

Journal of the House

Friday, April 10, 2026

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Maura Kelly Leib of Hartford.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 246

Offered by Representative McGill of Bridport

House concurrent resolution designating April 10, 2026, as Vermont Children's Alliance Day at the State House

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 13 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) focusing on the challenges and solutions to the continuing prevalence of child abuse in our State, and

Whereas, these important organizations provide critical support and representational services to children whose needs can be acute and who rely on the centers to assist in transforming their lives, which may be harsh, into a potentially more promising future, and

Whereas, a CAC provides "forensic interviews, a safe meeting space, victim advocacy, and coordinated care to children that report sexual and physical abuse," and the 13 CACs operate collectively as the Vermont Children's Alliance (VCA), and

Whereas, the vision of the VCA is "to empower Vermont's CACs to provide equal and reliable access to support, treatment, justice, and healing for every child," and

Whereas, more specifically, the mission of the VCA is to "foster the growth of the CAC movement by providing statewide support and resources, promoting awareness of child abuse and its impact on our communities," and

Whereas, today, April 10, 2026, representatives of the VCA and its member CACs are visiting the State House to educate legislators on the importance of addressing the continuing problems associated with the abuse of our youngest Vermonters, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 10, 2026, as Vermont Children's Alliance Day at the State House, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Children's Alliance.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 3, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**

S. 181

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating the requirement for a presentence investigation for imposition of a deferred sentence

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Third Reading; Bill Passed in Concurrence

S. 183

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to home improvement and land improvement fraud

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

Favorable Reports; Second Reading; Third Reading Ordered

S. 218

Rep. Chapin of East Montpelier, for the Committee on Environment, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to reducing chloride contamination of State waters

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock, for the Committee on Ways and Means, reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

Rep. Squirrell of Underhill, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported in favor of its passage in concurrence.

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, and third reading was ordered.

Message from the Senate No. 41

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 considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 237. An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

H. 733. An act relating to designating a franchise relationship.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has on its part adopted Senate concurrent resolution of the following title:

S.C.R. 10. Senate concurrent resolution honoring University of Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont pediatrician extraordinaire Dr. Lewis R. First.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 247. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Hyde Park Selectboard Chair Kenneth A. Harvey.

H.C.R. 248. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team.

H.C.R. 249. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hazen Union Lady Cats Division III championship girls' basketball team.

H.C.R. 250. House concurrent resolution honoring the extraordinary life and artistic achievements of former Representative John Killacky of South Burlington.

H.C.R. 251. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Lamoille Union High School Lancers Division II championship boys' basketball team.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and thirty-eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 48.

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:

H.C.R. 247

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Hyde Park Selectboard Chair Kenneth A. Harvey

H.C.R. 248

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team

H.C.R. 249

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hazen Union Lady Cats Division III championship girls' basketball team

H.C.R. 250

House concurrent resolution honoring the extraordinary life and artistic achievements of former Representative John Killacky of South Burlington

H.C.R. 251

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Lamoille Union High School Lancers Division II championship boys' basketball team

S.C.R. 10

Senate concurrent resolution honoring University of Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont pediatrician extraordinaire Dr. Lewis R. First

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