

# Journal of the House

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**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

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

## **Devotional Exercises**

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Peter Plagge, Waterbury Congregational Church.

## **Rules Suspended, House Bills Introduced**

Pending first reading of House bills, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred to committee as follows:

### **H. 603**

By Rep. Ode of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to excluding military disability retirement from personal income taxation

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

### **H. 604**

By Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to semiautomatic assault weapons

To the Committee on Judiciary.

### **H. 605**

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to speed limits in downtown centers and village centers

To the Committee on Transportation.

### **H. 606**

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston, LaLonde of South Burlington, Bishop of Colchester, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cole of Hartford, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex,

Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, James of Manchester, Krasnow of South Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, Mrowicki of Putney, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stone of Burlington, and Waters Evans of Charlotte,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to firearms procedures

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 607**

By Rep. Krasnow of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to institutional real estate investors' purchase of single- and two-family residences

To the Committee on General and Housing.

**H. 608**

By Rep. Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing purple paint markings as notice for posting against hunting and fishing

To the Committee on Environment.

**H. 609**

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury and James of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to thermal energy networks

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

**H. 610**

By Reps. Campbell of St. Johnsbury and James of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an energy navigator program report

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

**H. 611**

By Rep. Berbeco of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting the Department of Vermont Health Access

To the Committee on Health Care.

**H. 612**

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Vermont Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 613**

By Reps. Bos-Lun of Westminster, Berbeco of Winooski, Burrows of West Windsor, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Mrowicki of Putney, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, and Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to victims of officer-involved shootings of an individual experiencing a mental health crisis

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 614**

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington, Greer of Bennington, and Wells of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the consultation and endorsement by the Abenaki First Nations of Odanak and Wôlinak in the development of Indigenous history and culture curricula

To the Committee on Education.

**H. 615**

By Reps. Headrick of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Greer of Bennington, McCann of Montpelier, and Pezzo of Colchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to protecting political expression and promoting civil rights in education

To the Committee on Education.

**H. 616**

By Rep. Boutin of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the right to enroll full time in virtual learning

To the Committee on Education.

**H. 617**

By Rep. Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to seizure disorders in schools

To the Committee on Education.

**H. 618**

By Rep. McCann of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to school counselors

To the Committee on Education.

**H. 619**

By Rep. Waszazak of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an income tax surcharge

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 620**

By Rep. Waszazak of Barre City,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to creating a wealth tax commission  
To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 621**

By Reps. Waszazak of Barre City, Yacovone of Morristown, and Bluemle of Burlington,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to personal income tax brackets  
To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 622**

By Rep. Bartley of Fairfax,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to stewardship trusts  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 623**

By Rep. Casey of Montpelier,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to licensure of massage therapists  
To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**H. 624**

By Reps. LaLonde of South Burlington and Goodnow of Brattleboro,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to creating the Adult Involuntary Guardianship Working Group  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 625**

By Rep. Casey of Montpelier,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to adoption of the Interstate Massage Compact  
To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**Joint House Resolution Adopted****J.R.H. 6**

Joint resolution authorizing the Green Mountain Boys State educational program to use the State House facilities on June 25, 2026

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

**Adjournment**

At three o'clock and sixteen 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.