

Journal of the House

Friday, February 14, 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 Rep. Rob North of Ferrisburgh.

Memorial Service

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

Rep. Sandra L. Baird of Burlington	Member of the House, Sessions 1993-1996
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Thereupon, the members of the House held a moment of silence in memory of the deceased member.

Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the Speaker recognized the following named Pages who completed their service today and presented them with commemorative pins:

Peter Burkholder of Barnard
Salvador Doyle of Montpelier
Lucy Hakim of Shelburne
Daphne Krohn of South Burlington
Dean Roy of Stowe
Hayley Sherman of East Montpelier
Henry Smith of Shelburne

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 221

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston, Christie of Hartford, LaLonde of South Burlington, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Firearm Surrender Order Compliance Working Group
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 222

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston, Christie of Hartford, Goslant of Northfield, LaLonde of South Burlington, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to participation in a domestic violence accountability program as a condition of a final relief from abuse prevention order
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 223

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston and Priestley of Bradford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to stalking through the use of tracking technology
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 224

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a thermal benefits charge
To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 225

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to conducting a climate health study
To the Committee on Environment.

H. 226

By Rep. Mrowicki of Putney,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to conducting a Clean Heat Standard study
To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

Ceremonial Reading**H.C.R. 19**

Offered by Representatives Lipsky of Stowe, Morrow of Weston, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Hunter of Manchester, Kleppner of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, L. of Milton, North of Ferrisburgh, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Priestley of Bradford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Tagliavia of Corinth, Torre of Moretown, Wells of Brownington, and White of Waitsfield

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermonter Noah Dines on establishing a new one-year world vertical skiing record of 3,590,097 feet

Whereas, uphill or vertical skiing entails different modes of energy and exertion than a downhill traverse, and when a skier accumulates millions of feet in the condensed time frame of one year, the stamina and strength required is most impressive, and

Whereas, Vermonter Noah Dines set out to establish a new world record for the most number of feet skied vertically in a single year, an ambitious goal since the existing record, set in 2016, was 2,500,000 feet, and

Whereas, the mileage required to meet his objective was undeniably daunting, but Noah Dines was hardly deterred; he pursued this project with the utmost enthusiasm, and

Whereas, he commenced this endeavor on his home mountain in Stowe, ascending upwards nearly 10,000 feet each day, plus the requisite descent necessitated to complete each round trip, and

Whereas, realizing that year-round snow, not merely the limited months it was accessible in Stowe, was essential for his mission, Noah Dines traveled within the United States to Colorado, Oregon, and Utah, and abroad to Austria, Chile, and France, and

Whereas, in pursuit of his target, Noah Dines maximized three pairs of ski boots, five sets of skis, and 12 pairs of skins, and

Whereas, in September 2024, Noah Dines broke the then-existing 2,500,000-foot record, but he was hardly finished, as his original hope was to ski 3,000,000 feet, and

Whereas, he far exceeded that mark, concluding on December 30, 2024, having skied vertically 3,590,097 feet, with supporting statistics of 6,082 total miles and 2,268.34 total hours skied, and having averaged a daily 9,836

vertical feet, 6.13 hours, 16.66 miles, and 1.8 bags of candy,
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermonter Noah Dines on establishing a new one-year world vertical skiing record of 3,590,097 feet, the equivalent of 120 ascents of Mount Everest, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Noah Dines.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, February 7, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Message from the Senate No. 18

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. 2. Senate concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Old Cemetery Association.

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

H.C.R. 28. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax High School Bullets Division III championship baseball team.

H.C.R. 29. House concurrent resolution congratulating Montgomery runner Elinor Purrier St. Pierre on her outstanding athletic achievement at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

H.C.R. 30. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative, House Republican Leader, and Milton Town Manager Donald H. Turner Jr..

H.C.R. 31. House concurrent resolution in memory of former University of Vermont associate professor, poet, and community leader Mary Jane Dickerson.

H.C.R. 32. House concurrent resolution honoring former Killington Town Clerk and Treasurer Lucrecia Wonsor for her insightful municipal government leadership.

H.C.R. 33. House concurrent resolution honoring criminal defense and personal injury attorney and Thetford Academy indoor track coach Charles Buttrey of Thetford.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty-eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 11.

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 and Senate Calendar Addendums on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2025 Biennial Session.]