

# Journal of the Senate

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rick Swanson of Stowe.

## Message from the House No. 3

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 Senate proposal of amendment to House proposal of amendment to Senate bill entitled:

**S. 23.** An act relating to increasing the minimum wage.

And has refused to concur therein and asks for a Committee of Conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

The Speaker appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the House:

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury  
Rep. Killacky of South Burlington  
Rep. Hooper of Montpelier.

## Message from the House No. 4

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

**H.C.R. 191.** House concurrent resolution designating January 2020 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 192.** House concurrent resolution congratulating former Manchester Selectboard member and U.S. Army Lieutenant William B. Finn on his 90th birthday.

**H.C.R. 193.** House concurrent resolution congratulating St Johnsbury Academy Hilltopper Mate Koszo on winning the 2019 boys' individual State tennis championship.

**H.C.R. 194.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV championship softball team.

**H.C.R. 195.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Harry Chandler on his 100th birthday.

**H.C.R. 196.** House concurrent resolution honoring Camille George of Richmond for her laudable career of service to older Vermonters and persons with disabilities.

**H.C.R. 197.** House concurrent resolution designating January 15, 2020 as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 198.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Twin Valley High School Wildcats Division IV championship boys' soccer team.

**H.C.R. 199.** House concurrent resolution in memory of Emily Mason of Brattleboro.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

**S.C.R. 14.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Glenn Gershaneck for his exemplary roles in journalism and public service.

**S.C.R. 15.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joel Theodore Cope for his exemplary leadership of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.

**S.C.R. 16.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Community College of Vermont on its 50th anniversary.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

### **Bills Introduced**

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

#### **S. 257.**

By Senators Sirotkin and Clarkson,

An act relating to improving rental housing health and safety.

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

**S. 258.**

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to a 48-hour waiting period for firearms transfers.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 259.**

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

An act relating to semiautomatic assault weapons.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 260.**

By Senators Lyons, Baruth, Bray, Cummings, Ingram, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina and Sirotkin,

An act relating to the Vermont Broadband Internet Access Service Privacy Act.

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

**S. 261.**

By Senators Sears, Baruth and White,

An act relating to eliminating life without parole.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 262.**

By Senators Ingram, Baruth, Hardy and Perchlik,

An act relating to law enforcement race data collection.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**Proposed Amendment to the Constitution Introduced**

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont designated as Proposal 8 was introduced, read the first time and referred:

By: Senators Ingram, Hardy and Lyons

**PROPOSAL 8**

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont in order to use gender-neutral terminology to refer to voters in the subject title that precedes Vt. Const. Ch. II, § 42.

Sec. 2. The subject title preceding Section 42 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution [voter's qualifications and oath] is amended to read:

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS OF FREEMEN AND FREEWOMEN

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment set forth in this proposal shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed**

**S. 202.**

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

An act relating to limiting the co-payment amount for chiropractic services in certain health insurance plans,

and the bill was committed to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Committees of Conference Appointed**

**S. 23.**

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage.

Was taken up. Pursuant to the request of the House, the President announced the appointment of

Senator Sirotkin  
Senator Clarkson  
Senator Balint

as members of the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate to consider the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

**H. 107.**

An act relating to paid family and medical leave.

Was taken up. Pursuant to the request of the House, the President announced the appointment of

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Senator Balint

as members of the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate to consider the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

**Senate 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 adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senator Cummings,

**S.C.R. 14.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Glenn Gershaneck for his exemplary roles in journalism and public service..

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

**S.C.R. 15.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joel Theodore Cope for his exemplary leadership of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District..

By Senator Lyons,

By Rep. Dickinson,

**S.C.R. 16.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Community College of Vermont on its 50th anniversary..

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By Reps. Beck and others,

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating St Johnsbury Academy Hilltopper Mate Koszo on winning the 2019 boys' individual State tennis championship.

By Reps. Potter and Burditt,

By Senators Collamore, Hooker and McNeil,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV championship softball team.

By Reps. Sullivan and others,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

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House concurrent resolution honoring Camille George of Richmond for her laudable career of service to older Vermonters and persons with disabilities.

By Reps. Stevens and Pugh,

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By Reps. Sibilina and Gannon,

By Senators Balint, Campion, Sears and White,

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Twin Valley High School Wildcats Division IV championship boys' soccer team.

By Reps. Burke and others,

By Senators Balint and White,

**H.C.R. 199.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Emily Mason of Brattleboro.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 32.