

Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Major Eric Stuepfert, Vermont Army National Guard Chaplain, Wheelock.

Communication from Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town

"January 2, 2026

Honorable Governor Philip B. Scott
Governor of the State of Vermont
State House
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Governor Scott,

It has truly been the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of St. Albans over the last seven years. Other than being a father, nothing has brought me more joy and a sense of accomplishment than representing St. Albans City and St. Albans Town in the Vermont State Legislature.

I have recently taken on a new job as Town Manager for the Town of St. Albans and have welcomed our new child into the world. I hereby resign my seat in the House of Representatives, effective January 16, 2026.

I look forward to continuing working for the people of St. Albans in my new role.

Best,

Casey J. Toof
State Representative
Franklin-8
St. Albans City & St. Albans Town

Cc: Jill Krowinski, Speaker of the House of Representatives
BetsyAnn Wrask, Clerk of the House of Representatives"

Message from the Senate No. 4

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. 33. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

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

The Senate has considered joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

J.R.H. 6. Joint resolution authorizing the Green Mountain Boys State educational program to use the State House facilities on June 25, 2026.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

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. 661

By Reps. Taylor of Milton, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Steady of Milton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to workers' compensation coverage for firefighters with cancer

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 662

By Reps. Taylor of Milton, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Steady of Milton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an annual allocation for firefighter cancer screening

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 663

By Reps. Taylor of Milton, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Steady of Milton,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to exempting municipalities from the Act 250 requirement to mitigate reduction of primary agricultural soils

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 664

By Reps. Burrows of West Windsor, Olson of Starksboro, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to income eligibility parity for certain Medicaid programs

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 665

By Reps. Kimbell of Woodstock and Marcotte of Coventry,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to recording, indexing, and the duties of town clerks

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 666

By Rep. Bartley of Fairfax,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to survivors benefits for law enforcement officers

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 667

By Reps. Tomlinson of Winooski and Krasnow of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to collective homeownership resources

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 668

By Rep. Burtt of Cabot,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to automatic renewal contracts

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 669

By Reps. Marcotte of Coventry, Duke of Burlington, Hango of Berkshire, Kascenska of Burke, Maguire of Rutland City, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, and Sweeney of Shelburne,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to internet lottery sales

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 670

By Rep. Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring voters to present identification when voting

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 671

By Rep. Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring proof of U.S. citizenship for voter registration

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 672

By Rep. Boyden of Cambridge,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to distribution of malt beverages by licensed manufacturers

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 673

By Reps. Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to brownfields redevelopment of the Upper Valley Regional Landfill

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 674

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

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of the Vermont Sister State Program

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 675

By Reps. Burt of Cabot, Dobrovich of Williamstown, and North of Ferrisburgh,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the fluoridation of public water supplies

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 676

By Reps. Burt of Cabot, Bosch of Clarendon, and Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to maintaining patient access to animal-derived thyroid medications

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 677

By Reps. Burt of Cabot, Branagan of Georgia, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Morgan, L. of Milton, Nelson of Derby, North of Ferrisburgh, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Page of Newport City, Pritchard of Pawlet, and Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to primary, secondary, and local importance agricultural soils and solar energy generation

To the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry.

H. 678

By Reps. Boutin of Barre City and Waszazak of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the creation of a housing pilot program in Washington and Lamoille Counties

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 679

By Reps. Waszazak of Barre City and Galfetti of Barre Town,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to emergency management in flood-prone municipalities

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 680

By Reps. Olson of Starksboro, Cole of Hartford, Garofano of Essex, Greer of Bennington, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a primary care access reform program

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 681

By Reps. Olson of Starksboro, Yacovone of Morristown, Boyden of Cambridge, Burrows of West Windsor, Greer of Bennington, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, and O'Brien of Tunbridge,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to voter approval prior to school closure

To the Committee on Education.

H. 682

By Rep. Noyes of Wolcott,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to waiver of criminal history record fees for certain DAIL volunteers

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 683

By Reps. Burt of Cabot, Tagliavia of Corinth, and Wells of Brownington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to public nudity

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 684

By Rep. Satcowitz of Randolph,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle inspections

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. 685

By Rep. Krasnow of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to health insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 686

By Reps. Sibia of Dover, Donahue of Northfield, Headrick of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Tomlinson of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding identification of certain lobbying advertisements

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 687

By Rep. Waszazak of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to an exception to the moratorium on approval of new approved independent schools

To the Committee on Education.

House Resolution Placed on Calendar**H.R. 11**

Offered by Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, McCoy of Poultney, and Logan of Burlington

House resolution authorizing limited remote committee voting through the remainder of calendar year 2026

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That through the remainder of calendar year 2026, 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.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**J.R.S. 32**

By Senator Baruth,

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

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 16, 2026, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Adjournment

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