

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Abigail Stockman of Barre.

Message from the House No. 27

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 passed House bills of the following titles:

H. 144. An act relating to the membership of the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel.

H. 171. An act relating to expungement.

H. 297. An act relating to miscellaneous court operations procedures.

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

The House has considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 21. Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of a Chief Justice and three Justices of the Supreme Court and ten Superior Court Judges.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 54. House concurrent resolution in memory of Marilyn Carlson Childs of Chelsea.

H.C.R. 55. House concurrent resolution honoring Wardsboro Town Moderator Robert Backus M.D. for his nearly four decades of exemplary practice of medicine in southern Vermont.

H.C.R. 56. House concurrent resolution remembering the late Grace Weber for her enthusiastic dedication to serving the Town of Weybridge.

H.C.R. 57. House concurrent resolution congratulating the winners of the 2017 Entrepreneurship Education student competition.

H.C.R. 58. House concurrent resolution honoring Michael Arnowitz for his musical contributions to the Vermont artistic scene.

H.C.R. 59. House concurrent resolution in memory of former St. Albans Fire Chief Gary Glendon Palmer of Georgia.

H.C.R. 60. House concurrent resolution in memory of John William Reagan of Wilmington and West Wardsboro.

H.C.R. 61. House concurrent resolution congratulating Madison Cota of Bellows Falls on being named Miss Vermont USA 2017.

H.C.R. 62. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Pownal Town Clerk Rachel Mason.

H.C.R. 63. House concurrent resolution congratulating Nancy Coleman of Woodford on being selected as the 2016 Vermont State School Nurse of the Year.

H.C.R. 64. House concurrent resolution honoring Tunbridge Fire Chief John W. Durkee for 20 years of exemplary leadership.

H.C.R. 65. House concurrent resolution honoring Judy Stratton for her 35 years of exemplary public service as the Shaftsbury Town Clerk.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

S.C.R. 9. Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Jennifer R. Nelson of Ryegate for her exemplary career in public service and agriculture.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Senate Resolution Placed on Calendar

S.R. 8.

Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senator Ashe,

S.R. 8. Senate resolution relating to adoption of a temporary Rule 44A.

Resolved by the Senate:

That a temporary rule, to be designated Rule 44A, be adopted by the Senate, to read as follows:

Rule 44A. (a) Any bill failing to make the crossover dates of March 17, 2017 and March 24, 2017 shall be referred to the Committee on Rules. This provision shall not apply to the following measures:

- (1) The transportation capital bill;
- (2) The capital construction bill
- (3) The general appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”);
- (4) The pay bill;
- (5) The fees bill.

(b) The Rules Committee may report any bills referred to it for reference to another committee of jurisdiction pursuant to Senate Rule 24.

(c) All bills referred to the Committee on Rules and still in the Committee on Rules on the convening of the 2018 adjourned session shall be referred to another committee of jurisdiction pursuant to Senate Rule 24

(d) This Temporary Rule 44A shall expire on the convening of the 2018 adjourned session.

Thereupon, under Rule 34, the resolution was placed on the Calendar for notice.

Committee Bill Introduced

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice the next legislative day:

S. 112.

By the Committee on Judiciary,

An act relating to creating the Spousal Support and Maintenance Task Force.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 113.

By Senators Lyons and Sirotkin,

An act relating to food and lodging establishments.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 114.

By Senators Flory, Collamore, Mullin and Rodgers,

An act relating to the Judicial Nominating Board.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 115.

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

An act relating to new generation on transmission lines subject to curtailment.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 116.

By Senators Pollina, Brooks, Ingram and White,

An act relating to the Racial Justice Oversight Board.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

H. 144.

An act relating to the membership of the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel.

To the Committee on Finance.

H. 171.

An act relating to expungement.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 297.

An act relating to miscellaneous court operations procedures.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bill Passed**S. 31.**

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

An act relating to circulating nurses in hospital operating rooms.

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 Kitchel, Ashe, Benning, Branagan, Brooks, Collamore, Degree, Mazza, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Starr, and Westman,

By Reps. Conquest and others,

S.C.R. 9. Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Jennifer R. Nelson of Ryegate for her exemplary career in public service and agriculture.

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 severally adopted in concurrence:

By Reps. Frenier and others,

H.C.R. 54. House concurrent resolution in memory of Marilyn Carlson Childs of Chelsea.

By Reps. Sabilia and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

H.C.R. 55. House concurrent resolution honoring Wardsboro Town Moderator Robert Backus M.D. for his nearly four decades of exemplary practice of medicine in southern Vermont.

By Rep. Smith,

By Senators Ayer and Bray,

H.C.R. 56. House concurrent resolution remembering the late Grace Weber for her enthusiastic dedication to serving the Town of Weybridge.

By Reps. Jickling and others,

H.C.R. 57. House concurrent resolution congratulating the winners of the 2017 Entrepreneurship Education student competition.

By Reps. Kitzmiller and others,

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

H.C.R. 58. House concurrent resolution honoring Michael Arnowitt for his musical contributions to the Vermont artistic scene.

By Reps. Rosenquist and others,

By Senators Branagan and Degree,

H.C.R. 59. House concurrent resolution in memory of former St. Albans Fire Chief Gary Glendon Palmer of Georgia.

By Reps. Sibia and others,

By Senators Champion, Sears, Balint, and White,

H.C.R. 60. House concurrent resolution in memory of John William Reagan of Wilmington and West Wardsboro.

By Reps. Partridge and others,

H.C.R. 61. House concurrent resolution congratulating Madison Cota of Bellows Falls on being named Miss Vermont USA 2017.

By Reps. Botzow and others,

By Senators Champion and Sears,

H.C.R. 62. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Pownal Town Clerk Rachel Mason.

By Reps. Botzow and others,

By Senators Champion and Sears,

H.C.R. 63. House concurrent resolution congratulating Nancy Coleman of Woodford on being selected as the 2016 Vermont State School Nurse of the Year.

By Rep. Ainsworth,

H.C.R. 64. House concurrent resolution honoring Tunbridge Fire Chief John W. Durkee for 20 years of exemplary leadership.

By Representative Miller,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

H.C.R. 65. House concurrent resolution honoring Judy Stratton for her 35 years of exemplary public service as the Shaftsbury Town Clerk.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 5.