

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Senate Rules, in the absence of the President (who was acting Governor) and the President *pro tempore*, the Senate was called to order by unanimous consent by John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate at 10:25 A.M for the sole purpose of electing a temporary President *pro tempore* to preside in the Joint Assembly.

There being a quorum, the Secretary proceeded to explain the reason and process for which the Senate had been called to order by unanimous consent of the 29 Senators present. The Senate adjourned on the previous legislative day to Friday, February 21, 2025. Because the President was acting Governor and the President *pro tempore* was unavailable, neither were able to preside over the Joint Assembly per Joint Rule 8 and the Senate needed to elect a temporary President *pro tempore* to preside over the Joint Assembly today. As the Senate was being called to order by unanimous consent, if a Senator objected, the Senate would instead proceed to the Joint Assembly pursuant to J.R.S. 12, and elect a temporary President *pro tempore* at the beginning of the Joint Assembly in the Hall of Representatives. There being no objection to the election of a temporary President *pro tempore* for the sole purpose of presiding over the Joint Assembly, the Secretary then opened the floor for nominations.

The Senator from Washington District, Senator Perchlik, nominated Senator Virginia Lyons of Chittenden-Southeast District for the position of temporary President *pro tempore* of the Vermont Senate for the limited purpose of presiding over the Joint Assembly. The Senator from Franklin District, Senator Norris, seconded the nomination. Thereupon, the Senate elected Senator Lyons, of Chittenden-Southeast District to the position of temporary President *pro tempore* of the Vermont Senate for purposes of presiding over the Joint Assembly.

Senator Lyons then assumed the Chair and lead the Senate to the Hall of the Representatives for purposes of convening the Joint Assembly, pursuant to J.R.S. 12.