

# Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Arnold Thomas of Jericho.

## Message from the House No. 18

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. 477.** An act relating to leave for crime victims.

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. 15.** Joint resolution extending the application of temporary Joint Rule 22A through Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

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

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to House proposal of amendment to Senate bill of the following title:

**S. 30.** An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms within hospital buildings.

And has concurred therein.

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

**H.C.R. 98.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Mary L. Miner of Manchester on her 100th birthday.

**H.C.R. 99.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Stowe on earning a three-year designation as a Quality Youth Development Community.

**H.C.R. 100.** House concurrent resolution honoring Rebecca Buck for her superb service as a member of the Joint Fiscal Office staff.

**H.C.R. 101.** House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Carl D. Powden of Johnson.

**H.C.R. 102.** House concurrent resolution honoring Stephen A. Klein for his dedicated leadership as the General Assembly's Chief Fiscal Officer.

**H.C.R. 103.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 class of Eagle Scouts in the State of Vermont.

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

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

**S.C.R. 12.** Senate concurrent resolution memorializing the more than 500 Vermonters who have died due to COVID-19, extending sincere condolences to their families, and thanking those Vermonters whose frontline jobs have been especially challenging during the pandemic.

**S.C.R. 13.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Kekla Magoon on her 2021 and 2022 literary honors as an author of young people's literature.

**S.C.R. 14.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jason Chin of Burlington on his winning of the 2022 Randolph Caldecott Medal.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

### **Pages Honored**

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the President recognized the following-named pages who are completing their services today and presented them with letters of appreciation.

Camden Buckley of Montpelier  
Mia Dolan of Barre  
Abraham Dunne of Hartland  
Amelia Farley of South Burlington  
Grady Hagenbuch of Waterbury Center  
Cecilia Marino of Williston  
Emma Schaffer of Morristown

### **Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar**

#### **J.R.H. 15.**

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

Joint resolution extending the application of temporary Joint Rule 22A through Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

Rule 22A. Temporary Rule Regarding Joint Committee Meetings

(a) 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 Joint Rules Committee 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 15~~ March 8, 2022.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (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 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.

Thereupon, in the discretion of the President, under Rule 51, the joint resolution was placed on the Calendar for action the next legislative day.

### **Bills Referred**

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

#### **H. 477.**

An act relating to leave for crime victims.

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

#### **H. 510.**

An act relating to a Vermont Child Tax Credit and the Vermont Social Security income exclusion.

To the Committee on Finance.

**H. 559.**

An act relating to workers' compensation.

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

**Third Reading Ordered****H. 361.**

Senator White, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

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 20, Nays 9.

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

**Roll Call**

**Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were:** Balint, Bray, Champion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Kitchel, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Ram Hinsdale, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, White.

**Those Senators who voted in the negative were:** Benning, Brock, Collamore, Ingalls, MacDonald, Nitka, Parent, Terenzini, Westman.

**The Senator absent and not voting was:** Baruth.

**Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered****S. 122.**

Senator Ram Hinsdale, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the required votes of presidential electors.

respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 17 V.S.A. chapter 57, section 2732, subdivision (c)(3)(A), following "The Secretary of State shall accept and", by striking out the word "cast" and inserting in lieu thereof the word count

Second: In Sec. 2, effective date, following “July 1,” by striking out “2021” and inserting in lieu thereof 2022

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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

### **Senate 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 on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, Balint, Benning, Bray, Brock, Campion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Hardy, Hooker, Kitchel, Lyons, McCormack, Parent, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Sears, Sirotkin, Terenzini and White,

By All Members of the House,

#### **S.C.R. 12.**

Senate concurrent resolution memorializing the more than 500 Vermonters who have died due to COVID-19, extending sincere condolences to their families, and thanking those Vermonters whose frontline jobs have been especially challenging during the pandemic.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, Cummings, Lyons, Perchlik and Pollina,

#### **S.C.R. 13.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Kekla Magoon on her 2021 and 2022 literary honors as an author of young people’s literature.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, Cummings, Lyons, Perchlik, Pollina and Sirotkin,

#### **S.C.R. 14.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jason Chin of Burlington on his winning of the 2022 Randolph Caldecott Medal.

### **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 Rep. Morrissey,

**H.C.R. 98.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mary L. Miner of Manchester on her 100th birthday.

By Rep. Scheuermann,

**H.C.R. 99.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Stowe on earning a three-year designation as a Quality Youth Development Community.

By Rep. Hooper,

By Senator Kitchel,

**H.C.R. 100.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Rebecca Buck for her superb service as a member of the Joint Fiscal Office staff.

By Reps. Brumsted and others,

**H.C.R. 101.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Carl D. Powden of Johnson.

By Rep. Hooper,

By Senator Kitchel,

**H.C.R. 102.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Stephen A. Klein for his dedicated leadership as the General Assembly's Chief Fiscal Officer.

By Reps. Fagan and others,

By All Members of the Senate,

**H.C.R. 103.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2021 class of Eagle Scouts in the State of Vermont.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 41.