

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Rachel Field, St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Northfield.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pages Lucy Hakim of Shelburne and Henry Smith of Shelburne led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 8

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 joint resolution of the following title:

J.R.S. 8. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 24, 2025.

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

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 44

By Reps. LaLonde of South Burlington and Burditt of West Rutland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the laws governing impaired driving

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 45

By Reps. Bluemle of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Duke of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Kleppner of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms on premises where alcohol is licensed to be served

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 46

By Reps. Donahue of Northfield, Noyes of Wolcott, and Stone of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Rare Disease Advisory Council

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 47

By Reps. Stone of Burlington and Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 48

By Reps. Graning of Jericho and Arsenault of Williston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the emission of excessive soot or smoke from certain motor vehicles

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 49

By Reps. Harrison of Chittenden and Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the implementation of an electronic roll-call system in the Vermont House of Representatives

To the Committee on Rules.

H. 50

By Reps. Casey of Montpelier and McCann of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to identifying State real property suitable for conversion into affordable housing

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 51

By Reps. Birong of Vergennes and Boyden of Cambridge,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the statutes governing alcoholic beverages

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 52

By Reps. Harrison of Chittenden, Lipsky of Stowe, and Morris of Springfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changing the greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements to goals

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

**Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)
Appointments**

Pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 817, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules:

Rep. Squirrell of Underhill

Rep. Higley of Lowell

Rep. Ode of Burlington

Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph

Joint Committee on Judicial Retention Appointments

Pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 607, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Committee on Judicial Retention:

Rep. Arsenault of Williston

Rep. Oliver of Sheldon

Rep. Casey of Montpelier

Rep. Malay of Pittsford

Ceremonial Readings**H.C.R. 1**

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Demar of Enosburgh, Gregoire of Fairfield, and Walker of Swanton

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

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

Whereas, Richford Junior-Senior High School had not won a boys' track and field divisional title since 2015, and the 2024 team coalesced around the goal of winning the Division IV crown in honor of its former assistant coach, Andre LaBier, who in 2024 retired as the school's resource officer, and

Whereas, at the championship meet, held at Thompson Park in Manchester, the Falcons secured first place in the 200m and 400m, the 4x100 relay, and the triple jump, and the team's consistently solid performances resulted in its outscoring second-place Green Mountain Union High School (137–112) for a great victory, and

Whereas, the Falcons, who received a rousing fire department welcome on their triumphant return home, were Carson Steinhour, Carter Blaney, Daniel Blazevic, Davian Coy, David Scott, Eli Martin, Silas Martin, Jerrick Jacobs, Lars Riesterer, Lucas Kalo, Matthew Stryker, Oliver Pike, Tristan Whitestone, and Wyatt Chagnon, and

Whereas, the innovative leadership of Head Coach Richard Flint and Assistant Coach Kaydeen Juairé inspired the team, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Falcons Division IV championship boys' track and field team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richford Junior-Senior High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 17, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

H.C.R. 4

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Demar of Enosburgh, Gregoire of Fairfield, and Walker of Swanton

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

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

Whereas, the 11th-seeded varsity athletic team in an annual interscholastic playoff series seldom anticipates a championship game berth, but in the 2024 Division IV girls' soccer competition, that was the surprising result for the Richford Rockets, who demonstrated their true talent when they faced the top-ranked and undefeated West Rutland Golden Horde in an exciting season finale at Rutland High School's field, and

Whereas, thrilled to have astounded their supporters, the Rockets aimed to prove their journey to this special game would be happily memorable, and

Whereas, despite trailing 2–0 at the mid-game break, the Rockets played superbly during the second half; first, scoring less than two minutes after play resumed; then, at the midpoint of the concluding half; and finally, with 13:57 remaining of regulation time, all the while as the Richford defense prevented West Rutland from increasing its side of the score, and

Whereas, the Rockets, who triumphantly returned home with Richford's first-ever girls' soccer title, were Vanessa Tessier, Teddy Roberts, Keeley Long, Mikayla Chagnon, Adi Chagnon, Kyrielle Deuso, Audrey Swanson, Jazmine Cunningham, Sayge Bohannon, Katelyn Doe, Brooklynn Letourneau, Alex Percy, Lucia Aguila-Collantes Prieto, Alba Castel Delgado, and Kayliese McCray, and

Whereas, Head Coach Liza Bordo, assistant coaches Randi Chagnon and Jennie Hull, and Team Manager Megan Dussault were impressed with the Rockets' amazing 3–2 championship victory, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Division IV championship girls' soccer team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richford Junior-Senior High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 17, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

H.C.R. 5

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Demar of Enosburgh, Gregoire of Fairfield, and Walker of Swanton

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

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

Whereas, the strength of the fourth-ranked Richford Rockets initial seventh-inning lead proved crucial in their 2024 Division IV championship victory in Castleton against the second-seeded West Rutland Golden Horde, and

Whereas, Richford exhibited impressive offensive prowess early in the contest, scoring six runs in the second inning, expanding its lead in the third to 8–0, and to 9–0 in the fourth, prior to West Rutland’s crossing the plate for a single run in the fifth and two in the sixth, and

Whereas, in the decisive seventh inning, the Rockets increased their scoring advantage to 11–3 in the opening frame, and Richford stoically withstood a four-run Golden Horde final burst of energy to clinch the 2024 crown 11–7, and

Whereas, the delighted Rockets roster consisted of Jazzy Cunningham, Kyrielle Deuso, Agnus Heinrich, Vanessa Tessier, Adi Chagnon, Katelyn Doe, Erin Raymond, Sierra Derby, Maddie Combs, Kayliese McCray, Sophia Derby, Maddie Smith, and Mikayla Chagnon, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dennis Blaney and assistant coaches Randi Chagnon and Kiley Deuso motivated the Rockets to excel on the softball diamond, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Richford Junior-Senior High School Rockets Division IV championship softball team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richford Junior-Senior High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 17, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and twenty-six minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.