

# Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

## Message from the House No. 33

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 House bills of the following titles:

**H. 120.** An act relating to creating a Vermont false claims act.

**H. 270.** An act relating to definitions for pretrial screenings and assessments.

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

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 60.** House concurrent resolution honoring John P. Dumville for his 36 years of exemplary service as Vermont's State Owned Historic Sites Section Chief.

**H.C.R. 61.** House concurrent resolution honoring former representative and outgoing Sergeant at Arms Francis K. Brooks of Montpelier for his dedicated public service.

**H.C.R. 62.** House concurrent resolution designating March 12, 2015, as Vermont Writes Day.

**H.C.R. 63.** House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Ronald K. Knapp.

**H.C.R. 64.** House concurrent resolution honoring Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell for her outstanding academic leadership and contributions to Vermont and the nation.

**H.C.R. 65.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I boys' soccer championship team.

**H.C.R. 66.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington High School Rebels 2014 Division I boys' track and field championship team.

**H.C.R. 67.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels State championship girls' lacrosse team.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

**S.C.R. 5.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary.

**S.C.R. 6.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Montpelier High School Solons Ultimate State Open championship and Spirit Award team.

**S.C.R. 7.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the East Montpelier Fire Department on its 50th anniversary.

**S.C.R. 8.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier on its 25th anniversary.

**S.C.R. 9.** Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field.

**S.C.R. 10.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Geologist and Geological Survey Director Laurence R. Becker.

**S.C.R. 11.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Julia Hatch of Northfield on her winning the National Rifle Association's 2014 Daniel Morgan Trophy.

**S.C.R. 12.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013–2014 Norwich University multiple national championship women's rugby team.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

### **Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

#### **S. 66.**

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 persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

**Bills Introduced**

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

**S. 134.**

By Senators Lyons and Starr,

An act relating to water quality improvement.

To the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

**S. 135.**

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to expanding the responsibilities of the Green Mountain Care Board.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. 136.**

By Senator Pollina,

An act relating to licensing and regulating applied behavior analysts and their assistants.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**Bills Referred**

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

**H. 18.**

An act relating to Public Records Act exemptions.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 120.**

An act relating to creating a Vermont false claims act.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 270.**

An act relating to definitions for pretrial screenings and assessments.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

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**Appointment of Senate Members to the Joint Energy Committee**

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §601, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Energy Committee for terms of two years ending on February 1, 2017:

Senator Bray  
Senator Snelling  
Senator Lyons  
Senator MacDonald

**Appointment of Senate Member to the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board**

Pursuant to the provisions of 18 V.S.A. §9504, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board for a term of two years:

Senator Pollina

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

The following joint concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 5.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 6.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Montpelier High School Solons Ultimate State Open championship and Spirit Award team.

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**S.C.R. 8.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier on its 25th anniversary.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 9.**

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field.

By Senators Lyons, Ayer, Benning, MacDonald, McCormack and Snelling,  
By Representative Beyor and others,

**S.C.R. 10.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Geologist and Geological Survey Director Laurence R. Becker.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,  
By Representatives Donahue and Lewis,

**S.C.R. 11.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Julia Hatch of Northfield on her winning the National Rifle Association's 2014 Daniel Morgan Trophy.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,  
By Representatives Donahue and Lewis,

**S.C.R. 12.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013–2014 Norwich University multiple national championship women's rugby team.

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The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

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By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

**H.C.R. 60.**

House concurrent resolution honoring John P. Dumville for his 36 years of exemplary service as Vermont's State Owned Historic Sites Section Chief.

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

**H.C.R. 61.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former representative and outgoing Sergeant at Arms Francis K. Brooks of Montpelier for his dedicated public service.

By Representative Lippert,

**H.C.R. 62.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 12, 2015, as Vermont Writes Day.

By Representative Helm and others,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

**H.C.R. 63.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Ronald K. Knapp.

By Representative Long and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

**H.C.R. 64.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell for her outstanding academic leadership and contributions to Vermont and the nation.

By Representative Townsend and others,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I boys' soccer championship team.

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**H.C.R. 67.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels State championship girls' lacrosse team.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 17.