

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Rules Suspended; Bill Not Referred to Committee on Finance

H. 42

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, and, pending referral of the bill to the Committee on Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 31, Senator Cummings moved that the rules be suspended and the Senate bill entitled:

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

Not be referred to the Committee on Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 31 (and thereby remain on the Calendar for notice),

Which was agreed to.

Rules Suspended; Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Bill Passed in Concurrence; Bill Messaged

H. 42.

Appearing on the Calendar for notice, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended and House bill entitled:

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

Was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Hardy, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which the bill was referred, 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.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended and the bill was placed on all remaining stages of its passage in concurrence forthwith.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the House forthwith.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 23.

By Senators Hardy, Gulick, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Watson and White,

An act relating to prohibiting certain forms of discrimination.

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

S. 24.

By Senator White,

An act relating to the Clean Fuels Program.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Appointment of Senate Members to the Emergency Board

Pursuant to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 131, the President announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Emergency Board for a term of two years:

Senator Kitchel, *ex officio*

Senator Cummings, *ex officio*

Appointment of Senate Members to Joint Fiscal Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 501, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Fiscal Committee for terms of two years:

Senator Cummings, *ex officio*

Senator Kitchel, *ex officio*

Senator Sears

Senator Westman

Senator Baruth

Appointment of Senate Member to Vermont Economic Progress Council

Pursuant to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 3325, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Vermont Economic Progress Council for a term of two years:

Senator Chittenden

Appointment of Senate Member to Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Board

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 280e(b)(2), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Board for a term of two years:

Senator Chittenden

Appointment of Senate Member to Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel

Pursuant to the provisions of 18 V.S.A. § 1700, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel for a term of two years ending on January 15, 2025:

Senator MacDonald

Appointment of Senate Members to the Joint Legislative Management Committee

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 41(b)(2), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Legislative Management Committee during this biennium:

Senator Baruth, *ex officio*

Senator Kitchel

Senator Hashim

Senator Brock

Appointment of Senate Members to Joint Rules Committee

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Rules Committee for terms of two years pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule No. 5:

Senator Baruth, *ex officio*
Senator Mazza
Senator Clarkson
Senator Brock

Appointment of Senate Members of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

Pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. §817, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules for terms of two years ending February 1, 2025:

Senator Bray
Senator MacDonald
Senator Lyons
Senator Weeks

Appointment of Senate Member to Governor's Snowmobile Council

Pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A. § 3216, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Governor's Snowmobile Council for a term of two years:

Senator Kitchel

Standing Committee Appointed

The President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, reported the appointment of a standing committee, as follows:

Senate Sexual Harassment Prevention Panel

Senator Clarkson, Chair
Senator Perchlik, Vice Chair
Senator Watson
Senator Campion
Senator Weeks
Senator White

Message from the House No. 7

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 1. An act relating to legislative oversight of payment reform and conflict-free case management for developmental disability services.

In the passage 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. 8. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

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