

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Standing Committee Realigned

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, and as a result of the resignation of Senator Dustin Allard Degree reported realignment of the following standing committee, as follows:

Rules

Senator Ashe, Chair
Mazza, Vice-Chair
Balint
MacDonald
Benning

Appointment of Senate Member to Joint Rules Committee

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Joint Rules Committee:

Senator Benning

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 39.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senator Kitchel,

J.R.S. 39. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at one o'clock in the afternoon to receive the budget message of the Governor.

Third Reading Ordered**S. 149.**

Senate committee bill entitled:

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

Having appeared on the Calendar for notice for one day, was taken up.

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

Committees Relieved of Further Consideration; Bills Committed**S. 216.**

On motion of Senator Ayer, the Committee on Health and Welfare was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

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

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 276.

On motion of Senator Campion, the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to rural economic development,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Agriculture.

Message from the House No. 1

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 Senate proposal of amendment to House bill of the following title:

H. 511. An act relating to highway safety.

And has severally concurred therein with a further proposal of amendment thereto, in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

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

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

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

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

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

H.C.R. 198. House concurrent resolution honoring Jane Williamson for her exemplary administrative and curatorial leadership of the Rokeby Museum.

H.C.R. 199. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Russian author, historian, and former Cavendish resident Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn.

H.C.R. 200. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Otter Valley Union High School Otters Division II championship baseball team.

H.C.R. 201. House concurrent resolution congratulating Linda Cloutier-Namdar on being selected as the 2018 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

H.C.R. 202. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets championship girls' volleyball team.

H.C.R. 203. House concurrent resolution congratulating Drake Hull of Rutland on winning the Vermont Golf Association's 2017 Vermont Amateur Golf Championship.

H.C.R. 204. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' soccer team.

H.C.R. 205. House concurrent resolution designating Saturday, June 2, 2018 as Neighbors Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 206. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' cross-country team.

H.C.R. 207. House concurrent resolution in memory of Georgia Selectboard Chair Christopher M. Letourneau.

H.C.R. 208. House concurrent resolution in memory of Kenneth Paul Bonin of Georgia.

H.C.R. 209. House concurrent resolution in memory of Paj Wadley-Bailey of Montpelier.

H.C.R. 210. House concurrent resolution in memory of Sandra Lee Casey.

H.C.R. 211. House concurrent resolution honoring Terri Hallenbeck for her skill and integrity as a great journalist.

H.C.R. 212. House concurrent resolution honoring Francis Favreau for his extraordinary contributions to the civic, health care, and religious institutions of Morristown.

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

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

S.C.R. 19. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Vermont outdoor advertising law of 1968.

S.C.R. 20. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Edward Knox LeClair for his outstanding service as executive director of Circus Smirkus.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Senate 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 on the part of the Senate:

By Senator Baruth,

S.C.R. 19.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Vermont outdoor advertising law of 1968.

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

By Reprs. Strong and Young,

S.C.R. 20.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Edward Knox LeClair for his outstanding service as executive director of Circus Smirkus.

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By Reprs. Lanpher and others,

H.C.R. 198.

House concurrent resolution honoring Jane Williamson for her exemplary administrative and curatorial leadership of the Rokeby Museum.

By Rep. Christensen,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack and Nitka,

H.C.R. 199.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Russian author, historian, and former Cavendish resident Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn.

By Reps. Shaw and Carr,

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Soucy,

H.C.R. 200.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Otter Valley Union High School Otters Division II championship baseball team.

By Reps. Myers and others,

H.C.R. 201.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Linda Cloutier-Namdar on being selected as the 2018 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

By Reps. Myers and others,

H.C.R. 202.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets championship girls' volleyball team.

By Rep. Juskiewicz,

H.C.R. 203.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Drake Hull of Rutland on winning the Vermont Golf Association's 2017 Vermont Amateur Golf Championship.

By Reps. Masland and Briglin,

By Senators MacDonald, Clarkson, McCormack and Nitka,

H.C.R. 204.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' soccer team.

By Reps. Houghton and Giambatista,

H.C.R. 205.

House concurrent resolution designating Saturday, June 2, 2018 as Neighbors Day in Vermont.

By Reps. Myers and others,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' cross-country team.

By Rep. Rosenquist,

By Senator Branagan,

H.C.R. 207.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Georgia Selectboard Chair Christopher M. Letourneau.

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H.C.R. 208.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Kenneth Paul Bonin of Georgia.

By Reps. Cina and others,

By Senators Brooks, Cummings, Pearson and Pollina,

H.C.R. 209.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Pajj Wadley-Bailey of Montpelier.

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 210.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Sandra Lee Casey.

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House concurrent resolution honoring Terri Hallenbeck for her skill and integrity as a great journalist.

By Reps. Yacovone and Nolan,

H.C.R. 212.

House concurrent resolution honoring Francis Favreau for his extraordinary contributions to the civic, health care, and religious institutions of Morristown.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 38.