

Journal of the Senate of the STATE OF VERMONT ADJOURNED SESSION, 2018

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

Pursuant to the provisions of the 2017 final adjournment joint resolution of the two Houses (J.R.S. 35), the Senate convened at the State House at Montpelier, on Wednesday, the third day of January, two thousand eighteen.

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor David E. Zuckerman.

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.

Resignation of Senator

The following communication was received by the Secretary from the Honorable Dustin Allard Degree, Senator from Franklin District, notifying the Senate of his resignation from the Senate, which letter is as follows:

November 14, 2017

Honorable Philip B. Scott
Governor of the State of Vermont
State House
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

Dear Governor Scott:

It has been a privilege and an honor to represent the people of Franklin County and Alburgh in the Vermont State Senate.

At this time, I'm pleased to accept the appointment of Special Assistant to the Governor and Director of Workforce Expansion and hereby resign my seat in the Senate effective November 15, 2017.

I look forward to working together to meet the challenges ahead for our brave little state of Vermont.

Humbly,

/s/ Dustin Allard Degree

Dustin Allard Degree
State Senator
Franklin District

Cc: David E. Zuckerman, Lieutenant Governor
Tim Ashe, President *Pro Tempore*
John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.

Appointment Journalized

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from His Excellency, the Honorable Philip B. Scott, Governor of the State of Vermont, relating to the appointment of a new Senator from the District of Franklin, which was ordered entered in the Journal, and is as follows:

“State of Vermont
Executive Department
Montpelier

December 27, 2017

The Honorable David E. Zuckerman
President
Vermont State Senate
State House
Montpelier, VT 05633-5501

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed

RANDOLPH D. BROCK

of 2396 Highgate Road, St. Albans, to serve the unexpired term of Dustin A. Degree, Senator from Franklin District.

Sincerely,

/s/ Philip B. Scott

Philip B. Scott
Governor”

Oath Administered; New Senator Seated

Thereupon, the Senate-appointee, Randolph D. Brock, was escorted to the bar of the Senate by Senator Balint of Windham District, Senator Benning of Caledonia District, Senator MacDonald of Orange District and Senator Branagan of Franklin District, and took and subscribed the oath of office required by the Constitution from the Secretary of the Senate, John H. Bloomer, Jr.

The new Senator then took his seat and assumed his legislative duties.

Standing Committees Realigned

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, and as a result of the resignation of Senator Kevin J. Mullin and Senator Dustin Allard Degree and subsequent replacement by Senator David J. Soucy and Senator Randolph D. Brock, reported realignments and new appointments for five of the standing committees, as follows:

Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs

Senator Sirotkin, Chair
Clarkson, Vice-Chair
Baruth
Balint
Soucy

Education

Senator Baruth, Chair
Balint, Vice-Chair
Benning
Bray
Ingram, Clerk
Branagan

Finance

Senator Cummings, Chair
MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Clerk
Lyons
Pollina

Sirotkin
Campion
Brock

Institutions

Senator Flory, Chair
Rodgers, Vice-Chair
Mazza
[Branagan, Clerk]
Brooks
Soucy

Transportation

Senator Mazza, Chair
Westman, Vice-Chair
Kitchel, Clerk
Flory
Brock

Joint Senate Resolutions Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolutions of the following titles were severally offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and are as follows:

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 36. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the State-of-the-State message from the Governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at two o'clock in the afternoon to receive the State-of-the-State message from the Governor.

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 37. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 2, 2018, or Saturday, March 3, 2018, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 38. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 5, 2018, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

**Message from the Governor
Appointments Referred**

A message was received from the Governor, by Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Roisman, Anthony Z. of Weathersfield - Chair of the Public Service Board, - from June 12, 2017, to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Finance.

Gentile, Betsy of Brattleboro - Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, - from June 26, 2017, to March 31, 2021.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Horn, Patricia of Windsor - Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, - from June 6, 2017, to March 31, 2021.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Keane, Michael of Bennington - Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, - from June 26, 2017, to March 31, 2021.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Smith, Rachel of St. Albans - Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, - from June 26, 2017, to March 31, 2021.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Leavitt, Thomas S. of Waterbury Center - Commissioner of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, - from July 5, 2017, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Finance.

Greshin, Adam of Warren - Commissioner of the Finance and Management, Department of, - from July 10, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Jagielski, Tom of Grand Isle - Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board, - from July 12, 2017, to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Morrissey, Jeanne A. of Richmond - Commissioner of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, - from July 12, 2017, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Finance.

Clifford, Eric of Starksboro - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future, - from July 18, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Fisher, Lori of Williston - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future, - from July 18, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

George, Dean of Middlebury - Chair of the Parole Board, - from July 18, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Elliot, Wayne of Essex Jct. - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future, - from July 18, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Wennberg, Jeff of Rutland - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future, - from July 18, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Benoit, John of Barre - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board, - from August 5, 2017, to June 30, 2020.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

DeMag, Alison of South Burlington - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission, - from August 5, 2017, to June 30, 2020.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Fitzhugh, John of West Berlin - Member of the Libraries, Board of, - from August 5, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Education.

Frank, Thomas of Milton - Member of the Libraries, Board of, - from August 5, 2017, to February 28, 2021.

To the Committee on Education.

Fuller, Devin of Brandon - Member of the Liquor Control Board, - from August 20, 2017, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Grassi, Richard of White River Jct. - Member of the Parole Board, - from August 5, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Hayward, Timothy of North Middlesex - Member of the Transportation Board, - from July 26, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Mears, David of Montpelier - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future, - from May 17, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Metz, Janet of Jericho - Member of the Employment Security Board, - from August 5, 2017, to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

McKenzie, Mary Alice of Burlington - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission, - from August 5, 2017, to June 30, 2020.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Thomas, Brian of Shrewsbury - Member of the Plumbers' Examining Board, - from August 5, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Torres, Lars of Montpelier - Member of the Libraries, Board of, - from August 5, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Education.

Hayward, Susan of North Middlesex - Member of the Capitol Complex Commission, - from September 6, 2017, to October 31, 2019.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Jefferson, Shirley of South Royalton - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission, - from September 6, 2017, to June 30, 2021.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Pallito, Patti of Richmond - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission, - from September 6, 2017, to June 30, 2021.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Shouldice, Heather of Montpelier - Chair of the Capitol Complex Commission, - from September 6, 2017, to October 31, 2019.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Boyde, Glenn O. of Colchester - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission, - from September 6, 2017, to June 30, 2021.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Beck, Callahan Sandra of St. Johnsbury - Member of the State Board of Education, - from September 20, 2017, to June 30, 2019.

To the Committee on Education.

Ewins, Regine S. of Charlotte - Member of the Libraries, Board of, - from October 2, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Education.

Feldman, Rachel of Middlesex - Member of the Capitol Complex Commission, - from October 2, 2017, to February 28, 2018.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Nesbitt, Thomas of Waterbury Center - Member of the Plumbers' Examining Board, - from October 2, 2017, to February 28, 2021.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Beardsley, Thomas of Waterbury - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board, - from October 12, 2017, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Calfee, Alan of Dorset - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board, - from October 12, 2017, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Howrigan, Jr., Harold of Sheldon - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board, - from October 12, 2017, to January 31, 2018.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Kittell, Dana of East Fairfield - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, - from October 12, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

To the Committee on Finance.

McClain, John of Bethel - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board, - from October 12, 2017, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Shields, Bruce of Wolcott - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board, - from October 12, 2017, to January 31, 2018.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Viens, Randy of Georgia - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board, - from October 12, 2017, to January 31, 2019.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Pelham, Tom of Berlin - Member of the Green Mountain Care Board, - from November 3, 2017, to September 30, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Lorman, Joseph M. of Rutland - Magistrate of the Family Court, - from November 6, 2017, to March 31, 2023.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bullock, Frederick of Rockingham - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board, - from November 9, 2017, to February 28, 2022.

To the Committee on Finance.

Flory, Al of Barre - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board, - from November 9, 2017, to February 28, 2022.

To the Committee on Finance.

Hood, Peter of Middlesex - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board, - from November 9, 2017, to February 28, 2022.

To the Committee on Finance.

Treadwell, John R. of Burlington - Superior Judge, - from November 17, 2017, to March 31, 2018.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Fraser, Richard of South Ryegate - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board, - from November 21, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Education.

Luce, David of Waterbury - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board, - from November 21, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Education.

Weinstein, Heather of Montpelier - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board, - from November 21, 2017, to February 29, 2020.

To the Committee on Education.

Mock, Casey of Burlington - Executive Director of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, - from November 27, 2017, to March 31, 2019.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Bolton, Margaret of Addison - Member of the Health, State Board of, - from December 5, 2017, to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Hulbert, Beth of Barre - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board, - from December 5, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Education.

Simpson, Robert of Burlington - Chair of the Health, State Board of, - from December 5, 2017, to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Troiano, Jo Ann of Montpelier - Member of the Vermont State Housing Authority, - from December 5, 2017, to February 28, 2022.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Bills Referred

Pursuant to Temporary Rule 44A the following bills having failed to meet cross-over and being referred to the Committee on Rules are hereby referred to their respective committees of jurisdiction:

H. 75. An act relating to the Government Accountability Committee and the State Outcomes Report.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 150. An act relating to parole eligibility.

To the Committee on Institutions.

H. 170. An act relating to possession and cultivation of marijuana by a person 21 years of age or older.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 196. An act relating to paid family leave.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

H. 197. An act relating to mental health parity for workers' compensation.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

H. 233. An act relating to protecting working forests and habitat.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 333. An act relating to identification of gender-free restrooms in public buildings and places of public accommodation.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

H. 368. An act relating to creating two temporary, part-time cold case investigator positions.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 492. An act relating to the Racial Justice Oversight Board.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 514. An act relating to elections corrections.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 526. An act relating to regulating notaries public.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 523. An act relating to fair and impartial policing.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

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. 149.

By the Committee on Institutions,

An act relating to the authority of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation to enter into land transactions.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 150.

By Senators Ashe, Benning, Nitka, Sears and White,

An act relating to automated license plate recognition systems.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 151.

By Senator Benning,

An act relating to autocycles.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 152.

By Senator Benning,

An act relating to an endorsement for three-wheeled motorcycles.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 153.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to the energy transformation category of the Renewable Energy Standard.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 154.

By Senators Sears and Champion,

An act relating to exempting trailers in storage from the property tax.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 155.

By Senator Rodgers,
An act relating to wrecker rotation lists.
To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 156.

By Senator Sirotkin,
An act relating to protecting Vermont consumer data.
To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 157.

By Senator Benning,
An act relating to labor relations for teachers and administrators.
To the Committee on Education.

S. 158.

By Senator Sears,
An act relating to the Child Protection Registry.
To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 159.

By Senator Sears,
An act relating to the evidentiary rules governing proceedings concerning a child or person with a psychiatric, intellectual, or developmental disability who is a victim of an offense involving bodily injury or serious bodily injury.
To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 160.

By Senator Benning,
An act relating to public access to labor negotiations for teachers and administrators.
To the Committee on Education.

S. 161.

By Senator Ashe,
An act relating to alternatives to animal testing.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 162.

By Senator White,

An act relating to services for individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 163.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to creation of a multistate public pharmacy benefit management program.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 164.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to establishing the Unused Prescription Drug Repository Program.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 165.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to preemployment health screenings for hospital employees.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 166.

By Senators Ashe, Ayer and Sears,

An act relating to the provision of medication-assisted treatment for inmates.

To the Committee on Institutions.

S. 167.

By Senator Sirotkin,

An act relating to rulemaking on matters of de minimis importance.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 168.

By Senator Benning,

An act relating to employment protection for volunteer emergency responders.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 169.

By Senator Ingram,

An act relating to nonresident clergy authorized to solemnize marriages.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 170.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to motor vehicle inspections.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 171.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to setbacks and noise limits for wind generation facilities.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 172.

By Senator Sirotkin,

An act relating to mandamus actions.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 173.

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to sealing criminal history records when there is no conviction.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 174.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to the Exchange special enrollment period for pregnancy.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 175.

By Senators Ashe, Ayer, Lyons, Pearson and Sirotkin,

An act relating to the wholesale importation of prescription drugs into Vermont, bulk purchasing, and the impact of prescription drug costs on health insurance premiums.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 176.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to the definition of the term plant used for renewable energy programs.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 177.

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to lowering the rate of increase for mobile home lot rents.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 178.

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to limiting compensation for employees of nonprofit organizations that receive State funding.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 179.

By Senator Benning,

An act relating to community justice centers.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 180.

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to the Vermont Fair Repair Act.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 181.

By Senator Cummings,

An act relating to creating a flat homestead exemption for the purpose of the statewide education property tax and eliminating homestead property tax income sensitivity adjustments.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 182.

By Senators Clarkson and White,

An act relating to the investment authority of municipal trustees of public funds.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 183.

By Senators Ingram, Baruth and Branagan,

An act relating to the eligibility of students attending approved independent schools that are parochial schools to be eligible for dual enrollment courses.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 184.

By Senator Clarkson,

An act relating to creating the Department of Liquor and Lottery and the Board of Liquor and Lottery.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 185.

By Senator Cummings,

An act relating to returning unused property tax adjustment funds to the Education Fund.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 186.

By Senator Campion,

An act relating to establishing a legislative study committee to examine the feasibility of ending the observance of Daylight Saving Time in Vermont.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 187.

By Senator Champion,

An act relating to eligibility of agricultural land for use value appraisal.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 188.

By Senator Champion,

An act relating to commercial feed and agricultural fertilizer.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 189.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to beer and wine franchises.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 190.

By Senators Sears and Champion,

An act relating to creating the Vermont 250th Commission.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 191.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to current use property taxation.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 192.

By Senator White,

An act relating to transferring the professional regulation of law enforcement officers from the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council to the Office of Professional Regulation.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 193.

By Senator Starr,

An act relating to motor vehicle inspections.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 194.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

An act relating to transportation of hazardous materials and emergency management.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 195.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to the Vermont National Guard Educational Assistance Program.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 196.

By Senator Branagan,

An act relating to registration of bicycles.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 197.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

An act relating to liability for toxic substance exposures or releases.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 198.

By Senator White,

An act relating to a plan to elevate the Department of Public Safety to the Agency of Public Safety.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 199.

By Senator Sirotkin,

An act relating to a statutory definition of the term arbitrary.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 200.

By Senator Campion,

An act relating to the phased-in exemption from State income taxation of Social Security payments for certain taxpayers.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 201.

By Senator Ingram,

An act relating to modifying the renter rebate program.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 202.

By Senator Branagan,

An act relating to educational requirements for child care providers.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 203.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to systemic improvements of the mental health system.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 204.

By Senators Lyons, Sirotkin and Ayer,

An act relating to the registration of short-term rentals.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 205.

By Senators Balint and White,

An act relating to workers' compensation for providers of homemaker and companion services.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 206.

By Senators Pearson, Sears and Sirotkin,

An act relating to business consumer protection for point-of-sale equipment leases.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 207.

By Senators Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Bray, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Cummings, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr and White,

An act relating to eliminating fees for placing or removing a credit freeze.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 208.

By Senators Ingram, Lyons, Pearson and Starr,

An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 209.

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to the admissibility of a child's hearsay statements in a proceeding before the Human Services Board.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 210.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to establishing noise standards for projects subject to State permits for air pollution control and land use.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 211.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to explanation of advance directives and treating clinicians who may sign a DNR/COLST.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 212.

By Senators Lyons, Ayer, Balint and White,

An act relating to requiring a health care professional on the Green Mountain Care Board.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 213.

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to requiring rank choice voting for military or overseas voters in presidential primaries.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 214.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to protecting land at interstate interchanges and protecting settlement patterns.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 215.

By Senator Branagan,

An act relating to prohibiting the use of the pesticides chlorpyrifos and dicamba.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 216.

By Senators Sears and Ashe,

An act relating to the administration of Vermont's Medical Marijuana Registry.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 217.

By Senator Flory,

An act relating to the role of independent, State-licensed adoption agencies in CHINS proceedings.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 218.

By Senators Champion, Ayer and Lyons,

An act relating to public access to nutrient management plans.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 219.

By Senator Champion,

An act relating to the accumulation of microplastics in the waters and environment of the State.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 220.

By Senator Champion,

An act relating to administration and enforcement of agricultural water quality violations.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 221.

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to establishing extreme risk protection orders.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 222.

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to technical amendments to civil and criminal procedure statutes.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 223.

By Senator Starr,

An act relating to the administration of intravenous prescription drugs to cancer patients through local physician practices.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 224.

By Senators Sirotkin and Ashe,

An act relating to co-payment limits for visits to chiropractors.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 225.

By Senators Lyons, Ayer and Sirotkin,

An act relating to access to Vermont Prescription Monitoring System data by academic researchers and coverage by commercial health insurers for costs associated with medication-assisted treatment.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 226.

By Senator Benning,

An act relating to the phased-in exemption from State income taxation of military retirement pay.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 227.

By Senators Soucy, Collamore and Flory,

An act relating to Vermont's motor vehicle emissions inspection program.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 228.

By Senator Flory,

An act relating to reducing points assessed against a person's driving record following driver retraining.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 229.

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to State Board of Education approval of independent schools.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 230.

By Senator MacDonald,

An act relating to allocation of the energy efficiency charge among customer classes.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 231.

By Senators Pollina and Pearson,

An act relating to the creation of a tuition-free scholarship program for Vermont students.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 232.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the interstate Nurse Licensure Compact.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 233.

By Senators Nitka and Clarkson,

An act relating to increasing gradually the mandatory age of school attendance.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 234.

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to juvenile justice.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 235.

By Senator Branagan,

An act relating to an income tax credit for home child care.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 236.

By Senators Clarkson and Nitka,

An act relating to compensation for on-call employees.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 237.

By Senators Ingram, Balint, Lyons and Pollina,

An act relating to providing representation to needy persons concerning immigration matters.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 238.

By Senators Baruth and Pearson,

An act relating to collective bargaining.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 239.

By Senator Soucy,

An act relating to permitting unlicensed manual labor assistance to plumbers.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 240.

By Senator Branagan,

An act relating to eliminating the information regarding spouses and domestic partners from candidate and Ethics Commission disclosure forms.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 241.

By Senator White,

An act relating to the makeup and duties of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 242.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 243.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to the Board of Medical Practice and reporting of professional disciplinary actions.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 244.

By Senators Sears and White,

An act relating to repealing the guidelines for spousal maintenance awards.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 245.

By Senator Collamore,

An act relating to the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive Program and economic development.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 246.

By Senator Nitka,

An act relating to traffic-control devices and evidentiary presumptions.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 247.

By Senator Flory,

An act relating to enforcement of motor vehicle overweight laws.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 248.

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to the public financing of campaigns.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 249.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to special investigative unit funding.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 250.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to the public notice required for aquatic nuisance control permits.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 251.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to the use of formaldehyde in cosmetics.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 252.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to municipal and regional land use planning and electric generation siting.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 253.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 254.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to subsurface tile drainage.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 255.

By Senator Starr,

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 256.

By Senator Starr,

An act relating to limiting additional TIF districts.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 257.

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to education law.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 258.

By Senators Bray and Lyons,

An act relating to disclosure of biodiesel content in heating oil.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 259.

By Senators Bray, Clarkson, Lyons and MacDonald,

An act relating to establishing a community energy program.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 260.

By Senators Bray, Lyons and Clarkson,

An act relating to funding the cleanup of State waters.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 261.

By Senators Lyons, Balint and Soucy,

An act relating to mitigating trauma and toxic stress during childhood by strengthening child and family resilience.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 262.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the Medicaid program and the Department of Vermont Health Access.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 263.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to delegation to members, officers, and employees of the Green Mountain Care Board.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 264.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to the Green Mountain Care Board's expenditure analysis and health care spending estimate.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 265.

By Senator Clarkson,

An act relating to workforce development.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 266.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to presuit mediation of disputes related to access to landlocked property.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 267.

By Senator Flory,

An act relating to timing of a decree nisi in a divorce proceeding.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 268.

By Senators Baruth, Ingram, Pearson and Sirotkin,

An act relating to the right to have an abortion.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 269.

By Senator Clarkson,

An act relating to blockchain, cryptocurrency, and financial technology.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 270.

By Senators Bray, Clarkson, Lyons and MacDonald,

An act relating to the preparation of a fiscal note on any bill that creates an electric, thermal, or transportation measure that results in changes to carbon emissions.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 271.

By Senators Bray, Clarkson, Lyons, MacDonald and Sirotkin,

An act relating to electric vehicles.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 272.

By Senators Mazza and Westman,

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to motor vehicles and motorboats.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 273.

By Senators White, Ayer and Clarkson,

An act relating to miscellaneous law enforcement amendments.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 274.

By Senator Bray,

An act relating to the taxation of utility lines in Lake Champlain.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 275.

By Senators Clarkson, Balint, Branagan and Ingram,

An act relating to equal pay.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 276.

By Senators Starr, Branagan, Brooks and Collamore,

An act relating to rural economic development.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 277.

By Senators Ayer and Ashe,

An act relating to certificates of need and to replacing the Health Resource Allocation Plan.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 278.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to regulation of ambulatory surgical centers.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 279.

By Senators Lyons, Balint and Branagan,

An act relating to radon testing in schools.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 280.

By Senator Ingram,

An act relating to the Child Poverty Advisory Council.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 281.

By Senator Ingram,

An act relating to the Systemic Racism Mitigation Oversight and Equity Review Board.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 282.

By Senator Ayer,

An act relating to health care providers participating in Vermont's Medicaid program.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 283.

By Senator Clarkson,

An act relating to establishing the Department of Long-Term Care.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 284.

By Senators Pearson and Clarkson,

An act relating to a carbon charge that is refunded on electric bills.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 285.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to universal recycling requirements.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 286.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to establishing a federally compliant industrial hemp pilot program.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

S. 287.

By Senator Rodgers,

An act relating to universal recycling requirements.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 288.

By Senator Bray,

An act relating to third-party access to customer energy use data.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 289.

By Senators Lyons, Sirotkin and Ashe,

An act relating to the Vermont Broadband Internet Privacy Act.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 290.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to hospital budgets and reinvesting hospital budget surpluses in social determinants of health.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 291.

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

An act relating to the annual town meeting of the unified towns and gores of Essex County and to the appraisers and supervisors of all unorganized towns and gores.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 292.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to the tax on distilled spirits.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 293.

By Senator Sirotkin,

An act relating to emergency rule amendments.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Consideration Postponed

Senate bill entitled:

S. 22.

An act relating to eliminating penalties for possession of limited amounts of marijuana by adults 21 years of age and older.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending consideration of the Governor's veto, Senator Ashe moved that consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday, January 9, 2018, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock and fifty-five in the afternoon on Thursday, January 4, 2018.