

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Pat Forman of Montpelier.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the U.S. Border Patrol Agent who died in the line of duty on January 20, 2025.

Point of Privilege Journalized

During announcements, on a point of personal privilege, Senator Ingalls addressed the chair, and on motion of Senator Ram Hinsdale, his remarks were ordered entered in the Journal, and are as follows:

“Mr. President:

“We are having a really rough day in the Kingdom, and I just want to put a name to the face of the officer that was killed yesterday, his name is David Maland. I thank you very much for the moment of silence.”

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 8.

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. 8. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 24, 2025.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 24, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Senate Resolution Placed on Calendar**S.R. 6.**

Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

Offered by the Committee on Rules,

S.R. 6. Senate resolution relating to a temporary rule for short form bills.

Whereas, all students in the State ought to be provided with a K-12 education that allows them to reach their full potential, and

Whereas, in the past decade, the cost of providing education to students in the state of Vermont has increased and has therefore led to an increase in the rate of taxes paid by residents of the state, and

Whereas, all Senators should be welcome to submit their proposals to strike a balance between the duty to educate the students of the state with the need to keep Vermont an affordable place for their families to live, to the Senate, in bill format, and

Whereas, in order to draft each bill in standard form, Legislative Counsel conducts extensive research, numerous drafts, and must work out the details of the proposal before introducing the bill, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That a temporary rule, to be designated by Rule 40A, be adopted to read as follows:

Rule 40A. Temporary Rule Regarding Short Form Bills in the Senate

- (a) Senators may request short form bills relating only to education reform and finance.
- (b) Short form bills shall consist only of the name of the introducer, the subject, the title, and a general statement of purpose.
- (c) Short form bills shall appear two legislative days for notice on the Senate Calendar before they can be read a Second Time.
- (d) This rule shall be in effect through May 1, 2025.

Thereupon, under Rule 34, the resolution was placed on the Calendar for notice.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.