

# Journal of the Senate

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## **Devotional Exercises**

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

## **Committee Bills Introduced**

Senate committee bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice tomorrow:

### **S. 99.**

By the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs,

An act relating to authorizing additional tax increment financing districts.

### **S. 100.**

By the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs,

An act relating to promoting affordable and sustainable housing.

## **Bills Introduced**

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

### **S. 101.**

By Senators Rodgers, Branagan, Collamore, Degree and Starr,

An act relating to the conduct of forestry operations.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 102.**

By Senator Pollina,

An act relating to the reduction of postsecondary tuition for Vermont students from families with low and moderate income.

To the Committee on Education.

**S. 103.**

By Senators Lyons, Campion, Ayer, Balint, Bray, Cummings, Ingram, MacDonald, McCormack and Sears,

An act relating to the regulation of toxic substances and hazardous materials.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**S. 104.**

By Senator Mullin,

An act relating to nonresidential improvement fraud.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 105.**

By Senators Pearson, Benning and Sirotkin,

An act relating to consumer justice enforcement.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**Third Reading Ordered****S. 56.**

Senator Cummings, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to life insurance policies and the Vermont Uniform Securities Act.

Reported that the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

**Bill Passed****S. 3.**

Senate bill of the following title:

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An act relating to mental health professionals' duty to warn.

Was read the third time and passed, on a roll call, Yeas 26, Nays 0.

Senator Ashe having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

**Roll Call**

**Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were:** Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Flory, Ingram, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Pearson, Pollina, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, White.

**Those Senators who voted in the negative were:** None.

**Those Senators absent and not voting were:** Balint, Kitchel, Nitka, Rodgers.

**Bill Amended; Bill Passed**

**S. 45.**

Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to providing meals to health care providers at conferences.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senator Ingram moved to amend the bill by adding a Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

**Bill Passed**

**S. 87.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to sexual exploitation of students.

**Joint Senate Resolution Amended; Third Reading Ordered**

**J.R.S. 19.**

Senator Lyons, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution relating to prescription drug pricing.

Reported recommending that the joint resolution be amended in the *third* Resolved clause, by striking out the words “to President Donald Trump,”

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the joint resolution was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the recommendation of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the joint resolution was ordered.

**Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed**

**J.R.S. 17.**

On motion of Senator Sears, the Committee on Judiciary was relieved of further consideration of Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution rescinding the General Assembly’s request, contained in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. R-454, for Congress to convene a U.S. Constitutional Convention,

and the joint resolution was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

**Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed**

**S. 76.**

On motion of Senator White, the Committee on Government Operations was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to property tax appeals,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Finance.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o’clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.