

Journal of the House

Thursday, January 5, 2017

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Susan Kittridge, Associate Pastor, Charlotte Congregational Church of Charlotte, VT.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 1

By Rep. McFaun of Barre Town,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to the exemption from State taxation of Social Security payments;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 2

By Reps. Corcoran of Bennington and Emmons of Springfield,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a lien for towing;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 3

By Rep. Ancel of Calais,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to burial depth in cemeteries;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 4

By Reps. Lalonde of South Burlington and Haas of Rochester,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to calculating time periods in court proceedings;
To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 5

By Rep. Ancel of Calais,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to investment of town cemetery funds;
To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 6

By Reps. Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier regarding the regulation of its public water supply sources;
To the committee on Government Operations.

House Resolution Referred to Committee

H.R. 5

House resolution, entitled
House resolution relating to House Rules
Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster
Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 40 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

40. (a) During the first year of the biennium, ~~except:~~

(1) ~~Except~~ with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in standard form, ~~after the last day of February or submit any requests unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in this form later than~~ on or before the last legislative day of January and approves the bill for printing on or before the fourth legislative day before the end of February. ~~During the first year of the biennium, a~~

(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form relating to the adoption or amendment of a municipal charter or to the approval of a municipal merger at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

~~(3) A member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in short form at any time, and may submit requests~~ submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council that for a bill to be drafted in this short form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.

(b) During the second year of the biennium, ~~except:~~

~~(1) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in standard form after the last day of January or submit any requests unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in this form later than on or before the fifteenth day of January, and approves the bill for printing on or before the last legislative day of January. During the second year of the biennium, a~~

~~(2) A member may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form relating to the adoption or amendment of a municipal charter or to the approval of a municipal merger at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time.~~

~~(3) Except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in short form until the second Friday after the annual Town meeting day, and may submit requests unless he or she submits the request to the Office of Legislative Council that a bill be drafted in short form until on or before the fifteenth day of February and approves the bill for printing on or before the second Friday after the annual Town meeting day.~~

~~(c) During the first year of the biennium, a Committee may submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council for a bill to be drafted in standard form at any time and may introduce such a bill at any time. During the second year of the biennium, except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no committee, except the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Ways and Means, or the Committee on Government Operations, may introduce a bill drafted in standard form after unless it approves the bill for printing on or before the last legislative day of March. The, except for the Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means, which may introduce a bill drafted in standard form submit a request to the Office of Legislative Council at any time, and the Committee on Government Operations may introduce a bill drafted in standard form relating to changes in a town or city charter and may approve the bill for printing at any time.~~

(d) For the purposes of this rule, a request ~~for drafting by~~ to the Office of Legislative Council shall contain specific instructions as to the content of the bill sufficient to permit its drafting in accordance with Rules 41 and 42.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Rules.

House Resolution Referred to Committee

H.R. 6

House resolution, entitled

House resolution amending the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives related to members' disclosure form

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Whereas, pursuant to Rule 14a, members of the House of Representatives are required to submit a disclosure form that lists information including any boards, commissions, or other entities on which the member serves and the member's employer, and

Whereas, Rule 14a states that these forms should be publicly available, and

Whereas, the forms are currently kept only in paper form in the Clerk's office, are not available online, and, as a result, are not easily accessible to the public or to other members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 14a of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

14a. On or before the 10th day of the beginning of the biennium, each member shall submit to the Clerk a disclosure form prepared by the Clerk. The form shall be signed by the member, be publicly available on the official website of the Clerk, and may be updated. The form shall set forth, to the best of the member's ability, the following information applicable as of the date of submission:

(a) any boards, commissions, or other entities on which the member serves; a description of that position; and, except in the case of legislative appointments, whether the member receives any form of remuneration for that position; and

(b) the member's employer.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Rules.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 5

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 5. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 3, 2017, or Saturday, March 4, 2017, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**J.R.S. 6**

By Senator Kitchel,

J.R.S. 6. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at two o'clock in the afternoon to receive the budget message of the Governor

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty six minutes minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Savage of Swanton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.