

# Journal of the House

Friday, May 8, 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 Rep. Michelle Bos-Lun of Westminster.

## Bills Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Senate bills of the following titles, appearing on the Notice Calendar, affecting the revenue of the State, pursuant to House Rule 35(a), were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

### S. 198

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the regulation of tobacco products and tobacco substitutes

### S. 323

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

## Pending Entry on the Notice Calendar Bill Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

### S. 326

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to laws relating to motor vehicles

Pending entry 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.

## House Resolution Referred to Committee

### H.R. 18

Offered by Representatives Noyes of Wolcott and Bailey of Hyde Park

House resolution supporting the preservation of the Julian Scott birthplace in Johnson

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*Whereas*, Julian Scott (1846–1901) was born in Johnson and studied at Lamoille Academy, and at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, then 15 years of age, he enlisted, with his two brothers, in the 3rd Vermont Infantry Regiment, and

*Whereas*, deemed too scrawny to carry a gun, the military designated Julian Scott a fife and drum player, a role that also encompassed service as a field medic; and during the 1862 Battle of Lee’s Mill in Virginia, the young Vermonter traversed a stream numerous times under heavy Confederate fire to evacuate wounded Union soldiers, and he was awarded the Medal of Honor, one of the first and youngest individuals so honored, and

*Whereas*, later in 1862, he sustained a serious hip wound during the Battle of White Oak Swamp, also fought in Virginia, then recuperated in New York City, mustered out of the U.S. Army in 1863, studied at the National Academy of Design, and, through the generous financial support of a benefactor, continued his art education in Europe under the tutelage of the German-born artist Emanuel Leutze, who is famous for his early 1850s historical painting *Washington Crossing the Delaware*, and

*Whereas*, in 1870, the General Assembly commissioned Julian Scott to paint a mural commemorating Vermont’s Civil War role, and

*Whereas*, the Battle of Cedar Creek, as the Civil War military engagement involving the most Vermonters, was the topic selected, and the resulting masterpiece, the 10-by-20 foot *The First Vermont Brigade at the Battle of Cedar Creek* (October 19, 1864), dominates the beautifully restored Cedar Creek Room in the State House, and four other Julian Scott paintings, *The Rear Guard at White Oak Swamp*; *The Mounted Sentry*; a portrait of General William Farrar Smith; and the most recent addition, *The Fourth Vermont Forming Under Fire*, which is on loan, are also displayed, and

*Whereas*, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) administers a program that grants funds to political subdivisions to purchase, for demolition, homes and businesses that are repeatedly damaged in natural disasters, and

*Whereas*, during the severe July 2023 flood, the slate-blue house built in 1840 and located at 384 Lower Main Street in Johnson, where Julian Scott was born and raised, was severely damaged, and although neither architecturally striking nor maintained as a museum or art gallery, a State historic marker flanks the property, and

*Whereas*, an April 15, 2026, article published in the *Seven Days* newspaper reported, “it doesn’t appear that the state ever conveyed that historically relevant information [the connection between the home and one of Vermont’s greatest painters] when it applied for a hazard mitigation grant in 2024,” and

*Whereas*, according to the news article, on December 9, 2024, FEMA notified the State in writing that the Julian Scott home, along with 13 other properties in the vicinity, qualified for the federal buyout program, and

*Whereas*, the FEMA letter informing the State of this decision made no mention of Julian Scott, but it designated the home as the Patch-Shattuck House, referring to the owners as of 1992, and

*Whereas*, according to the President of the Johnson Historical Society, who only learned of the demolition plans shortly before the town purchased the home on January 29, 2026, when town officials initially saw the proposed demolition list, they did not realize that one of the properties was the Julian Scott birthplace, and

*Whereas*, the topic was only discussed at a Johnson Selectboard meeting on January 22, 2026, a week prior to the purchase, and

*Whereas*, the State Historic Preservation Officer, while acknowledging the importance of Julian Scott in Vermont history, cited the danger the building posed to the public, the lack of any Julian Scott–related items in the house, and the structural changes that have occurred over the years that “have detracted from its original character and significance,” and

*Whereas*, the Julian Scott birthplace was slated for demolition on or before April 29, 2026, and once this fact was widely publicized, opposition, especially in the Town of Johnson, increased, and

*Whereas*, on April 20, 2026, all five members of the Johnson Selectboard wrote a letter on the town’s behalf to Governor Philip B. Scott, requesting his intervention to preserve the Julian Scott birthplace, and

*Whereas*, the Johnson Selectboard also requested FEMA to grant a delay of the demolition date to allow the town to propose a preservation plan, and

*Whereas*, FEMA has granted the Town of Johnson a 90-day reprieve to develop an alternative proposal, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the House of Representatives:***

That this legislative body supports the Town of Johnson’s efforts to preserve the Julian Scott birthplace and urges the Governor to direct the Division for Historic Preservation to work with the town on this project and to declare his public endorsement of this initiative, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Johnson Town Clerk, to the State Historic Preservation Officer, to Governor Philip B. Scott, and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Was read by title, treated as a bill, and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Institutions pursuant to House Rule 52.

### Ceremonial Readings

#### H.C.R. 243

Offered by Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Hubbardton, Harvey of Castleton, and McCoy of Poultney

Offered by Senators Collamore, Hardy, Heffernan, Weeks, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters bowling team on winning a second consecutive State championship

*Whereas*, bowling requires strategizing to aim the large ball down the lane for the most comprehensive ten-pin impact, and

*Whereas*, in 2025, the Slaters proved their bowling bona fides, winning the State championship, and, in 2026, the Fair Haven bowlers were eager to resume tallying strikes or at least spares in every frame, if possible, and

*Whereas*, in this season's playoff competition, the number two-seeded Slaters defeated number seven White River Valley and number three St. Johnsbury Academy to secure a championship berth against the top-seeded Randolph Galloping Ghosts, and

*Whereas*, for the second consecutive year, the Slaters emerged triumphant on championship day with a 60–47 roll-off victory, and cheering supporters escorted the team from Route 4 back to Fair Haven Union High School, and

*Whereas*, the great 2026 Slater bowlers were Yuki Adams-Silva, Amber Lynn Haley, Reagan Stamp, Eli Donaldson, George Stamp, In Shik Adams-Silva, Michael Towle, Dylan Bania, Aiden Goyette, Nathan Bessette, Madison Stamp, Wyatt Delance, and Kaemon Adams-Silva, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Joe Donaldson and Assistant Coach Ron Carrara were outstanding team mentors, *now therefore be it*

#### **Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:**

That the General Assembly congratulates the Fair Haven Union High School Slaters bowling team on winning a second consecutive State championship, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Fair Haven Union High School.

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

**H.C.R. 257**

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, and Hoyt of Hartford

Offered by Senators White, Clarkson, and Major

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes girls' ice hockey team on winning a third consecutive Division II championship

*Whereas*, at the championship game, the defending two-time Division II champions and second-seeded Hartford Hurricanes skated confidently onto the ice at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse against the top-seeded U-32 Raiders, with a bonus contingent in the Hurricanes' arsenal of several hockey-proficient and talented eighth graders, including an impressive goalie who tallied 29 saves, and

*Whereas*, Hartford, which always commanded the lead, opened the scoring with slightly over two minutes remaining in the first period; an offensive-savvy eighth grader contributed a second point in the second period plus two in the third; and with a late-game score from a Hurricanes teammate, the sole Raider third-period goal proved inconsequential to the Hurricanes' 5-1 victory, and

*Whereas*, the triumphant Hurricanes, who joyously skated off the ice at the game's conclusion, were Paisley Danaher, Jaylin Haley, Aubree Vail, Johanna Kissell, Chase Stockwell, Vivian Tsouknakis, Sophie Daniels, Alex Perkins, Maria Chaput, Zoe Zanleoni, Gracie Roberts, Ali Morlock, Grace Hayes, and Flynn Moreno, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Jason Gramling; Assistant Coach Jay Zanleoni; Goalie Coach Erin Stevens; and student managers Lily Puls, Sophia Timoshenko, and Madison Gramling were delighted, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes girls' ice hockey team on winning a third consecutive Division II championship, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hartford High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 17, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

### H.C.R. 258

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, and Hoyt of Hartford

Offered by Senators White, Clarkson, and Major

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship girls' basketball team

*Whereas*, after 14 years bereft of a divisional title and with 2012 Head Coach Steve Landon again at the team's helm, the second-seeded Hurricanes were eager to play the top-seeded Lamoille Union High School Lancers for the Division II championship, and

*Whereas*, in a defensive-centered contest at the Barre Auditorium, the Hurricanes limited the Lancers to 10 points in each half, and, in the third quarter, when Lamoille narrowed Hartford's lead to 20–17, the Windsor County team initiated a 17–3 scoring run to ensure a solid 37–20 victory, bringing home the 2026 Division II crown, and

*Whereas*, this outstanding Hartford squad consisted of Lily Argyros, Ruby French, Lucy Crowley, Sylvia Johnson, Charlotte Jasmin, Natalie Clark, Hailey Vanasse, Mackenzie Bennett, Sadie Mullen, and Riley Martin, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Steve Landon; assistant coaches Branson Landon, Joey Gillam, Ava Thorburn, and Lacey TanCreti; and team staff member Ed Welch were essential for this great Hurricanes victory, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship girls' basketball team, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hartford High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 17, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**H.C.R. 259**

Offered by Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Bosch of Clarendon, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Coffin of Cavendish, Dodge of Essex, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Goslant of Northfield, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, North of Ferrisburgh, Ode of Burlington, Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, and Winter of Ludlow

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Collamore, Mattos, Norris, Perchlik, and Williams

House concurrent resolution congratulating Terese Black on being named the 2026 Vermont Mother of the Year

*Whereas*, for approximately nine decades, the American Mothers, Inc. organization has annually honored a mother in each state and territory who “embodies traits highly regarded in mothers and displays the ability to strengthen family relationships through maternal energy,” and

*Whereas*, the 2026 Vermont Mother of the Year is Terese Black, the mother of two children and a “bonus” stepchild, and

*Whereas*, Terese Black has been described as “a gifted mother, generous to people from all walks of life, and a loving friend to many in the community,” and

*Whereas*, her professional career has centered on helping others improve their lives, and, for 18 years, she was a teacher in elementary, junior high, and high school classrooms in Iowa, Chicago, and Vermont, and

*Whereas*, the career of Terese Black moved in a new direction when she started a 16-year tenure as the director of Rutland Dismas House, a residential organization that “reconcile[s] former prisoners with society and society with former prisoners,” an important transitional process that assists the residents in rebuilding their lives, and among other current volunteer roles, she now chairs the governing council, and

*Whereas*, the other community groups with which she has been associated are the Mentor Connector (mentoring a youth for five years), VeggieVanGo, the former Companions in Wholeness, and Bridge to Rutland (hosting a female asylum seeker for 10 months), and

*Whereas*, for Terese Black, her Catholic faith has been paramount, and, for many years, she has been associated in various ways with the Sisters of the Presentation in Dubuque, Iowa; is a member of the Sophia Sisters Prayer Group in Rutland and Concerned Catholics of Vermont; has served on the council at Christ the King parish in Rutland; and plays the guitar with a folk group at St. Alphonsus Ligouri in Pittsford, and

*Whereas*, for all these exemplary roles, Terese Black is an ideal Vermont Mother of the Year, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Terese Black on being named the 2026 Vermont Mother of the Year, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Terese Black.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, April 17, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**H.C.R. 275**

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Brown of Richmond, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars on winning a third consecutive Division II girls' tennis championship

*Whereas*, girls' tennis at Mt. Mansfield Union High School (MMU) has earned the admiration of the sport's fans, as the Cougars embarked on the 2025 season as the two-time defending Division II champions, and

*Whereas*, in 2025, with many of the prior seasons' players now seniors, they were hoping to conclude their high school tennis careers as the still-reigning champions, and

*Whereas*, MMU securing the top seed for the 2025 postseason play was indicative of the team's caliber and potential for achieving the Cougars' aspirations, and

*Whereas*, after emerging victorious in each of the tournament's pre-championship rounds, the Cougars faced the second-ranked Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs for the 2025 honors, and

*Whereas*, the Cougars' superiority on the netted court was brilliantly displayed in their overwhelming 5–2 championship match victory, and

*Whereas*, Cougars Ava Poehlmann, Bea Molson, Blake Loeffler, Estelle First, Juniper Galvani, Lila Bisset, Liliana Carrick, Maddie Clark, Molly Fitzpatrick, Nefeli Bitou, Nia Tsvetanska, Phoebe Farr, Piper Krull, Rafi Ayrapetian Floyd, Rosa Ricketson, and Sara Butler played in unison to meet their common objective, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Maggie Fitzgerald and assistant coaches Michael Graning and Edye Graning inspired the Cougars to maximize their efforts, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars on winning a third consecutive Division II girls' tennis championship, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mt. Mansfield Union High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, May 1, 2026 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

**House Resolution Adopted**

**H.R. 17**

**Rep. Wood of Waterbury** spoke for the Committee on Human Services

House resolution affirming that all Vermonters are presumed to be competent to communicate and must be provided effective communication resources of their choice

Was taken up and adopted.

**Third Reading;**

**Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**

**S. 209**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to prohibiting civil arrest in sensitive locations

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

**Second Reading; Proposal of Amendment Agreed to;  
Third Reading Ordered**

**S. 189**

**Rep. Demar of Enosburgh**, for the Committee on Health Care, to which had been referred Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a process for reducing or eliminating hospital services

Reported in favor of its passage in concurrence with proposal of amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9405d is added to read:

§ 9405d. HOSPITAL SERVICE ELIMINATIONS; NOTICE REQUIRED

(a)(1)(A) A hospital that is considering eliminating any of the following services shall provide a preliminary notice of intent to the Agency of Human Services, the Green Mountain Care Board, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate as set forth in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (1):

(i) emergency department services;

(ii) primary care services, including closing a site at which primary care services are provided;

(iii) obstetrics;

(iv) perinatal care;

(v) inpatient psychiatric services;

(vi) treatment for substance use disorder, including medication for opioid use disorder;

(vii) dialysis, including closing a site at which dialysis services are provided; or

(viii) inpatient pediatric services.

(B) The information to be provided by the hospital in its preliminary notice of intent shall include:

(i) the rationale for the proposed elimination;

(ii) the financial impacts on the hospital both of maintaining the service and of eliminating the service; and

(iii) a description of all possible alternatives to the proposed elimination that were considered and the reasons they were not pursued.

(2) The Agency of Human Services shall evaluate the information provided by the hospital in its preliminary notice of intent pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the financial impact of the proposed elimination on Vermont's health care system, and the impact of the proposed elimination on access to health care services in the region.

(3)(A) The Agency and the Green Mountain Care Board may consult with a hospital that has submitted a preliminary notice of intent pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (a) regarding the proposed elimination in order to explore opportunities to maintain the service or otherwise to address the circumstances that prompted the proposed elimination.

(B) A hospital that is considering eliminating any service other than those listed in subdivisions (1)(A)(i)–(viii) of this subsection (a) may choose to provide a preliminary notice of intent to the Agency of Human Services and the Green Mountain Care Board that includes the information described in subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection (a) and to engage with the Agency and the Board in the consultation process set forth in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3).

(4) All information and materials related to a preliminary notice of intent and related consultation pursuant to this subsection, including all materials provided by the hospital to the Agency or the Board, shall be exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept confidential, except that the Agency and the Board shall provide access to information and materials related to the proposed elimination of a service described in subdivisions (1)(A)(i)–(viii) of this subsection to the Office of the Health Care Advocate, which shall not further disclose this confidential information.

(b)(1) If a hospital elects to proceed with the proposed elimination of a service described in subdivisions (a)(1)(A)(i)–(viii) of this section after engaging in the processes set forth in subsection (a) of this section, then within 90 days after the hospital provided the preliminary notice of intent required by subdivision (a)(1) of this section or upon the conclusion of the confidential consultation process set forth in subdivisions (a)(3) and (4) of this section, whichever occurs first, the hospital shall provide a notice of intent to the Agency of Human Services, the Green Mountain Care Board, the Office of the Health Care Advocate, and the members of the General Assembly who represent the hospital service area.

(2) The notice of intent required by subdivision (1) of this subsection shall:

(A) explain the rationale for the proposed elimination;

(B) set forth a proposed timeline for the proposed elimination and a transition plan;

(C) be provided not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of the proposed elimination;

(D) be posted on the hospital's website; and

(E) be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the hospital service area within 10 days after notice is provided pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (b).

(3) In addition to the notice of intent required by subdivision (1) of this subsection, the hospital shall conduct a public engagement process, including holding one or more public hearings in the county in which the hospital is located and soliciting and responding to public comments, regarding the proposed service elimination. The public engagement process shall continue for not less than 30 days following the notice required pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. The hospital shall provide a summary of the community's response to the proposal, including the public comments received, to the Agency of Human Services, the Green Mountain Care Board, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate following the conclusion of the public engagement process.

(c) If a hospital elects to proceed with eliminating a service described in subdivisions (a)(1)(A)(i)-(viii) of this section after completing the processes set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, then within five business days after making the decision to proceed, the hospital shall notify the Agency of Human Services to inform the Agency's health care system transformation efforts and the Statewide Health Care Delivery Strategic Plan and the Green Mountain Care Board to enable the Board to review the impact on the hospital's budget pursuant to subdivision 9456(e)(2) of this title.

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9456 is amended to read:

§ 9456. BUDGET REVIEW

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(e)(1) The Board, in consultation with the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, shall utilize mechanisms to measure hospital costs, quality, and access and alignment with the Statewide Health Care Delivery Strategic Plan, once established.

~~(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (D) of this subdivision (e)(2), a hospital that proposes to reduce or eliminate any service in order to comply with a budget established under this section shall provide a notice of intent to the Board, the Agency of Human Services, the Office of the Health Care~~

~~Advocate, and the members of the General Assembly who represent the hospital service area not less than 45 days prior to the proposed reduction or elimination.~~

~~(B) The notice shall explain the rationale for the proposed reduction or elimination and describe how it is consistent with the Statewide Health Care Delivery Strategic Plan, once established, and the hospital's most recent community health needs assessment conducted pursuant to section 9405a of this title and 26 U.S.C. § 501(r)(3).~~

~~(C) The Board may evaluate the proposed reduction or elimination for consistency with the Statewide Health Care Delivery Strategic Plan, once established and the community health needs assessment, and may modify the hospital's budget or take such additional actions as the Board deems appropriate to preserve access to necessary services.~~

~~(D) A service that has been identified for reduction or elimination in connection with the transformation efforts undertaken by the Board and the Agency of Human Services pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 167 does not need to comply with subdivisions (A) - (C) of this subdivision (e)(2).~~

Upon receipt of notification from a hospital pursuant to subsection 9405d(c) of this title that the hospital intends to eliminate a service following its completion of the process set forth in subsections 9405d(a) and (b) of this title, the Board shall review the impact of the elimination on the hospital's approved budget. The Board may adjust the hospital's budget as necessary to reflect the elimination, which may include directing that any savings related to the elimination are reflected in health insurance premiums or are reinvested in primary care, prevention, and other community-based services.

~~(3) The Board, in collaboration with the Department of Financial Regulation, shall monitor the implementation of any authorized decrease in elimination of hospital services to determine its benefits to Vermonters or to Vermont's health care system, or both.~~

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### Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: "An act relating to establishing a process for the elimination of certain hospital services"

The bill, having appeared on the Notice Calendar, was taken up, read the second time, the report of the Committee on Health Care agreed to, and third reading was ordered.

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**Bill Committed****S. 64**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to amendments to the scope of practice for optometrists

Was taken up and, pending second reading, **Rep. Soucy of Barre Town** moved that the bill be committed to the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, which was agreed to.

**Action on Bill Postponed****H. 648**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to banking, insurance, and securities

Was taken up and, pending consideration of the Senate proposal of amendment, on motion of **Rep. Olson of Starksboro**, action on the bill was postponed two legislative days.

**Message from the Senate No. 56**

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 House proposals of amendment to Senate bills of the following titles:

**S. 142.** An act relating to a pathway to licensure for internationally trained physicians.

**S. 173.** An act relating to vocational rehabilitation and apprenticeships.

And has concurred therein.

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 270.** An act relating to confidentiality in peer support sessions for emergency service providers.

**H. 385.** An act relating to remedies and protections for victims of coerced debt.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered bills originating in the House of the following titles:

**H. 639.** An act relating to genetic data privacy.

**H. 739.** An act relating to prohibiting the use and sale of the herbicide paraquat.

**H. 952.** An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment.

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

Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled:

**H. 933.** An act relating to miscellaneous administrative and policy changes to the tax laws.

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Cummings  
Senator Hardy  
Senator Mattos

Pursuant to the request of the House for a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on House bill entitled:

**H. 949.** An act relating to homestead property tax yields, the nonhomestead property tax rate, and technical changes to education finance.

The President announced the appointment as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senator Cummings  
Senator Chittenden  
Senator Beck

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

**S.C.R. 12.** Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Washington County Senator Mary Just Skinner of Middlesex.

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

**H.C.R. 284.** House concurrent resolution honoring former Senate Majority Leader and Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Executive Director John F. Campbell for his outstanding public service career.

**H.C.R. 285.** House concurrent resolution recognizing the fifth anniversary of the Middlebury Language Schools–Bennington College intercultural education collaboration.

**H.C.R. 286.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Wassick Tire Service of Bennington on its 80th anniversary.

**H.C.R. 287.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Ella Palisano on setting a new Vermont girls' indoor track and field high jump record and extending best wishes for her college athletic career at the Ohio State University.

**H.C.R. 288.** House concurrent resolution celebrating the 75th anniversary of Marlboro Music, a premier chamber music educational institution, performance venue, and incubator.

**H.C.R. 289.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Brattleboro Union High School championship mock trial team.

**H.C.R. 290.** House concurrent resolution congratulating George Luke Taggart of Castleton on his 100th birthday.

**H.C.R. 291.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Williams College Professor of Music W. Anthony Sheppard on his designation as a 2026 Guggenheim Fellow.

**H.C.R. 292.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Elaine Larivee of Enosburg Falls on her centennial birthday.

**H.C.R. 293.** House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Vermont.

### **Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and twenty-seven minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 52.

**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 and Senate Calendar Addendums on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2026 Adjourned Session.]