Journal of the Senate
Of the
STATE OF VERMONT
BIENNIAL SESSION, 2019

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Vermont, the Senate convened at the State House at Montpelier, on the first Wednesday, after the first Monday, the 2019 day of January in the year of two thousand nineteen.

At ten o’clock in the forenoon, eastern standard time, the Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor David E. Zuckerman.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Joan Javier-Duval of Montpelier.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

The roll of the Senate was thereupon called by the Secretary, John H. Bloomer, Jr., and it appeared that the following Senators were present.

Addison District  Senator Christopher A. Bray
                        Senator Ruth Ellen Hardy

Bennington District  Senator Brian A. Campion
                        Senator Richard W. Sears, Jr.

Caledonia District  Senator Joseph C. Benning
                        Senator M. Jane Kitchel

Chittenden District  Senator Timothy R. Ashe
                        Senator Philip E. Baruth
                        Senator Deborah J. Ingram
                        Senator Virginia V. Lyons
                        Senator Christopher A. Pearson
                        Senator Michael D. Sirotkin
Essex-Orleans District  
Senator John S. Rodgers  
Senator Robert A. Starr

Franklin District  
Senator Randolph D. Brock  
Senator Corey J. Parent

Grand Isle District  
Senator Richard T. Mazza

Lamoille District  
Senator Richard A. Westman

Orange District  
Senator Mark A. MacDonald

Rutland District  
Senator Brian P. Collamore  
Senator Cheryl Mazzariello Hooker  
Senator James L. McNeil

Washington District  
Senator Ann E. Cummings  
Senator Andrew J. Perchlik  
Senator Anthony Pollina

Windham District  
Senator Rebecca A. Balint  
Senator Jeanette K. White

Windsor District  
Senator Alison Clarkson  
Senator Alice W. Nitka

Oath Administered

The Senators-elect were duly sworn by the Secretary and severally subscribed the oath of office.

Election of Officers

The President announced that the next order of business was the election of officers, and that nominations for Secretary were in order:

Senator Balint of Windham District nominated

JOHN H. BLOOMER, JR.

of the Town of Wallingford.

Senator Collamore of Rutland District seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Senator Rodgers, the nominations were closed and the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for

JOHN H. BLOOMER JR.

of the Town of Wallingford, as Secretary of the Senate for the two years next ensuing.
Thereupon, he presented himself at the bar of the Senate and received the oath of office from the President.

**Election of President Pro Tempore**

The President then announced that the next order of business was the election of a President *pro tempore*.

Senator Sears of Bennington District nominated

**TIMOTHY R. ASHE**

of Chittenden District.

Senator Pearson of Chittenden District seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Senator Benning, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for

**TIMOTHY R. ASHE**

of Chittenden District as President *pro tempore* of the Senate for the two years next ensuing.

Thereupon, he presented himself at the bar of the Senate and received the oath of office from the President.

**Election of Third Member of Committee on Committees**

The Senate then proceeded to the election of a Senator to serve with the President and President *pro tempore* as a member of the Committee on Committees, which appoints the standing committees of the Senate.

Senator Kitchel of Caledonia District nominated

**RICHARD T. MAZZA**

of Grand Isle District.

Senator Benning of Caledonia District seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Senator Sears, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for

**RICHARD T. MAZZA**

of Grand Isle District to serve with the President and President *pro tempore* as a member of the Committee on Committees.

Thereupon, he presented himself at the bar of the Senate and received the oath of office from the President.
Appointments

The President announced the appointment by the Secretary of

**STEVEN D. MARSHALL**

of Swanton, as Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and he presented himself at the bar of the Senate and received the oath of office from the Secretary.

The President announced the appointment by the Secretary of

**VANESSA J. DAVISON**

of Hardwick, as Journal Clerk, and

**HELEN E. ESTROFF**

of Montpelier, as Calendar Clerk, and

**PENNY M. CARPENTER**

of Waterbury, as Office Assistant.

Senate Resolutions Adopted

Senate resolutions of the following titles were severally offered, read and adopted, and are as follows:

By Senator Ashe,

**S.R. 1.** Senate resolution relating to the rules of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate:


By Senator Balint,

**S.R. 2.** Senate resolution relating to appointment of a committee to inform the Governor of the organization of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate:

That a committee of four Senators be appointed by the President to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and to inform him that the Senate has organized and is ready on its part to proceed with the business of the session.

By Senator MacDonald,

**S.R. 3.** Senate resolution relating to informing the House of the organization of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate:
That the Secretary be directed to inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled and organized by the election of John H. Bloomer, Jr., of Wallingford, as Secretary, and Timothy R. Ashe, a Senator from Chittenden District, as President pro tempore, and is ready on its part to proceed with the business of the session.

Joint Senate Resolutions Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolutions of the following titles were severally offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and are as follows:

By Senator Mazza,

J.R.S. 1. Joint resolution relating to joint rules.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the joint rules of the Senate and the House as adopted in 2017 be adopted as the joint rules of this biennial session until others are adopted.

By Senator White,

J.R.S. 2. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for state officers.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at ten o’clock in the forenoon to receive the report of the Joint Canvassing Committee appointed to canvass votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General, and if it shall be declared by said Committee that there had been no election by the voters of any of said state officers, then to proceed forthwith to elect such officers as have not been elected by the voters.

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 3. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the inaugural message of the Governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at one o’clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon to receive the inaugural message of the Governor.

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 4. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:
That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 1, 2019, or Saturday, March 2, 2019, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

By Senator Kitchel,

J.R.S. 5. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at two o'clock in the afternoon to receive the budget message of the Governor.

Committee Appointed

Pursuant to the provisions of S.R. 2, the President appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, to inform him that the Senate is ready on its part to proceed with the business of the session:

Senator Balint
Senator MacDonald
Senator Benning
Senator Pollina

Report of Committee

Senator Balint, of Windham District, for the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, to inform him that the Senate is ready on its part to proceed with the business of the session, appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that it had performed the duties assigned to it.

Canvassing Committee Elected

The President nominated as a committee on the part of the Senate to canvass votes for state officers,

Senator Hardy, of Addison District
Senator Campion, of Bennington District
Senator Benning, of Caledonia District
Senator Ingram, of Chittenden District
Senator Rodgers, of Essex-Orleans District
Senator Parent, of Franklin District
Senator Mazza, of Grand Isle District
Senator Westman, of Lamoille District
Senator MacDonald, of Orange District
Senator McNeil, of Rutland District
Senator Perchlik, of Washington District
Senator White, of Windham District
Senator Clarkson, of Windsor District
Thereupon, Senator Ashe moved that the nominees be elected by the Senate, which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the President declared the nominees elected, and the Committee so elected received the oath of office from the Secretary.

The President designated Senator White, of Windham District, as Chair of the Joint Canvassing Committee to canvass votes for state officers.

**Message from the House No. 1**

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:

A quorum of the House has assembled and organized by the election of

MITZI JOHNSON

the Representative from South Hero, as Speaker, and

WILLIAM M. MAGILL

of Moretown, as Clerk, who in turn has appointed Melissa Kucserik of Montpelier as First Assistant Clerk and Rebecca Silbernagel of Fayston as Second Assistant Clerk, and is ready on its part to proceed with the business of the session.

**Message from the House No. 2**

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 considered joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

**J.R.S. 1.** Joint resolution relating to joint rules.

**J.R.S. 2.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for state officers.

**J.R.S. 3.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the inaugural message of the Governor.

**J.R.S. 4.** Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.
J.R.S. 5. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The House has appointed as members of the Joint Canvassing Committee on the part of the House to canvass votes for state officers:

**Canvassing Committee Elected**

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Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until eight o’clock and thirty minutes in the morning.