

# Journal of the Senate

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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional 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.

## Message from the House No. 27

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. 237.** House concurrent resolution honoring Cambridge Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Delinquent Taxes Jane Porter for her outstanding municipal public service.

**H.C.R. 248.** House concurrent resolution honoring Wendell Coleman for his local and State public service on behalf of the citizens of Londonderry.

**H.C.R. 249.** House concurrent resolution honoring Ralph Coleman of Jamaica for his dedicated civic leadership in the town of Jamaica and for the Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School.

**H.C.R. 250.** House concurrent resolution honoring Chief George Lang on his outstanding 42 years of devoted service at the Champion 5 South Londonderry Fire Department.

**H.C.R. 251.** House concurrent resolution honoring Marvin Locke for his exemplary civic service in Lamoille County.

**H.C.R. 252.** House concurrent resolution honoring Elise McKenna for her outstanding work on the Blueprint for Health in the Lamoille County Health Service Area.

**H.C.R. 253.** House concurrent resolution in memory of Donald G. Milne of Washington, the respected former Clerk of the House.

**H.C.R. 255.** House concurrent resolution honoring AJ Piper for his conscientious leadership and community-centered service on the Weybridge Selectboard.

**H.C.R. 256.** House concurrent resolution honoring Steve Huestis for his outstanding civic service in the town of Bridport.

**H.C.R. 257.** House concurrent resolution honoring Warren Whitcomb, in recognition of his exemplary municipal civic leadership in the town of New Haven.

**H.C.R. 258.** House concurrent resolution honoring Earl Bessette for his community engagement and civic service in the town of New Haven.

**H.C.R. 259.** House concurrent resolution honoring Rockingham Selectboard Chair Thomas H. MacPhee on his exemplary civic leadership.

**H.C.R. 260.** House concurrent resolution congratulating John McClaughry on his half century of public service as Kirby Town Moderator.

**H.C.R. 261.** House concurrent resolution designating February as Career and Technical Education Month 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. 37.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating innkeepers Brian and Leslie Mulcahy on their outstanding record of accomplishment at the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford.

**S.C.R. 38.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Sharyn Brush for her outstanding public service in the town of Bennington.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

### **Message from the House No. 28**

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 Governor has informed the House that on the February 24, 2016, he approved and signed bills originating in the House of the following titles:

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

**H. 524.** An act relating to seeking a waiver to permit businesses to continue to purchase Exchange plans directly from insurers.

The Governor has informed the House that on the February 10, 2016, he approved and signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 363.** An act relating to the Petroleum Cleanup Fund.

**Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed**

**H. 297.**

On motion of Senator Bray, the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy was relieved of further consideration of House bill entitled:

An act relating to the sale of ivory or rhinoceros horn,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs.

**Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**S. 180.**

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 increasing General Fund appropriations to the Vermont State Colleges.

**Bill Referred to Committee on Finance**

**S. 225.**

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to motor vehicles.

**Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate**

**J.R.S. 44.**

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. 44.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 11, 2016, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

**Bill Passed****S. 190.**

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

An act relating to maintaining prescription drugs outside the original prescription container.

**Consideration Postponed**

Senate bill entitled:

**S. 123.**

An act relating to standardized procedures for permits and approvals issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, without objection consideration of the bill was postponed until next legislative day.

**Joint Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate****J.R.S. 43.**

Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of four Superior Judges.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, was taken up and adopted on the part of the Senate.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.