

Journal of the House

Friday, January 17, 2025

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Geof Hewitt, Poet, Calais.

Memorial Service

House members rose as the Speaker placed before the House the following names of members of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Rep. Kenneth "Ken" Atkins of Winooski	Member of the House, Sessions 1999-2012
Rep. Thomas P. Salmon of Rockingham	Member of the House, Sessions 1965-1970

Thereupon, the members of the House held a moment of silence in memory of the deceased members.

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

H. 40

By Reps. Chapin of East Montpelier, Arsenault of Williston, Burke of Brattleboro, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, Mrowicki of Putney, Pouech of Hinesburg, and Priestley of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 41

By Reps. Burditt of West Rutland and Demar of Enosburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a felony penalty for abuse of a corpse

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 42

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Cole of Hartford, LaMont of Morristown, McCann of Montpelier, Pouech of Hinesburg, and Priestley of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Housing Board of Appeals

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 43

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Hango of Berkshire, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Burt of Cabot, Casey of Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Corcoran of Bennington, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Hunter of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, McFaun of Barre Town, Micklus of Milton, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sibilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, and Winter of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting military retirement and survivor benefit income from Vermont income tax

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

Judicial Nominating Board House Members Elected

Pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 601, the Speaker made the following nominations to the Judicial Nominating Board:

Rep. Garofano of Essex

Rep. Goslant of Northfield

Rep. Rachelson of Burlington

Rep. McCoy of Poultney moved the election of the candidates, as nominated by the Speaker, which was agreed to.

Message from the Senate No. 7

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Gradel, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted Senate concurrent resolution of the following title:

S.C.R. 1. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on its 120th anniversary.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 1. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Falcons Division IV championship boys' track and field team.

H.C.R. 2. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division I championship softball team.

H.C.R. 3. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Enosburg Falls High School Hornets Division II championship softball team.

H.C.R. 4. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Division IV championship girls' soccer team.

H.C.R. 5. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Rockets Division IV championship softball team.

H.C.R. 6. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Milton High School Yellowjackets girls' soccer team on winning a second consecutive Division II championship.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and forty-seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 6.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Falcons Division IV championship boys' track and field team

H.C.R. 2

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division I championship softball team

H.C.R. 3

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Enosburg Falls High School Hornets Division II championship softball team

H.C.R. 4

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Division IV championship girls' soccer team

H.C.R. 5

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Rockets Division IV championship softball team

H.C.R. 6

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S.C.R. 1

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[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House and Senate Calendar Addendums on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2025 Biennial Session.]