

Journal of the House

Friday, January 13, 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 Rev. Earl Kooperkamp, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Barre VT.

Memorial Service

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

Ruth Smith of Barre Town	Member of the House, Sessions of 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993
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Thereupon, the members of the House rose for a moment of silence in memory of the deceased member. The Clerk was thereupon directed to send a copy of the House Journal to the bereaved family

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. 41

By Reps. Greshin of Warren, Condon of Colchester, Myers of Essex and Olsen of Londonderry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating sitting legislators as members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College and increasing the number of private board members;

To the committee on Education.

H. 42

By Rep. Marcotte of Coventry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to appointing municipal clerks and treasurers and to

incompatible municipal offices;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 43

By Reps. Poirier of Barre City, Condon of Colchester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Masland of Thetford, Till of Jericho and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting feminine hygiene products from sales tax;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 44

By Reps. LaClair of Barre Town, Bancroft of Westford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Martel of Waterford and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to carrying a handgun and a bow after the close of the legal hunting day;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 45

By Reps. Potter of Clarendon, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Lefebvre of Newark, McCoy of Poultney and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to amending the settlement patterns criterion of Act 250;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 46

By Rep. Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the registration of bicycles;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 47

By Reps. Sabilia of Dover, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of

Bradford, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Hebert of Vernon, Hubert of Milton, Jickling of Brookfield, Keefe of Manchester, Long of Newfane, Morris of Bennington, Olsen of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Quimby of Concord, Sullivan of Dorset, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring telemarketers to provide accurate caller identification information;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 48

By Reps. Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gamache of Swanton and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to water supply rates;

To the committee on Government Operations.

Joint Resolution Referred to Committee

J.R.H. 1

Joint resolution expressing strong opposition to any governmental registry based on religion, race, or ethnicity and to any mass deportation of undocumented residents

Offered by: Representatives Deen of Westminster, Mrowicki of Putney, Sharpe of Bristol, Ancel of Calais, Christie of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Giambatista of Essex, Head of South Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Lippert of Hinesburg, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence's proclamation "that all men are created equal," has, on occasion, fallen short when members of religious, racial, or ethnic groups have been subjected to discriminatory federal policies, and

Whereas, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the far broader Immigration Act of 1924 are two of examples of federal laws that either prohibited or restricted immigration based on religion, race, or ethnicity, and

Whereas, at the start of World War II, Civilian Exclusion Order No. 34 directed the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry, including U.S. citizens, from the nation's

west coast and resulted in the relocation of Japanese Americans to internment (concentration) camps, and

Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld this order in an infamous decision, *Korematsu v. United States*, 323 U.S. 214 (1944), and although Congress enacted the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Pub.L. No. 100–983, that apologized for this wartime policy, the potential of the federal government mistreating individuals based on their religion, race, or ethnicity still exists, and

Whereas, while campaigning, now Presidentelect Donald Trump stated his support for mandatory registration of Muslims residing in the United States, seemingly to include American citizens, and

Whereas, although he quickly began to narrow, if at times ambiguously, the scope of his proposed registry, the mere fact that he would contemplate a religiously based national registry raises chilling comparisons to the relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II, and

Whereas, President-elect Trump also proposed while campaigning to deport all 11 million undocumented persons residing in the United States, and

Whereas, although he subsequently narrowed the deportation proposal to those undocumented persons who have committed crimes, a number he estimated at two to three million individuals, the concept still raises core constitutional issues of due process, and

Whereas, this proposal, depending on the ultimate scope of its coverage, has the potential to result in the deportation of hundreds of thousands of undocumented young persons who are living in this country through President Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, and

Whereas, the registry and mass deportation proposals run contrary to our nation’s most fundamental democratic principles, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its strong opposition to any governmental registry based on religion, race, or ethnicity and to any mass deportation of undocumented residents, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President-elect Donald Trump and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Which was read and, in the Speaker’s discretion, treated as a bill and referred to the committee on General; Housing and Military Affairs.

Message from the Senate No. 6

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 Senate concurrent resolution of the following title:

S.C.R. 2. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation on its 40th anniversary.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 1. House concurrent resolution honoring the military service of the 300 members of the Vermont Air National Guard recently deployed to the Middle East.

H.C.R. 2. House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, January 5, 2017 as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 3. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jon Binhammer on his 25 years of outstanding service at the Vermont chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

H.C.R. 4. House concurrent resolution honoring Pamela Taylor for her exemplary service as a teacher, mentor, and community leader in Vergennes.

H.C.R. 5. House concurrent resolution honoring Jonas Rosenthal for his outstanding municipal service as Poultney Town and Village Manager.

H.C.R. 6. House concurrent resolution honoring consummate volunteers Dan and Dana Grossman of Thetford.

H.C.R. 7. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Vermont Republic.

H.C.R. 8. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Hornets girls' State championship rugby team.

Joint Fiscal Committee Appointed

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 501, the Chair hereby appoints the following members to the Joint Fiscal Committee:

Rep. Ancel of Calais

Rep. Donovan of Burlington

Reps. Fagan of Rutland City

Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg

Rep. Toll of Danville

**New England Board Of
Higher Education Appointed**

Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2692, the Chair hereby appoints the following member to the New England Board of Higher Education:

Rep. Miller of Shaftsbury

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty six minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of JRS 8.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

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H.C.R. 6

House concurrent resolution honoring consummate volunteers Dan and Dana Grossman of Thetford;

H.C.R. 7

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Vermont Republic;

H.C.R. 8

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Hornets girls' State championship rugby team;

S.C.R. 1

Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Senator William T. Doyle and designating March 7, 2017 as "Bill Doyle Town Meeting Day";

S.C.R. 2

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation on its 40th anniversary;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2017, seventy-fourth Biennial session.]