

# Journal of the Senate

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Peter Plagge of Waterbury.

## Bills Introduced

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

### S. 207.

By Senators Brock, Balint, Collamore, Ingalls and Terenzini,

An act relating to creating the Zero Excuse Warranty Act.

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

### S. 208.

By Senators Brock, Balint, Ingalls and Terenzini,

An act relating to fair disclosure of lodging rates and resort fees.

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

### S. 209.

By Senators Brock, Balint, Collamore and Ingalls,

An act relating to reviving the Vermont Film Commission.

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

### S. 210.

By Senators Sirotkin, Balint, Clarkson and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to rental housing health and safety and affordable housing.

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

**S. 211.**

By Senator Campion,

An act relating to creating the Vermont Teaching Careers Study Committee.

To the Committee on Education.

**S. 212.**

By Senators Pollina, Balint, Clarkson, Hardy, Hooker, Pearson and Perchlik,

An act relating to income-based education funding.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. 213.**

By Senator Parent,

An act relating to payment options at electric vehicle supply equipment.

To the Committee on Transportation.

**S. 214.**

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to valuation of time-share projects.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. 215.**

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to the cannabis wholesale gross receipts tax.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. 216.**

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to the definition of "cider".

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

**S. 217.**

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to authorizing satellite tasting rooms for malt and vinous beverage manufacturers.

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

**S. 218.**

By Senators Brock, Collamore, Ingalls, Parent and Terenzini,

An act relating to prohibiting public bodies from discouraging public participation based on race.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 219.**

By Senator Champion,

An act relating to ensuring compliance with the U.S. and Vermont Constitutions in the use of public funds for tuition and in the dual enrollment program.

To the Committee on Education.

**S. 220.**

By Senator Parent,

An act relating to State-paid deputy sheriffs.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 221.**

By Senators Sirotkin, Balint, Clarkson, Pearson and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to unemployment insurance benefits.

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. 222.**

By the Committee on Government Operations,

An act relating to authorizing temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19.

**Rules Suspended; Third Reading Ordered, Rules Suspended; Bill Passed;  
Bill Messaged**

**S. 222.**

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

An act relating to authorizing temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19.

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Balint, the rules were suspended and the bill was placed on all remaining stages of its passage forthwith.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Balint, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the House forthwith.

**Message from the House No. 2**

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 a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

**S. 172.** An act relating to authorizing alternative procedures for 2022 annual municipal meetings in response to COVID-19.

And has passed the same in concurrence, and has ordered the bill delivered to the Governor forthwith.

The House has considered joint resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

**J.R.S. 32.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

**J.R.S. 33.** Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

**J.R.S. 34.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 34.