

# Journal of the House

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Wednesday, January 11, 2023

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotion.

## House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

### H. 36

By Rep. Parsons of Newbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting small towns from mapping forest blocks and habitat connectors

To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

### H. 37

By Reps. Patt of Worcester, Christie of Hartford, Garofano of Essex, and Troiano of Stannard,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to winter tires on rental cars

To the Committee on Transportation.

### H. 38

By Rep. Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the use of a portable electronic device in non-hands-free mode while operating a motor vehicle

To the Committee on Transportation.

**H. 39**

By Reps. Anthony of Barre City and Masland of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a local revenue distribution working group

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 40**

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a sexually protective device

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 41**

By Rep. Dolan of Essex Junction,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to referral of domestic and sexual violence cases to community justice centers

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 42**

By the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to temporary alternative procedures for annual municipal meetings and electronic meetings of public bodies

Was read the first time and, pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State or materially affecting the revenue of one or more municipalities, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**House Resolution Placed on Calendar****H.R. 5**

House resolution amending House standing committee jurisdictions

Offered by: Committee on Rules

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body amends Rule 25 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives as follows:

25. At the beginning of each regular session, standing committees shall be appointed having the following names, number of members, and duties:

Committee	Members	To Consider Matters Relating to
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Environment and Energy	11	Conservation and development, climate change mitigation, <del>energy, broadband,</del> land resources, air, water, and wildlife, <u>and solid waste management; energy, utilities, telecommunications, and broadband;</u> and other similar policies.
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Government Operations and Military Affairs	12	The structure, organization, and oversight of State, local, county, and regional government, <u>and municipal corporations;</u> the administration of public safety; <sub>;</sub> compensation and retirement benefits for public officials and employees; <sub>;</sub> elections, <u>and reapportionment;</u> liquor and lottery; <del>municipal corporations;</del> <sub>;</sub> military affairs; <sub>;</sub> public records and open meetings; <sub>;</sub> <u>information</u> technology and cybersecurity; <u>reapportionment;</u> <sub>;</sub> and other similar policies.
Health Care	11	<del>Physical and mental health</del> <u>Health</u> care, defined as an integrated, holistic system of <u>care that includes policy development with and oversight of the Vermont Departments of Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Health,</u> and health equity, health insurance, health care delivery improvement, and other similar policies.
Human Services	11	Improving the well-being of individuals <u>and families, including children, and families, individuals with disabilities, and older Vermonters,</u> and other similar policies.

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Was read by title and placed on the Action Calendar on the next legislative day pursuant to House Rule 52.

**Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**

**J.R.S. 7**

By Senator Baruth,

**J.R.S. 7.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 13, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

**House Sexual Harassment Prevention Panel Announced**

Pursuant to House Rule 90(c), the House Rules Committee appointed the following members to the House Sexual Harassment Prevention Panel:

**Rep. Burke of Brattleboro**  
**Rep. Mrowicki of Putney**  
**Rep. McCoy of Poultney**  
**Rep. Branagan of Georgia**  
**Rep. Headrick of Burlington**

**House Discrimination Prevention Panel Announced**

Pursuant to House Rule 90(a), the House Rules Committee appointed the following members to the House Discrimination Prevention Panel:

**Rep. Pajala of Londonderry**  
**Rep. Burrows of West Windsor**  
**Rep. Small of Winooski**  
**Rep. Mattos of Milton**  
**Rep. Garofano of Essex**

**House Ethics Panel Announced**

Pursuant to House Rule 90(b), the House Rules Committee appointed the following members to the House Ethics Panel:

**Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington**  
**Rep. Sibia of Dover**  
**Rep. Cina of Burlington**  
**Rep. Beck of St. Johnsbury**  
**Rep. Ode of Burlington**

**Adjournment**

At three o'clock and twenty minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.