

Journal of the House

Friday, January 31, 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 Major Eric Stuepfert, Chaplain, Vermont National Guard.

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 129

By Reps. Brady of Williston, Emmons of Springfield, and Taylor of Milton,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State Aid for School Construction Program

To the Committee on Education.

H. 130

By Reps. Minier of South Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Arsenault of Williston, Bartley of Fairfax, Burrows of West Windsor, Headrick of Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, McCann of Montpelier, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding the membership and duties of the Advisory Council on Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying Prevention in Schools

To the Committee on Education.

H. 131

By Reps. Garofano of Essex and McGill of Bridport,
House bill, entitled

An act relating to Reach Up grant calculation

To the Committee on Human Services.

Favorable Report; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered**H. 31**

Rep. Black of Essex, for the Committee on Health Care, to which had been referred House bill, entitled

An act relating to claim edit standards and prior authorization requirements

Reported in favor of its passage. The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading ordered.

House Resolution Adopted**H.R. 5**

Rep. Bartholmew of Hartland spoke for the Committee on Rules.

House resolution, entitled

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

Appearing on the Action Calendar pursuant to House Rule 52, was taken up and adopted.

Message from the Senate No. 11

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 concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 10. House concurrent resolution designating February 6, 2025 as 3SquaresVT Awareness Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 11. House concurrent resolution in memory of extraordinary Bennington K-9 Police Officer Gracie.

H.C.R. 12. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 University of Vermont Catamounts on winning their school's first NCAA Division I men's soccer championship (College Cup).

H.C.R. 13. House concurrent resolution in memory of the former esteemed Clerk of the Vermont House of Representatives Robert Louis Picher of Winooski.

H.C.R. 14. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Putney Library on the 20th anniversary of its current home.

H.C.R. 15. House concurrent resolution congratulating former Bennington Acting Police Chief Wally Mattison on his centennial birthday.

H.C.R. 16. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Bennington Select Board Chair, Representative, and Assistant Judge James H. Colvin.

H.C.R. 17. House concurrent resolution honoring the Green Mountain Hometown Heroes Banner Program and its recognized members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

H.C.R. 18. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont's communications union districts for their visionary leadership and effective efforts in bringing world class fiber optic service to rural communities.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty-three minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 9.

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