

Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

At three o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Elissa Johnk of the Old Meeting House in East Montpelier Center, VT.

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. 547

By Rep. Jewett of Ripton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the bylaws of a cooperative insurance corporation;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 548

By Reps. Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to extraordinary dividends for life insurers;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 549

By Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to clarifying items subject to the law governing scrap metal processors;

To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 550

By Reps. Botzow of Pownal, Marcotte of Coventry and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to structured settlements;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 551

By Rep. Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supporting employee ownership of Vermont businesses;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 552

By Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to threatened and endangered species;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 553

By Reps. French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to conditions for eligibility to receive enhanced tax incentives under Act 46;

To the committee on Education.

H. 554

By Rep. Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to charges for access to health care records;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 555

By Rep. Clarkson of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to proceedings involving persons found incompetent to stand trial;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 556

By the committee on Education,

An act relating to raising the education spending thresholds for fiscal year 2017;

Under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 94**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to appointing municipal clerks and treasurers

Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

House Resolution Referred to Committee**H.R. 10**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to disclosures of the House of Representatives

Offered by: Representative Sweaney of Windsor

Whereas, in exercising its constitutional authority to judge the qualifications of its members, the House of Representatives would benefit from additional disclosure information in order to assist it in determining whether a member is immediately or directly interested in a question before the body, and

Whereas, the House will be considering ethics legislation this session to require of Executive Branch officers the same disclosure information set forth in this resolution, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 14a of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

14a. (a) On or before the 10th legislative day of the beginning of the biennium, each member shall submit to the Clerk a disclosure form prepared by the Clerk. The form shall be signed by the member, and be publicly available, and may be updated on the website of the General Assembly. The form shall set forth, to the best of the member's ability, the following information applicable as of the date of submission in regard to the previous year for the member and any spouse or domestic partner and any dependent child of the member:

(a)(1) each source of income totaling \$2,000.00 or more and a description of the source, including any job title, employer or business name, and address, but not specifying the amount of the income;

(2) each parcel of real property owned by the person or held in the name of a corporation, partnership, or trust for the benefit of him or her, and its location;

(3) any boards, commissions, or other entities on which the member person serves; a description of that position; and, except in the case of legislative appointments, whether the member person receives any form of remuneration for that position, but not specifying the amount of remuneration; and

(b)(4) the member's employer any leases or contracts with the State held or entered into by the person or his or her business associate.

(b) A member shall file an updated disclosure form within 10 days of a substantial change in the information required to be reported under subsection (a) of this section. As used in this subsection, a "substantial change" means that since the filing of a previous disclosure, for any person about whom the member is required to report, the person has obtained:

(1) a value of at least \$5,000.00 for any new source of income, new parcel of real property, or remuneration for a new entity on which the person serves; or

(2) a new lease or contract with the State, of any value, held or entered into by the person or his or her business associate.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Rules.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 34

By Senators Baruth and Benning,

J.R.S. 34. Joint resolution weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 15, 2016, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 556

House bill, entitled

An act relating to raising the education spending thresholds for fiscal year 2017

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

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

H. 458

Rep. Brennan of Colchester moved that the committee on Transportation be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to automatic voter registration through motor vehicle driver's license applications

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

Adjournment

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