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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Peter Plagge, Congregational Church, Waterbury, VT.

Memorial Service

The Speaker placed before the House the following names of members of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Gordon J. Booth of Barre Town  
Member of the House,  

Winston E. Dowland of Holland  
Member of the House  
Session of 2005

Thereupon, the members of the House rose for a moment of prayer in memory of the deceased members. The Clerk was thereupon directed to send a copy of the House Journal to the bereaved families.

Message from the Senate No. 4

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 7.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

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. 7**

By Reps. Ancel of Calais, Mrowicki of Putney, Morrissey of Bennington,
Batchelor of Derby, Beyor of Highgate, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Cristensen of Weathersfield, Conquest of Newbury, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dunn of Essex, Gannon of Wilmington, Hebert of Vernon, Hooper of Montpelier, Jessup of Middlesex, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Strong of Albany, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, Wood of Waterbury and Young of Glover,

House bill, entitled
An act relating to amendments to Act 46 to extend time frames;
To the committee on Education.

**H. 8**

By Reps. Lalonde of South Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Conquest of Newbury, Potter of Clarendon, Stuart of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Viens of Newport City and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled
An act relating to distracted driving;
To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 9**

By Reps. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled
An act relating to deferred sentences;
To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 10**

By Rep. Yacavone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled
An act relating to increasing the population served by the Child Care Services Program and the rates of the Child Care Financial Assistance Program;
To the committee on Human Services.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

**J.R.S. 7**

By Senator Ashe,

**J.R.S. 7.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 6, 2017, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Communication from Rep. Alyson Eastman

"January 5th, 2017

Clerk of the House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Dear William MaGill,

Effective today immediately following the Governor's Inaugural Address I will be resigning as the State Representative for Addison-Rutland 1 in order to serve as the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for the honorable governor Phil Scott. I have been honored and humbled to serve in the House of Representatives and thank all that work in this amazing building. I look forward to serving in my new position as Deputy Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets.

Thank you for your assistance over these last two years, it's appreciated.

Warm regards,

/s/Alyson Eastman
Orwell"

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of JRS 7.