and financing water quality improvement in Vermont.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 50.