

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Anne Donahue of Northfield.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Elsie Kidder of St. Johnsbury led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from the Senate No. 6

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. 34. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 23, 2026.

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

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 717

By Rep. Campbell of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Residential and Commercial Building Energy Standards and the adoption of a residential building code

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 718

By Rep. Campbell of St. Johnsbury,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to building energy efficiency
To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 719

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Bosch of Clarendon, Casey of Hubbardton, Harvey of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, and Taylor of Mendon,

House bill, entitled
An act relating to hospital collaboration and state action immunity
To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 720

By Reps. Priestley of Bradford and Sibilia of Dover,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to the Cloud Computing Public Utility Act
To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 721

By Reps. Burditt of West Rutland and McCoy of Poultney,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to juvenile proceedings, criminal procedures, and forensic facilities for criminal justice-involved individuals
To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 722

By Reps. Boutin of Barre City and Waszazak of Barre City,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to authorizing municipalities to regulate the surface water use of public waters used as drinking water supplies
To the Committee on Environment.

H. 723

By Reps. Eastes of Guilford, Bishop of Colchester, Harple of Glover, Satcowitz of Randolph, and Stevens of Waterbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to posting of land

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 724

By Reps. Canfield of Fair Haven, Bosch of Clarendon, Casey of Hubbardton, Harvey of Castleton, Howland of Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, and Taylor of Mendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to administration of involuntary psychiatric medication in emergency circumstances

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 725

By Rep. Logan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the State Labor Relations Act

To the Committee on General and Housing.

H. 726

By Rep. Hooper of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to flexible working arrangements

To the Committee on General and Housing.

Bill Referred to Committee on Ways and Means**H. 648**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banking, insurance, and securities

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), affecting the revenue of the State, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Third Reading; Bills Passed

House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time, and passed:

H. 84

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing telehealth appointments to be recorded with patient and provider consent

H. 534

House bill, entitled

An act relating to community action agencies

Adjournment

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