

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. Sibilio 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

By Reps. Brumsted of Shelburne, James of Manchester, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Marcotte of Coventry, Townsend of South Burlington, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Batchelor of Derby, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Briglin of Thetford, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chase of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Copeland Hanzas of Bradford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donnally of Hyde Park, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Nicoll of Ludlow, Nigro of Bennington, Norris of Sheldon, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Smith of New Haven, Squirrel of Underhill, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Vyhovsky of Essex, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Bethel, White of Hartford, Whitman of Bennington, and Yantachka of Charlotte,

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 Poultney 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. Sibia 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.