

Journal of the House

Friday, March 25, 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 Rep. Carolyn Partridge of Windham.

House Committee Bills Introduced

House Committee bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 878

Rep. Emmons of Springfield, for the committee on Corrections & Institutions, introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment;

H. 879

Rep. Ancel of Calais, for the committee on Ways & Means, introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to the Health Care Fund contribution assessment and the taxation of e-cigarettes.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 52

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a Spousal Support and Maintenance Task Force;

Was taken up, read the first time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 878

House bill, entitled

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

Carrying an appropriation, under rule 35a, was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

House Resolution Adopted**H.R. 15**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution condemning the March 2016 terrorist attacks in Belgium, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, March 2016 will be remembered sadly as a month when horrific terrorist attacks occurred in Belgium, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast, and the world mourns the innocent lives lost in each of these attacks, and

Whereas, on March 22, 2016, in Brussels, Belgium, at the city's airport departure area and a major subway station, two incidents of terrorism were perpetrated resulting in a combined loss of over 30 deaths and more than 270 persons sustained injuries, and

Whereas, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria has claimed responsibility for these attacks in Belgium, and

Whereas, President Obama, Secretary of State Kerry, Belgium Ambassador Johan Verbeke, NATO's North Atlantic Council, U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and collectively the members of the U.N. Security Council have all issued statements condemning this horrible act in the strongest of terms, and

Whereas, on Saturday, March 19, 2016, on Istanbul, Turkey's most popular avenue that attracts many international tourists, a terrorist attack killed at least four persons, including two Americans, and wounded 36 individuals, and

Whereas, earlier, on March 13, at least 34 persons perished in Turkey's capital city, Ankara, just two days after the U.S. Embassy had warned that an attack in the city was possible, and

Whereas, that same day, at a popular beach resort near the Ivory Coast's capital city of Abidjan, terrorists opened fired on beachgoers killing 16 persons relaxing on a Sunday afternoon, and the North African affiliate of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb has claimed responsibility, and

Whereas, all nations must unite to intensify efforts to overcome terrorism and violent extremism, and

Whereas, extremism constitutes one of the world's most serious threats to international peace and security, and

Whereas, those responsible for perpetrating, organizing, financing, and sponsoring acts of terror must be brought to justice, and

Whereas, the citizens of Vermont stand with our brothers and sisters in Belgium, Turkey, the Ivory Coast, other nations across the globe, and here at home in San Bernardino, California, who have lost loved ones due to acts of terrorism, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body condemns the terrorist attacks that have occurred during March 2016 in Belgium, Turkey, and the Ivory Coast, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Johan Verbeke, Ambassador of Belgium to the United States; Serdar Kilç, Ambassador of Turkey to the United States, Diabaté Daouda, Ambassador of the Ivory Coast to the United States, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Which was read and adopted.

Favorable Report; Third Reading Ordered

H. 863

Rep. Devereux of Mount Holly spoke for the committee on Government Operations.

Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes, for the committee on Appropriations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to making miscellaneous amendments to Vermont's retirement laws

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed:

H. 206

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating notaries public;

H. 519

House bill, entitled

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

H. 859

House bill, entitled

An act relating to special education;

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and nine minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 48.

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. 287

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV boys' basketball championship team;

H.C.R. 288

House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont;

H.C.R. 289

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Enosburg High School Hornets Division III girls' basketball championship team;

H.C.R. 290

House concurrent resolution designating April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont;

H.C.R. 291

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II championship boys' basketball team;

H.C.R. 292

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II boys' indoor track and field championship team;

H.C.R. 293

House concurrent resolution commemorating the founding of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Norwich University on its centennial anniversary ;

H.C.R. 294

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets State championship bowling team;

H.C.R. 295

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice on its 60th anniversary;

H.C.R. 296

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team;

H.C.R. 297

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship girls' basketball team;

H.C.R. 298

House concurrent resolution designating March 23, 2016 as Disability Awareness Day at the State House;

H.C.R. 299

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care value of the new five-year 2020 Vermont Cancer Plan;

H.C.R. 300

House concurrent resolution honoring Griffin MacFadyen of Dover on his outstanding achievements on the slopes, in the classroom, and in the community;

H.C.R. 301

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bethany Berger as the runner-up in the 2016 National Best Bagger competition;

S.C.R. 40

Senate concurrent resolution designating July 2016 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont;

[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.]