

# Journal of the House

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**Friday, February 7, 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 the Speaker.

## **House Bills Introduced**

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

### **H. 917**

By Reps. Beck of St. Johnsbury, Anthony of Barre City, Browning of Arlington, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Conlon of Cornwall, Gamache of Swanton, Goslant of Northfield, Mattos of Milton, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Terenzini of Rutland Town and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding workers' compensation coverage for firefighters with cancer;

To the committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

### **H. 918**

By Reps. Cina of Burlington, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Colston of Winooski, Demrow of Corinth, Gonzalez of Winooski, Lippert of Hinesburg, Morgan of Milton, Page of Newport City and Ralph of Hartland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Native American cultural and religious freedom;

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

### **H. 919**

By Reps. Cina of Burlington and Hooper of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to funding a pilot program to increase technology and artificial intelligence education programs;

To the committee on Education.

**Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar**

**J.R.S. 38**

House resolution, entitled

By Senator Baruth,

**J.R.S. 38.** Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

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

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to elect two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation to serve a four year term commencing March 1, 2020, and expiring on March 1, 2024. In case election of all such Trustees 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 in such election, until all such Trustees are elected.

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

**Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar**

**J.R.S. 39**

House resolution, entitled

By Senator Ashe,

**J.R.S. 39.** Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2020.

*Whereas*, in recent years it has become increasingly necessary to shorten the length of time spent by the General Assembly in joint session for the election of various officials, and

*Whereas*, if elections for multiple vacancies were to be decided by a plurality vote, then a great savings of time can be effectuated, *now therefore be it*

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

That, notwithstanding the current provisions of Joint Rule 10, and for this election only, the election of two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation at a Joint Assembly to be held on February 20, 2020, shall be governed by the following procedure:

(1) All candidates for the office of Trustee shall be voted upon and decided on the same ballot; members may vote for any number of candidates up to and including the maximum number of vacancies to be filled, which in this case shall be two.

(2) The two candidates receiving the greater number of votes shall be declared elected to fill the two vacancies.

(3) In the event that the first balloting for the Trustee vacancies results in a tie vote for a vacant position, then voting shall continue on successive ballots for the unfilled position or positions until the vacancies have been filled by election declared of the two candidates receiving the greater number of votes.

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

### **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 concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 237.** House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative James Munro Pedley of Northfield.

**H.C.R. 238.** House concurrent resolution honoring the community generosity of Josiah E. Miles and congratulating MILES Inc. of Manchester on its 80th anniversary.

**H.C.R. 239.** House concurrent resolution honoring Michael Bosworth for his community leadership roles in Windham County.

**H.C.R. 240.** House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Foodbank and designating February 6, 2020 as Hunger Action Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 241.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Marion Catherine Schaub Cutler on her 100th birthday.

**H.C.R. 242.** House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, February

13, 2020 as Afterschool Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 243.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the members of the Vermont Eagle Scout class of 2019.

**H.C.R. 244.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont 2-1-1 referral support system on its 15th Anniversary and designating February 11, 2020 as Vermont 2-1-1 Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 245.** House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2020 as Farm-to-School Awareness Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 246.** House concurrent resolution designating February 13, 2020 as Suicide Prevention Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 247.** House concurrent resolution honoring James Pelkey for his public and community service in Franklin County.

**H.C.R. 248.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 New England Patriots on winning Super Bowl LIII, the franchise's sixth football championship.

**H.C.R. 249.** House concurrent resolution honoring former West Rutland Fire Chief Joseph Skaza.

### **Adjournment**

At nine o'clock and forty six minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Donahue of Northfield**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 37.

### **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.

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[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.]