

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Nancy McHugh of Waitsfield.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Message from the House No. 41

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its First 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. 620. An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for contraceptives.

H. 864. An act relating to agricultural exemption from Vermont's sales and use tax.

H. 872. An act relating to Executive Branch fees.

H. 873. An act relating to making miscellaneous tax changes.

H. 875. An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

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

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

House 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:

H. 805.

An act relating to employment rights for members of the National Guard and Reserve Components of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate**J.R.S. 49.**

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. 49. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 1, 2016, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Bills Referred

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

H. 620.

An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for contraceptives.

To the Committee on Finance.

H. 864.

An act relating to agricultural exemption from Vermont's sales and use tax.

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H. 872.

An act relating to Executive Branch fees.

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An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

To the Committee on Appropriations.

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**H. 538.**

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

An act relating to captive insurance companies.

Bills Passed in Concurrence

House bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed in concurrence:

H. 575. An act relating to eliminating the role of town service officers in administering General Assistance benefits.

H. 625. An act relating to extending the exemption from encumbrance on title of properties subject to a pretransition stormwater permit.

Third Reading Ordered**H. 548.**

Senator Westman, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to extraordinary dividends for life insurers.

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.

H. 622.

Senator Pollina, for the Committee on Health & Welfare, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to obligations for reporting child abuse and neglect and cooperating in investigations of child abuse and neglect.

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 on a division of the Senate Yeas 15, Nays 8.

Resignation of Senator

The following communication was received by the Secretary from the Honorable Diane B. Snelling, Senator from Chittenden District, notifying the Senate of her resignation from the Senate, which letter is as follows:

March 29, 2016

Honorable Peter E. Shumlin
Governor of the State of Vermont
State House
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

Dear Governor Shumlin:

It has been a privilege and an honor to represent the people of Chittenden County in the Vermont State Senate.

At this time, I'm pleased to accept the appointment as Chair, of the Natural Resources Board and hereby resign my seat in the Senate.

I look forward to working together to meet the challenges ahead.

Respectfully,

/s/ Diane B. Snelling

Diane B. Snelling
State Senator
Chittenden District

Cc: Philip B. Scott, Lieutenant Governor
John F. Campbell, President *pro tempore*
John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.