At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

**Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by Peter Gould, Writer and performing artist, Brattleboro, VT.

**Communication from the Governor**

April 11, 2017

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

Dear Speaker Johnson:

I have the great honor to inform you that I have appointed Jim Harrison, 75 Lazy Acres Road, North Chittenden, VT 05763, to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Rutland-Windsor 1, formerly held by Representative Job Tate.

Sincerely,

/s/ Philip B. Scott
Governor

**New Member Seated**

Representative James Harrison, the newly appointed member, having taken and subscribed the oath administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, was conducted to his seat by the Doorkeeper.

**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. 528**

By Rep. Donovan of Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to making tax changes to help Vermonters and small businesses;
To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 529
By Reps. Poirier of Barre City and Walz of Barre City,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Barre;
To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 530
By Reps. Christie of Hartford, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Potter of Clarendon and Shaw of Pittsford,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to establishing the annual Business Incubator and Accelerator Conference;
To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 531
By Rep. Gonzalez of Winooski,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to establishing a carbon pollution fee in Vermont;
To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife.

H. 532
By Rep. Lalonde of South Burlington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to replacing statewide education tax revenue with a fee on carbon dioxide pollution;
To the committee on Ways and Means.
Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 526

House bill, entitled
An act relating to regulating notaries public
Appearing on the Calendar, affecting the revenue of the state, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 525

House bill, entitled
An act relating to the Department of Liquor Control and the State Lottery
Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 20

House bill, entitled
An act relating to permanent licenses for persons 66 years of age or older
Appearing on the Calendar, carrying an appropriation, under rule 35(a), was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 30

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 30. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 14, 2017, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Was taken up, read and adopted in concurrence.

Committee Appointments

The Speaker appointed Rep. Harrison of Chittenden to the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs and Rep. Gonzalez of Winooski as ranking member of the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.
Remarks Journalized

On motion of Rep. Cupoli of Rutland City, the following remarks by Rep. Juskiewicz of Cambridge were ordered printed in the Journal:

“Madam Speaker:

Thank you. Today we are recognizing the University of Vermont’s men’s basketball team for their outstanding accomplishments on the court.

I also want the body to know that the team’s season may have ended on the court, but its perfect graduation rate helped take them all the way to the National Championship in the classroom, according to an academic-based bracket by Time magazine.

The tournament, based on an academic formula that was applied to all of the 68 teams in this year’s NCAA tournament, had the University of Vermont winning in the semi-finals before falling in the finals. The Catamounts were one of 12 teams with a 100 percent player graduation rate.

This team’s successes on the court and in the classroom have made Vermont proud.

Please join me in welcoming the University of Vermont men’s basketball team, who are seated in the Senate seats.”

Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered

H. 356

Rep. Lewis of Berlin, for the committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Berlin

Reported in favor of its passage when amended as follows:

In Sec. 3 (effective date) by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up and read the second time and report of the committee on Government Operations was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? Rep. Lewis of Berlin moved to amend the bill as follows:
First: In Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 105, in § 81, immediately following “Any elected Town officer may be removed from office subject to” by striking out the words “the following”

Second: In Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 105, in § 91, in subsection (a), immediately following “and approved by the Selectboard” by inserting “but the Administrative Code shall only implement and shall not expand upon the authorities granted in this charter or in general State law. Prior to the adoption or any amendment of the Administrative Code, the Selectboard shall hold two public meetings concerning that adoption or amendment”

Which was agreed to and third reading ordered.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence
With Proposal of Amendment
S. 14

Senate bill, entitled
An act relating to expanding the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network
Was taken up, read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered
H. 523

Rep. Morris of Bennington spoke for the committee on Judiciary.
House bill entitled
An act relating to fair and impartial policing
Having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? Rep. Krowinski of Burlington demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be read a third time? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 124. Nays, 21.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ainsworth of Royalton  Gannon of Wilmington  Nolan of Morristown
Ancel of Calais  Gardner of Richmond  Noyes of Wolcott
Bancroft of Westford  Giambatista of Essex  Ode of Burlington
Bartholomew of Hartland  Gonzalez of Winooski  Olsen of Londonderry
Baser of Bristol  Grad of Moretown  O’Sullivan of Burlington
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017
Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

Bissonnette of Winooski  Corcoran of Bennington
Burditt of West Rutland  Morrissey of Bennington

**Second Reading; Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**

**H. 492**

**Rep. Morris of Bennington** for the committee on Judiciary, to which had been referred House bill entitled,

An act relating to the Racial Justice Oversight Board

Reported in favor of its passage when amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 168 is added to read:

§ 168. RACIAL JUSTICE BOARD

(a) The Racial Justice Board is established. The Board shall be organized and have the duties and responsibilities as provided in this section. The Board shall be organized within the Office of the Attorney General, and members of the Board shall be drawn from throughout the State and from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, age, gender, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and shall have had experience working to implement racial justice reform.

(b) The Board shall comprise the following 15 members:

(1) five members to represent the interests of communities of color throughout the State, appointed by the Attorney General, including:

   (A) a member with expertise in implicit bias;
   (B) a member with expertise in education;
   (C) a member with expertise in labor and employment;
   (D) a member with expertise in health care; and
   (E) a member with expertise in economic development;

(2) the Executive Director of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council or designee;

(3) the Attorney General or designee;

(4) the Defender General or designee;

(5) the Executive Director of the State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs or designee;
The members of the Board appointed under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall serve staggered four-year terms. As terms of currently serving members expire, appointments of successors shall be in accord with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Appointments of members to fill vacancies or expired terms shall be made by the authority that made the initial appointment to the vacated or expired term. Members of the Board shall be eligible for reappointment. Members of the Board shall serve no more than three consecutive terms in any capacity.

Members of the Board shall elect biennially by majority vote the Chair of the Board. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses in the manner and amount provided to employees of the State.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and all action shall be taken upon a majority vote of the members present and voting.

The Board shall undertake an ongoing formal review of racial justice reform across the State, including within the systems of education, labor and employment, housing, health care, economic development, and criminal and juvenile justice, by monitoring the collection and publication of race-based data, recommending policies and trainings to address systemic implicit bias, and evaluating racial justice policies, practices, and results statewide, including determining whether there is variation across the State and the cause of any such variation. In furtherance of that responsibility, the Board shall:

1. review and make recommendations to address persistent racial disparities in statewide systems of education, labor and employment, economic development, health care, and housing;

2. review and make recommendations regarding statewide criminal and juvenile justice reform, including:

   (A) continually reviewing the data collected pursuant to 20 V.S.A.
§ 2366 to measure State progress toward a fair and impartial system of law enforcement:

(B) providing recommendations to the Criminal Justice Training Council and the Vermont Bar Association, based on the latest social science research and best practices in law enforcement and criminal and juvenile justice, on model trainings and policies for law enforcement, judges, correctional officers, and attorneys, including prosecutors and public defenders, to recognize and address implicit bias; and

(C) providing recommendations to the Criminal Justice Training Council, based on the latest social science research and best practices in law enforcement, on a model training and policy on the use of force in policing;

(3) educate and engage with communities, businesses, educational institutions, State and local governments, and the general public about the nature and scope of racial discrimination and the systemic and institutionalized nature of race-based bias, and on progress made toward racial justice;

(4) at the Board’s discretion, provide the Executive and Legislative Branches of State government with an assessment of the disparate racial impact of a proposed policy or legislation; and

(5) on or before January 15, 2018, and biannually thereafter, report to the General Assembly, and provide as a part of that report recommendations to address systemic implicit bias in Vermont, including:

(A) a public complaint process to address perceived implicit bias across all systems of State government;

(B) prohibiting racial profiling, including any associated penalties;

(C) expanding law enforcement race data collection practices to include data on nontraffic stops by law enforcement; and

(D) amending the Vermont Constitution to clarify that slavery in any form is prohibited.

Sec. 2. CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL; REPORTING TO THE RACIAL JUSTICE BOARD

The Criminal Justice Training Council shall, on a regular and ongoing basis, report to the Racial Justice Board regarding:

(1) the adoption and implementation of the Board’s recommended implicit bias trainings and policies pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 168(f)(2)(B);

(2) the incorporation of implicit bias training into the requirements of basic training pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358; and
(3) the implementation of the refresher trainings as required by 20 V.S.A. § 2358(e).

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

And that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to the Racial Justice Board”

Rep. Hooper of Montpelier, for the committee on Appropriations, recommended that the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the committee on Judiciary and when further amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 3 V.S.A. § 168, in subdivision (a), after “The Board shall be organized within the Office of the Attorney General,” by inserting “which shall provide the Board with administrative and professional support,”

Second: In Sec. 1, 3 V.S.A. § 168, by striking out subdivision (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(d) Members of the Board shall elect biennially by majority vote the Chair of the Board. Members of the Board who are not State employees or whose participation is not supported through their employment or association shall receive per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010, to be provided by the Office of the Attorney General. The Board may meet up to three times per year.

The bill, having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the committee on Judiciary was amended as recommended by the committee on Appropriations.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the committee on Judiciary, as amended? Rep. Morris of Bennington moved to amend the report of the committee on Judiciary, as amended, as follows:

In Sec. 1, 3 V.S.A. § 168, in subdivision (f)(5), by striking out the word “biannually” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “biennially”

Which was agreed to.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Judiciary as amended? Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Judiciary as amended? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 120. Nays, 25.
Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ainsworth of Royalton    Gardner of Richmond    Nolan of Morristown
Ancel of Calais          Giambatista of Essex    Noyes of Wolcott
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Those who voted in the negative are:

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Beyor of Highgate        Hebert of Vernon        Savage of Swanton
Canfield of Fair Haven   Higley of Lowell       Smith of Derby
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Rep. Toll of Danville explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

My yes vote is in support of the individuals who are not in the majority of this body. Simply – a yes for equal rights and justice for all.”

Thereupon, third reading was ordered.

Favorable Reports; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 327

Rep. Lewis of Berlin, for the committee on Government Operations, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to the charter of the Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste Management District

Reported in favor of its passage.

Rep. Canfield of Fair Haven, for the committee on Ways and Means reported in favor of its passage.

The bill having appeared on the Calendar one day for notice, was taken up, read the second time and third reading ordered.

Senate Proposal of Amendment Not Concurred in; Committee of Conference Requested

H. 42

The Senate proposed to the House to amend House bill, entitled

An act relating to appointing municipal clerks and treasurers and to municipal audit penalties

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out Sec. 4, 24 V.S.A. § 1686 (penalty) in its entirety and its reader assistance heading and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 4. [Deleted.]
Pending the question, Will the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?  Rep. Gardner of Richmond moved that the House refuse to concur and ask for a Committee of Conference, which was agreed to.

**House Resolution Adopted**

**H.R. 13**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution amending the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives related to discrimination, ethics, and sexual harassment

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

**House Resolution Adopted**

**H.R. 14**

House resolution, entitled

House resolution disapproving Executive Order 07-17

Was taken up.

Rep. Olsen of Londonderry raised a Point of Order in that the use of a resolution in this manner was not constitutional which the Speaker ruled not well taken as the House does not determine constitutionality.

Pending the question, Shall the House adopt the resolution? Rep. Olsen of Londonderry moved that the resolution be committed to the committee on Government Operations.

Pending the question, Shall the resolution be committed to the Committee on Government Operations? Rep. Savage of Swanton demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the resolution be committed to the Committee on Government Operations? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 59. Nays, 87.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

- Ainsworth of Royalton
- Bancroft of Westford
- Baser of Bristol
- Batchelor of Derby
- Beck of St. Johnsbury
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- Scheuermann of Stowe
Constitutional Clerk
question, number. and proceeded to call the roll. The
was sustained by Rep. Savage of Swanton, which demand was sustained by the
 Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question,
Shall the House adopt the resolution? was decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 82. Nays, 63.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ancel of Calais  Giambatista of Essex  Partridge of Windham
Bartholomew of Hartford  Gonzalez of Winooski  Poirier of Barre City
Belaski of Windsor  Grad of Moretown  Potter of Clarendon
Bock of Chester  Haas of Rochester  Pugh of South Burlington
Botzow of Pownal  Head of South Burlington  Rachelson of Burlington
Briglin of Thetford  Hill of Wolcott  Scheu of Middlebury
Buckholz of Hartford  Hooper of Montpelier  Sharpe of Bristol
Burke of Brattleboro  Hooper of Brookfield  Sheldon of Middlebury
Carr of Brandon  Houghton of Essex  Squirrell of Underhill
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs  Howard of Rutland City  Stevens of Waterbury
Christensen of Weathersfield  Joseph of North Hero  Sullivan of Dorset
Christie of Hartford  Kitzmiller of Montpelier  Sullivan of Burlington
Cina of Burlington  Krowinski of Burlington *  Taylor of Colchester
Colburn of Burlington  Lalonde of South Burlington  Till of Jericho
Conlon of Cornwall  Lanpher of Vergennes  Toleno of Brattleboro
Connor of Fairfield  Lippert of Hinesburg  Toll of Danville
Conquest of Newbury  Long of Newfane  Townsend of South
Copeland-Hanzas of Burlington  Lucke of Hartford  Burlington
Bradford  Macag of Williston  Troiano of Stannard
Dakin of Colchester  Masland of Thetford  Walz of Barre City
Deen of Westminster  McCormack of Burlington  Webb of Shelburne
Donovan of Burlington  McCullough of Williston  Weed of Enosburgh
Dunn of Essex  Miller of Shaftsbury  Wood of Waterbury
Emmons of Springfield  Morris of Bennington  Yacavone of Morristown
Fields of Bennington  Mrowicki of Putney  Yantachka of Charlotte
Forguites of Springfield  Noyes of Wolcott  Young of Glover
Gannon of Wilmington  Ode of Burlington
Gardner of Richmond  O'Sullivan of Burlington

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ainsworth of Royalton  Greshin of Warren  Nolan of Morristown
Bancroft of Westford  Harrison of Chittenden  Norris of Shoreham
Baser of Bristol  Hebert of Vernon  Olsen of Londonderry
Batchelor of Derby  Helm of Fair Haven  Parent of St. Albans Town
Beck of St. Johnsbury  Higley of Lowell  Pearce of Richmond
Beyor of Highgate  Hubert of Milton  Quinby of Concord
Brennan of Colchester  Jickling of Brookfield  Rosenquist of Georgia
Browning of Arlington  Juskiewicz of Cambridge  Savage of Swanton
Brumsted of Shelburne  Keefe of Manchester  Scheuermann of Stowe *
Canfield of Fair Haven  Keenan of St. Albans City  Shaw of Pittsford
Corcoran of Bennington  Kimbell of Woodstock  Sibilia of Dover
Cupoli of Rutland City  LaClair of Barre Town  Smith of Derby
Devereux of Mount Holly  Lawrence of Lyndon  Smith of New Haven
Dickinson of St. Albans  Lefebvre of Newark  Terenzini of Rutland Town
Town  Lewis of Berlin  Trieber of Rockingham
Those members absent with leave of the House and not voting are:

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Rep. Graham of Williamstown explained his vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

A sad day for Vermonters when we won’t let the Governor save taxpayers money.”

Rep Krowinski of Burlington explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

I support this resolution. The proposal by the governor will affect thousands of Vermonters and Vermont businesses. This is a huge policy change and we need to this done right.”

Rep. Scheuermann of Stowe explained her vote as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

This body just had the opportunity to show Vermonters that we do want to restructure our state government to bring it into the 21st century so that it works for Vermonters again. It only makes sense that liquor and lottery will serve the same clients; be housed (not necessarily physically) under one roof; be led by one commissioner directly accountable to the Governor; and be governed by one board. We just voted for the status quo to be maintained. Madam Speaker, what a missed opportunity to be an agent for common sense change.”

Committee of Conference Appointed

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Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill, entitled

An act relating to appointing municipal clerks and treasurers and to municipal audit penalties

The Speaker appointed as members of the Committee of Conference on the
part of the House:

Rep. Gardner of Richmond  
Rep. Hubert of Milton  
Rep. Lewis of Berlin

Committee Relieved of Consideration  
and Bill Committed to Other Committee

S. 3

Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg moved that the committee on Health Care be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to mental health professionals’ duty to warn

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

At five o'clock in the evening, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.