The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Thomas Harty of Bethel.

Message from the House No. 1

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Rebecca Silbernagel, its First 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. 29. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the State-of-the-State message from the Governor.

J.R.S. 30. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

J.R.S. 31. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

J.R.S. 32. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Message from the Governor

Appointments Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by Britney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

The nomination of

Bolio, Craig of Winooski - Commissioner of the Department of Taxes - from December 18, 2019 to February 28, 2021.

To the Committee on Finance.
The nomination of
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. 243.**

By Senators Sears and Campion,
An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission.
To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**S. 244.**

By Senator Perchlik,
An act relating to the creation of the Vermont State Building Security Board.
To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 245.**

By Senators Pearson, Ingram and Lyons,
An act relating to eliminating cost-sharing requirements for primary care.
To the Committee on Finance.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o’clock and fifty-five minutes in the afternoon on Thursday, January 9, 2020.