

Journal of the House

Friday, January 15, 2016

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Kim Kie of Hedding United Methodist Church in Barre, Vt.

Memorial Service

The Speaker placed before the House the following names of members of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

John C. Page from Bennington

Member of the House, Sessions 1987-1988

Member of the Senate, Sessions 1989-1990, 1991-1992

Barbara C. Wood from Bethel

Member of the House, Sessions 1981-1982 through 1993-1994

Thereupon, the members of the House rose for a moment of prayer in memory of the deceased members. The Clerk was thereupon directed to send a copy of the House Journal to the bereaved families

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. 562

By Rep. Sweaney of Windsor,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation and to the review of professional regulation;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 563

By Reps. Poirier of Barre City and Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to legislative approval for Medicare waivers;
To the committee on Health Care.

H. 564

By Rep. Hubert of Milton,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to law enforcement officers;
To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 565

By Reps. Lucke of Hartford, Berry of Manchester, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Head of South Burlington, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Stevens of Waterbury, Tate of Mendon, Walz of Barre City and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled
An act relating to United Methodist Church property;
To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

H. 566

By Reps. Cole of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled
An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington requiring firearms to be locked in safe storage depositories or placed in locking devices;
To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 567

By Reps. Cole of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington regarding police confiscation of deadly or dangerous weapons;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 568

By Reps. Cole of Burlington, Bissonette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington prohibiting possession of firearms on premises where alcohol is licensed to be served;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 569

By Reps. Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield and Dakin of Chester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating blighted properties;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 570

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 571

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to driver's license suspensions, driving with a suspended license, and DUI penalties;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 572

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Eastman of Orwell, Greshin of Warren, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Olsen of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Shaw of Pittsford, Sabilia of Dover, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, Woodward of Johnson, Young of Glover and Zagar of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Commissioner of Liquor Control and liquor control investigators;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

Action on Bill Postponed**H. 65**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to designating the Gilfeather turnip as the State Vegetable

Was taken up and pending second reading of the bill, on motion of **Rep. Zagar of Barnard**, action on the bill was postponed until the next legislative day.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty-eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 34.

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. 194

House concurrent resolution designating January 8, 2016 as Martin St. Louis Day;

H.C.R. 195

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative William N. Aswad of Burlington;

H.C.R. 196

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Otter Valley Union High School Otters' Division II championship field hockey team;

H.C.R. 197

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Otter Valley Union High School Division III championship football team;

H.C.R. 198

House concurrent resolution designating January as National Mentoring Month;

H.C.R. 199

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II girls' soccer championship team;

H.C.R. 200

House concurrent resolution designating January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont;

H.C.R. 201

House concurrent resolution honoring former Commissioner of Finance and Management James B. Reardon on his exemplary public service on behalf of the State of Vermont;

H.C.R. 202

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the trail system and the 20th anniversary of the museum at Mount Independence;

H.C.R. 203

House concurrent resolution honoring George Schenk of Warren for his contribution to Vermont's food and business communities;

H.C.R. 204

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Essex High School State club championship boys' volleyball team;

H.C.R. 205

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' soccer team;

S.C.R. 28

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Wesley E. Ward of Danville on his being named the 2015 Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year;

S.C.R. 29

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Shelburne civic and community leader Thomas Trefley Bessette;

S.C.R. 30

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Louise Bristol Ransom;

S.C.R. 31

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Huntington H. Blair of Montpelier;

S.C.R. 32

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Harwood Union High School Highlanders girls' cross-country team on winning its seventh consecutive Division II championship;

S.C.R. 33

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Susan Koch on her selection as the 2016 Vermont Teacher of the Year;

[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.]