# Journal of the Senate

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## **Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Dan Haugh of Stowe.

# Message from the House No. 6

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. BetsyAnn Wrask, its 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. 516.** An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Essex Junction.

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

The House has considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

**S. 141.** An act relating to approval of the charter of Fairfax Fire District No. 1.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Clerk has appointed Courtney Reckord of Williamstown as Second Assistant Clerk.

# Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed S. 240.

On motion of Senator Cummings, the Committee on Finance was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to expanding access to Medicaid and Dr. Dynasaur, and the bill was committed to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

#### **Bills Introduced**

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

#### S. 298.

By Senators Brock, Norris and Collamore,

An act relating to increasing penalties for drug-related offenses.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

# S. 299.

By Senators Brock, Norris, Collamore, Ingalls, Weeks, Westman and Williams,

An act relating to a single process for sealing criminal history records.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

#### S. 300.

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

An act relating to funding support services for persons who use drugs and eliminating misdemeanor criminal penalties for possessing or dispensing a personal use drug supply.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

#### **Bill Referred**

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

#### H. 516.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Essex Junction.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

## Adjournment

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