

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019

Pursuant to the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President, the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 12

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 resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 11. Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of UVM trustees by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2019.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Message from the House No. 13

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 39. An act relating to the extension of the deadline of school district mergers required by the State Board of Education.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions 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.

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

Bills Introduced

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

S. 87.

By Senator Sirotkin,

An act relating to updating Vermont's rooms tax collection practices.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 88.

By Senators Sirotkin, Balint, Baruth, Bray, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Ingram, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina and White,

An act relating to paid family leave.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

S. 89.

By Senator Cummings,

An act relating to allowing reflective health benefit plans at all metal levels.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 90.

By Senators Ingram, Balint, Clarkson, Hardy, Lyons and Perchlik,

An act relating to establishing incentives for early learning professionals and improving access to child care.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 91.

By Senators Bray, Balint, Campion, Clarkson, MacDonald, Pollina and Sirotkin,

An act relating to electric companies and broadband Internet access service.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 92.

By Senators Clarkson, Balint, Campion, Hardy, Hooker, Ingram, Lyons, Pollina and Sirotkin,

An act relating to adopting protections against housing discrimination for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 39.

An act relating to the extension of the deadline of school district mergers required by the State Board of Education.

To the Committee on Education.

Bill Passed**S. 11.**

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to limiting senatorial districts to a maximum of three members.

Third Reading Ordered

S. 84.

Senate committee bill entitled:

An act relating to emissions inspections.

Having appeared on the Calendar for notice for one day, was taken up.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Joint Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 14.

Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution condemning the murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and affirming the central importance of freedom of the press.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, was taken up and adopted on the part of the Senate.

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By All Members of the House,

H.C.R. 37.

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, February 14, 2019 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day at the State House.

By Reps. Donahue and others,

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik and Pollina,

H.C.R. 38.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of Norwich University.

By Reps. Mattos and others,

H.C.R. 39.

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

By Reps. Donahue and others,

H.C.R. 40.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Berlin and Northfield Chief of Police William Michael Jennings.

By Reps. Ancel and others,

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik and Pollina,

H.C.R. 41.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Scott Skinner of Middlesex.

By Reps. Ancel and others,

By Senators Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Kitchel, Lyons, Nitka, Perchlik, Pollina, Sears, Starr and Westman,

H.C.R. 42.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Cornelius Hogan of Plainfield.

By Rep. Pugh,

H.C.R. 43.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Center for Independent Living on its 40th anniversary.

By Reps. Rogers and others,

By Senator Westman,

H.C.R. 44.

House concurrent resolution in memory of community volunteer and restorative justice advocate Susan Kendall Wisehart of Waterville.

By Reps. Fagan and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 45.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 class of Eagle Scouts in the State of Vermont.

By Reps. Forguites and others,

H.C.R. 46.

House concurrent resolution honoring Mariette Bock for her extraordinary devotion to the Whiting Library in Chester.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 8, 2019, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 12.