

# Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Michael Augustinwicz of Montpelier.

## Joint Resolution Referred

### J.R.H. 17.

Joint resolution originating in the House of the following title was read the first time and is as follows:

Joint resolution urging FIFA to institute equal payment plans for men's and women's World Cup soccer teams.

Whereas, the Women's World Cup (WWC) has assumed increasing prominence in international soccer competition, and

Whereas, media coverage of this premier women's soccer tournament now rivals that afforded the original all-male World Cup (WC), and

Whereas, a large and enthusiastic crowd of over 50,000 fans witnessed the WWC championship game in Vancouver, British Columbia, in which the U.S. team defeated Japan 5-2, and

Whereas, in recognition of this singular athletic achievement, the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), international soccer's governing body, paid the 2015 U.S. team \$2 million, twice the sum paid the 2011 WWC championship team, and

Whereas, despite FIFA's doubling of the WWC championship team's payment, it is a paltry amount in comparison to the sums FIFA awarded to participating men's teams at the 2014 WC, and

Whereas, FIFA paid each men's team \$1.5 million for appearing in the WC, and

Whereas, FIFA awarded those men's teams that lost in the first round a payment of \$8 million, four times the amount granted to the championship U.S. women's team, and

Whereas, most appalling, the 2014 FIFA men's championship team from Germany earned \$35 million for that nation's soccer federation, in excess of 1,700 percent of the amount that the 2015 FIFA women's championship team from the United States brought home, and

Whereas, at a time when ever-increasing importance is placed on equal compensation, regardless of gender, the discrepancy in pay awarded to men's WC and women's WWC teams is indefensible, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly urges FIFA to institute equal payment plans for men's and women's World Cup soccer teams, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to FIFA in Zurich, Switzerland and to the U.S. Soccer Federation in Chicago, Illinois.

Thereupon, in the discretion of the President, under Rule 51, the joint resolution was treated as a bill and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs.

### **Senate Bill Recommitted**

#### **S. 124.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to expanding the scope of practice of Level II certified law enforcement officers.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending second reading of the bill, on motion of Senator White, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Government Operations.

### **Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Constitutional Proposal Committed**

On motion of Senator Sears, the Committee on Judiciary was relieved of further consideration of Constitutional Proposal entitled:

#### **Proposal 1**

Declaration of rights; right to privacy,

and the Proposal was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

**Third Reading Ordered****S. 94.**

Senator Collamore, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to appointing municipal clerks and treasurers.

Reported that the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

**Recess**

On motion of Senator Campbell the Senate recessed until one o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the afternoon.

**Called to Order**

The Senate was called to order by the President.

**Joint Assembly**

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the hour having arrived for the meeting of the two Houses in Joint Assembly pursuant to:

**J.R.S. 30.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the State-of-the-State message from the Governor.

The Senate repaired to the hall of the House.

Having returned therefrom, at three o'clock and five minutes in the afternoon, the President assumed the Chair.

**Adjournment**

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