

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Message from the House No. 58

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 considered bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 9. An act relating to improving Vermont's system for protecting children from abuse and neglect.

S. 108. An act relating to repealing the sunset on provisions pertaining to patient choice at end of life.

S. 139. An act relating to pharmacy benefit managers and hospital observation status.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposals of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Pursuant to the request of the Senate for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on Senate bill of the following title:

S. 115. An act relating to expungement of convictions based on conduct that is no longer criminal.

The Speaker has appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House:

Rep. Grad of Moretown
Rep. Nuovo of Middlebury
Rep. Burditt of West Rutland.

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

H.C.R. 140. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lucinda Storz on winning the 2015 Vermont State Spelling Bee.

H.C.R. 141. House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the legislative establishment of Vermont town forests.

H.C.R. 142. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Richford High School Rockets Division III girls' championship softball team.

H.C.R. 143. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Richford Division IV girls' track and field team.

H.C.R. 144. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jessica Diggins on winning a silver medal at the FIS (International Ski Federation) Nordic World Ski Championships 2015.

H.C.R. 145. House concurrent resolution in memory of Hardwick Gazette sports editor Dave Morse.

H.C.R. 146. House concurrent resolution welcoming the North East Food and Drug Officials Association to Vermont for its 104th annual meeting.

H.C.R. 147. House concurrent resolution honoring retired Winooski Police Chief Stephen J. McQueen for his exemplary law enforcement leadership.

H.C.R. 148. House concurrent resolution honoring the culinary contribution to Rutland City of Three Tomatoes Trattoria and the community focus of its owner, Allen Frey.

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

Bills Referred to Committee on Finance

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule were referred to the Committee on Finance:

H. 480. An act relating to making miscellaneous technical and other amendments to education laws.

H. 484. An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senators Baruth and Benning,

J.R.S. 27. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, May 8, 2015, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**H. 477.**

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment:

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to election law.

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Louis Porter, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the first, day of May 2015 he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 141. An act relating to possession of firearms.

Message from the House No. 59

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 considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled:

H. 489. An act relating to revenue.

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

The Speaker appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the House:

Rep. Ancel of Calais
Rep. Branagan of Georgia
Rep. Condon of Colchester.

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled:

H. 490. An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses;

The Speaker appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the House:

Rep. Johnson of South Hero
Rep. Fagan of Rutland City
Rep. Keenan of St. Albans City.

Message from the House No. 60

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. 497. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Colchester.

H. 503. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

H. 504. An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Waitsfield.

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

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

S. 44. An act relating to creating flexibility in early college enrollment numbers.

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

The Governor has informed the House that on 1 May 2015, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

H. 51. An act relating to group-wide supervision of internationally active insurance groups and the establishment of domestic insurers in Vermont.

H. 73. An act relating to the corporate governance structure of insurers.

H. 128. An act relating to the use of results-based accountability common language in Vermont law.

H. 268. An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the Town of Franklin and of the merger of Franklin Fire District No. 1 into the Town.

H. 270. An act relating to pretrial screenings and assessments.

H. 483. An act relating to home improvement fraud.

H. 478. An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Royalton.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.