

# Journal of the Senate

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

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

## Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the President recognized the following-named pages who are completing their services today and presented them with letters of appreciation.

Walter Berger of Arlington  
Ayla Bishop of Jeffersonville  
Lydia Bushey of Barnet  
Mariana Considine of Hardwick  
Eamon Dunn of Burlington  
Alex Emerson of Topsham  
Alix St. Hilaire of Hinesburg  
Anna Kalfus of Colchester  
Keri Mason of White River Junction  
Nekaiya Shine of Granville

## Message from the House No. 19

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 passed House bills of the following titles:

**H. 512.** An act relating to adequate shelter of dogs and cats.

**H. 548.** An act relating to extraordinary dividends for life insurers.

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

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

**J.R.S. 40.** Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

**J.R.S. 41.** Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2016.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

#### **Bills Referred**

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

#### **H. 512.**

An act relating to adequate shelter of dogs and cats.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

#### **H. 548.**

An act relating to extraordinary dividends for life insurers.

To the Committee on Finance.

#### **Third Reading Ordered**

#### **H. 505.**

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

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Village of North Bennington.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

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

#### **Third Reading Ordered**

#### **J.R.S. 35.**

Senator Balint, for the Committee on Institutions, to which was referred joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution urging Vermont's participation in the Stepping Up initiative to reduce the number of incarcerated Vermonters with a mental illness.

Reported that the joint Senate resolution ought to be adopted in concurrence.

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

### **Senate Concurrent Resolution**

The following joint concurrent resolution, 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, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Kitchel, Benning, Bray, Campion, MacDonald, Rodgers and Snelling,

By Representative Davis and others,

### **S.C.R. 34.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring natural resources and transportation historian William G. Gove of Williamstown for his prodigious research and fascinating books.

### **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 Webb and others,

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

### **H.C.R. 233.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Richard Walters of Shelburne.

By Representative Stevens and others,

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

### **H.C.R. 234.**

House concurrent resolution honoring MacArthur Fellow Alison Bechdel of Bolton on her artistic and literary achievements.

By Representative Krowinski and others,

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Campion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Flory, Kitchel, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White and Zuckerman,

**H.C.R. 235.**

House concurrent resolution designating February 5, 2016 as Wear Red Day in Vermont.

By Representative Nuovo and others,

By Senators Ayer and Bray,

**H.C.R. 236.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Middlebury College Panthers National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division III championship field hockey team.

By Representative Fagan and others,

By Senators Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Champion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White and Zuckerman,

**H.C.R. 238.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont National Guard Specialist Skylar Anderson on becoming the first woman certified as a U.S. military combat engineer.

By Representative Russell and others,

By Senator Flory,

**H.C.R. 239.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Rip Jackson on his outstanding service as minister of music at Grace Congregational Church in Rutland.

By Representative Cole and others,

By Senators Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Champion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White and Zuckerman,

**H.C.R. 240.**

House concurrent resolution designating February 11, 2016 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in Vermont.

By Representatives Van Wyck and Lanpher,

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**H.C.R. 241.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Donald and Elizabeth Bicknell for their many years of outstanding community service.

**Message from the House No. 20**

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:

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**H.C.R. 241.** House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Donald and Elizabeth Bicknell for their many years of outstanding community service.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

**S.C.R. 34.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring natural resources and transportation historian William G. Gove of Williamstown for his prodigious research and fascinating books.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 39.