Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

Message from the House No. 4

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Courtney Reckord, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

The House has considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 5. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 10, 2025.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

A message was received from the Governor, by Brittney L. Wilson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Aiken, Katie of Bennington - Member of the Parole Board - from May 1, 2024 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Atherton, David J. of Brandon, VT - Member of the Transportation Board - from September 26, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Badgewick, Bonnie J. of Woodstock - Superior Court Judge - from January 6, 2025 to March 31, 2030.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Barquist, Jessica of Colchester - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Becher, Jeffrey of Vergennes - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Berry, Stuart of Belmont - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from May 29, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Boucher, Patricia of South Burlington - Member of the Parole Board - from April 15, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Boulanger, David of Hinseburg - Member of the State Labor Relations Board - from August 15, 2024 to June 30, 2030.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Bourdon, Kevin of Vergennes - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Bowden, Breck of Burlington - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future - from May 15, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Burris, Laurey of Shelburne - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Cleveland, Richard of Northfield - Member of the Travel Information Council - from April 9, 2024 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Craig, Richard of Morrisville - Member of the Fish and Wildlife Board - from December 10, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Crowley, Allison M. of South Burlington - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Davenport, Amy Marie of Montpelier - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Dawson, Melissa of Putney - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Education.

Deimling, Beth of Grand Isle - Member of the Fish and Wildlife Board - from August 30, 2024 to February 28, 2030.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Di Sano, Dana Marianna of South Burlington - Superior Court Judge - from December 20, 2024 to March 31, 2030.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Dingledine, L. Brooke of Randolph - Member of the Land Use Review Board - from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Doherty, Timothy Charles, Jr. of Burlington - Superior Court Judge - from January 7, 2025 to March 31, 2030.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Drake, Samantha K. of Waterbury Center - Alternate Member of the Parole Board - from May 28, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Fischer, Bob of Barre - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future - from May 15, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Foster, Owen of Jericho - Chair, Green Mountain Care Board - from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2030.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Foster, Ted of Vergennes - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2030.

To the Committee on Finance.

Greenwood, Caleb of Troy - Student Member of the State Board of Education - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

To the Committee on Education.

Groce, Paul of Chambly, Quebec - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Hadd, Sarah H. of St. Albans - Member of the Land Use Review Board - from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Hale, Karyn of Lyndonville - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2030.

To the Committee on Finance.

Haskell, Sabina of Burlington - Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Strategy and Development - from January 6, 2025 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Hook, Linda of Brunswick - Member of the Fish and Wildlife Board - from August 30, 2024 to February 28, 2030.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Hurley, Janet M. of Manchester - Member of the Land Use Review Board - from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Hutchins, Donn of Dorset - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Ireland, Peter of Waitsfield - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from May 15, 2024 to February 28, 2029.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Johnson, Kerrick L. of Middlesex - Commissioner, Public Service Department - from January 6, 2025 to January 31, 2025.

To the Committee on Finance.

Johnson, Linda of Montpelier - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Johnson, William J., IV of Isle La Motte - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board - from April 15, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Johnson, William J., IV of Isle La Motte - Member of the Electricians' Licensing Board - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Kennett, Elizabeth of Rochester - Member of the Travel Information Council - from April 9, 2024 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Lenes, Joan of Shelburne - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from May 29, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Education.

Loner, Michael of Hinesburg - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Mathieu, Corey of Westford - Member of the Board of Liquor and Lottery - from July 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

McLean, Joseph S. of South Burlington - Superior Court Judge - from July 29, 2024 to March 31, 2028.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Miller, Marilyn of Montpelier - Member of the Transportation Board - from May 15, 2024 to February 28, 2026.

To the Committee on Transportation.

O'Day, Katherine of Barre - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 11, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Plant, Bryan II of Bristol - Commissioner, Vermont State Housing Authority - from May 1, 2024 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Pudvar, Tim of Shelburne - Member of the Transportation Board - from June 27, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Ranney, Hudson of Windsor - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from July 15, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Rowntree, Laura C. of South Burlington - Superior Court Judge - from December 20, 2024 to March 31, 2028.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Saarnijoki, Linda of Weston - Member of the Board of Libraries - from May 15, 2024 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Education.

Saunders, James of Barre - Member of the Board of Libraries- from May 15, 2024 to February 29, 2028.

To the Committee on Education.

Saunders, Zoie of Shrewsbury - Secretary, Agency of the Education - from November 26, 2024 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Education.

Seman, Jessica of Reading - Magistrate, Family Division - from October 17, 2024 to March 31, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Shamp, Seth of Burlington - Member of the State Police Advisory Commission - from December 2, 2024 to June 30, 2028.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Shatney, Mandy of Barre - Member of the Travel Information Council - from April 9, 2024 to February 28, 2025.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Shippee, Rhonda of Morgan - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2030.

To the Committee on Finance.

Smith, Denise of St. Albans - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future - from May 15, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Soloman, Hilary of Poultney - Member of the VT Citizens' Advisory Council on Lake Champlain's Future - from May 15, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Souder, Zoe of Sunapee, NH - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from July 15, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sparks, Henri of Colchester - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sultan, Kirsten A. of Lyndonville - Member of the Land Use Review Board - from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Vastine, Karen of Burlington - Member of the Council for Equitable Youth Justice - from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Wadhams, Emily of Burlington - Member of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board - from April 9, 2024 to January 31, 2027.

To the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Weinhagen, Alex of Burlington - Member of the Land Use Review Board - from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate J.R.S. 6.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

Offered by Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 6. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 17, 2025.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 17, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Bills Introduced

Senate bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred:

S. 7.

By Senator Hashim,

An act relating to automobile insurance.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 8.

By Senators Vyhovsky, Gulick, Watson and White,

An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur for young adults up to 26 years of age.

To the Committee on Finance.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.