Journal of the House

Friday, April 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 McDerley, Bethany Church United Church of Christ, Randolph, Vt.

Message from the Senate No. 43

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Bloomer, its Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 640. An act relating to expenses for the repair of town cemeteries.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Memorial Service

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

Charles D. Bentley, Jr., of Sandgate Member of the House in Sessions 1961, 1963 and 1965

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 225

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to motor vehicles

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

S. 66

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to persons who are deaf, DeafBlind, or hard of hearing
Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35a, was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 882

House bill, entitled
An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington
Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 176

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to disclosure of compliance with accessibility standards in the sale of residential construction
Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Favorable Report; Third Reading Ordered

H. 881

Rep. Lewis of Berlin, for the committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled
An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Charlotte
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.

Favorable Report; Third Reading Ordered

H. 884

Rep. Lewis of Berlin, for the committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled
An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Barre

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.

House Resolutions Adopted

House resolution of the following titles were taken up, read and adopted on the part of the House.

H.R. 17
House resolution, entitled
House resolution expressing support of general aviation in Vermont;

H.R. 19
House resolution, entitled
House resolution relating to the federal Rural Utilities Service and the Vermont Telephone Company

Action on House Resolution Postponed

H.R. 16
House resolution, entitled
House resolution relating to the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the resolution be adopted? on motion of Rep. Yantachka of Charlotte, action on the resolution was postponed until the next legislative day.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and thirteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. Savage of Swanton, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 51.

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 herby adopted in concurrence.
H.C.R. 330

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2016 Vermont State Youth of the Year honorees;

H.C.R. 331

House concurrent resolution congratulating Caleb Davidson, an outstanding 2015–2016 Vermont indoor track and field athlete from Thetford Academy;

H.C.R. 332

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division II championship girls’ ice hockey team;

H.C.R. 333

House concurrent resolution congratulating Boston Post Dairy of Enosburg Falls on winning a third-place award at the 2016 World Championship Cheese Contest;

H.C.R. 334

House concurrent resolution honoring Lisa and Roy Haynes and the animal rescue work of SOS Save Our Strays;

H.C.R. 335

House concurrent resolution honoring Albert J. Marro on his career accomplishments at the Rutland Herald;

H.C.R. 336

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Mount St. Joseph Academy Lady Mounties Division IV championship girls’ basketball team;

H.C.R. 337

House concurrent resolution congratulating Connor Duncan, Grace Moriath, and Ayrin Southworth of Northfield, and Jasmine Wells of Barre on their selection as participants in the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall;

H.C.R. 338

House concurrent resolution designating April 12, 2016 as Equal Pay Day in Vermont;

H.C.R. 339

House concurrent resolution congratulating the broadcasting duo Bruce and Hobbes on the publication and promotion of their anti-bullying and domestic violence prevention book, Hobbes Goes Home;
H.C.R. 340

House concurrent resolution honoring William Sugarman for his leadership as a devoted teacher, college faculty member, and education administrator;

H.C.R. 341

House concurrent resolution designating April 2016 as Autism Awareness and Appreciation Month;

H.C.R. 342

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elijah Pianka on winning the 2016 Division II high jump championship and on representing Vermont at the New England Championships in Boston, Massachusetts;

H.C.R. 343

House concurrent resolution in memory of Green Mountain Boys State Board of Directors member Dean R. Burgess Sr.;

H.C.R. 344

House concurrent resolution in memory of outstanding high school athletics coach and Green Mountain Boys State leader Michael John Callanan;

S.C.R. 42

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Victim Assistance Program on its 30th anniversary and celebrating National Crime Victims’ Rights Week;

[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.]