

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

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. 9

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. 34. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on January 23, 2026.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed

S. 154.

On motion of Senator Cummings, the Committee on Finance was relieved of further consideration of Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to health insurance coverage for biomarker testing, and the bill was committed to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

S. 218.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Finance:

An act relating to reducing chloride contamination of State waters.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 296.

By Senator Harrison,

An act relating to development agreements for tax increment financing.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 297.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, Chittenden, Clarkson, Harrison, Lyons, Plunkett and White,

An act relating to electronic ballot return in local elections.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 298.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, White, Baruth, Bongartz, Brock, Chittenden, Clarkson, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Hashim, Lyons, Major, Perchlik, Plunkett, Vyhovsky, Watson and Westman,

An act relating to creating the Vermont Voting Rights Act.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 299.

By Senator Mattos,

An act relating to posting of land.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 300.

By Senators Williams and Heffernan,

An act relating to screening for fentanyl during a hospital-administered urine drug screening.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 301.

By Senators Gulick, Major and Ram Hinsdale,

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the prohibitions on discrimination.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 302.

By Senators Vyhovsky, Gulick and White,

An act relating to limiting the collection of personally identifying information.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 303.

By Senators Williams, Beck, Benson, Brennan, Brock, Collamore, Heffernan, Ingalls, Major, Mattos, Morley, Norris, Weeks and Westman,

An act relating to administration of the three-acre stormwater discharge permit.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

S. 304.

By Senator Williams,

An act relating to parental rights and responsibilities.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 305.

By Senators Ram Hinsdale, Brennan, Chittenden, Weeks and Westman,

An act relating to housing and land use.

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

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 Reps. Canfield and others,

Offered by Senators Benson, Collamore, Weeks and Williams,

H.C.R. 170.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Kilburn of Fair Haven on winning the 2024 Ken Schrader Real Racer of the Year Award.

Offered by Reps. Rachelson and others,

Offered by Senator Vyhovsky,

H.C.R. 171.

House concurrent resolution honoring Professor Emeritus Willard Sterne Randall for his significant contributions to journalism and to the scholarly advancement of American historical biography.

Offered by All Members of the House,

H.C.R. 172.

House concurrent resolution in memory of the admired Vermont folk singer and former Elmore Town Moderator Jon Gailmor.

Offered by Reps. Berbeco and Cina,

H.C.R. 173.

House concurrent resolution designating January 29, 2026, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House.

Offered by Reps. Rachelson and Chapin,

H.C.R. 174.

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont.

Offered by Reps. Krowinski and others,

H.C.R. 175.

House concurrent resolution in memory of the Venerable J. Stannard Baker of Shelburne.

Message from the House No. 10

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 adopted House concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

H.C.R. 170. House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Kilburn of Fair Haven on winning the 2024 Ken Schrader Real Racer of the Year Award.

H.C.R. 171. House concurrent resolution honoring Professor Emeritus Willard Sterne Randall for his significant contributions to journalism and to the scholarly advancement of American historical biography.

H.C.R. 172. House concurrent resolution in memory of the admired Vermont folk singer and former Elmore Town Moderator Jon Gailmor.

H.C.R. 173. House concurrent resolution designating January 29, 2026, as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House.

H.C.R. 174. House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 175. House concurrent resolution in memory of the Venerable J. Stannard Baker of Shelburne.

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

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 34.