Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Paul Chandler of East Hardwick.

Message from the House No. 2

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Jeremy Weiss, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

J.R.S. 31. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

J.R.S. 32. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Message from the House No. 3

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Jeremy Weiss, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

H.C.R. 184. House concurrent resolution recognizing January 7, 2016, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 185. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lamoille Union High School Lancers 2015 Division II championship baseball team.

H.C.R. 186. House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Robert Walsh of South Burlington for his advocacy and public service on behalf of the Vermont Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

H.C.R. 187. House concurrent resolution congratulating Marion Brown Thorpe, University of Vermont Professor Emerita, on her 100th birthday.

H.C.R. 188. House concurrent resolution congratulating Alayna Westcom of Bakersfield on being named Miss Vermont 2015.

H.C.R. 189. House concurrent resolution honoring former Fletcher Town Clerk and Treasurer Elaine Sweet.

H.C.R. 190. House concurrent resolution in memory of extraordinary Vermont pianist and cultural treasure John Cassel of East Fairfield.

H.C.R. 191. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U.S. Women's World Cup championship soccer team.

H.C.R. 192. House concurrent resolution congratulating Mary V. and Paul H. Hughes of Rutland on their 75th wedding anniversary.

H.C.R. 193. House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Park Service on its centennial anniversary and celebrating its outstanding conservation, preservation, and recreational activities in Vermont.

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. 25. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Humane Society on its 50th anniversary.

S.C.R. 26. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program on its 50th anniversary.

S.C.R. 27. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Dr. David Toll of St. Johnsbury for his exemplary dedication to the practice of pediatric medicine.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Bill Passed

S. 94.

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

An act relating to appointing municipal clerks and treasurers.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed

S. 230.

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Committee on Finance was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to improving the siting of energy projects,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy.

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. 25.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Humane Society on its 50th anniversary.

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Mullin,

By Representative Burditt and others,

S.C.R. 26.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program on its 50th anniversary.

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Toll and others,

S.C.R. 27.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Dr. David Toll of St. Johnsbury for his exemplary dedication to the practice of pediatric medicine.

House 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 in concurrence:

By Representatives Head and Krowinski,

H.C.R. 184.

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 7, 2016, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House.

By Representative Juskiewicz and others,

By Senator Westman,

H.C.R. 185.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lamoille Union High School Lancers 2015 Division II championship baseball team.

By the Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs,

H.C.R. 186.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Robert Walsh of South Burlington for his advocacy and public service on behalf of the Vermont Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

By Representative Townsend,

H.C.R. 187.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marion Brown Thorpe, University of Vermont Professor Emerita, on her 100th birthday.

By Representative Connor,

H.C.R. 188.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alayna Westcom of Bakersfield on being named Miss Vermont 2015.

By Representative Connor,

H.C.R. 189.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Fletcher Town Clerk and Treasurer Elaine Sweet.

By Representative Connor,

H.C.R. 190.

House concurrent resolution in memory of extraordinary Vermont pianist and cultural treasure John Cassel of East Fairfield.

By Representatives Jewett and Copeland-Hanzas,

H.C.R. 191.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U.S. Women's World Cup championship soccer team.

By Representative Carr,

H.C.R. 192.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mary V. and Paul H. Hughes of Rutland on their 75th wedding anniversary.

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 193.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Park Service on its centennial anniversary and celebrating its outstanding conservation, preservation, and recreational activities in Vermont.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 33.