

# Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Cyndi Simpson of Barre.

## Message from the Governor Appointment Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by Susan Allen, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointment, which was referred to its committee as indicated:

Pagano, J Edward of Washington, D.C. - Member of the University of VT & Agricultural College Board of Trustees, - from March 6, 2015, to February 28, 2021.

To the Committee on Education.

## Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar

### J.R.S. 18.

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

By Senator Nitka,

**J.R.S. 18.** Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of four Superior Judges and two magistrates.

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

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to vote on the retention of four Superior Judges and two magistrates. In case the vote to retain said Judges 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 until the above is completed.

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

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**Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations****S. 60.**

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to payment for medical examinations for victims of sexual assault.

**Bills Introduced**

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

**S. 127.**

By Senator Champion,

An act relating to a study regarding massage therapy licensure.

To the Committee on Health & Welfare.

**S. 128.**

By Senators Champion, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Bray, Degree, MacDonald and Sears,

An act relating to bias regarding sexual orientation or gender identity in criminal proceedings.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 129.**

By Senators Ashe, Flory, Kitchel and Westman,

An act relating to requiring the Governor to submit a consolidated information technology funding plan and to create a Special Committee on the Utilization of Information Technology in Government.

To the Committee on Appropriations.

**S. 130.**

By Senators McCormack and Lyons,

An act relating to the repeal of the delinquent property tax penalty.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. 131.**

By Senators Sirotkin and Lyons,

An act relating to disclosure of a business's campaign finance expenditures.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 132.**

By Senators Campion, Ayer, Baruth, Lyons and McCormack,

An act relating to the prohibition of conversion therapy on minors.

To the Committee on Health & Welfare.

**S. 133.**

By Senators Baruth and Mullin,

An act relating to an employee's use of benefits.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs.

**Bill Referred**

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

**H. 40.**

An act relating to establishing a renewable energy standard and energy transformation program.

To the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

**Bill Passed****S. 108.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to repealing the sunset on provisions pertaining to patient choice at end of life.

**Message from the House No. 32**

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. 18.** An act relating to Public Records Act exemptions.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.