

# Journal of the House

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**Friday, February 20, 2026**

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

## **Devotional Exercises**

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

## **Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations**

**H. 542**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to terminating testing of schools in Vermont for polychlorinated biphenyls

Appearing on the Notice Calendar, and pursuant to House Rule 35(a), carrying an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

## **Action on Bill Postponed**

**H. 907**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to legislative review of reporting requirements

Was taken up and, pending second reading, on motion of **Rep. Birong of Vergennes**, action on the bill was postponed one legislative day.

## **Message from the Senate No. 18**

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 concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 204.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Hanger Company of North Bennington on its centennial anniversary.

**H.C.R. 205.** House concurrent resolution honoring Maria Blair on her exemplary career as a dedicated staff member at the Joint Fiscal Office.

**H.C.R. 206.** House concurrent resolution commemorating the 160th anniversary of the Park-McCullough Historic Governor's Mansion in Bennington.

**H.C.R. 207.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Grand Isle Volunteer Fire Department on 75 years of serving the community.

**H.C.R. 208.** House concurrent resolution honoring Selectboard Chair Alyssa Joyce Johnson for her dedicated service on behalf of the Town of Waterbury and applauding the good work she facilitated during her tenure.

**H.C.R. 209.** House concurrent resolution in memory of former West Windsor Town Moderator Matthew T. Birmingham III.

**H.C.R. 210.** House concurrent resolution honoring Ripton Selectboard Chair Laureen Cox for her exemplary municipal public service.

**H.C.R. 211.** House concurrent resolution honoring the decades of extraordinary civic participation and leadership of Lexa and Steve Clark in the Town of Jamaica.

#### **Adjournment**

At nine o'clock and forty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 41.

#### **Concurrent Resolutions Adopted**

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

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[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2026 Adjourned Session.]