Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Pursuant to the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President, the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

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.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 10.

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. 10. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on February 7, 2025.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 7, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 40.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to authorizing drawdown of dams during emergency flood events.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 41.

By Senator Westman,

An act relating to authorizing the use of State waters by hydroelectric generation facilities.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 42.

By Senators Hardy, Clarkson, Gulick, Major, Plunkett, Vyhovsky, Watson and White,

An act relating to implementing the Restaurant Meals Program.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 43.

By Senators White, Chittenden, Clarkson, Gulick, Vyhovsky and Watson,

An act relating to reference-based pricing and cost-containment in the State employees' health plan.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 44.

By Senators White, Clarkson, Gulick, Harrison, Hashim and Major,

An act relating to requiring legislative approval prior to entering into certain immigration agreements.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 45.

By Senators Douglass, Beck, Brennan, Brock, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Harrison, Hart, Heffernan, Lyons, Major, Mattos, Norris, Perchlik, Watson, Weeks, Westman, White and Williams,

An act relating to protection from nuisance suits for agricultural activities.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 46.

By Senators White, Beck, Brennan, Collamore, Douglass, Hart, Mattos, Perchlik and Weeks,

An act relating to the taxation of vehicles used for forestry operations.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. 47.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to cancellation of motor vehicle purchases.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Bills Referred

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

H. 27.

An act relating to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 35.

An act relating to unmerging the individual and small group health insurance markets.

To the Committee on Finance.

Third Reading Ordered

S. 7.

Senator Vyhovsky, for the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to automobile insurance.

Reported that the bill ought to pass.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ram Hinsdale, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.