

Journal of the House

Friday, February 11, 2022

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotion.

Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the Speaker recognized the following named Pages who are completing their service today and presented them with commemorative pins:

Camden Buckley of Montpelier
Mia Dolan of Barre
Abraham Dunne of Hartland
Amelia Farley of South Burlington
Grady Hagenbuch of Waterbury Center
Cecilia Marino of Williston
Emma Schaffer of Morristown

Senate Bill Referred

S. 280

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to vehicles

Was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 515

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banking, insurance, and securities

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State or materially affecting the revenue of one or more municipalities, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**Joint Resolution Adopted on the Part of the House; Rules Suspended;
Resolution Messaged to Senate Forthwith**

J.R.H. 15

Joint resolution extending the application of temporary Joint Rule 22A through Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane and McCoy of Poultney

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That Temporary Joint Rule 22A is amended to read as follows:

Rule 22A. Temporary Rule Regarding Joint Committee Meetings

(a) A member of a joint committee may debate and vote remotely in that committee if the member confirms with the committee's chair or co-chairs, as applicable, that the member must be absent from committee due to symptomatic illness or direct COVID-19-related circumstances.

(b) The Joint Rules Committee is authorized to meet remotely as necessary to address COVID-19-related matters that may impact the operation of the General Assembly and joint committees.

(c) The remote authority set forth in this rule shall remain in effect through Tuesday, ~~February 15~~ March 8, 2022.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this rule, if the Governor thereafter reissues capacity restrictions at gatherings and events or requires masks and physical distancing in response to COVID-19, the Joint Rules Committee is authorized to meet remotely and to permit any joint committees of the Legislature to meet and vote electronically as the Joint Rules Committee determines appropriate.

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

On motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the resolution was ordered messaged to the Senate forthwith.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 447

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield

Was taken up, and pending the reading of the report of the Committee on Government Operations, on motion of **Rep. Mrowicki of Putney**, action on the bill was postponed until February 15, 2022.

Action on Bill Postponed

H. 679

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2022 budget adjustments

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment?, on motion of **Rep. Fagan of Rutland City**, action on the bill was postponed until February 15, 2022.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty-seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 41.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

H.C.R. 98

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mary L. Miner of Manchester on her 100th birthday

H.C.R. 99

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Stowe on earning a three-year designation as a Quality Youth Development Community

H.C.R. 100

House concurrent resolution honoring Rebecca Buck for her superb service as a member of the Joint Fiscal Office staff

H.C.R. 101

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Carl D. Powden of Johnson

H.C.R. 102

House concurrent resolution honoring Stephen A. Klein for his dedicated

leadership as the General Assembly's Chief Fiscal Officer

H.C.R. 103

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 class of Eagle Scouts in the State of Vermont

S.C.R. 12

Senate concurrent resolution memorializing the more than 500 Vermonters who have died due to COVID-19, extending sincere condolences to their families, and thanking those Vermonters whose frontline jobs have been especially challenging during the pandemic

S.C.R. 13

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Kekla Magoon on her 2021 and 2022 literary honors as an author of young people's literature

S.C.R. 14

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jason Chin of Burlington on his winning of the 2022 Randolph Caldecott Medal

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House and Senate Calendar Addendums on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2022 Adjourned Session.]