

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Abigail Stockman of Barre.

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.

Brian Gilhuly of Warren
Zara Gill of Winooski
Abigail Grimm of Burlington
Emily Hathaway of Brandon
Morgan Marckres of Grand Isle
Avery Murray-Gurney of Hinesburg
Ryan McSweeney of Montpelier
Zoe Napier of Woodstock
Peyton Stephenson of Essex
Violet Tabacco of Montpelier

Bills Referred

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

H. 853.

An act relating to setting the nonresidential property tax rate, the property dollar equivalent yield, and the income dollar equivalent yield for fiscal year 2017, and other education changes.

To the Committee on Education.

H. 876.

An act relating to the transportation capital program and miscellaneous changes to transportation-related law.

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 877. An act relating to transportation funding.

To the Committee on Rules pursuant to Temporary Rule 44A.

Proposals of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered

H. 531.

Senator MacDonald, for the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to aboveground storage tanks.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 1929a (c)(4), after the semicolon by striking out the word “and” and in subdivision (5), by striking out the period at the end of the subdivision and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ; and and by adding a new subdivision (6) to read as follows:

(6) requirements for the reuse of an aboveground storage tank removed under the requirement of subsection (g) of this section.

Second: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 1929a, by striking out subsection (g) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) If the owner of any aboveground storage tank that serves a structure converts the type of fuel used for the structure from fuel oil or kerosene to natural gas so that the structure is no longer served for any purpose by the aboveground storage tank, the owner shall have the aboveground storage tank used to store fuel oil or kerosene and any fill pipes removed at the same time as the conversion. As used in this subsection, “structure” means any assembly of materials that is intended for occupancy or use by a person and that has at least three walls and a roof.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the proposals of amendment were collectively agreed to, and third reading of the bill 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 Campion and Sears,

By Representative Berry and others,

S.C.R. 41.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Manchester's pioneering developer Ben Hauben.

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 Donovan and others,

By Senators Ashe and Baruth,

H.C.R. 302.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Burlington High School Seahorses Division I championship boys' basketball team.

By Representative French and others,

By Senator MacDonald,

H.C.R. 303.

House concurrent resolution honoring Donald and Allison Hooper on their special agricultural, civic, educational, and entrepreneurial contributions to Vermont.

By Representative Burditt and others,

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Mullin,

H.C.R. 304.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Rutland Middle School's 8th Grade Unity Team for an exceptional effort in developing and implementing its 2016 Mock Vermont Legislature Project.

By Representative Haas,

By Senators McCormack, Campbell and Nitka,

H.C.R. 305.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the United Church of Bethel on its bicentennial anniversary.

By Representative O'Brien and others,

H.C.R. 306.

House concurrent resolution congratulating recent Vermont winners of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

By Representative Jewett and others,

H.C.R. 307.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the 2016 Middlebury Union High School Tigers boys' Nordic skiing team as the fastest Nordic skiers in the State of Vermont.

By Representative Keenan and others,

By Senator Degree,

H.C.R. 308.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vinny Pigeon and Kasia Bilodeau as 2015 Special Olympics Vermont honorees.

By Representative Russell and others,

By Senators Collamore, Flory, Mullin, Ashe, Baruth, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Sirotkin, Snelling, Westman and Zuckerman,

H.C.R. 309.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the first Vermont Career and Technical Education Presidential Scholar nominees.

By Representative Myers and others,

H.C.R. 310.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 and three-time Division I Essex Hornets championship girls' ice hockey team.

By All Members of the House,

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, Starr, Westman, White and Zuckerman,

H.C.R. 311.

House concurrent resolution designating March 30, 2016 as Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day in Vermont.

By Representative Klein and others,
By Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina,

H.C.R. 312.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship girls' track and field team.

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By Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina,

H.C.R. 313.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' track and field team.

By Representative Myers and others,

H.C.R. 314.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School gymnastics team on winning its 11th consecutive State championship.

By Representative French and others,
By Senators MacDonald, Campbell, McCormack and Nitka,

H.C.R. 315.

House concurrent resolution honoring Maurice Dickey Drysdale for his bold and dynamic leadership at the *Herald of Randolph*.

Message from the House No. 45

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 a House bill of the following title:

H. 879. An act relating to the Health Care Fund contribution assessment and the taxation of e-cigarettes.

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

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 302. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Burlington High School Seahorses Division I championship boys' basketball team.

H.C.R. 303. House concurrent resolution honoring Donald and Allison Hooper on their special agricultural, civic, educational, and entrepreneurial contributions to Vermont.

H.C.R. 304. House concurrent resolution honoring the Rutland Middle School's 8th Grade Unity Team for an exceptional effort in developing and implementing its 2016 Mock Vermont Legislature Project.

H.C.R. 305. House concurrent resolution congratulating the United Church of Bethel on its bicentennial anniversary.

H.C.R. 306. House concurrent resolution congratulating recent Vermont winners of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

H.C.R. 307. House concurrent resolution recognizing the 2016 Middlebury Union High School Tigers boys' Nordic skiing team as the fastest Nordic skiers in the State of Vermont.

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H.C.R. 311. House concurrent resolution designating March 30, 2016 as Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 312. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship girls' track and field team.

H.C.R. 313. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' track and field team.

H.C.R. 314. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School gymnastics team on winning its 11th consecutive State championship.

H.C.R. 315. House concurrent resolution honoring Maurice Dickey Drysdale for his bold and dynamic leadership at the *Herald of Randolph*.

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. 41. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Manchester's pioneering developer Ben Hauben.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 49.