

# Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Joan Javier-Duval of Montpelier.

## Pledge of Allegiance

The President then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

## Message from the House No. 35

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 House bills of the following titles:

**H. 17.** An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Morristown.

**H. 167.** An act relating to establishing the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant at the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

**H. 237.** An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists.

**H. 244.** An act relating to State contracting standards for advertising.

**H. 397.** An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the statutes governing emergency management and flood response.

**H. 472.** An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation.

**H. 479.** An act relating to housing.

**H. 488.** An act relating to the fiscal year 2026 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

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

The House has adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 63.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brattleboro Food Co-op on its 50th anniversary and extending best future wishes.

**H.C.R. 64.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Caitlin MacLeod-Bluver of Winooski High School on her selection as the 2025 Vermont Teacher of the Year and Jeremy DeMink of Edmunds Middle School in Burlington and Sonya Shedd of Wolcott Elementary School on their recognition as Distinguished Finalists.

**H.C.R. 65.** House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 66.** House concurrent resolution celebrating the role of tourism in the Vermont economy and designating April 10, 2025 as Tourism Economy Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 67.** House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's planning, in Bennington in 1775, of the successful Vermont initiation of the American War of Independence and the associated expedition to Ticonderoga.

**H.C.R. 68.** House concurrent resolution celebrating the role of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designating April 2, 2025 as Manufacturing Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 69.** House concurrent resolution designating April 2, 2025 as Early College Day at the State House.

#### **Senate Bill Recommended**

Appearing on the Calendar for action, on motion of Senator Baruth, Senate bill entitled:

**S. 65.** An act relating to energy efficiency utility jurisdiction.

Was recommitted to the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

#### **Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate**

##### **J.R.S. 20.**

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. 20.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on April 4, 2025.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:*

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That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 4, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

### **Bills Introduced**

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

#### **S. 136.**

By Senator Perchlik,

An act relating to the governance of the Vermont State Colleges and the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

To the Committee on Education.

#### **S. 137.**

By Senator Perchlik,

An act relating to an option to vote "None of these candidates" on primary and general election ballots.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

#### **S. 138.**

By Senator Chittenden,

An act relating to commercial property-assessed clean energy projects.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

### **Bill Referred**

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

**H. 17.** An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Morristown.

And pursuant to Temporary Rule 44A was referred to the Committee on Rules.

### **Bills Referred**

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

#### **H. 167.**

An act relating to establishing the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Grant at the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

**H. 237.**

An act relating to prescribing by doctoral-level psychologists.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**H. 244.**

An act relating to State contracting standards for advertising.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 397.**

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the statutes governing emergency management and flood response.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 472.**

An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

**H. 479.**

An act relating to housing.

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

**H. 488.**

An act relating to the fiscal year 2026 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

To the Committee on Transportation.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.