The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devolional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Standing Committee Realigned

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, reported a new appointment to one of the standing committees, effective as of February 16, 2016, resulting in a realignment of the committee, as follows:

Agriculture

A.M. Senator Starr, Chair Room 26
Zuckerman, Vice-Chair
Campbell
[McAllister] 1/9/15 – 5/14/15
Sirotkin, Clerk
[Maizza] 5/14/15 – 2/16/16
Degree 2/16/16

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 241.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to personal possession and cultivation of cannabis and the regulation of commercial cannabis establishments.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 42.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:
By Senators Baruth and Benning,

J.R.S. 42. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 19, 2016, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

Bill Passed in Concurrence

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

H. 505. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Village of North Bennington.

Joint Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 35.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was read the third time and adopted on the part of the Senate:

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

Message from the House No. 21

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. 533. An act relating to victim notification.

H. 608. An act relating to solid waste management.


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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o’clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.