

Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Representative Michael Yantachka of Charlotte, VT.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Emma Steever of Wallingford led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 17

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 passed Senate bill of the following title:

S. 8. An act relating to establishing the State Ethics Commission and standards of governmental ethical conduct.

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

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

H.C.R. 31. House concurrent resolution in memory of Marion Pritchard.

H.C.R. 32. House concurrent resolution designating February 3, 2017 as Wear Red Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 33. House concurrent resolution honoring Bonnie and Timothy Burke for their outstanding work at Wilson House in East Dorset.

H.C.R. 34. House concurrent resolution designating February 8, 2017 as Farm to School Awareness Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 36. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Eagle class of Green Mountain Council Boy Scouts.

H.C.R. 37. House concurrent resolution honoring Nathaniel A. Boone of Winhall for his pioneering national service.

H.C.R. 38. House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of the Black Lives Matter Movement in the U.S. and Vermont Black communities.

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced. Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred as follows:

H. 239

By Rep. Hebert of Vernon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to withdrawal from a union high school district;

To the committee on Education.

H. 240

By Reps. Fagan of Rutland City and Christie of Hartford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the manner in which average daily membership is computed for public high school students exercising school choice;

To the committee on Education.

H. 241

By Reps. Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Lewis of Berlin,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the charter of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 242

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to tile drains;

To the committee on Agriculture & Forestry.

H. 243

By Reps. Keenan of St. Albans City, Ancel of Calais, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Buckholz of Hartford,

Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Brookfield, Jickling of Brookfield, Joseph of North Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Pugh of South Burlington, Sabilia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring a presidential candidate to disclose federal tax returns in order to be placed on the presidential primary and general election ballots;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 244

By Reps. Townsend of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington and Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to environmental health standards for Vermont schools;

To the committee on Education.

H. 245

By Reps. Walz of Barre City, Burke of Brattleboro, Gonzalez of Winooski, Head of South Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to residential treatment units within the Department of Corrections;

To the committee on Corrections and Institutions.

H. 246

By Reps. Devereux of Mount Holly, Townsend of South Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Hubert of Milton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin and Weed of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to marriage by proxy, teleconference, or other technology;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 247

By Reps. Strong of Albany, Batchelor of Derby, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Grad of Moretown, Higley of Lowell, Jessup of Middlesex, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Masland of Thetford, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Sheldon of Middlebury, Tate of Mendon, Troiano of Stannard, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Glover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reporting on adverse reactions related to immunizations;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 248

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Sharpe of Bristol, Briglin of Thetford, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Macaig of Williston, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Partridge of Windham, Poirier of Barre City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Weed of Enosburgh and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a universal, publicly financed primary care system;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 249

By Reps. McCullough of Williston, Macaig of Williston and Townsend of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to property tax appeals;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 250

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury, Dunn of Essex, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Macaig of Williston, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City,

Weed of Enosburgh and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to collective bargaining representative elections;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 251

By Reps. Browning of Arlington, Graham of Williamstown, Lefebvre of Newark, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord and Viens of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to wind generation and trout habitat;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

H. 252

By Reps. Savage of Swanton and Gamache of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to pet specialty license plates;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 253

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Macaig of Williston, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to whistleblower protections for employees;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 254

By Rep. Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to physician-patient relationships and Vermont residency for patient choice at end of life;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 255

By Rep. Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring a witness and independent communication in exercising patient choice at end of life;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 256

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Wright of Burlington, Baser of Bristol, Bock of Chester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Fields of Bennington, Head of South Burlington, Joseph of North Hero, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Ode of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Poirier of Barre City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Townsend of South Burlington, Weed of Enosburgh and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sexual assault nurse examiners;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 257

By Reps. Sabilia of Dover, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Forguites of Springfield, Hooper of Brookfield, Jickling of Brookfield, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Wright of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Secretary of State notifying the regional development corporations and regional planning commissions when a new business registers with the Office;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 258

By Rep. Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to licensing casinos;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 259

By Rep. Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to residential eviction proceedings;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 260

By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Baser of Bristol, Parent of St. Albans Town, Smith of Derby, Walz of Barre City and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to residential rental agreements and expedited eviction;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 261

By Rep. Tate of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to application of stormwater permitting to municipalities;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 262

By Rep. McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the licensing of nuisance wildlife control operators;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 263

By Reps. Lucke of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Dunn of Essex and Savage of Swanton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to patient testing for bloodborne pathogen-related illnesses after possible transmission to health care, safety, or emergency personnel;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 264

By Reps. Donovan of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Connor of Fairfield, McCullough of Williston, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the nutritional requirements for children's meals;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 265

By Reps. Pugh of South Burlington, Haas of Rochester, McFaun of Barre Town, Troiano of Stannard and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman;
To the committee on Human Services.

H. 266

By Reps. Head of South Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lalonde of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to public funding of out-of-state independent schools;
To the committee on Education.

H. 267

By Reps. Head of South Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lalonde of South Burlington, Lucke of Hartford, Pugh of South Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington and Walz of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting public funding of independent schools;
To the committee on Education.

H. 268

By Reps. Deen of Westminster, McCullough of Williston, Squirrell of Underhill and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials;
To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 269

By Rep. Deen of Westminster,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the collection of recycling of waste motor vehicle tires;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 270

By Reps. Lanpher of Vergennes, Bissonnette of Winooski, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Gannon of Wilmington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Brookfield, Howard of Rutland City, Joseph of North Hero, Lalonde of South Burlington, Lefebvre of Newark, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Rachelson of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, Wright of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing expanded learning opportunities;
To the committee on Education.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 8

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing the State Ethics Commission and standards of governmental ethical conduct

Was read and referred to the committee on Government Operations.

Communication from the Governor

February 13, 2017

The Honorable Mitzi Johnson
Speaker of the House
115 State Street, Drawer 33
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-5301

Dear Speaker Johnson,

I have the great honor to inform you that I have appointed Terry Norris, 525 Palmer Rd Shoreham, VT 05770, to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Addison-Rutland, formerly held by Representative Alyson Eastman.

Sincerely,

/s/Philip B. Scott
Governor

Action on Bill Postponed**H. 3**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to burial depth in cemeteries

Was taken up and pending the reading of the report of the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, on motion of **Rep. Gonzalez of Winooski**, action on the bill was postponed until February 21, 2017.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and eighteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock and fifteen minutes in the afternoon.