

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 15

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 House bills of the following titles:

H. 63. An act relating to the time frame for return of unclaimed beverage container deposits.

H. 135. An act relating to the authority of the Agency of Digital Services.

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

The House has considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 14. Joint resolution condemning the murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and affirming the central importance of freedom of the press.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 47. House concurrent resolution honoring Susan and Richard Collitt for their 40-plus years of dedicated proprietorship of the Ripton Country Store.

H.C.R. 48. House concurrent resolution congratulating Maddie Folsom on being named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year.

H.C.R. 49. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' lacrosse team.

H.C.R. 50. House concurrent resolution congratulating Foster Brothers Farm of Addison County on being named the 2019 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year.

H.C.R. 51. House concurrent resolution in memory of Rutland Town municipal leader Richard S. Lloyd.

H.C.R. 52. House concurrent resolution congratulating Thetford Academy on the observance of its bicentennial.

H.C.R. 53. House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Public, Educational, and Government Access cable television channels and their associated Community Media Access Centers.

H.C.R. 54. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Court Diversion on its 40th anniversary.

H.C.R. 55. House concurrent resolution honoring Garry Montague on the conclusion of 53 years as a barber and 47 years as the owner of Garry's Barbershop in Essex Junction.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

S.C.R. 4. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former NOFA-VT Executive Director and organic farming pioneer advocate, Enid Wonnacott.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the President recognized the following-named pages who are completing their services today and presented them with letters of appreciation.

Shaylene Abraham of Barre Town
Lillian Boutin of Montpelier
Luca DeRuzza of Stowe
Michael Fernandez of Thetford Center
Megan Gemignani of Middlebury
Madeline Pike of Richford
Myles Rossi of Waterbury Center
Alivia Roth of Burlington
Sarah Sides of Williston

Bill Introduced

Senate bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 107.

By Senators White and Sears,
An act relating to elections corrections.
To the Committee on Government Operations.

Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

H. 63.

An act relating to the time frame for return of unclaimed beverage container deposits.
To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 135.

An act relating to the authority of the Agency of Digital Services.
To the Committee on Government Operations.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed**S. 21.**

On motion of Senator White, the Committee on Government Operations was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to establishing the Public Employee Health Benefit Plan,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Senate Concurrent Resolution

The following joint concurrent resolution, 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, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Pollina, Collamore, Hardy, Pearson and Starr,

By Reps. Bartholomew and others,

S.C.R. 4.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former NOFA-VT Executive Director and organic farming pioneer advocate, Enid Wonnacott.

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 Rep. Conlon,

By Senators Bray and Hardy,

H.C.R. 47.

House concurrent resolution honoring Susan and Richard Collitt for their 40-plus years of dedicated proprietorship of the Ripton Country Store..

By Reps. Myers and others,

H.C.R. 48.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Maddie Folsom on being named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year.

By Reps. Stevens and others,

H.C.R. 49.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' lacrosse team.

By Reps. Smith and others,

By Senators Bray and Hardy,

H.C.R. 50.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Foster Brothers Farm of Addison County on being named the 2019 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year.

By Reps. Terenzini and others,

By Senators Collamore, Hooker and McNeil,

H.C.R. 51.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Rutland Town municipal leader Richard S. Lloyd.

By Reps. Briglin and Masland,

H.C.R. 52.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Thetford Academy on the observance of its bicentennial.

By Rep. McCarthy,

H.C.R. 53.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of Public, Educational, and Government Access cable television channels and their associated Community Media Access Centers.

By Rep. Grad,

H.C.R. 54.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Court Diversion on its 40th anniversary.

By Reps. Giambatista and others,

H.C.R. 55.

House concurrent resolution honoring Garry Montague on the conclusion of 53 years as a barber and 47 years as the owner of Garry's Barbershop in Essex Junction.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 15.