

# Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## **Devotional Exercises**

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate**

### **J.R.S. 36.**

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. 36.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 12, 2024.

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

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 12, 2024, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

## **Bills Introduced**

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

### **S. 222.**

By Senator Sears,

An act relating to sealing records of nonviolent offenses.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

### **S. 223.**

By Senators Cummings, Brock, Chittenden, McCormack and Ram Hinsdale,

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An act relating to the assessment of the Vermont Emergency Management Division's disaster preparedness.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 224.**

By Senators Hardy, Baruth, Bray, Clarkson, Gulick, McCormack, Watson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to compensation and benefits for members of the Vermont General Assembly.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 225.**

By Senator Vyhovsky,

An act relating to criminal sentencing and decarceration.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 226.**

By Senator Vyhovsky,

An act relating to seizure and forfeiture reporting.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 227.**

By Senators Harrison, Chittenden, Clarkson, White and Wrenner,

An act relating to the siting of transit amenities.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**S. 228.**

By Senators Harrison, Watson and Wrenner,

An act relating to requiring a jurisdictional opinion to be exempt from Act 250.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**S. 229.**

By Senators Harrison, Bray, Chittenden, Clarkson, Hashim and White,

An act relating to nonprofit public transit systems.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 230.**

By Senators Harrison, Lyons, Clarkson, Ram Hinsdale and Wrenner,  
An act relating to Medicare Advantage and Medicare supplemental insurance plans.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. 231.**

By Senators White, Clarkson and McCormack,  
An act relating to establishing a pilot for community nurse programs serving aging Vermonters.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**S. 232.**

By Senator Wrenner,  
An act relating to revoking Vermont's use of California's Clean Air Act waiver.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**S. 233.**

By Senators Clarkson and Collamore,  
An act relating to amendments to the scope of practice for optometrists.  
To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**S. 234.**

By Senator Westman,  
An act relating to amending the pension system for sheriffs and certain deputy sheriffs.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 235.**

By Senators Watson, MacDonald, McCormack, Perchlik, Vyhovsky and White,

An act relating to survivor benefits for public works employees.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 236.**

By Senators Watson, Gulick, Vyhovsky and White,

An act relating to amending the criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. 237.**

By Senators Wrenner, Baruth, Bray, Campion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Harrison, Hashim, Ingalls, Kitchel, MacDonald, McCormack, Norris, Perchlik, Starr, Vyhovsky, Weeks, Westman, White and Williams,

An act relating to the posting of municipal employment vacancies.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**S. 238.**

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to the Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

To the Committee on Education.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.