

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of a devotional.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pages Siobhan Murman of Waterbury and Judah Hare of Strafford led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. 638

By Reps. Maguire of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, Austin of Colchester, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Burrows of West Windsor, Cole of Hartford, Dodge of Essex, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, Morris of Springfield, Morrow of Weston, North of Ferrisburgh, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Stevens of Waterbury, Tagliavia of Corinth, and Wells of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recovery residence certification

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 639

By Reps. Scheu of Middlebury, Arsenault of Williston, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Kleppner of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott,

Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweeney of Shelburne, and Tomlinson of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to genetic data privacy

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 640

By Reps. Harple of Glover, Berbeco of Winooski, Burrows of West Windsor, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Mrowicki of Putney, Satcowitz of Randolph, and Sweeney of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to adding voting student members to school district boards

To the Committee on Education.

H. 641

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring all hospitals to use the same independent auditor

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 642

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to youthful offender proceedings

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 643

By Reps. Keyser of Rutland City, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bosch of Clarendon, Demar of Enosburgh, Galfetti of Barre Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harvey of Castleton, Howland of Rutland Town, Labor of Morgan, Lalley of Shelburne, Luneau of St. Albans City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, Nelson of Derby, North of Ferrisburgh, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Southworth of Walden, Steady of Milton, Tagliavia of Corinth, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, and Winter of Ludlow,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to purchase and use tax revenue

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 644

By Reps. Rachelson of Burlington, Chapin of East Montpelier, Dodge of Essex, Donahue of Northfield, Greer of Bennington, Howard of Rutland City, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Olson of Starksboro, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Sibilia of Dover, and Tomlinson of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to regulating the use of artificial intelligence in the provision of mental health services

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 645

By Reps. Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, and Southworth of Walden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to identity verification in real property transactions

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 646

By Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating a residential property tax subclass for uninhabitable buildings

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 647

By Rep. Boyden of Cambridge,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to vinous beverage manufacturers and fourth-class licenses

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 648

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

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banking, insurance, and securities

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 649

By Reps. Graning of Jericho, Marcotte of Coventry, Bosch of Clarendon, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Duke of Burlington, Micklus of Milton, Olson of Starksboro, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to captive insurance companies

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 650

By Reps. Arsenault of Williston and Graning of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to educational technology products

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 651

By Rep. Morrow of Weston,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to aesthetics review for new energy projects

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 652

By Reps. Page of Newport City, Labor of Morgan, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Donahue of Northfield, Galfetti of Barre Town, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Holcombe of Norwich, Kascenska of Burke, Kleppner of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Sibilia of Dover, Sweeney of Shelburne, Wells of Brownington, and White of Waitsfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to wastewater discharges from landfills

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 653

By Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Randolph

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 654

By Rep. Headrick of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Vermont Airspace Safety and Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Task Force

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 655

By Reps. Boyden of Cambridge and Birong of Vergennes,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to alcoholic beverages and the Board of Liquor and Lottery

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 656

By Rep. Howard of Rutland City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to supplemental compensation, health insurance, and retirement benefits for members of the General Assembly

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 657

By Reps. McGill of Bridport, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Casey of Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, LaMont of Morristown,

Logan of Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Rachelson of Burlington, Tomlinson of Winooski, and Waszazak of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to enabling unaccompanied homeless youth to obtain certain services without parental consent

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 658

By Rep. Burrows of West Windsor,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sign language interpretation at public events for elected officials

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 659

By Reps. Micklus of Milton, Taylor of Milton, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Child Care Financial Assistance Program certificates

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 660

By Reps. Maguire of Rutland City, Bishop of Colchester, Cole of Hartford, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Noyes of Wolcott, and Wood of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2027 Opioid Abatement Special Fund appropriations

To the Committee on Human Services.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 28

House bill, entitled

An act relating to including an affirmation option in oath requirements in Titles 1–10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated

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

Bill Amended; Third Reading; Bill Passed**H. 409**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the procedures for bail revocation

Was taken up and, pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Goodnow of Brattleboro** moved that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act relating to appeals of orders denying bail revocation"

Which was agreed to. Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Message from the Senate No. 3

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. 32. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 16, 2026.

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

Adjournment

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