

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Diane Nancekivell of Middlebury.

Message from the House No. 3

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

And has passed the same in concurrence.

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

H.C.R. 76. House concurrent resolution congratulating Elle Purrier St. Pierre on her outstanding performance in the 2020 Olympics women's 1500-meter race.

H.C.R. 77. House concurrent resolution honoring Douglas Weld for his exemplary community service in the town of Berkshire.

H.C.R. 78. House concurrent resolution congratulating the successful rescue effort of Newport City Fire Chief John Harlamert and retired Chief Robert (RJ) George.

H.C.R. 79. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II boys' varsity soccer team.

H.C.R. 80. House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Town Manager Peter Elwell for his outstanding municipal public service.

H.C.R. 81. House concurrent resolution in memory and recognition of Henry A. LaGue Jr. of Berlin.

H.C.R. 82. House concurrent resolution honoring former Brandon Police Lieutenant Rodney Pulsifer for his exemplary law enforcement career.

H.C.R. 83. House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Public Works Director Stephen Barrett for his outstanding municipal public service.

H.C.R. 84. House concurrent resolution honoring the civic contributions of John H. and Mary F. Carnahan to the community life of Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 85. House concurrent resolution designating January 20, 2022, as Homelessness Awareness Day in Vermont.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

S.C.R. 10. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers Division II championship varsity football team.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Consideration Postponed Until February 1, 2022

Senate bill entitled:

S. 79.

An act relating to improving rental housing health and safety.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending consideration of the Governor's veto, Senator Sirotkin moved that consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday, February 1, 2022, which was agreed to.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 245.

By Senator Hooker,

An act relating to a secure facility for justice-involved youth.

To the Committee on Institutions.

S. 246.

By Senators Hooker, Ram Hinsdale and Sirotkin,

An act relating to miscellaneous workers' compensation amendments.

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

S. 247.

By Senators Lyons, Hardy, Hooker and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 248.

By Senators Hooker, Pollina, Ram Hinsdale and Terenzini,

An act relating to the governance of the Vermont State Colleges and the University of Vermont.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 249.

By Senators Nitka and Clarkson,

An act relating to increasing gradually the mandatory age of school attendance.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 250.

By Senator Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to enhanced administrative and judicial accountability of law enforcement officers.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 251.

By Senators Clarkson, Pearson, Pollina and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to divestment of State pension funds from fossil fuel companies.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 252.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, Balint, Clarkson, Collamore, Hooker, Terenzini and Westman,

An act relating to a direct-to-consumer spirits shipping license.

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

S. 253.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale and Chittenden,

An act relating to the management of perpetual care funds by cemetery associations.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 254.

By Senators Sears, Balint, Baruth and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to creating a private right of action against law enforcement officers for violating rights established under Vermont law.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Adjournment

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