

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President and the President *pro tempore*, the time for convening of the Senate having arrived, the Senate was called to order by John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 22

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Courtney Reckord, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The Governor has informed the House that on February 20, 2024, he approved and signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 599. An act relating to retroactively reinstating 10 V.S.A. § 6081(b).

Message from the House No. 23

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Courtney Reckord, 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. 543. An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Social Work Licensure Compact.

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. 46. Joint resolution regarding weekend adjournment on February 23, 2024.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Message from the House No. 24

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Courtney Reckord, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 160. House concurrent resolution in memory of veteran Pownal firefighter Kenneth Carlton O'Dell.

H.C.R. 161. House concurrent resolution honoring Newport City Council Chair John Wilson for his national and municipal public service.

H.C.R. 162. House concurrent resolution honoring Sergeant at Arms Janet Miller for her stellar public service for the General Assembly.

H.C.R. 163. House concurrent resolution recognizing Public Schools Week in Vermont.

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

The Governor has informed the House that on February 22, 2024, he approved and signed a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 850. An act relating to transitioning education financing to the new system for pupil weighting.

Bills Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Senate bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

S. 163. An act relating to establishing two Superior judge positions.

S. 192. An act relating to forensic facility admissions criteria and processes.

S. 213. An act relating to the regulation of wetlands, river corridor development, and dam safety.

Adjournment

At 3:15 P.M. in the afternoon and no quorum of the Senate having assembled, pursuant to Rule 9 of the Senate Rules, the Senate adjourned until nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 pursuant to J.R.S. 46.