

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rabbi Tobie Weisman of Montpelier.

Bill Passed; Rules Suspended; Bill Messaged to House Forthwith

S. 233.

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to amending Act 46.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence on a roll call, Yeas 28, Nays 1.

Senator Campbell having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Campion, Collamore, Cummings, Doyle, *Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, Zuckerman.

The Senator who voted in the negative was: *Degree.

The Senator absent and not voting was: McAllister (suspended).

*Senator Flory explained her vote as follows:

I had very mixed views on how to vote on this bill.

I was prepared to vote NO because many schools in my District worked very hard to stay within the caps and with repeal, their work is unrewarded.

However, in light of the fact that schools were given incorrect data for when penalties would occur, I vote yes, to repeal the caps.

*Senator Degree explained his vote as follows:

Voters were clear in 2014 that at the top their list of things for us to do in the coming biennium was to slow the growth of education spending immediately. Repeal of these thresholds without meaningful replacement does the exact opposite.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Campbell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was ordered messaged to the House forthwith.

Bill Passed in Concurrence

H. 363.

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

An act relating to the Petroleum Cleanup Fund.

Message from the House No. 6

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 resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 36. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock and forty-five minutes in the afternoon on Thursday, January 21, 2016.