

# Journal of the House

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Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by John Dunlap of Woodbury, Vt.

## House Bill Introduced

### H. 501

Reps. McCullough of Williston introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to coverage for complementary and alternative health care services

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Health Care.

## Senate Bills Referred

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time and referred as follows:

### S. 138

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to promoting economic development;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

### S. 139

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to pharmacy benefit managers and hospital observation status;

To the committee on Health Care.

## Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

### J.R.S. 24

By Senators Baruth and Benning,

**J.R.S. 24.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:*

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 17, 2015, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

**Rules Suspended; Bill Committed**

**S. 9**

On motion of **Rep. Pugh of South Burlington**, the rules were suspended and Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to improving Vermont's system for protecting children from abuse and neglect;

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, was taken up for immediate consideration.

Pending the reading of the report of the committee on Human Services, on motion of **Rep. Pugh of South Burlington**, the bill was committed to the committee on Judiciary.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration  
and Bill Committed to Other Committee**

**S. 60**

**Rep. Pugh of South Burlington** moved that the committee on Human Services be relieved of Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to payment for medical examinations for victims of sexual assault

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

**Committee Relieved of Consideration  
and Bill Committed to Other Committee**

**S. 20**

**Rep. Deen of Westminster** moved that the committee on Rules be relieved of Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing and regulating dental therapists

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

**Remarks Journalized**

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On motion of **Rep. Gamache of Swanton**, the following remarks by **Rep. Branagan of Georgia** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Mr. Speaker:

What an honor it is to have our World War 2 veterans with us today. There were thousands of American young men like them who joined in this effort from 1941-1945.

My father, John C. Whitney, passed away last May, but I wanted you to know that he joined the US Navy in 1944, when he was only 17 years old. You recall that in 1944 the war effort was tough. Victory was not a certain thing for the Allies.

Dad was an honor student in high school, but desiring to serve, he joined the Navy. He went through the needed training and when the time came, he joined other sailors on a US Navy ship headed to the Pacific. They traveled from Florida, through the Panama Canal and then into the Pacific.

After only a few days in the Pacific, the ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. The American ship sank, three men survived: Dad, the cook and one other sailor. Dad had pneumonia and after spending time in the hospital he was assigned to another ship patrolling the North Atlantic.

At the end of the war he was present when several Italian and German submarines surrendered in Caribbean ports. Dad told me these sailors from Germany and Italy all appeared to be afraid they would be killed, but that wasn't the intent of the Americans at all. The Italians and Germans were fed and given proper health care and then kept as prisoners of war until the end of the war.

I remember Dad saying was that on board ship during a storm in the North Atlantic, there were no atheists”

#### **Action on Bill Postponed**

##### **S. 13**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Sex Offender Registry

Was taken up and on motion of **Rep. Jewett of Ripton**, action on the bill was postponed until Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

#### **Remarks Journalized**

On motion of **Rep. Branagan of Georgia**, the following remarks by **Rep. Strong of Albany** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Mr. Speaker:

On December 8, 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt told the nation, “Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a day which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan... As commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense... with confidence in our armed forces – with the unbounded determination of our people – we will gain the inevitable triumph – so help us God.”

With this statement, our active involvement in World War II began, an involvement which would last another four years and cost us greatly in money and effort and most of all in the lives of our service men and women. Almost every family was touched in one way or another. In my own family, four of my uncles served, three in combat, one in Germany afterward.

The whole nation was involved with our service men and women – in support industries, in rationing to be sure our armed forces had what they needed, in buying war bonds, and in prayer. President Roosevelt’s call to prayer was hardly necessary when he announced, on the evening of D-day, that our men had crossed the English Channel into France in “a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization.” It was never easy; but we persevered and celebrated when it was finally over, when the Japanese surrendered in 1945 – seventy years ago.

Today we are honored to have some of our WWII Veterans here so that we can thank them, again, for their service for our country, and remind ourselves that we cannot take their service and sacrifices for granted as we live our daily lives in freedom and prosperity.

I am so pleased that I can introduce to you today the only surviving WWII soldier of my town of Albany, Sgt. Francis Whitcomb, who served in the United States Air Corps as a control tower operator in Italy and Egypt from January 1943 until October 1945. Francis has lived in Albany on his farm for 42 years, and before that he was the principal of the school in Putney where our Governor attended in his childhood. I am grateful for the service of Sgt. Whitcomb and for the service of all of our veterans who were able to attend today. Let’s welcome them and thank them for their selfless efforts on behalf of our freedom more than 70 years ago.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker”

#### **Remarks Journalized**

On motion of **Rep. Branagan of Georgia**, the following remarks by **Rep. Morrissey of Bennington** were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Mr. Speaker:

I rise today, in memory of my dad Gerald E. Morrissey, who served in World War II as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy/Seabee Division. He was stationed in Iwo Jima and Hawaii from 1943 to 1946.

We just heard the reading of the Resolution honoring the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Our World War II Veterans are often referred to as part of the "Greatest Generation" to serve our nation. Our men and women veterans served with great honor and distinction. Their selfless service is the reason that we have the freedoms we enjoy today. We honor your service and say "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts!

I am pleased and honored to introduce two World War II Veterans from the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington. Willi Rondeau, U. S. Army Air Corp who served in the Pacific-Tarawa. Joe Parks who served in the U. S. Army in Europe and received a Purple Heart for his bravery in Germany. Also, with us is one of our Gold Star Mother's from Bennington, Dorothy Halverson who's son U. S. Army Warrent Officer Eric Halverson gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq in April 2003. Sadly, Eric was Vermont's first casualty to the war. My seatmate from Albany, who is also a Gold Star Mother is also to be honored. I am also pleased to introduce two staff members of the Vermont Veteran's Home who accompanied our special guests. Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to the member from Barre Town."

#### **Remarks Journalized**

On motion of **Rep. Branagan of Georgia**, the following remarks by **Rep. LaClair of Barre Town** were ordered printed in the Journal:

"Mr. Speaker:

It is my honor and privilege to introduce Private First Class Fred Ladue of the US Army. Fred joined the National Guard in St. Albans in 1939 and then went into active duty with his first assignment to Camp Blondin in Florida then on to Camp Shelby in Mississippi. He was then sent to Fort Ord, California where he was assigned to the ship The Bosh Fontaine Battleship. It took 23 days for him to arrive in Auckland, New Zealand. From there he went to New Caledonia into the war zone in the Marshall Islands. (He had his appendix out in the jungle here.) When in the Marshall Islands, he was affiliated with the Navy and was a diver to place underwater mines. He thought this was a great job and exciting. He served six years and was discharged in 1945 at the end of the war.

Fred continued to serve his country after the war by serving in active roles in the VFW. He was the local commander for two terms; the Jr. and Sr Vice Commander as well as the secretary and Treasurer. He was the State Jr. and Sr. Vice Commander as well.

He served as the National District #3 Commander for two terms for ME, NH and VT along with serving on numerous committees.

Fred is a lifelong Vermonter and lives in Moretown with his wife Patricia of almost 60 years. He has three children, Jeff, Kim and Pamela, who live in VT.”

#### **Message from the Senate No. 46**

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 considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 128.** An act relating to the use of results-based accountability common language in Vermont law.

**H. 320.** An act relating to technical corrections.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

#### **Adjournment**

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