

# Journal of the House

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Tuesday, February 12, 2019

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Jim Currier, Musician, Glover, VT.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Page Sarah Sides of Williston led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Message from the Senate No. 13

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 14.** Joint resolution condemning the murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and affirming the central importance of freedom of the press.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 37.** House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, February 14, 2019 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 38.** House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of Norwich University.

**H.C.R. 39.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Milton High School Yellowjackets on achieving a fourth consecutive Division II girls' soccer championship.

**H.C.R. 40.** House concurrent resolution in memory of former Berlin and Northfield Chief of Police William Michael Jennings.

**H.C.R. 41.** House concurrent resolution in memory of Scott Skinner of Middlesex.

**H.C.R. 42.** House concurrent resolution in memory of Cornelius Hogan of

Plainfield.

**H.C.R. 43.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Center for Independent Living on its 40th anniversary.

**H.C.R. 44.** House concurrent resolution in memory of community volunteer and restorative justice advocate Susan Kendall Wisheart of Waterville.

**H.C.R. 45.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 class of Eagle Scouts in the State of Vermont.

**H.C.R. 46.** House concurrent resolution honoring Mariette Bock for her extraordinary devotion to the Whiting Library in Chester.

### **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. 197**

By Reps. Kimbell of Woodstock, Bock of Chester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Jickling of Randolph, Pajala of Londonderry and Sibia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to various amendments to Act 250;

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

#### **H. 198**

By Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changing how homestead education tax rates are calculated;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

#### **H. 199**

By Reps. Webb of Shelburne and Brumsted of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a deduction for medical expenses;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 200**

By Reps. Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Bancroft of Westford, Browning of Arlington, Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell, Marcotte of Coventry, Morrissey of Bennington, Page of Newport City, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to drug testing of employees;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 201**

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Sullivan of Burlington and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to consumer protections related to involuntary towing and storage of motor vehicles and abandoned motor vehicles;

To the committee on Transportation.

**H. 202**

By Reps. Webb of Shelburne, Brumsted of Shelburne, Fegard of Berkshire, Gardner of Richmond, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Jessup of Middlesex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Mrowicki of Putney, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Dorset and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to identifying allergens on menus and menu boards;

To the committee on Human Services.

**H. 203**

By Reps. LaLonde of South Burlington, Ancel of Calais and Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to negligent storage of firearms;

To the committee on Judiciary.

**H. 204**

By Rep. Houghton of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting navigators, Medicaid records, and the Department of Vermont Health Access;

To the committee on Health Care.

**H. 205**

By Reps. Troiano of Stannard, Sheldon of Middlebury, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford, Yacovone of Morristown and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides;

To the committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

**H. 206**

By Reps. Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier regarding the regulation of nonreusable plastic products;

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To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 207**

By Reps. Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,  
House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier regarding non-citizen voting in City elections;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 208**

By Reps. Pajala of Londonderry, Gannon of Wilmington, Haas of Rochester, Mattos of Milton, Noyes of Wolcott, Sibia of Dover and Young of Greensboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to submitting digital copies of survey plats to the Vermont Center for Geographic Information;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**H. 209**

By Reps. LaLonde of South Burlington, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Ode of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to ending the suspension of State aid for school construction projects;

To the committee on Education.

**H. 210**

By Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to studying the elimination of Vermont's sales and use tax;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 211**

By Reps. Bates of Bennington, McCullough of Williston and Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the use of air guns to take big game;

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

**H. 212**

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Cina of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Murphy of Fairfax and Smith of Derby,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating the Office of Native American Affairs;

To the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

**H. 213**

By Reps. Higley of Lowell, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Mattos of Milton, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City, Seymour of Sutton, Smith of Derby, Terenzini of Rutland Town and Toof of St. Albans Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exemption from Act 250 jurisdiction;

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

**H. 214**

By Reps. Masland of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, McCullough of Williston, Sullivan of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to certificates of public good for natural gas facilities;

To the committee on Energy and Technology.

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**Third Reading; Bill Passed****H. 146**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to increasing the number of examiners on the Board of Bar Examiners from nine to 11 members

Was taken up, read the third time and passed.

**Government Accountability Committee Appointed**

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 970, the Chair hereby appoints the following members to the Government Accountability Committee:

**Rep. Brumsted of Shelburne**

**Rep. Kornheiser of Brattleboro**

**Rep. Palasik of Milton**

**Rep. Townsend of South Burlington**

**Adjournment**

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