

# Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

## Message from the House No. 17

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. 118.** An act relating to expanding the scope of hate-motivated crimes.

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. 67.

By Senators Clarkson, Gulick, Watson and White,

An act relating to increasing the State minimum wage based on the livable wage.

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

### S. 68.

By Senator Williams,

An act relating to repealing the Affordable Heat Act.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**S. 69.**

By Senators Harrison, Bongartz, Brennan, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Hashim, Lyons, Major, Perchlik, Plunkett, Watson, Weeks and White,

An act relating to an age-appropriate design code.

To the Committee on Institutions.

**Bill Referred**

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

**H. 118.**

An act relating to expanding the scope of hate-motivated crimes.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**Election of Senate Members to the Judicial Nominating Board**

The President announced that the next order of business was the election of three members of the Senate to serve on the Judicial Nominating Board pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 601.

Senator Baruth, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, placed in nomination the names of the following Senators to serve on the Board:

**JOSEPH D. MAJOR**

of Windsor District, as the majority party member of the Board.

**ROBERT W. NORRIS**

of Franklin District, as the minority party member of the Board.

**NADER A. HASHIM**

of Windham District, as the third member of the Board.

Senator Lyons of Chittenden-Southeast District seconded these nominations.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Senator Baruth, the nominations were closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for

**JOSEPH D. MAJOR**

of Windsor District, as the majority party member of the Board, for a term of two years or until his successor is elected and has qualified.

**ROBERT W. NORRIS**

of Franklin District, as the minority party member of the Board, for a term of two years or until his successor is elected and has qualified.

**NADER A. HASHIM**

of Windham District, as the third member of the Board, for a term of two years or until his successor is elected and has qualified.

**Appointment of Senate Member to the Governor's Snowmobile Council**

Pursuant to the provisions of 23 V.S.A. § 3216, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Governor's Snowmobile Council during this biennium:

Senator Brennan

**Appointment of Senate Members to the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules**

Pursuant to the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 3, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules for terms of two years:

Senator Brock  
Senator Clarkson  
Senator Hashim  
Senator Vyhovsky

**Appointment of Senate Member to the Agriculture Fairs and Field Days Capital Program Advisory Committee**

Pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5608(b), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Agriculture Fairs and Field Days Capital Program Advisory Committee during this biennium:

Senator Norris

**Appointment of Senate Members to the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House**

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 651(b)(2), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House during this biennium:

Senator Hardy  
Senator Harrison  
Senator Clarkson

**Appointment of Senate Members to the Cannabis Control Board  
Nominating Committee**

Pursuant to the provisions of 7 V.S.A. § 842 (2)(b)(3), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Cannabis Control Board Nominating Committee during this biennium:

Senator Ram Hinsdale  
Senator Vyhovsky

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon on Friday, February 14, 2025.