

Journal of the House

Friday, January 31, 2020

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Herb Hatch, Old Brick Church, East Montpelier.

Memorial Service

The Speaker placed before the House the following name of the member of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Theodore F. Lindgren of Springfield Member of the House,
Sessions 1987-1988, 1989-1990, 1991-
1992, 1993-1994, 1995-1996, 1997-1998

Thereupon, the members of the House rose for a moment of silence in memory of the deceased member. The Clerk was thereupon directed to send a copy of the House Journal to the bereaved family.

House Bill Introduced

H. 914

Rep. Smith of Derby introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to search warrants for handheld devices and report on the use of textalyzer technology in the State

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

House Bill Introduced

H. 915

Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Batchelor of Derby, Hango of Berkshire, Martel of Waterford, McCoy of Poultney and Sabilia of Dover introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to a requirement that an athletic trainer be present at public school sponsored field hockey and soccer events

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Education.

Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar**J.R.S. 35**

House resolution, entitled

By Senators Clarkson and McCormack,

J.R.S. 35. Joint resolution condemning the continuing occurrence of street harassment in Vermont.

Whereas, street harassment involves the targeting of individuals in public spaces with “homophobic and transphobic slurs, and other hateful comments referencing race, religion, class, and disability,” and

Whereas, even more harmful forms of street harassment are physical variants ranging from the making of kissing noises to “more threatening behavior,” such as stalking, flashing, and sexual assault, and

Whereas, street harassment’s victims are overwhelmingly women and openly LGBT individuals who are especially vulnerable targets, and the harasser is frequently a stranger, and

Whereas, despite the existence of the Vermont statutory crimes of disorderly conduct, aggravated disorderly conduct in a public place, and other pertinent offenses, the problem of street harassment persists, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly condemns the continuing occurrence of street harassment in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Emily Donaldson, Vermont Law School Albert Schweitzer Fellow in South Royalton.

Which was read and, in the Speaker’s discretion, placed on the Calendar for Action tomorrow under Rule 52.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 36.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House.

H.C.R. 227

House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers girls' track and field team on winning a fourth consecutive Division I championship;

H.C.R. 228

House concurrent resolution honoring the Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow for her inspiring academic, community, and religious leadership in Windham County;

H.C.R. 229

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Williston Federated Church on its 150th anniversary;

H.C.R. 230

House concurrent resolution honoring Zoe Hardy for her outstanding leadership at Age Well Vermont;

H.C.R. 231

House concurrent resolution in memory of Bonnie L. Burke of Dorset;

H.C.R. 232

House concurrent resolution honoring Nancy Heydinger for her visionary leadership of Girls on the Run;

H.C.R. 233

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont's Free & Referral Clinics on its 25th anniversary;

H.C.R. 234

House concurrent resolution honoring Herb Meyer for his community leadership in the towns of Guilford and Vernon;

H.C.R. 235

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Black River High School Presidents Division IV championship baseball team;

H.C.R. 236

House concurrent resolution in memory of Preservation Trust of Vermont Executive Director Paul Alan Bruhn;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2020, seventy-fifth Biennial session.]