

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Adrienne Carr of Mallets Bay.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 24.

By Senators Campion, Sears, Benning, Branagan, Degree, Flory, Kitchel and Westman,

An act relating to the State Board of Education.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 25.

By Senator White,

An act relating to the professional regulation of law enforcement officers by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 26.

By Senator White,

An act relating to miscellaneous law enforcement amendments.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 27.

By Senator White,

An act relating to requiring each town to provide its own primary police coverage.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 28.

By Senators Pollina and Pearson,

An act relating to the beverage container redemption system.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 29.

By Senator Flory,

An act relating to decedents' estates.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Standing Committees Appointed

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of standing committees as follows:

Rules

At Call Senator Ashe, Chair
 Mazza, Vice-Chair
 Balint
 Degree
 MacDonald

Ethics

At Call Senator Benning, Chair
 Campion, Vice-Chair
 Branagan
 Ayer
 Pollina

Sexual Harassment Panel

At Call Senator Balint, Chair
 Clarkson, Vice-Chair
 Baruth
 Benning
 Lyons
 White

Appointment of Senate Members of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

Pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. §817, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules for terms of two years ending February 1, 2019:

Senator MacDonald
Senator Sirotkin
Senator Benning
Senator Lyons

Appointment of Senate Members to Legislative Council

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §402, the President announced the appointment by the President of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Council for terms of two years:

Senator Ashe, *ex officio*
Senator Mazza
Senator Branagan
Senator Sears

Appointment of Senate Members to Green Mountain Care Board Nominating Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of 18 V.S.A. §9390, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Green Mountain Care Board Nominating Committee, for a term of two years:

Senator Pearson
Senator Lyons

Commission on International Trade and State Sovereignty

Pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. §23(b)(2), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Commission on International Trade and State Sovereignty for a term of two years:

Senator Lyons

Appointment of Senate Members to Joint Rules Committee

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Rules Committee for terms of two years pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule No. 5:

Senator Ashe, *ex officio*
Senator Mazza
Senator Balint
Senator Degree

Appointment of Senate Members to the Joint Committee on Judicial Retention

Pursuant to the provisions of 4 V.S.A. §607, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Committee on Judicial Retention during this biennium:

Senator Nitka
Senator Flory
Senator Benning
Senator Sirotkin

Appointment of Senate Members to Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules

Pursuant to the provisions of 12 V.S.A. §3, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules for terms of two (2) years ending February 1, 2019:

Senator Sears
Senator Balint
Senator Benning
Senator Clarkson

Appointment of Senate Members to Legislative Information Technology Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §751, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Information Technology Committee for the current biennium:

Senator Pearson
Senator Rodgers
Senator Westman
Senator Champion

Appointment of Senate Member to Pre-Kindergarten – 16 Council

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. §2905(b)(5), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Pre-Kindergarten – 16 Council:

Senator Baruth

Appointment of Senate Member to the Access Board

Pursuant to the provisions of 20 V.S.A. §2901, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Access Board for a term of two years:

Senator Flory, *ex officio*

Appointment of Senate Member to Art in State Buildings Advisory Panel

Pursuant to the provisions of 29 V.S.A. §47, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Art in State Buildings Advisory Panel during this biennium:

Senator Branagan

Appointment of Senate Member to New England Board of Higher Education

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 V.S.A. §2731, the President announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the New England Board of Higher Education for a term of six years:

Senator Baruth

Appointment of Senate Member to Governor’s Snowmobile Council

Pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A. §3216, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Governor’s Snowmobile Council for a term of two years:

Senator Kitchel

Appointment of Senate Member to the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board

Pursuant to the provisions of 18 V.S.A. §9504, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board for a term of two years:

Senator Lyons

Appointment of Senate Member to Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Advisory Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §5606, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Advisory Committee:

Senator Brooks

Appointment of Senate Member to the Barre Granite and Ethnic Culture Museum Steering Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 6(a)(7) of No. 233 of the Acts of 1994, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Barre Granite and Ethnic Culture Museum Steering Committee during this biennium:

Senator Flory
Senator Brooks
Senator Pollina
Senator Cummings

Appointment of Senate Members to the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §651, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House for terms of two years:

Senator Rodgers
Senator Flory
Senator Mazza

Message from the House No. 6

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Rebecca Silbernagel, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered concurrent resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

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.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions 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.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution

The following joint concurrent resolution, having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

By Representative Donahue of Northfield,

S.C.R. 2.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were adopted in concurrence:

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

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.

By Rep. Head and others,

H.C.R. 2.

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

By Rep. Hooper and others,

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.

By Rep. Lanpher and others,

H.C.R. 4.

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

By Rep. McCoy,

By Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin,

H.C.R. 5.

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

By Rep. Masland and others,

H.C.R. 6.

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

By Rep. Devereux and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

H.C.R. 7.

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

By Rep. Myers and others,

H.C.R. 8.

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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 8.