

Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Chris Morrow of Weston.

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. 727

By Rep. Sibia of Dover,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sustainable data center deployment

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 728

By Rep. Goodnow of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to trespass in common areas

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 729

By Reps. Greer of Bennington, Cina of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Kleppner of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport, and Olson of Starksboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting spending by corporate political action committees in State elections

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 730

By Reps. Sibilia of Dover, Hango of Berkshire, Priestley of Bradford, Boyden of Cambridge, Bartley of Fairfax, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Feltus of Lyndon, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harple of Glover, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, Labor of Morgan, Lipsky of Stowe, Masland of Thetford, Morrow of Weston, Nelson of Derby, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Olson of Starksboro, Pritchard of Pawlet, Southworth of Walden, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, and Yacovone of Morristown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Act 250 location-based jurisdiction

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 731

By Rep. Sheldon of Middlebury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the water quality of the State

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 732

By Reps. Satcowitz of Randolph, Cina of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Howard of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Pezzo of Colchester, and Pouech of Hinesburg,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to new income tax brackets

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. 733

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

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of franchise agreements

To the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

H. 734

By Rep. Boutin of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to nonprofit transparency in lobbying and elections

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 735

By Reps. Micklus of Milton, Bartley of Fairfax, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Burrows of West Windsor, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Charlton of Chester, Duke of Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, Olson of Starksboro, and White of Bethel,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to issuance of temporary licenses for incapacitation of real estate brokers

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 736

By Reps. Bos-Lun of Westminster, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Burt of Cabot, Critchlow of Colchester, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Goldman of Rockingham, Lipsky of Stowe, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Nelson of Derby, and Olson of Starksboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to medication adherence and continuity of care in inpatient health care settings

To the Committee on Health Care.

H. 737

By Rep. Olson of Starksboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changes to Act 250

To the Committee on Environment.

H. 738

By Rep. Burditt of West Rutland,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to licensing fees for fair stands

To the Committee on Human Services.

H. 739

By Reps. Cole of Hartford, Arsenault of Williston, Berbeco of Winooski, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Krasnow of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, and Tomlinson of Winooski,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting the use and sale of the herbicide paraquat

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

H. 740

By Rep. James of Manchester,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry

To the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure.

H. 741

By Reps. Oliver of Sheldon and LaLonde of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to requiring the court to issue an arrest warrant when a criminal defendant fails to appear in court

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 34

By Senator Baruth,

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

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 23, 2026, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to
Other Committee**

H. 724

Rep. Wood of Waterbury moved that the Committee on Human Services be relieved of House bill, entitled

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

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Health Care, which was agreed to.

**Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to
Other Committee**

H. 661

Rep. Mihaly of Calais moved that the Committee on General and Housing be relieved of House bill, entitled

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

And that the bill be committed to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

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