

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

Pursuant to the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President, the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rick Swanson of Stowe.

Bill Introduced

Senate bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 121.

By Senator Hashim,

An act relating to prohibiting business entities from making contributions in State elections.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Bills Passed

S. 5.

Senate bill of the following title:

An act relating to affordably meeting the mandated greenhouse gas reductions for the thermal sector through electrification, decarbonization, efficiency, and weatherization measures.

Was read the third time and passed on a division of the Senate, Yeas 18, Nays 10.

S. 9.

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

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

Senate Resolutions Adopted

Senate resolutions entitled:

S.R. 8. Senate resolution to concurrently conducted electronic committee meetings.

S.R. 9. Senate resolution relating to electronic participation in Senate Sessions.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, were severally taken up and adopted.

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. Roberts,

H.C.R. 42.

House concurrent resolution honoring Laura and Lewis Sumner of Halifax for their exemplary municipal public service.

By Rep. Nicoll,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack and White,

H.C.R. 43.

House concurrent resolution honoring Ludlow Selectboard Chair Bruce Schmidt for his distinguished civic leadership.

By Rep. Nicoll,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack and White,

H.C.R. 44.

House concurrent resolution honoring Philip Carter for his exemplary community service in the Town of Ludlow.

By Reps. Brumsted and others,

H.C.R. 45.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont medal winners at the 2022 National Senior Games and designating March 15, 2023 as Senior Physical Fitness Day at the State House.

By Reps. Holcombe and Masland,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack and White,

H.C.R. 46.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tillie Walden of Norwich on her selection as the fifth Vermont Cartoonist Laureate.

By Reps. Nugent and others,

By Senator Chittenden,

H.C.R. 47.

House concurrent resolution honoring Rotary International for its continuing good works and congratulating the Burlington, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and Windsor Rotary Clubs on their centennial.

Message from the House No. 27

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 House bills of the following titles:

H. 53. An act relating to driver's license suspensions.

H. 67. An act relating to household products containing hazardous substances.

H. 148. An act relating to raising the age of eligibility to marry.

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. 16. Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and eight Superior Court Judges.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

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Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 4.