

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 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. 45

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 considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 22. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on April 18, 2025.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Bill Passed

S. 124.

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

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.

Third Reading Ordered

H. 398.

Senator Chittenden, for the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to the Vermont Economic Development Authority.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Senator Westman, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, 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.

Message from the House No. 46

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 considered a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 18. An act relating to licensure of freestanding birth centers.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

H.C.R. 95. House concurrent resolution designating April 24, 2025 as Vermont Children's Alliance Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 96. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Thetford Academy Panthers Division III boys' basketball team on their second consecutive championship.

H.C.R. 97. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Southern State Correctional Facility's debate team on its National Prison Debate League victory over Wake Forest University.

H.C.R. 98. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship girls' ice hockey team.

H.C.R. 99. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars boys' Division I championship Nordic ski team.

H.C.R. 100. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship girls' Nordic ski team.

H.C.R. 101. House concurrent resolution congratulating Phoenix Newell on winning two consecutive Vermont State Spelling Bees.

H.C.R. 102. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 8–10 Colchester All-Star Vermont championship Little League Baseball team.

H.C.R. 103. House concurrent resolution commemorating the establishment of the Austine School for the Deaf collection and exhibit at the Vermont Historical Society Library in Barre.

H.C.R. 104. House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as National Foster Care Month in Vermont.

H.C.R. 105. House concurrent resolution recognizing April 19, 2025 as World Circus Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 106. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars dance program on winning a 10th consecutive hip-hop State championship.

H.C.R. 107. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights boys' ice hockey team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship.

H.C.R. 108. House concurrent resolution congratulating the remarkable four-time State high school individual girls' golf champion Namo Seibert.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions

The following joint concurrent resolutions having been placed on the consent calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no Senator having requested floor consideration as provided by the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, were adopted in concurrence:

Offered by Rep. Noyes,

H.C.R. 95.

House concurrent resolution designating April 24, 2025 as Vermont Children's Alliance Day at the State House.

Offered by Reps. Holcombe and Masland,

Offered by Senator Hart,

H.C.R. 96.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Thetford Academy Panthers Division III boys' basketball team on their second consecutive championship.

Offered by Committee on Corrections and Institutions,

H.C.R. 97.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Southern State Correctional Facility's debate team on its National Prison Debate League victory over Wake Forest University.

Offered by Reps. Dodge and others,

Offered by Senators Gulick and Vyhovsky,

H.C.R. 98.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship girls' ice hockey team.

Offered by Reps. Graning and others,

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

H.C.R. 99.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars boys' Division I championship Nordic ski team.

Offered by Reps. Graning and others,

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

H.C.R. 100.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship girls' Nordic ski team.

Offered by Reps. Campbell and Dolgin,

Offered by Senator Ingalls,

H.C.R. 101.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Phoenix Newell on winning two consecutive Vermont State Spelling Bees.

Offered by Reps. Austin and others,

Offered by Senators Norris and Brennan,

H.C.R. 102.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 8–10 Colchester All-Star Vermont championship Little League Baseball team.

Offered by Reps. Burke and others,

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim,

H.C.R. 103.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the establishment of the Austine School for the Deaf collection and exhibit at the Vermont Historical Society Library in Barre.

Offered by Committee on Human services,

H.C.R. 104.

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as National Foster Care Month in Vermont.

Offered by Reps. Kornheiser and others,

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim,

H.C.R. 105.

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 19, 2025 as World Circus Day in Vermont.

Offered by Reps. Graning and others,

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

H.C.R. 106.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars dance program on winning a 10th consecutive hip-hop State championship.

Offered by Reps. Krasnow and others,

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

H.C.R. 107.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights boys' ice hockey team on winning a second consecutive Division I championship.

Offered by Reps. Graning and others,

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

H.C.R. 108.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the remarkable four-time State high school individual girls' golf champion Namo Seibert.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 22.