Journal of the House

of the

STATE OF VERMONT

BIENNIAL SESSION, 2015

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Vermont, the member-elect of the House of Representatives convened in the State House in Montpelier on the first Wednesday after the first Monday, being the seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen.

At ten o’clock in the forenoon, the Honorable James Condos, Secretary of State, called the House to order for the seventy-third biennial session.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Margaret Dawedeit of the Peru Congregational Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Lia Rubel of Barre City, led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Secretary of State, James Condos, called the roll for the seventy-third biennial session:

Addison-1  Betty A. Nuovo
            Amy Sheldon

Addison-2  Willem W. Jewett

Addison-3  Diane M. Lanpher
            Warren VanWyck

Addison-4  Fred K. Baser
            David D. Sharpe

Addison-5  Harvey T. Smith

Addison-Rutland  Alyson Eastman

Bennington-1  William G. F. Botzow II
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Kurt Wright

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Curt McCormack

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Kesha K. Ram

Chittenden-6-5  Johannah Leddy Donovan  
Mary M. Sullivan

Chittenden-6-6  Barbara Rachelson

Chittenden-6-7  Clement J. Bissonnette  
Diana González

Chittenden-7-1  Martin LaLonde

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Linda K. Myers

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Timothy Jerman

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Joey A. Purvis

Chittenden-9-2  Patrick M. Brennan  
Maureen P. Dakin
Chittenden-10  Ronald E. Hubert
              Donald H. Turner, Jr.

Essex-Caledonia  Constance N. Quimby

Essex-Caledonia-Orleans  Paul Lefebvre

Franklin-1  Carolyn W. Branagan

Franklin-2  Barbara S. Murphy

Franklin-3-1  Kathleen C. Keenan
              Corey Parent

Franklin-3-2  Eileen G. Dickinson

Franklin-4  Marianna Gamache
              Brian K. Savage

Franklin-5  Steve C. Beyor
              Albert E. Pearce

Franklin-6  Daniel F. Connor

Franklin-7  Larry Fiske

Grand Isle-Chittenden  Mitzi Johnson
              Robert C. Krebs

Lamoille-1  Heidi E. Scheuermann

Lamoille-2  Linda J. Martin
              Mark E. Woodward

Lamoille-3  Bernard C. Juskiewicz

Lamoille-Washington  Avram Patt
              Shapleigh Smith, Jr.

Orange-1  Susan H. Davis
              Rodney Graham
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The following named member-elect was not present for roll call:
Johannah Donovan – District Chittenden 6-5.

**Quorum Present**

Thereupon, the Secretary of State declared that a quorum of the members-elect was present.

**Election of Speaker**

The Secretary of State directed the House to the election of a Speaker for the two years next ensuing.

Thereupon, Rep. Conquest of Newbury’s nomination for Speaker was

Rep. Turner of Milton moved that nominations cease and the Secretary of
State cast one ballot for Rep. Shapleigh Smith, Jr. of Morristown as Speaker of
the House, which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the Secretary of State declared that


the Representative from the town of Morristown, having a majority of the
votes, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the two years
next ensuing.

The Secretary of State designated:

Rep. Webb of Shelburne
Rep. Turner of Milton
Rep. Savage of Swanton
Rep. Conquest of Newbury
Rep. Branagan of Georgia

as a committee to wait upon the Speaker-elect, inform him of his election and
conduct him to the rostrum to receive the oath of office.

Oath Administered

The Speaker-elect was conducted to the rostrum, the oath of office
administered by the Secretary of State, and thereupon, the Speaker was
conducted to the Chair and assumed his duties.

Election of Clerk

The Speaker directed the House to the election of a Clerk for the two years
next ensuing.

Rep. Poirier of Barre City presented the name of Donald G. Milne of
Washington.

Mr. Milne’s nomination for Clerk of the House was seconded by Rep.
McFaun of Barre Town.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker then directed that the vote
be taken viva voce.

The vote having been taken, the Speaker declared that

Donald G. Milne
of Washington was unanimously elected Clerk of the House of Representatives for the two years next ensuing.

The Speaker designated:

**Rep. Poirier of Barre of Barre City**
**Rep. McFaun of Barre Town**
**Rep. Davis of Washington**
**Rep. Graham of Williamstown**

as a committee to wait upon the Clerk-elect, inform him of his election and conduct him to the bar of the House to receive the oath of office.

**Oath Administered**

The Clerk-elect was conducted to the bar of the House, the oath of office administered by his daughter, Cathy Frey, and thereupon, the clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

**Oath Administered to Members-Elect**

Thereupon, the Representatives-elect each took and subscribed the oath, administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State.

**Communication from Michael Fisher**

“December 4, 2014
I resign my House seat effective immediately.
Michael Fisher”

**House Resolution Adopted**

**H.R. 1**

House resolution, entitled
House Resolution relating to House Rules
By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford and Turner of Milton

Resolved by the House of Representatives

That the House rules in effect at the end of the 2013-2014 session be the rules of this biennial session until others are adopted.

Which was read and adopted.

**House Resolution Adopted**

**H.R. 2**

House resolution, entitled
House resolution relating to the organization of the House and informing the Senate thereof

By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford and Turner of Milton

Resolved by the House of Representatives

That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that the House has organized and is ready on its part to proceed with the business of session.

Which was read and adopted.

House Resolution Adopted

H.R. 3

House resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to the organization of the House informing the Governor thereof

By Reps. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford and Turner of Milton

Resolved by the House of Representatives

That His Excellency, the Governor, be informed by Committee that the House has completed its organization and is ready to receive any communication from him.

Which was read and adopted.

Committee Appointed

Pursuant to the provision of H.R. 3, the Speaker appointed the following as members of the Committee to inform the Governor of the organization of the House.

Rep. Webb of Shelburne
Rep. Turner of Milton
Rep. Savage of Swanton
Rep. Pearson of Burlington
Rep. Davis of Washington

Message from the Senate No. 1

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

A quorum of the Senate has assembled and organized by the election of
JOHN H. BLOOMER, JR

of the Town of Wallingford, Secretary, who in turn has appointed

STEVEN D. MARSHALL

of the Town of Swanton, Assistant Secretary, and by the election of

JOHN F. CAMPBELL

of the Town of Quechee, Windsor District, President pro tempore.

Message from the Senate No. 2

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

J.R.S. 1. Joint resolution relating to joint rules.

J.R.S. 2. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for state officers.

J.R.S. 3. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the inaugural message of the Governor.

J.R.S. 4. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

J.R.S. 5. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

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

Message from the Senate No. 3

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has appointed as members of the Joint Canvassing Committee on the part of the Senate to canvass votes for state offices:

Addison District  Senator Bray
Bennington District  Senator Campion
Caledonia District  Senator Benning
Chittenden District  Senator Sirotkin
Essex-Orleans District    Senator Rodgers
Franklin District        Senator Degree
Grand Isle District      Senator Mazza
Lamoille District        Senator Westman
Orange District          Senator MacDonald
Rutland District         Senator Collamore
Washington District      Senator Pollina
Windham District         Senator White
Windsor District         Senator Nitka

The President has designated Senator White as Chair on the part of the Senate.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 1

By Senator Campbell,

J.R.S. 1. Joint resolution relating to joint rules.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the joint rules of the Senate and the House as adopted in 2013 be adopted as the joint rules of this biennial session until others are adopted.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 2

By Senator White,

J.R.S. 2. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for state officers.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to receive the report of the Joint Canvassing Committee appointed to canvass votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General, and if it shall be declared by said Committee that there had been no election by the freemen and freewomen of any of said state officers, then to proceed forthwith to elect such officers as have not been elected by the freemen and freewomen.
Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 3

By Senator Campbell,

J.R.S. 3.  Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the inaugural message of the Governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at one o’clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon to receive the inaugural message of the Governor.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Rules Committee Announced

Pursuant to the provisions of House Rule 25, the following members were elected by caucus to the Committee on Rules:

                  Rep. Webb of Shelburne
                  Rep. Deen of Westminster

Republicans:      Rep. Turner of Milton
                  Rep. Savage of Swanton
                  Rep. Donahue of Northfield

Committees Announced

The Speaker announced the 2015-2016 House Standing Committees as follows:

Agriculture

Partridge, Chair of Windham
Lawrence, Vice Chair of Lyndon
Bartholomew of Hartland
Connor of Fairfield
Eastman of Orwell
Graham of Williamstown
Ryerson of Randolph
Smith of New Haven
Purvis of Colchester
Turner of Milton
Zagar of Barnard
### Appropriations

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Education

Sharpe, Chair of Bristol
Juskiewicz, Vice-Chair of Cambridge
Christie of Hartford
Beck of St. Johnsbury
Buxton of Tunbridge
Cupoli of Rutland City
Jerman of Essex
Long of Newfane
Manwaring of Wilmington
Miller of Shaftsbury
Wright of Burlington

Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources

Deen, Chair of Westminster
McCullough, Vice-Chair of Williston
Beyor of Highgate
Krebs of South Hero
Lefebvre of Newark
Sheldon of Middlebury
Terenzini of Rutland Town
Webb of Shelburne
Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

General, Housing and Military Affairs

Head, Chair of South Burlington
Stevens, Vice-Chair of Waterbury
Savage of Swanton
Gonzalez of Winooski
Lucke of Hartford
Morrissey of Bennington
Tate of Mendon
Walz of Barre City

Government Operations

Sweaney, Chair of Windsor
Evans, Vice-Chair of Essex
Devereux of Mount Holly
Cole of Burlington
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford
Higley of Lowell
Hubert of Milton
Laclair of Barre Town
Lewis of Berlin
Martin of Wolcott
Townsend of South Burlington

Health Care

Lippert, Chair of Hinesburg
Pearson, Vice-Chair of Burlington
Donahue of Northfield
Bancroft of Westford
Briglin of Thetford
Dakin of Chester
Gage of Rutland City
Morris of Bennington
Patt of Worcester
Poirier of Barre City
Woodward of Johnson

Human Services

Pugh, Chair of South Burlington
Haas, Vice-Chair of Rochester
McFaun of Barre Town
Berry of Manchester
Dame of Essex
Fiske of Enosburgh
French of Randolph
Krowinski of Burlington
McCoy of Poultney
Mrowicki of Putney
Troiano of Stannard

Judiciary

Grad, Chair of Moretown
Jewett, Vice-Chair of Ripton
Burditt of West Rutland
Conquest of Newbury
Frank of Underhill
LaLonde of South Burlington
Nuovo of Middlebury
Rachelson of Burlington
Martel of Waterford
Strong of Albany
Viens of Newport

Natural Resources and Energy
Klein, Chair of East Montpelier
Ellis, Vice-Chair of Waterbury
Hebert of Vernon
Chestnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs
Forguites of Springfield
Gamache of Swanton
Olsen of Londonderry
Ram of Burlington
Sullivan of Burlington
VanWyck of Ferrisburgh
Yantachka of Charlotte

Transportation
Brennan, Chair of Colchester
Potter, Vice-Chair of Clarendon
Corcoran of Bennington
Bissonnette of Winooski
Burke of Brattleboro
Huntley of Cavendish
McCormack of Burlington
Murphy of Fairfax
Quimby of Concord
Russell of Rutland City
Shaw of Derby

Ways and Means
Ancel, Chair of Calais
Branagan, Vice-Chair of Georgia
Donovan of Burlington
Canfield of Fair Haven
At eleven o'clock and thirty-five minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until one o'clock in the afternoon.

At one o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

**Seating of Members**

Pursuant to the provisions of House Rule 5, the members were seated.

**Communication from Clerk**

The Speaker placed before the House a communication from the Clerk as follows:

“January 7, 2015
Honorable Shap Smith
Speaker of the House
Sir,

I have the honor to inform you and the members of the House that I have appointed William M. MaGill of Montpelier as First Assistant Clerk, Melissa Kucserik of Waterbury as Second Assistant Clerk, Cathleen M. Cameron of Montpelier as Journal Clerk, Jean Olson of Montpelier as Resolution Clerk and Christine Ditmeyer of Plainfield as Clerk Assistant.

Sincerely,

/s/Donald G. Milne
Clerk of the House”

**Oath Administered to Clerks**

The Doorkeepers were directed to conduct William MaGill, the First Assistant Clerk, and Melissa Kucserik, the Second Assistant Clerk, to the bar of the House where the oath was administered by the Clerk.

Thereupon, the assistant clerks entered upon the discharge of their duties.
### Canvassing Committee Elected

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Rep. Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford moved the election of the candidates, as nominated by the Speaker, which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the Speaker appointed Rep. Evans of Essex as Chair on the part of the House.

Adjournment

At two o'clock in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon.