

# Journal of the Senate

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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. 25

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its First Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Madam President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

**H. 338.** An act relating to reapportionment proposal deadlines.

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

## Message from the House No. 26

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Melissa Kucserik, its First Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Madam President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has passed a House bill of the following title:

**H. 315.** An act relating to COVID-19 relief.

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

## Bills Introduced

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

**S. 97.**

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 98.**

By Senators Ram and Hardy,

An act relating to reducing the imposition of cash bail.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 99.**

By Senators Pearson, Ram, Baruth, Brock, Chittenden, Lyons and Sirotkin,

An act relating to repealing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on childhood physical abuse.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**Committee Bill Introduced**

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice the next legislative day:

**S. 100.**

By the Committee on Agriculture,

An act relating to universal school breakfast and lunch for all public school students and to creating incentives for schools to purchase locally produced foods.

**Bill Introduced**

Senate bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time and referred:

**S. 101.**

By Senators Sirotkin, Balint, Brock, Clarkson and Ram,

An act relating to promoting housing choice and opportunity in smart growth areas.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

**Committee Bill Introduced**

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice the next legislative day:

**S. 102.**

By the Committee on Agriculture,

An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming.

**Bills Referred**

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

**H. 315.**

An act relating to COVID-19 relief.

To the Committee on Appropriations.

**H. 338.**

An act relating to reapportionment proposal deadlines.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**Bill Passed****S. 11.**

Senate bill of the following title:

An act relating to prohibiting robocalls.

Was read the third time and passed on a roll call, Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Senator Collamore 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, Benning, Bray, Brock, Campion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Ingalls, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Parent, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Ram, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Terenzini, Westman, White.

**Those Senators who voted in the negative were:** None.

**Third Reading Ordered****S. 53.**

Senator Pearson, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to exempting feminine hygiene products from the Vermont Sales and Use Tax.

Reported that the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered on a roll call, Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Senator Hardy 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, Benning, Bray, Brock, Campion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Ingalls, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Parent, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Ram, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Terenzini, Westman, White.

**Those Senators who voted in the negative were:** None.

### **Rules Suspended; Bills Committed**

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Starr the rules were suspended and Senate Committee bill entitled:

**S. 100.** An act relating to universal school breakfast and lunch for all public school students and to creating incentives for schools to purchase locally produced foods.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending second reading of the bill, on motion of Senator Starr the bill was committed to the Committee on Education.

Pending entry on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Pearson the rules were suspended and Senate Committee bill entitled:

**S. 102.** An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, pending second reading of the bill, on motion of Senator Pearson the bill was committed to the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

### **Message from the House No. 27**

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

**H. 135.** An act relating to the State Ethics Commission.

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

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 20.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2020 class of Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle.

**H.C.R. 21.** House concurrent resolution honoring the Georgia Elementary and Middle School for its effective active shooter response training.

**H.C.R. 22.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Elinor Purrier of Berkshire on her record U.S. indoor two-mile run at the 2021 New Balance Indoor Grand Prix and on her recent marriage to Jamie St. Pierre.

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

#### **House Concurrent Resolutions**

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were severally adopted in concurrence:

By Reps. Fagan and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

#### **H.C.R. 20.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2020 class of Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle.

By Rep. Rosenquist,

By Senators Brock and Parent,

#### **H.C.R. 21.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Georgia Elementary and Middle School for its effective active shooter response training.

By Reps. Leffler and others,

By Senators Brock, Ingalls, Parent and Starr,

#### **H.C.R. 22.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elinor Purrier of Berkshire on her record U.S. indoor two-mile run at the 2021 New Balance Indoor Grand Prix and on her recent marriage to Jamie St. Pierre.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 6.