

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

The Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

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

Message from the House No. 20

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 considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 41. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 318.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to financing options for public, educational, and government access television.

Third Reading Ordered

S. 283.

Senator Brock, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the Town of Hartford's tax increment financing district.

Reported that the bill ought to pass.

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

Bill Passed**S. 324.**

Senate bill of the following title:

An act relating to prohibiting robocalls.

Was read the third time and passed on a roll call, Yeas 27, Nays 0.

Senator Collamore having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Balint, Bray, Brock, Champion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, McNeil, Nitka, Parent, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: None.

Those Senators absent or not voting were: Ashe (presiding), Baruth, Benning.

Bill Passed**S. 338.**

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

An act relating to justice reinvestment.

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 Champion and Sears,

By Reps. Morrissey and others,

S.C.R. 18.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Eric Peterson for his visionary leadership at the Oldcastle Theatre Company in Bennington.

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 Reps. Rachelson and others,

By Senator Pearson,

H.C.R. 252.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Pathways Vermont on its 10th anniversary.

By Reps. Rachelson and others,

H.C.R. 253.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Burlington International Airport on its centennial.

By Reps. Macaig and McCullough,

By Senators Ingram and Lyons,

H.C.R. 254.

House concurrent resolution honoring Williston Town Clerk Deborah Beckett for her outstanding municipal public service.

By Reps. Hooper and Kitzmiller,

H.C.R. 255.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship girls' ultimate team.

By Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman,

By Senators Collamore, Hooker and McNeil,

H.C.R. 256.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Morlino of Pawlet on being named the 2019 Vermont Emergency Management Director of the Year.

By Reps. Grad and others,

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik and Pollina,

H.C.R. 257.

House concurrent resolution honoring Norwich University's 23rd President, Dr. Richard W. Schneider.

By Reps. O'Brien and Haas,

H.C.R. 258.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship softball team.

By Reps. O'Brien and Haas,

H.C.R. 259.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship baseball team.

By Reps. Hooper and Kitzmiller,

H.C.R. 260.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship boys' ultimate team.

By Rep. O'Brien,

By Senators Hooker, Benning, Collamore, Lyons, Mazza, McNeil, Rodgers and Sears,

H.C.R. 261.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival in the New World.

By Rep. Yantachka,

H.C.R. 262.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Heritage Landscapes and Patricia O'Donnell on receipt of the 2019 Landscape Architecture Firm Award.

By Reps. Anthony and others,

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik and Pollina,

H.C.R. 263.

House concurrent resolution in memory of journalist and former State and Barre City official Arthur Anton Ristau.

By Reps. Shaw and others,

H.C.R. 264.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Senior Games Association.

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 265.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Jake Burton Carpenter of Stowe.

Message from the House No. 21

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. 674. An act relating the definition of housesite for use value appraisals.

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

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to the following House bill:

H. 83. An act relating to prohibiting female genital mutilation or cutting.

And has severally concurred therein.

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

H.C.R. 252. House concurrent resolution congratulating Pathways Vermont on its 10th anniversary.

H.C.R. 253. House concurrent resolution congratulating Burlington International Airport on its centennial.

H.C.R. 254. House concurrent resolution honoring Williston Town Clerk Deborah Beckett for her outstanding municipal public service.

H.C.R. 255. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship girls' ultimate team.

H.C.R. 256. House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Morlino of Pawlet on being named the 2019 Vermont Emergency Management Director of the Year.

H.C.R. 257. House concurrent resolution honoring Norwich University's 23rd President, Dr. Richard W. Schneider.

H.C.R. 258. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship softball team.

H.C.R. 259. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 White River Valley High School Wildcats Division III championship baseball team.

H.C.R. 260. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Montpelier High School Solons State championship boys' ultimate team.

H.C.R. 261. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival in the New World.

H.C.R. 262. House concurrent resolution congratulating Heritage Landscapes and Patricia O'Donnell on receipt of the 2019 Landscape Architecture Firm Award.

H.C.R. 263. House concurrent resolution in memory of journalist and former State and Barre City official Arthur Anton Ristau.

H.C.R. 264. House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Senior Games Association.

H.C.R. 265. House concurrent resolution in memory of Jake Burton Carpenter of Stowe.

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

Message from the House No. 22

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 considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

S.C.R. 18. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Eric Peterson for his visionary leadership at the Oldcastle Theatre Company in Bennington.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 41.