

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

In the absence of the President (who was Acting Governor in the absence of the Governor) the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 4

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 a House bill of the following title:

H. 593. An act relating to miscellaneous consumer protection provisions.

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. 41. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Message from the House No. 5

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 a House bill of the following title:

H. 554. An act relating to the regulation of dams.

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

The House has adopted joint resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 220. House concurrent resolution honoring former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice.

H.C.R. 221. House concurrent resolution designating January 2018 as School Board Recognition Month.

H.C.R. 222. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship football team.

H.C.R. 223. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves Division I championship boys' soccer team.

H.C.R. 224. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves on their three-peat Division I field hockey championship.

H.C.R. 225. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division III championship field hockey team.

H.C.R. 226. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' golf team.

H.C.R. 227. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division II championship field hockey team.

H.C.R. 228. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Lake Region Union High School Rangers Division II championship boys' soccer team.

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

Bills Referred

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

H. 554.

An act relating to the regulation of dams.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 593.

An act relating to miscellaneous consumer protection provisions.

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

Bill Passed**S. 19.**

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

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

Point of Personal Privilege

During announcements on a Point of Personal Privilege, Senator Sears addressed the Chair, and on motion of Senator Baruth, his remarks were ordered enter in the Journal, and are as follows:

“Mr. President:

“I rise on a point of personal privilege. Yesterday I found a report from the Pew Center regarding national rates for prison and crime from 2008 to 2016. Given the work of this body and this Legislature in the areas of justice reinvestment, war on recidivism, pretrial services and now juvenile justice reform, I'm pleased to announce that Vermont was Number 1. During this period we reduced our prison population by 33 percent and our crime rate by 31 percent. Alaska had a higher drop in prison rate, 35 percent, but they saw a crime rate increase of 16 percent. So given both factors, Vermont was Number 1. When we hear talk about prison reform and other things, we have been doing this since 2008. Quite frankly, the rewards are now hitting us, in not only the lives that have been impacted and the crime that hasn't occurred but, also, the money the State has saved in prison costs are dramatic. We will continue to fight. I just thought we should take a moment to reflect on some good news because we very rarely do that in this body. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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. Lanpher and others,

By Senators Ayer and Bray,

H.C.R. 220.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice.

By Reps. Lalonde and others,

H.C.R. 221.

House concurrent resolution designating January 2018 as School Board Recognition Month.

By Reps. Canfield and others,

By Senators Collamore, Flory, Soucy, Ayer and Bray,

H.C.R. 222.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship football team.

By Reps. Lalonde and others,

H.C.R. 223.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves Division I championship boys' soccer team.

By Reps. Lalonde and others,

H.C.R. 224.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 South Burlington High School Wolves on their three-peat Division I field hockey championship.

By Reps. Lawrence and Feltus,

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

H.C.R. 225.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division III championship field hockey team.

By Reps. Myers and others,

H.C.R. 226.

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

By Reps. Partridge and Trieber,

H.C.R. 227.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division II championship field hockey team.

By Reps. Young and others,

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

H.C.R. 228.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Lake Region Union High School Rangers Division II championship boys' soccer team.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 41.