

# Journal of the House

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**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**

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

## **Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by a music trio from Hanover High School, Marta Bartholomew on violin, from Hartland, Felix Herron on viola, from Hanover, NH and Peter Bynum on flute from Norwich, Vt.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Page Sophia St. John-Lockridge of Burlington** led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Message from the Senate No. 40**

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 passed Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 55.** An act relating to creating a flat rate for Vermont's estate tax and creating an estate tax exclusion amount that matches the federal amount.

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

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 123.** An act relating to mobile home parks, habitability standards, and compliance.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 89.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Aliah Curry on her record breaking career on the Norwich University women's basketball team.

**H.C.R. 90.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the centennial anniversary of the Vermont Workers' Compensation Act.

**H.C.R. 91.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Alexander (AJ) Ginnis on winning a bronze medal in the men's slalom at the 2015 Junior World Championships.

**H.C.R. 92.** House concurrent resolution designating March as Women's History Month in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 93.** House concurrent resolution designating April 2015 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 94.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV championship girls' soccer team.

**H.C.R. 95.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Cabot School on winning the Teach for the Planet Innovation Challenge.

**H.C.R. 98.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the American Traffic Safety Association and its Foundation for their outstanding public awareness, education, and training programs with respect to safety in highway work zones and designating March 30–April 3, 2015 as Vermont Work Zone Awareness Week.

### **Senate Bill Referred**

#### **S. 55**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a flat rate for Vermont's estate tax and creating an estate tax exclusion amount that matches the federal amount;

Was taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on Ways & Means.

### **Adjournment**

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