

# Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

In the absence of the President (who was Acting Governor in the absence of the Governor) the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Donavea Copenhaver of Northfield.

## Message from the House No. 10

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

**H. 10.** An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre.

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

## Joint Resolutions Placed on Calendar

### J.R.S. 12.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senator Campbell,

**J.R.S. 12.** Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

### *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:*

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to elect a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. In case election of all such officers shall not be made on that day, the two Houses shall meet in Joint Assembly at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, on each succeeding

day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed in such election, until all such officers are elected.

Thereupon, in the discretion of the President, under Rule 51, the joint resolution was placed on the Calendar for action the next legislative day.

**J.R.S. 13.**

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senator Campbell,

**J.R.S. 13.** Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of UVM trustees by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2015.

*Whereas*, in 1997 the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was decided by plurality vote, which required one ballot only, and

*Whereas*, in 1999 the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was decided by majority vote, which required a total of eight ballots, and

*Whereas*, in 2001 and subsequent bienniums the elections of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College were decided by plurality vote, each of which required one ballot only, and

*Whereas*, if an election for multiple vacancies is to be decided by a plurality vote, then a great savings of time can be effectuated, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That, notwithstanding the current provisions of Joint Rule 10, and for this election only, the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College at a Joint Assembly to be held on February 19, 2015, shall be governed by the following procedure:

(1) All candidates for the office of Trustee shall be voted upon and decided on the same ballot; members may vote for any number of candidates up to and including the maximum number of vacancies to be filled, which in this case shall be three.

(2) The three candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared elected to fill the three vacancies.

(3) In the event that the first balloting for the Trustee vacancies results in a tie vote for one or more of the three vacant positions, then voting shall continue on successive ballots until the vacancies have been filled, again by election declared of those candidates receiving the most votes.

Thereupon, in the discretion of the President, under Rule 51, the joint resolution was placed on the Calendar for action the next legislative day.

**Bill Referred**

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

**H. 10.**

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

**J.R.H. 2.**

Joint House resolution entitled:

Joint resolution supporting a woman's right to decide her own reproductive choices, commemorating the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, and the 50th anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, was taken up and adopted in concurrence.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, January 29, 2015.