

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

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

Message from the House No. 48

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. 93. An act relating to increasing the smoking age from 18 to 21 years of age.

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

Message from the House No. 49

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. 865. An act relating to promoting workforce housing.

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. 316. House concurrent resolution honoring Zachariah Fike and his Purple Hearts Reunited organization.

H.C.R. 317. House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence on its 30th anniversary.

H.C.R. 318. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Agency of Transportation on receiving a \$10 million federal Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery grant to help complete the western rail corridor from Rutland to Burlington.

H.C.R. 319. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 College of St. Joseph Lady Saints United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division II championship women's basketball team.

H.C.R. 320. House concurrent resolution designating April 5, 2016 as National Service Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 321. House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of the former Concord Corner Congregational Church building.

H.C.R. 322. House concurrent resolution commemorating former President Calvin Coolidge's historic 1928 presidential trip to Cuba.

H.C.R. 323. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' ice hockey team.

H.C.R. 324. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Bellows Free Academy–St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' hockey team.

H.C.R. 325. House concurrent resolution recognizing all Vermont firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel for the professional level of service they provide to their communities.

H.C.R. 326. House concurrent resolution congratulating the American Tree Farm System on its 75th anniversary.

H.C.R. 327. House concurrent resolution honoring the entrepreneurship of Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice in Mendon.

H.C.R. 328. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 U-32 High School Division II girls' championship Nordic ski team.

H.C.R. 329. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Law School on the inauguration of its solar energy project.

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

Bills Referred

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

H. 93. An act relating to increasing the smoking age from 18 to 21 years of age.

H. 865. An act relating to promoting workforce housing.

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

Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

H. 530.

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

An act relating to categorization of State contracts for service.

Appointment Confirmed

Under suspension of the rules (and particularly, Senate Rule 93), as moved by Senator White, the following Gubernatorial appointment was confirmed by the Senate, without report given by the Committee to which it was referred and without debate:

Ozarowski, Peter of South Burlington - Member, Parole Board – March 1, 2016, to February 28, 2019.

Standing Committees Realigned

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, and as a result of the resignation of Senator Diane B. Snelling and subsequent replacement by Senator Helen S. Riehle, reported realignments and new appointments for two of the standing committees, as follows:

Education

Senator Cummings, Chair
Doyle, Vice-Chair
Baruth
Zuckerman
Campion
[Degree, Clerk]
Riehle

Finance

Senator Ashe, Chair
MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Clerk
Lyons
Mullin
Ayer
[Westman]
Sirotkin
Degree

Appointment of Senate Replacement Member to Legislative Council

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §402, the President announced the appointment by the President of the following Senator to serve on the Legislative Council for remainder of Senator Snelling's term of two years:

Senator Campbell, *ex officio*
Senator Sears
Senator Mazza
[Senator Snelling]
Senator Flory

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 Strong and others,

H.C.R. 316.

House concurrent resolution honoring Zachariah Fike and his Purple Hearts Reunited organization.

By Representative Grad,

H.C.R. 317.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence on its 30th anniversary.

By Representative Russell and others,

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Mullin,

H.C.R. 318.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Agency of Transportation on receiving a \$10 million federal Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery grant to help complete the western rail corridor from Rutland to Burlington.

By Representative Terenzini and others,
By Senators Collamore, Degree, Flory, Mullin and Nitka,

H.C.R. 319.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 College of St. Joseph Lady Saints United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division II championship women's basketball team.

By All Members of the House,

H.C.R. 320.

House concurrent resolution designating April 5, 2016 as National Service Day in Vermont.

By Representative Quimby,

H.C.R. 321.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of the former Concord Corner Congregational Church building.

By Representative Devereux and others,

H.C.R. 322.

House concurrent resolution commemorating former President Calvin Coolidge's historic 1928 presidential trip to Cuba.

By Representative Klein and others,

By Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina,

H.C.R. 323.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' ice hockey team.

By Representative Parent and others,

By Senator Degree,

H.C.R. 324.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Bellows Free Academy–St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' hockey team.

By Representative Turner and others,

H.C.R. 325.

House concurrent resolution recognizing all Vermont firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical service (EMS) personnel for the professional level of service they provide to their communities.

By Representative Potter and others,

H.C.R. 326.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the American Tree Farm System on its 75th anniversary.

By Representatives Russell and Tate,

H.C.R. 327.

House concurrent resolution honoring the entrepreneurship of Maple Sugar & Vermont Spice in Mendon.

By Representative Klein and others,

H.C.R. 328.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 U-32 High School Division II girls' championship Nordic ski team.

By Representative Buxton,

H.C.R. 329.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Law School on the inauguration of its solar energy project.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Campbell, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 50.