Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 21, 2015


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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Representative Doug Gage of Rutland City.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 35

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to improving the quality of State waters;
To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 36

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the collection and recycling of waste motor vehicle tires;
To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 37

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the safety and regulation of dams;
To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 38

By Reps. Clarkson of Woodstock and Condon of Colchester,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to tuition payments to out-of-state schools;
To the committee on Education.

H. 39

By Rep. French of Randolph,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to sales of ENERGY STAR® appliances;
To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 40

By Reps. Klein of East Montpelier and Ellis of Waterbury,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to establishing a renewable energy standard and energy
transformation program;
To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

* Speaker Smith in Chair.

House Resolution Referred to Committee

H.R. 4

House resolution, entitled
House resolution amending the rules of the House of Representatives
relating to the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Education

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Whereas, the quality and funding of public education is of major concern to
Vermonters, and

Whereas, issues of educational quality, location, and availability cannot be
separated from those related to educational funding, and

Whereas, legislative deliberations on public education will be more
effective if the House Committee on Education has jurisdiction over education
funding, subject to the provisions of House Rule 35(a), now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:
That House Rule 25 is amended to read:

25. At the beginning of each regular session, standing committees shall be
appointed having the following names, number of members, and duties:
Committee Relating to Member To Consider Matters

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Education
11 Arts The educational needs of Vermonters, including the arts, libraries, and literary and scientific subjects and education; the amount of revenue required to satisfy the educational needs; and the manner of raising necessary revenue.

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Which was read and referred to the committee on Rules.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

**J.R.S. 8**

By Senators Baruth and Benning

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

**Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:**

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 23, 2015, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

**Action on Joint Resolution Postponed**

**J.R.H. 1**

Joint resolution, entitled

Joint resolution expressing support for the Public Service Board’s establishment of a FairPoint Communications service investigation docket and urging the company to negotiate in good faith to settle the current employee strike

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the resolution be adopted? on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, action on the resolution was postponed until the next legislative day.
Adjournment

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