

Journal of the House

Thursday, January 30, 2025

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Tom Charlton of Chester.

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 124

By Reps. Priestley of Bradford, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Cooper of Pownal, Duke of Burlington, Graning of Jericho, Marcotte of Coventry, Micklus of Milton, Olson of Starksboro, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Commissioner of Financial Regulation and an annual supervision and regulation report

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 125

By Rep. Sibilias of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to reporting on the energy transition

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 126

By Rep. Goldman of Rockingham,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to universal basic income payments for youth exiting foster care

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 127

By Rep. Dodge of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to deed restrictions and renewable energy devices

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 128

By Reps. Boutin of Barre City, Charlton of Chester, Coffin of Cavendish, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Luneau of St. Albans City, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Nielsen of Brandon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to unlawful drug activity in a dwelling by a person who is not a legal tenant

To the Committee on Judiciary.

House Resolution Placed on Calendar**H.R. 5**

Offered by Committee on Rules

House resolution authorizing limited remote committee voting through the remainder of calendar year 2025

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That through the remainder of calendar year 2025, each member of a House committee is authorized to vote remotely in that committee for not more than three days, *and be it further*

Resolved: Such a member shall notify the committee chair and clerk that the member is exercising this remote voting authority, and shall count toward a committee quorum, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the committee clerk shall record any vote cast by the member as a remote vote, and shall track the number of days the member exercises this remote voting authority.

Was read by title and placed on the Action Calendar on the next legislative day pursuant to House Rule 52.

Ceremonial Reading**H.C.R. 9**

Offered by Representatives Chapin of East Montpelier, Birong of Vergennes, Casey of Montpelier, Cordes of Bristol, Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, LaMont of Morristown, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, North of Ferrisburgh, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by Senators Hardy, Perchlik, and Watson

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermonters who created the Tony Award-winning musical *Hadestown* and the Vermont theatrical youth ensembles now staging exhilarating teen performances

Whereas, shortly after New Haven's Anaïs Mitchell graduated from Middlebury College in 2004, she completed the original minimalist version of the future Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Hadestown*, a modern rendition of the Greek legend of Orpheus's ultimately futile journey into the underworld of Hades to return Eurydice, his wife, to the world of the living, and

Whereas, in 2006, Anaïs Mitchell; Lincoln's Michael Chorney, orchestrator; Montpelier's Ben T. Matchstick, co-creator; and other theatrically talented Vermonters premiered *Hadestown* at the Old Labor Hall in Barre, and in 2013, Anaïs Mitchell, in collaboration with Broadway director Rachel Chavkin, Michael Chorney, and others began revising *Hadestown* for greater theatrical glory, and East Montpelier's Robinson Morse has been an on-stage performing musician with the show since at least 2019, and

Whereas, on April 17, 2019, the dream became a reality when *Hadestown* debuted to rave reviews at Broadway's Walter Kerr Theater, and in June of 2019, the creators' unusual perseverance was recognized when *Hadestown* received eight Tony Awards (Broadway's highest accolade and the most any show won that year), among which were Best Musical, Best Direction of a Musical (Rachel Chavkin), Best Original Score (Anaïs Mitchell), and Best Orchestrations (Michael Chorney and Todd Sickafoose), and

Whereas, the young thespians of Peoples Academy in Morrisville and the nonprofit Very Merry Theatre in Burlington recently performed a new teen version of this Vermont-created and Tony Award-winning show, and

Whereas, under the leadership of U-32 Middle and High School Performing Arts Director Erin Galligan Baldwin, and the unique guidance of Anaïs Mitchell and Ben T. Matchstick, an ambitious U-32-Montpelier High School joint presentation of the teen production is currently being staged at U-32, and

Whereas, Vermont youngsters' presentation of the teen version of *Hadestown*, with the support of the musical's creators, is an unusual theatrical event worthy of celebration, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermonters who created the Tony Award-winning musical *Hadestown* and the Vermont theatrical youth ensembles now staging exhilarating teen performances, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anaïs Mitchell, Michael Chorney, Ben T. Matchstick, Rachel Chavkin, Robinson Morse, Peoples Academy, the Very Merry Theatre, Erin Galligan Baldwin, U-32 Middle and High School, and Montpelier High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 24, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 27

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 35

House bill, entitled

An act relating to unmerging the individual and small group health insurance markets

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment

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