

Journal of the Senate

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Joint Senate Resolutions Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolutions of the following titles were offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and are as follows:

Offered by Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 12. Joint resolution providing for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, and three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to elect a Sergeant at Arms, and three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. In case election of all such officers shall not be made on that day, the two Houses shall meet in Joint Assembly at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, on each succeeding day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed in such election, until all such officers are elected.

Offered by Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College trustees by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2025.

Whereas, in 1997 the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was decided by plurality vote, which required one ballot only, and

Whereas, in 1999 the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was decided by majority vote, which required a total of eight ballots, and

Whereas, in 2001 and subsequent bienniums the elections of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College were decided by plurality vote, each of which required one ballot only, and

Whereas, if an election for multiple vacancies is to be decided by a plurality vote, then a great savings of time can be effectuated, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That, notwithstanding the current provisions of Joint Rule 10, and for this election only, the election of three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College at a Joint Assembly to be held on February 20, 2025, shall be governed by the following procedure:

(1) All candidates for the office of trustee shall be voted upon and decided on the same ballot; members may vote for any number of candidates up to and including the maximum number of vacancies to be filled, which in this case shall be three.

(2) The three candidates receiving the most votes shall be declared elected to fill the three vacancies.

(3) In the event that the first balloting for the trustee vacancies results in a tie vote for one or more of the three vacant positions, then voting shall continue on successive ballots until the vacancies have been filled, again by election declared of those candidates receiving the most votes.

Bill Referred

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

H. 141.

An act relating to fiscal year 2025 budget adjustments.

To the Committee on Appropriations.

Bill Passed

S. 30.

Senate bill of the following title was read the third time and passed:

An act relating to updating and reorganizing the health insurance statutes in 8 V.S.A. chapter 107.

Bill Passed in Concurrence

H. 35.

House bill of the following title was read the third time and passed in concurrence:

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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, February 13, 2025.