

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend John H. D. Lucy of Waterbury Center.

Message from the Governor

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

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the twentieth day of February, 2018, he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 19. An act relating to allowing silver-level nonqualified health benefit plans to be offered outside the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.

Message from the House No. 19

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 House bills of the following titles:

H. 294. An act relating to inquiries about an applicant's salary history.

H. 624. An act relating to the protection of information in the statewide voter checklist.

H. 673. An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the Reach Up program.

H. 764. An act relating to data brokers and consumer protection.

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

**Message from the Governor
Appointment Referred**

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

Barra, David A. of Essex Junction - Superior Judge, - from February 21, 2018, to March 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar

J.R.S. 50.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senator Nitka,

J.R.S. 50. Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of one Superior Judge and one Magistrate.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to vote on the retention of one Superior Judge and one Magistrate. In case the vote to retain said Judge and Magistrate shall not be made on that day, the two Houses shall meet in Joint Assembly at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon on each succeeding day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed until the above is completed.

Thereupon, in the discretion of the President, under Rule 51, the joint resolution was placed on the Calendar for action tomorrow.

Bills Referred

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

H. 294.

An act relating to inquiries about an applicant's salary history.

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

H. 624.

An act relating to the protection of information in the statewide voter checklist.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

H. 673.

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the Reach Up program.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. 764.

An act relating to data brokers and consumer protection.

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

Third Reading Ordered**J.R.S. 48.**

Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation to amend the Department's lease with the Stowe Mountain Resort and to amend a conservation easement in the Town of Plymouth.

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

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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 22, 2018.