

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Walter Brownridge of Montpelier.

Message from the House No. 13

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 passed a House bill of the following title:

H. 31. An act relating to claim edit standards and prior authorization requirements.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 51.

By Senators Hardy, Clarkson, Gulick, Harrison, Major, Norris, Vyhovsky, Weeks and White,

An act relating to the Vermont unpaid caregiver tax credit.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 52.

By Senator Watson,

An act relating to consolidation pathways.

To the Committee on Education.

S. 53.

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

An act relating to certification of community-based perinatal doulas and Medicaid coverage for doula services.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 54.

By Senators Vyhovsky, Gulick, Harrison, Hart and White,

An act relating to voluntary engagement in sex work.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bill Referred

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 31.

An act relating to claim edit standards and prior authorization requirements.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Third Reading Ordered; Rules Suspended; Bill Passed in Concurrence;
Rules Suspended; Bill Messaged**

H. 78.

Senator Collamore, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to the use of the Australian ballot system in local elections.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended and the bill was placed on all remaining stages of its passage in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Baruth, the rules were suspended and the bill was ordered messaged to the House forthwith.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon on Friday, February 7, 2025.