

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

At ten o'clock in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Krowinski led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 8

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Bloomer, its Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate bill of the following title:

S. 9. An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19.

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

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 1. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2020 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division I championship field hockey team.

H.C.R. 2. House concurrent resolution honoring Alice Wolf Gilborn of Dorset for her outstanding literary achievements.

H.C.R. 3. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2020 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers girls' cross-country team on winning its third consecutive Division III championship.

H.C.R. 4. House concurrent resolution honoring Kate O'Connor of Brattleboro for her superb leadership in the public and nonprofit sectors.

H.C.R. 5. House concurrent resolution honoring Ursula Dalem for her exemplary proprietorship of the Dalem Chalet in Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 6. House concurrent resolution designating January 2021 as School

Board Recognition Month in Vermont.

January 15, 2021

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 87

By Rep. Notte of Rutland City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a classification system for criminal offenses;

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 88

By Reps. Durfee of Shaftsbury, O'Brien of Tunbridge, and Surprenant of Barnard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to certification of agricultural use for purposes of the use value appraisal program;

To the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Senate Bill Referred

S. 9

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to extending certain workers' compensation amendments related to COVID-19

Was read and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

J.R.S. 9

J.R.S. 9. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

Having appeared on the Calendar for Action, was taken up.

Pending the question, Shall the House adopt the resolution in concurrence? **Reps. Long of Newfane, McCoy of Poultney, and Colburn of Burlington** moved that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

In the first Resolved clause, following “That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on” by striking out “Thursday, January 21, 2021, at two o’clock” and inserting in lieu thereof “Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at one o’clock”

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the resolution was adopted in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

House Discrimination Prevention Panel Announced

Pursuant to House Rule 90(a), the House Rules Committee appointed the following members to the House Discrimination Prevention Panel:

Rep. Cordes of Lincoln

Rep. Mattos of Milton

Rep. Pajala of Londonderry

Rep. Redmond of Essex

Rep. Small of Winooski

House Ethics Panel Announced

Pursuant to House Rule 90(b), the House Rules Committee appointed the following members to the House Ethics Panel:

Rep. Cina of Burlington

Rep. Cupoli of Rutland City

Rep. Gannon of Wilmington

Rep. Jessup of Middlesex

Rep. Sibia of Dover

House Sexual Harassment Prevention Panel Announced

Pursuant to House Rule 90(c), the House Rules Committee appointed the following members to the House Sexual Harassment Prevention Panel:

Rep. Bluemle of Burlington

Rep. Burke of Brattleboro

Rep. Feltus of Lyndon

Rep. McCoy of Poultney

Rep. Mrowicki of Putney

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and twelve minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock and fifteen minutes in the afternoon.