

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rameen Zahed of East Montpelier.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

A message was 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

Coates, David of Colchester - Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

The nomination of

Mackenzie, Mary Alice of Colchester - Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 13.

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. 13. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 10, 2023, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 60.

By Senators Chittenden and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to local option taxes.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 61.

By Senators Cummings, Clarkson, Harrison and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to Medicare Savings Program eligibility.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 62.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, Bray, Campion, Clarkson, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, MacDonald, McCormack, Perchlik, Vyhovsky, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to paid family and medical leave insurance.

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

S. 63.

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

An act relating to health insurance and Medicaid coverage for fertility-related services.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 64.

By Senators White and Hardy,

An act relating to miscellaneous changes related to vehicles, infrastructure, and transportation planning.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 65.

By Senators Vyhovsky and Lyons,

An act relating to commercial insurance coverage of epinephrine auto-injectors.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 66.

By Senators Hardy, Cummings, Gulick, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to the provision of State-funded education in districts that do not maintain an elementary or high school.

To the Committee on Education.

Bill Referred

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

H. 45.

An act relating to abusive litigation filed against survivors of domestic abuse, stalking, or sexual assault.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Appointment of Senate Members to the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules

Pursuant to the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 3, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules for terms of two (2) years ending February 1, 2025:

Senator Sears
Senator Clarkson
Senator Brock
Senator Vyhovsky

**Appointment of Senate Members to the Joint Legislative Justice
Oversight Committee**

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 801(b), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee for terms of two years:

Senator Sears
Senator Lyons
Senator Ram Hinsdale
Senator Wrenner
Senator Norris

Message from the House No. 16

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. 145. An act relating to fiscal year 2023 budget adjustments.

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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.