

# Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Thomas Harty of Bethel.

## Rules Suspended; Bill Committed

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Ingram the rules were suspended and Senate bill entitled:

**S. 19.** An act relating to preserving the out-of-pocket limit for prescription drugs in bronze-level Exchange plans.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Health and Welfare, Senator Ingram moved that Senate Rule 49 be suspended in order to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with the report of the Committee on Health and Welfare *intact*,

Which was agreed to.

## Bills Introduced

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

### S. 294.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to an income tax deduction for home modifications required by a disability or physical hardship.

To the Committee on Finance.

### S. 295.

By Senator MacDonald,

An act relating to fencing along limited access facilities.

To the Committee on Transportation.

**S. 296.**

By Senator MacDonald,

An act relating to the Automated Vehicle Inspection Program.

To the Committee on Transportation.

**Bill Passed****S. 267.**

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

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

**Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered****S. 169.**

Senator Collamore, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to nonresident clergy authorized to solemnize marriages.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 18 V.S.A. § 5144 (persons authorized to solemnize marriage), in subdivision (a)(1), following “or an individual who has registered as” by striking out “an” and inserting in lieu thereof a temporary

Second: By striking out in its entirety Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. § 5144a (temporary officiant for marriages), and inserting in lieu thereof [Deleted.]

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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

**Message from the House No. 3**

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 adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 213.** House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 214.** House concurrent resolution honoring former Essex Police Chief Bradley LaRose for his exemplary public service.

**H.C.R. 215.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team.

**H.C.R. 216.** House concurrent resolution in memory of Richard J. McGrath of Georgia.

**H.C.R. 217.** House concurrent resolution congratulating St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343 on its centennial anniversary.

**H.C.R. 218.** House concurrent resolution honoring Detective Richard Werner for his 30 years of service in law enforcement.

**H.C.R. 219.** House concurrent resolution congratulating renowned painter Wolf Kahn on his 90th birthday.

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

#### **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. Head and others,

#### **H.C.R. 213.**

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House.

By Reps. Myers and others,

#### **H.C.R. 214.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Essex Police Chief Bradley LaRose for his exemplary public service.

By Reps. Turner and Mattos,

#### **H.C.R. 215.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team.

By Reps. Rosenquist and others,

#### **H.C.R. 216.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Richard J. McGrath of Georgia.

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By Reps. Toll and others,

By Senators Benning, Kitchel, Rodgers and Starr,

**H.C.R. 217.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343 on its centennial anniversary.

By Reps. Sabilia and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

**H.C.R. 218.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Detective Richard Werner for his 30 years of service in law enforcement.

By Reps. Stuart and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

**H.C.R. 219.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating renowned painter Wolf Kahn on his 90th birthday.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 12, 2018, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 40.