Journal of the House

Friday, March 13, 2015

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Warren Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Vt.

Message from Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Susan Allen, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the House that on the twelfth day of March, 2015, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

- H. 7 An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to laws regarding law enforcement officer certification
- H. 17 An act relating to identification and notification of Public Records Act exemptions in administrative rules
- H. 82 An act relating to fiscal year 2015 budget adjustments
- H. 194 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the town of St. Johnsbury

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. 480

By the committee on Education,

An act relating to making miscellaneous technical and other amendments to education laws;

Under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice.

H. 481

By the committee on Health Care,

An act relating to supporting health care initiatives and establishing payroll and sugar-sweetened beverage taxes;

Under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice.

H. 482

By the committee on Commerce & Economic Development,

An act relating to principle-based valuation for life insurance reserves and a standard nonforfeiture law for life insurance policies;

Under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice.

Bills Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

House bills of the following titles, affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule, were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 480

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making miscellaneous technical and other amendments to education laws;

H. 481

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supporting health care initiatives and establishing payroll and sugar-sweetened beverage taxes.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

H. 76

Rep. Head of South Burlington moved that the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to the requirement of mandatory binding arbitration and to the elimination of strikes and imposed contracts in connection with collective bargaining for teachers' and school administrators' contracts

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Education, which was agreed to.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

House bill, entitled

An act relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping

The bill, affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Favorable Report; Third Reading Ordered

H. 248

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, for the committee on Natural Resources & Energy, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous revisions to the air pollution statutes

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Savage of Swanton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 17.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 60

House concurrent resolution honoring John P. Dumville for his 36 years of exemplary service as Vermont's State Owned Historic Sites Section Chief;

H.C.R. 61

House concurrent resolution honoring former representative and outgoing Sergeant at Arms Francis K. Brooks of Montpelier for his dedicated public service:

H.C.R. 62

House concurrent resolution designating March 12, 2015, as Vermont Writes Day;

H.C.R. 63

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Ronald K. Knapp;

H.C.R. 64

House concurrent resolution honoring Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell for her outstanding academic leadership and contributions to Vermont and the nation;

H.C.R. 65

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I boys' soccer championship team;

H.C.R. 66

House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington High School Rebels 2014 Division I boys' track and field championship team;

H.C.R. 67

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels State championship girls' lacrosse team;

S.C.R. 5

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary;

S.C.R. 6

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Montpelier High School Solons Ultimate State Open championship and Spirit Award team;

S.C.R. 7

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the East Montpelier Fire Department on its 50th anniversary;

S.C.R. 8

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier on its 25th anniversary;

S.C.R. 9

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field;

S.C.R. 10

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Geologist and Geological Survey Director Laurence R. Becker;

S.C.R. 11

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Julia Hatch of Northfield on her winning the National Rifle Association's 2014 Daniel Morgan Trophy;

S.C.R. 12

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013–2014 Norwich University multiple national championship women's rugby team;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2015, seventy-third Biennial session.]