

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Ed Sunday-Winters of Greensboro.

Message from the House No. 5

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. 589. An act relating to reapportioning the initial districts of the House of Representatives.

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

The House has adopted joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.H. 12. Joint resolution amending the application of temporary Joint Rule 22A.

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

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

J.R.S. 36. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed

S. 273.

On motion of Senator Lyons, the Committee on Health and Welfare was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to amending a birth certificate to reflect gender identity, and the bill was committed to the Committee on Government Operations.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**J.R.H. 12.**

Joint resolution originating in the House of the following title was read and adopted in concurrence and is as follows:

Joint resolution amending the application of temporary Joint Rule 22A.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

Rule 22A. ~~Emergency~~ Temporary Rule Regarding Joint Committee Meetings

~~(a) The Joint Rules Committee is vested with the authority to permit any joint committees of the Vermont Legislature (including itself and Conference Committees) to meet and vote electronically as the Joint Rules Committee determines appropriate. If necessary, the Joint Rules Committee may make this authorization remotely in conformity with this Rule. 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 authority of the Joint Rules Committee under this Rule 22A terminates on January 18, 2022~~ 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 1, 2022.~~

~~(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) (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 again 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.~~

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 589.

An act relating to reapportioning the initial districts of the House of Representatives.

To the Committee on Reapportionment.

Adjournment

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