

# Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Taihaku of East Calais.

## Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

### S. 339.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles.

## Joint Resolution Referred

### J.R.S. 42.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senators Ingram, Balint, Collamore, and McNeil,

**J.R.S. 42.** Joint resolution relating to an application of the Vermont General Assembly for Congress to call a convention for proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

*Whereas*, in a bipartisan survey that the research firm McLaughlin & Associates conducted, 82 percent of the respondents indicated they strongly supported congressional term limits, while 73 percent were more likely to vote for a congressional candidate who supports term limits, and 42 percent were much more likely to do so, and

*Whereas*, congressional incumbents who remain in office for decades can become unrepresentative of their districts, the populations of which, over time, may become younger and more economically and racially diverse than their elected federal representatives, and

*Whereas*, allowing incumbents to remain in office indefinitely results in their becoming entrenched in powerful roles, and this is in direct opposition to the democratic ideal of providing legitimate opportunities for the election of

new candidates who can bring fresh ideas to the halls of Congress, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly, pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, petitions the U.S. Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America that would place limitations on the number of terms that members of the U.S. House and Senate may serve, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That this application shall not be considered by the U.S. Congress until 33 other states submit petitions for the same purpose as Vermont proposes and unless Congress determines that the scope of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States to be considered at the convention shall be limited to the same purpose that Vermont is proposing, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the U.S. Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, the Chair of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary, the Archivist of the United States, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Thereupon, the President, in his discretion, treated the joint resolution as a bill and referred it to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Proposals of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered**

**H. 550.**

Senator White, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to unclaimed property.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 2. 27 V.S.A. § 1461(5) after the word “a” by inserting the words payroll card or and by striking out the following: “other than amounts held on a payroll card, but”

Second: In Sec. 2. 27 V.S.A. § 1461(11) by striking out the word “including” and inserting in lieu thereof the words other than and by striking out the word “on” and inserting in lieu thereof the word in

Third: In Sec. 2. 27 V.S.A. § 1462(a) after the words “years after” by inserting the words the later of

Fourth: In Sec. 2. 27 V.S.A. § 1462(a)(1) by striking out the words “the later of”

Fifth: In Sec. 2. 27 V.S.A. § 1462(a)(2)(A) by striking out the following: “70.5” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 72

Sixth: In Sec. 2. 27 V.S.A. § 1469(b)(4) after the following: “is held,” by inserting the following: or in another account of the owner’s held by the same business association or financial organization,

Seventh: By striking out Sec. 3, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

### Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

Senator McCormack, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment as recommended by the Committee on Government Operations.

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

### **Message from the House No. 19**

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

**H. 922.** An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the Vermont State Employees’ Retirement System.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until ten o'clock and twenty-five minutes in the morning.