Journal of the House

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Page of Newport City.

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Krowinski led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 13

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 adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 8.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School Phantoms girls’ soccer team on winning a second consecutive Division IV championship.

**H.C.R. 9.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the unwavering dedication of Vermont’s health care workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**H.C.R. 10.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care contribution of nurse anesthetists in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 11.** House concurrent resolution honoring the Thomas Dairy for 99 years of agricultural and entrepreneurial excellence.

**H.C.R. 12.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the important work of MENTOR Vermont and designating January 21, 2021 as Mentoring Day in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 13.** House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald.

**H.C.R. 14.** House concurrent resolution in memory of historic preservation architect Martin S. Tierney of Burlington.
House Bills Introduced

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

**H. 166**

By Reps. Sibilia of Dover and Coffey of Guilford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changes to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel;

To the Committee on Energy and Technology.

**H. 167**

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury, McCullough of Williston, and Dolan of Waitsfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishment of the Environmental Stewardship Board;

To the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

**H. 168**

By Reps. Burditt of West Rutland and Leffler of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to daylight saving time;

To the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

**H. 169**

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to consumer advertising;

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H. 170**

By Rep. Sullivan of Dorset,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the sales tax exemption for residential use of fuels;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.
H. 171


House bill, entitled

An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont’s child care system;

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 172

By Rep. McCullough of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to trapping and hunting;
To the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

H. 173

By Rep. Gannon of Wilmington,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to reorganization of the Executive Branch by Executive Order;
To the Committee on Government Operations.

Judicial Nominating Board Elected

Pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 601, the Speaker nominated as a committee to the Judicial Nominating Board the following named members:

Rep. Burditt of West Rutland
Rep. Rachelson of Burlington
Rep. Jessup of Middlesex

Rep. McCoy of Poulney moved the election of the candidates, as nominated by the Speaker, which was agreed to.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

H. 84

Rep. Ancel of Calais moved that the Committee on Ways and Means be relieved of House bill, entitled
An act relating to the downtown and village center tax credit program
And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

H. 129

Rep. Ancel of Calais moved that the Committee on Ways and Means be relieved of House bill, entitled
An act relating to project-based tax increment financing districts
And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Committee Bill; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

H. 151

Rep. LaClair of Barre Town spoke for the Committee on Government Operations.

House bill, entitled
An act relating to vital records, mausoleums and columbaria, and emergency health orders
Having appeared on the Calendar one day for Notice and appearing on the Calendar for Action, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

Committee Bill; Bill Committed

H. 152

House bill, entitled
An act relating to education property tax
Having appeared on the Calendar one day for Notice and appearing on the Calendar for Action, was taken up, and pending second reading and the reading of the report of the Committee on Ways and Means, on motion of Rep. Webb of Shelburne, the bill was committed to the Committee on Education.

Government Accountability Committee Members Appointed
Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 970, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Government Accountability Committee:

Rep. Brumsted of Shelburne
Rep. Dolan of Essex
Rep. Lefebvre of Orange
Rep. Townsend of South Burlington

Health Reform Oversight Committee Members Announced
Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 691, the Speaker announced the following members of the Health Reform Oversight Committee:
Rep. Ancel of Calais, *ex officio*
Rep. Hooper of Montpelier, *ex officio*
Rep. Lippert of Hinesburg, *ex officio*
Rep. Pugh of South Burlington, *ex officio*

**Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee Members Appointed**

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 614, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee:

Rep. Chase of Colchester
Rep. Feltus of Lyndon
Rep. Sibilia of Dover

**Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee Members Appointed**

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 801, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee:

Rep. Emmons of Springfield
Rep. Grad of Moretown
Rep. Shaw of Pittsford
Rep. Squirrell of Underhill
Rep. Wood of Waterbury

**Joint Legislative Management Committee Members Appointed**

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 41, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Legislative Management Committee:

Rep. Ancel of Calais
Rep. Colston of Winooski
Rep. LaClair of Barre Town

**Joint Rules Committee Members Appointed**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 5, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Rules Committee:

Rep. Long of Newfane
Rep. McCarthy of St. Albans City  
Rep. McCoy of Poultney  

**Joint Transportation Oversight Committee Members Announced**  
Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 12b, the Speaker announced the following members of the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee:  
Rep. Ancel of Calais, *ex officio*  
Rep. Lanpher of Vergennes, *ex officio*  
Rep. Hooper of Montpelier, *ex officio*  

**Legislative Committee On Judicial Rules Members Appointed**  
Pursuant to 12 V.S.A. § 3, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules:  
Rep. Burditt of West Rutland  
Rep. Grad of Moretown  
Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington  
Rep. Sullivan of Dorset  

**Adjournment**  
At ten o'clock and forty-three 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.  

**Message from the Senate No. 14**  
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 adopted joint resolution of the following title:  
**J.R.S. 12.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.  
In the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.