

Journal of the House

Friday, January 20, 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 Julia Shipley, Poet, Craftsbury, 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. 92

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the registration of dams;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 93

By Reps. McCormack of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Hill of Wolcott, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Joseph of North Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, Yacavone of Morristown and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 94

By Reps. Sibia of Dover, Connor of Fairfield, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gannon of Wilmington, Helm of Fair Haven, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Olsen of Londonderry, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, Townsend of South Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting certain forms of income from the calculation of household income for veterans who are permanently and totally disabled;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 95

By Reps. Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Ainsworth of Royalton, Beyor of Highgate, Bock of Chester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Higley of Lowell, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, Smith of Derby and Viens of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to funding the Clean Water Fund;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 96

By Reps. Wright of Burlington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Jickling of Brookfield, Myers of Essex, Ode of Burlington, Olsen of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Poirier of Barre City, Scheuermann of Stowe and Sibia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the phased-in exemption from State income taxation of Social Security payments for certain taxpayers;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 97

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Deen of Westminster, Dunn of Essex, Fields of

Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Joseph of North Hero, Lucke of Hartford, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Partridge of Windham, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh and Yacavone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reclaiming revenue losses resulting from federal tax cuts;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 98

By Reps. Wright of Burlington, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Condon of Colchester, Dakin of Colchester and Myers of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the elimination of strikes and imposed terms in connection with collective bargaining for teachers' and school administrators' contracts and the formation of a task force;

To the committee on Education.

H. 99

By Reps. Emmons of Springfield, Bock of Chester and Forguites of Springfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to labeling of roll-off dumpsters;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 100

By Rep. Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sudden cardiac arrest prevention during school athletic activities;

To the committee on Education.

House Concurrent Resolution Read and Referred to Committee

H.C.R. 20

House resolution, entitled

House concurrent resolution celebrating over two centuries of peaceful presidential transitions

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Ainsworth of Royalton, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Hebert of Vernon, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, Turner of Milton, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Whereas, a special highlight of our nation's political history is the uninterrupted chain of peaceful presidential transitions spanning over two centuries, and

Whereas, through 2016, 44 presidents have governed the United States, and on 21 occasions, Inauguration Day marked a change in the president's political party, and

Whereas, the first major test in the presidential transition process occurred in 1797 when George Washington passed the executive authority to his fellow Federalist, John Adams, signifying that the leader of our nation serves for a limited tenure subject to an electoral decision and not for life as does a monarch, and

Whereas, another milestone transition took place in 1801, when not only was there a change in President, from John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, but the President's partisan affiliation switched from Federalist to DemocraticRepublican, and

Whereas, presidential deaths due to natural causes in 1841, 1850, 1923, and 1945 and even more memorably because of an assassination in 1865, 1881, 1901, and 1963 did not halt the peaceful transfer of power to the sitting Vice President, proving the durability and strength of the presidential transition process even under the most perilous circumstances at the closing days of the Civil War, and

Whereas, the presidential electorate has become far more societally inclusive since the election of George Washington with racial discrimination barred, as a result of the U.S. Constitution's 15th Amendment and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the granting of the franchise to women in accordance with the U.S. Constitution's 19th Amendment, and

Whereas, at critical moments in our nation's history, such as in the weeks preceding the Civil War in 1861 or at the height of the Great Depression in 1933, the transfer of presidential power signaled extraordinary public policy implications, but this most important political event still proceeded peacefully, and

Whereas, Americans can take great pride in the extraordinary continuity in the peaceful transfer of executive power in our nation, starting in the 18th and

continuing into the 21st century, and the inauguration in 2017 of the 45th President continues this unbroken chain, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates over two centuries of peaceful presidential transitions.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S.10.

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.

H.C.R. 9

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Division I championship softball team;

H.C.R. 10

House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Carter and Danby–Mt Tabor NOW for their innovative leadership in establishing the new Danby–Mount Tabor veterans memorial;

H.C.R. 11

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

H.C.R. 12

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School State championship Ultimate team;

H.C.R. 13

House concurrent resolution designating January 2017 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont;

H.C.R. 14

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert McBride on receiving the 2016 Vermont Arts Council's Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for

Arts Advocacy;

H.C.R. 15

House concurrent resolution congratulating Eric Aho of Saxtons River on his selection as the winner of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts;

H.C.R. 16

House concurrent resolution designating January 2017 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont;

S.C.R. 3

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary;

S.C.R. 4

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year;

S.C.R. 5

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Howard Frank Mosher, the Northeast Kingdom's special chronicler and literary ambassador;

[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.]