Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Julian Asucan of Montpelier.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Message from the House No. 4

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Alona Tate, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

J.R.S. 6. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

Three messages were received from the Governor, by Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

The nomination of

Greenberg, Matthew of Montpelier - Member of the Board of Medical Practice from March 22, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Peterson, Eric of South Burlington - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from September 15, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Education.

Saudek, Karen of Montpelier - Member of the State Labor Relations Board - from May 4, 2022 to June 30, 2027.

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

The nomination of

Donegan, Roger of Hinesburg - Member of the State Labor Relations Board - from May 4, 2022 to June 30, 2026.

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

The nomination of

Recicar, Stuart of Colchester - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from December 12, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Education.

The nomination of

Lenes, Joan of Shelburne - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from December 12, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Education.

The nomination of

Flynn, Sarah of Williston - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from December 12, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Education.

The nomination of

Weinstein, Heather of Montpelier - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from December 12, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Education.

The nomination of

Werner, Richard of East Dover - Member of the State Board of Education - from December 12, 2022 to February 28, 2024.

To the Committee on Education.

Severtson, Amera of Barre - Member of the State Board of Education - from August 9, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

To the Committee on Education.

The nomination of

Troiano, Jo Ann of Montpelier - Member of the Vermont State Housing Authority - from December 12, 2022 to February 28, 2027.

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

The nomination of

Sullivan, Linda Joy of Dorset - Member of the Vermont State Housing Authority - from December 12, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

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

The nomination of

Thomas, Brian of Shrewsbury - Member of the Plumbers' Examining Board - from October 10, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

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

The nomination of

Nesbit, Tom of Waterbury Center - Member of the Plumbers' Examining Board - from October 10, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

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

The nomination of

Goodrich, Steve of North Bennington - Member of the Plumbers' Examining Board - from October 10, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

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

The nomination of

Marvin, David of Hyde Park - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from September 21, 2022 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Finance.

Greemore, Robert of Barre - Member of the State Labor Relations Board - from September 21, 2022 to February 29, 2028.

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

The nomination of

Elwell, Peter of Brattleboro - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from September 21, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Bourgeois, Kiersten of Swanton - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from September 21, 2022 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Hood, Peter of Middlesex - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Flory, Al of Barre - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board - from September 21, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Bullock, Fred of Bellows Falls - Member of the State Infrastructure Bank Board - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Leavitt, Thomas of Waterbury - Member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency - from August 26, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Finance.

Morrissey, Jeanne of Richmond - Member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency - from July 26, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Milord-Ajanma, Marie of Waterbury - Member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency - from July 26, 2022 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Baser, Fred of Bristol - Member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency - from July 26, 2022 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Gaffney, Kevin of Jericho - Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation - from July 5, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Gibbons, Kenneth of Hyde Park - Member of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency - from July 1, 2022 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Gallagher, Thomas of St. Albans - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from July 1, 2022 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Winters, Debbie of Swanton - Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2024.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Ogorzalek, Ed of Rutland - Member of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2026.

To the Committee on Finance.

Bourgeois, Anita of Middlesex - Member of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2027.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Foley, Mark of Rutland - Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2024.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Filipek, John of Jericho - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

The nomination of

Boyde, Glenn of Colchester - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

The nomination of

Harris, Kyle of Roxbury - Member of the Cannabis Control Board - from March 28, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

The nomination of

Philibert, Dawn of South Burlington - Chair of the Board of Health - from October 17, 2022 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Brown, Brody of Williamstown - Member of the Board of Health - from October 17, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Murman, David of Waterbury - Member of the Green Mountain Care Board - from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2028.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Lunge, Robin of Berlin - Member of the Green Mountain Care Board - from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Foster, Owen of Jericho - Chair of the Green Mountain Care Board - from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Lorentz, Stephanie of Rutland - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from September 21, 2022 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Sproul, Marga of Burlington - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Payne, Christine of Peacham - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from August 29, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Liebow, David of Townshend - Member of the Board Medical Practice - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Clattenburg, Richard of Perkinsville - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from August 29, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

McLain, Sarah of Lincoln - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Larsen, Rachel B. of Burlington - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from July 26, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Kersey, Kiersten of White River Junction - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from July 26, 2022 to February 28, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Aiken, Katie of Bennington - Member of the Human Services Board - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Wolf, Matt of East Montpelier - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Sheil, Bob of Montpelier - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Mazza, Mackenzie of Colchester - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Loner, Michael of Hinesburg - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from April 20, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Johnson, Linda of Montpelier - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from April 20, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Burris, Laurey of Shelburne - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from April 20, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

McShane, Michael of Montpelier - Member of the Board of Health - from June 30, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

Hollar, John of Montpelier - Member of the Capitol Complex Commission - from July 26, 2022 to February 28, 2024.

To the Committee on Institutions.

The nomination of

Billings, Jireh of Bridgewater - Member of the Capitol Complex Commission - from July 26, 2022 to February 28, 2024.

To the Committee on Institutions.

The nomination of

Dengler, Wayne of Isle La Motte - Member of the Parole Board - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Institutions.

The nomination of

Barrett, Jennifer L. of Newport - Superior Court Judge - from September 23, 2022 to March 31, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Besio, Nathan of Colchester - Member of the Human Rights Commission - from July 8, 2022 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

The nomination of

Frazier, Allison of Richmond - Member of the Fish and Wildlife Board - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Arrison, John of Ascutney - Member of the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission - from August 29, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Moore, Gary of Bradford - Member of the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission - from July 8, 2022 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Wolcott, Julie of Enosburg - Alternate Member of the Natural Resources Board - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2024.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Hammond, Evan of Lunenburg - Member of the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission - from June 30, 2022 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Beling, John of East Montpelier - Commissioner of the Environmental Conservation, Department of - from July 13, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Larrabee, Steve of West Danville - Member of the Natural Resources Board - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2024.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Courtney, Elizabeth of Montpelier - Alternate Member of the Natural Resources Board - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2024.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Aldrich, Brad of Shelburne - Member of the Natural Resources Board - from April 20, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Kennett, Elizabeth of Rochester - Member of the Travel Information Council - from November 9, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Transportation.

The nomination of

Morrison, Jennifer of North Hero - Commissioner of the Public Safety Department - from July 25, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Transportation.

The nomination of

Lagerquist, Josh of Montpelier - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from July 26, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Howrigan, Harold of Sheldon - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from July 26, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Hogan, Michael of Marshfield - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from July 26, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Hastings, Walter of South Royalton - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from July 26, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Foster, Ted of New Haven - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from July 26, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Fallar, Gail of Tinmouth - Member of the Current Use Advisory Board - from July 26, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

The nomination of

Heston, June of Richmond - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission - from August 29, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

The nomination of

Lukasik, Christopher of Brattleboro - Member of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The nomination of

LaBarge, John of South Hero - Member of the Travel Information Board - from November 9, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Transportation.

The nomination of

Giffin, Tom of Rutland - Member of the Parole Board - from April 20, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Institutions.

The nomination of

Sweet, Grace of Waterbury Center - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from December 12, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

To the Committee on Education.

The nomination of

Nicholson, Mark of West Danville - Member of the Transportation Board - from July 26, 2022 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Heald, Francis of Rutland - Member of the Travel Information Council - from November 9, 2022 to February 29, 2024.

To the Committee on Transportation.

The nomination of

O' Brien, Benjamin of Randolph - Member of the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Review Board - from July 1, 2022 to February 28, 2027.

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

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 7.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

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 that Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 9.

By Senators Bray and Hardy,

An act relating to the authority of the State Auditor to examine the books and records of State contractors.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 10.

By Senators Chittenden, Gulick, Lyons and Perchlik,

An act relating to the installation of water bottle filling stations in schools.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 11.

By Senator Baruth,

An act relating to persons prohibited from possessing firearms.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.