

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Chris Autry of Barre.

House Proposals of Amendment to Senate Proposal of Amendment Concurred In

H. 511.

House proposals of amendment to Senate proposal of amendment to House bill entitled:

An act relating to highway safety.

Were taken up.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the Senate proposal of amendment as follows:

First: In Sec. 17 in the section heading by striking out the following: “; MARIJUANA REGULATORY COMMISSION” and by striking out the subsection designation “(a)”

Second: In Sec. 17, subdivision (6), after the period by inserting the following:

The Governor’s Marijuana Advisory Commission, as provided in Executive Order No. 15-17, has been directed to report on such a system on or before December 15, 2018.

Third: In Sec. 17 by striking out subsections (b) through (j) in their entirety.

Fourth: Sec. 7, 18 V.S.A. § 4230e(b)(1)(A), before the word “consent” by inserting the word “written”

Thereupon, the question, Shall the Senate concur in the House proposals of amendment to the Senate proposal of amendment?, was decided in the affirmative.

Appointments Confirmed

The following Gubernatorial appointments were confirmed separately by the Senate, upon full reports given by the Committees to which they were referred:

The nomination of

Mullin, Kevin J. of Rutland - Chair, Green Mountain Care Board – May 24, 2017, to September 30, 2018.

Was confirmed by the Senate on a roll call Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Senator Collamore 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, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Soucy, Westman, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: None.

Those Senators absent and not voting were: Starr.

The nomination of

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

Was confirmed by the Senate.

The nomination of

Usifer, Maureen K. of Colchester - Member, Green Mountain Care Board - May 24, 2017, to September 30, 2021.

Was confirmed by the Senate.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed**S. 19.**

On motion of Senator Cummings, the Committee on Finance was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to preserving the out-of-pocket limit for prescription drugs in bronze-level Exchange plans,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Message from the House No. 2

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 joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

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

J.R.S. 40. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, January 11, 2018.