

# Journal of the Senate

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Kim Kie of Barre.

## Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed

### S. 15.

On motion of Senator Cummings, the Committee on Finance was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to unemployment compensation,  
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Economic Development,  
Housing and General Affairs.

## Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

### S. 53.

By Senator Ashe,

An act relating to increasing the proportion of health care spending allocated to primary care.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

### S. 54.

By Senators Sears, Ashe, Benning, Pearson, Rodgers, White, Balint, Baruth, Champion, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Perchlik, and Westman,

An act relating to the regulation of cannabis.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

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**Joint Assembly**

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the hour having arrived for the meeting of the two Houses in Joint Assembly pursuant to:

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

The Senate repaired to the hall of the House.

Having returned therefrom, at two o'clock and fifty minutes in the afternoon, the President assumed the Chair.

**Appointment of Senate Members to Joint Rules Committee**

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Rules Committee for terms of two years pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule No. 5:

Senator Ashe, *ex officio*  
Senator Mazza  
Senator Balint  
Senator Benning

**Appointment of Senate Members to Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules**

Pursuant to the provisions of 12 V.S.A. §3, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules for terms of two (2) years ending February 1, 2021:

Senator Sears  
Senator Balint  
Senator Benning  
Senator Clarkson

**Appointment of Senate Member to Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Board**

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 V.S.A. §280e(b)(2), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Board for a term of two years:

Senator Balint

**Appointment of Senate Members to Joint Fiscal Committee**

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §501, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Fiscal Committee for terms of two years ending February 1, 2021:

Senator Cummings, *ex officio*  
Senator Sears  
Senator Kitchel, *ex officio*  
Senator Ashe  
Senator Westman

**Appointment of Senate Members to Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders**

Pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 3085b(b), the President announced the appointment by the President of the following Senator to serve on the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders during this biennium:

Senator Brock

**Adjournment**

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