

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

In the absence of the President (who was Acting Governor in the absence of the Governor) the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 5

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. 194. House concurrent resolution designating January 8, 2016 as Martin St. Louis Day.

H.C.R. 195. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative William N. Aswad of Burlington.

H.C.R. 196. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Otter Valley Union High School Otters' Division II championship field hockey team.

H.C.R. 197. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Otter Valley Union High School Division III championship football team.

H.C.R. 198. House concurrent resolution designating January as National Mentoring Month.

H.C.R. 199. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II girls' soccer championship team.

H.C.R. 200. House concurrent resolution designating January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

H.C.R. 201. House concurrent resolution honoring former Commissioner of Finance and Management James B. Reardon on his exemplary public service on behalf of the State of Vermont.

H.C.R. 202. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the trail system and the 20th anniversary of the museum at Mount Independence.

H.C.R. 203. House concurrent resolution honoring George Schenk of Warren for his contribution to Vermont's food and business communities.

H.C.R. 204. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Essex High School State club championship boys' volleyball team.

H.C.R. 205. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' soccer 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. 28. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Wesley E. Ward of Danville on his being named the 2015 Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year.

S.C.R. 29. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Shelburne civic and community leader Thomas Trefley Bessette.

S.C.R. 30. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Louise Bristol Ransom.

S.C.R. 31. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Huntington H. Blair of Montpelier.

S.C.R. 32. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Harwood Union High School Highlanders girls' cross-country team on winning its seventh consecutive Division II championship.

S.C.R. 33. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Susan Koch on her selection as the 2016 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Rules Suspended; Bill Not Referred to Committee Appropriations

S. 233

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, and, pending referral of the bill to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to Senate Rule 31, Senator Kitchel moved that the rules be suspended and the Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to amending Act 46.

Not be referred to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to Senate Rule 31 (and thereby remain on the Calendar for notice),

Which was agreed to.

**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 the committee as indicated:

Kainen, Michael R. of White River Junction - Superior Judge, - from January 12, 2016, to March 31, 2017.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

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 Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Toll and others,

S.C.R. 28.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Wesley E. Ward of Danville on his being named the 2015 Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year.

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Baruth, Mazza, Sirotkin, Snelling and Zuckerman,

By Representatives Webb and Lenex,

S.C.R. 29.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Shelburne civic and community leader Thomas Trefley Bessette.

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Baruth, Sirotkin, Snelling and Zuckerman,

By Representative Lenex and others,

S.C.R. 30.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Louise Bristol Ransom.

By Senators Kitchel, Ayer, Collamore, Lyons, McCormack and Pollina,

S.C.R. 31.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Huntington H. Blair of Montpelier.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representative Grad and others,

S.C.R. 32.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Harwood Union High School Highlanders girls' cross-country team on winning its seventh consecutive Division II championship.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper and Kitzmiller,

S.C.R. 33.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Susan Koch on her selection as the 2016 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

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 Representative Krebs and others,

H.C.R. 194.

House concurrent resolution designating January 8, 2016 as Martin St. Louis Day.

By All Members of the House,

H.C.R. 195.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative William N. Aswad of Burlington.

By Representatives Shaw and Carr,

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Mullin,

H.C.R. 196.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Otter Valley Union High School Otters' Division II championship field hockey team.

By Representatives Shaw and Carr,
By Senators Collamore, Flory and Mullin,

H.C.R. 197.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Otter Valley Union High School Division III championship football team.

By Representative Dakin and others,
By Senators Bray and Nitka,

H.C.R. 198.

House concurrent resolution designating January as National Mentoring Month.

By Representative Turner and others,

H.C.R. 199.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II girls' soccer championship team.

By Representative Long and others,

H.C.R. 200.

House concurrent resolution designating January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

By All Members of the House,
By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 201.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Commissioner of Finance and Management James B. Reardon on his exemplary public service on behalf of the State of Vermont.

By Representative Devereux and others,

H.C.R. 202.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the trail system and the 20th anniversary of the museum at Mount Independence.

By Representative Greshin and others,

H.C.R. 203.

House concurrent resolution honoring George Schenk of Warren for his contribution to Vermont's food and business communities.

By Representative Myers and others,

H.C.R. 204.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Essex High School State club championship boys' volleyball team.

By Representative Klein and others,

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

H.C.R. 205.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' soccer team.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 34.