

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Paul Habersang of Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier, Vt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Alex Emerson of Topsham led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 4

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. 155. An act relating to privacy protection.

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

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

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

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.

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. 573

By Reps. Pearson of Burlington and Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to insurance coverage for medically necessary services delivered by acupuncturists;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 574

By Reps. Baser of Bristol, Carr of Brandon, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Dakin of Colchester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Marcotte of Coventry, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sabilia of Dover and Stuart of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Economic Development Authority;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 575

By Rep. Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating the role of town service officers in administering General Assistance benefits;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 576

By Reps. Bancroft of Westford and Woodward of Johnson,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a 10-year statute of repose for actions arising out of improvements to real property;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 577

By Rep. Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to voter approval of electricity purchases by municipalities and electric cooperatives;

To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 578

By Rep. Eastman of Orwell,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to potable water supply and wastewater system permits;

To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 579

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Martin of Wolcott, Berry of Manchester, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Komline of Dorset, Lefebvre of Newark, Parent of St. Albans Town, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon and Woodward of Johnson,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding the ability of a unified union district to operate and pay tuition;

To the committee on Education.

H. 580

By Rep. Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to conservation easements;

To the committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

H. 581

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Hebert of Vernon, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Martin of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, Savage of Swanton and Woodward of Johnson,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to municipal directional signs to designated centers;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 582

By Rep. Clarkson of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring braille menus at Vermont restaurants;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

Senate Bill Referred**S. 155**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to privacy protection

Was read and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**H. 519**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Brandon

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

Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**H. 65**

Rep. Zagar of Barnard, for the committee on Agriculture & Forest Products, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

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

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

In Sec. 2 by striking out “2015” and inserting in lieu thereof “2016”

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, report of the committee on Agriculture & Forest Products agreed to and third reading ordered.

Bill Recommitted**H. 556**

House bill, entitled

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

Appearing on the Calendar for action, was taken up and pending second reading of the bill **Rep. Sharpe of Bristol** moved to recommit the bill to Education, which was agreed to.

Message from the Senate No. 5

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 adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 36. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

Adjournment

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