

Journal of the House

Friday, January 8, 2016

Rep. Sarah Copeland-Hanzas presiding.

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Speaker.

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. 527

By Reps. Lalonde of South Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Head of South Burlington, Jewett of Ripton, Pugh of South Burlington and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to amended distracted driving laws;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 528

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of a fund for fish and wildlife access areas;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 529

By Reps. Lalonde of South Burlington, Dakin of Colchester, Head of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to State aid for school construction repayment obligations;

To the committee on Corrections & Institutions.

H. 530

By Rep. Sweaney of Windsor,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to categorization of State contracts for service;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 531

By Rep. Connor of Fairfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to aboveground storage tanks;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 532

By Reps. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dame of Essex, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Martel of Waterford, Morrissey of Bennington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Tate of Mendon, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to foster parents' right to intervene in CHINS proceedings;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 533

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to victim notification;

To the committee on Judiciary.

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

H. 522

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

An act relating to establishing an Office of the Child Protection Advocate

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

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty-four minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of JRS 33.

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 Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 184

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 7, 2016, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House;

H.C.R. 185

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lamoille Union High School Lancers 2015 Division II championship baseball team;

H.C.R. 186

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Robert Walsh of South Burlington for his advocacy and public service on behalf of the Vermont Veterans' Memorial Cemetery;

H.C.R. 187

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marion Brown Thorpe, University of Vermont Professor Emerita, on her 100th birthday;

H.C.R. 188

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alayna Westcom of Bakersfield on being named Miss Vermont 2015;

H.C.R. 189

House concurrent resolution honoring former Fletcher Town Clerk and Treasurer Elaine Sweet;

H.C.R. 190

House concurrent resolution in memory of extraordinary Vermont pianist and cultural treasure John Cassel of East Fairfield;

H.C.R. 191

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U.S. Women's World Cup championship soccer team;

H.C.R. 192

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mary V. and Paul H. Hughes of Rutland on their 75th wedding anniversary;

H.C.R. 193

House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Park Service on its centennial anniversary and celebrating its outstanding conservation, preservation, and recreational activities in Vermont;

S.C.R. 25

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Humane Society on its 50th anniversary;

S.C.R. 26

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program on its 50th anniversary;

S.C.R. 27

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Dr. David Toll of St. Johnsbury for his exemplary dedication to the practice of pediatric medicine;

[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 2016, seventy-third Biennial session.]