

Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Teen Challenge, Johnson, Vt.

Message from the Senate No. 19

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 resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 16. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Silas Conlon of Cornwall led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 220

By Reps. McCullough of Williston, Christie of Hartford, Dakin of Chester, Frank of Underhill, Macaig of Williston, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Till of Jericho and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to shared parental rights and responsibilities and equal parent-child contact;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 221

By Reps. Burke of Brattleboro, Batchelor of Derby, Clarkson of

Woodstock, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne and O'Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to criminal justice reform;

To the committee on Corrections & Institutions.

H. 222

By Rep. Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to extraction of groundwater and surface water;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

H. 223

By Rep. Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to title insurance;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 224

By Rep. Clarkson of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to access to telecommunications conduit;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 225

By Reps. Keenan of St. Albans City, Haas of Rochester and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prospective payment for home health services;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 226

By Reps. French of Randolph and Canfield of Fair Haven,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health insurance coverage for bone marrow testing;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 227

By Reps. Clarkson of Woodstock, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Evans of Essex, Greshin of Warren and Young of Glover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reimbursement for lack of Exchange coverage;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 228

By Reps. Potter of Clarendon, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Eastman of Orwell, Helm of Fair Haven, Pearce of Richford, Quimby of Concord, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford and Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adding saliva testing to the DUI statutes;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 229

By Reps. Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Bartholomew of Hartland, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Deen of Westminster, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to divesting State retirement funds from the 200 publically traded companies that hold the largest carbon content fossil fuels reserves;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 230

By Reps. Potter of Clarendon, Bissonnette of Winooski, Burke of Brattleboro, Lanpher of Vergennes, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston and Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to primary enforcement of the adult seatbelt law and exceptions to the seatbelt laws;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 231

By Reps. McCullough of Williston and Burke of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to passing and yielding to vulnerable users;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 232

By Rep. Keenan of St. Albans City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to farm truck and agricultural custom service vehicle registration fees;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 233

By Reps. Clarkson of Woodstock, Till of Jericho, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Evans of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Long of Newfane and Masland of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the taxation of e-cigarettes;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

H. 234

By Reps. Clarkson of Woodstock, Burke of Brattleboro, Donovan of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to permits for publicly funded affordable housing projects;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

Bill Recommended

H. 206

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating notaries public

Appearing on the Calendar for action, was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on Government Operations, on motion of **Rep. Evans of Essex**, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Government Operations.

Committee Appointed

The Speaker appointed the following named members to the Legislative IT Oversight Committee:

Rep. Zagar of Barnard

Rep. VanWyck of Ferrisburgh

Rep Young of Glover

Rep Davis of Washington

Remarks Journalized

On motion of **Rep. Dame of Essex**, the following remarks by **Rep. Ram of Burlington** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Mr. Speaker,

I want to thank the members of the body for all of the kind words and gestures as I deal with the difficult loss of my father. We truly are a family here, and it reminds me of his visit to the State House. Seven years ago, as those who were here may remember, my father came for my inaugural swearing in ceremony. He flew into Boston in a blizzard in the middle of the night and had a long white knuckle drive to get here by morning.

My father lived through the Partition of India as a child when his ancestral home became Pakistan. He and my grandparents had to leave with just the clothes on their backs. They tried to rebuild in another part of Northern India and he eventually came to the United States to seek educational and economic opportunity. My father was an Indian man who ran an Irish pub in Los Angeles, so he was bridging a lot of worlds and never really had a settled role or identity. Eventually, he went to Northern California to seek other opportunities and that is where he had been until now.

So when he came to visit the State House and watched me take my seat as a Representative, with all of the outstretched arms and smiles of my fellow legislators welcoming me, he knew I had found a home and a sense of place that he never could. And to have his children find it meant a lot to him. He liked to retell that story, and did so up until very recently, knowing that I was well taken care of here. So thank you for being so welcoming and giving him that piece of mind. Thank you.”

Adjournment

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