Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 15

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Madam 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. 12. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Madam President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the third day of February, 2021 he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

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

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 63.

By Senators Hardy, Clarkson, Pearson and Pollina,

An act relating to the prohibition of school resource officers.

To the Committee on Education.

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S. 64.

By Senators Bray, Benning, Collamore, Ingalls, Lyons, Perchlik, Pollina and Terenzini,

An act relating to electric cooperatives and property tax exemptions for broadband infrastructure.

To the Committee on Finance.

Third Reading Ordered

S.R. 6.

Senate resolution entitled:

Senate resolution relating to disapproving of Executive Order 02-21.

Having appeared on the Calendar for notice for one day, was taken up.

Thereupon, the Senate Resolution was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the Senate Resolution was ordered on a roll call, Yeas 22, Nays 8.

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

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Balint, Baruth, Bray, Campion, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Ram, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, White.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Benning, Brock, Chittenden, Collamore, Ingalls, Mazza, Parent, Terenzini.

Joint Resolutions Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolutions entitled:

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution providing for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

J.R.S. 14. Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of UVM trustees by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2021.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, were taken up and adopted severally on the part of the Senate.

Message from the House No. 16

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. 151. An act relating to vital records, mausoleums and columbaria, and emergency health orders.

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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.