

# Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

At one o'clock in the afternoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miriam Edele, Early College Program at CCV, Franklin, VT.

## Communication from the Governor

January 23, 2019

The Honorable Mitzi Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
115 State Street, Drawer 33  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Dear Speaker Johnson:

I have the great honor to inform you that I have appointed Dr. Harold (Hal) Colston, 20 West Canal Street #214, Winooski, VT 05404, to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Chittenden-6-7, vacated by former Representative Clem Bissonnette.

Sincerely,

/s/ Philip B. Scott  
Governor

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C: James Condos, Secretary of State  
William MaGill, Clerk of the House

## New Member Seated

**Representative Colston of Winooski**, the newly appointed member, having taken and subscribed the oath administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, was conducted to his seat by the Doorkeeper.

## Committee Appointment

The Speaker appointed **Rep. Colston of Winooski** to the committee on Government Operations.

**Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced**

Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

**H. 61**

By Reps. Rosenquist of Georgia, Gregoire of Fairfield, LaClair of Barre Town and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to strict liability for damages caused by domestic dogs;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 62**

By Reps. Ancel of Calais and Page of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to protecting towns' rights to approve the closure of a school;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 63**

By Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the time frame for return of unclaimed beverage container deposits;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

**H. 64**

By Rep. Browning of Arlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to financing water quality programs;

To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

**H. 65**

By Rep. Browning of Arlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring the removal of snow and ice from vehicles

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operated on public highways;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 66**

By Reps. Yantachka of Charlotte and Sibia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to survivor benefits for law enforcement officers;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 67**

By Rep. Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 68**

By Rep. Hashim of Dummerston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to voting leave;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 69**

By Reps. Hashim of Dummerston, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enforcement of motor vehicle registration laws;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 70**

By Reps. Rosenquist of Georgia, Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell, Mattos of Milton, McFaun of Barre Town, Nicoll of Ludlow, Pajala of Londonderry, Toof of St. Albans Town and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to compliance with child care providers' educational and experiential requirements;

To the committee on Human Services.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

**J.R.S. 8**

By Senator Ashe,

**J.R.S. 8.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 25, 2019, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Was taken up, read and adopted in concurrence.

**Joint Rules Committee Appointed**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 5, the Chair hereby appoints the following members to the Joint Rules Committee:

**Rep. Johnson of South Hero**

**Rep. Krowinski of Burlington**

**Rep. Long of Newfane**

**Rep. McCoy of Poultney**

**Adjournment**

At one o'clock and thirty-one minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.