

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Message from the Governor

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, by Ms. Jaye Pershing Johnson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that on the fifth day of March, 2026 he approved and signed a bill originating in the Senate of the following title:

S. 23. An act relating to the use of synthetic media in elections.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

S. 232.

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 public libraries and the Department of Libraries.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 219.

Senate bill of the following title, appearing on the Calendar for notice and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

An act relating to an energy navigator program report.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate**J.R.S. 44.**

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. 44. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on March 13, 2026.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 13, 2026, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Bills Referred

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

H. 566.

An act relating to sealing post-charge court diversion records upon successful completion.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Bill Passed**S. 243.**

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

An act relating to distributing funds to the Vermont Language Justice Project.

Third Reading Ordered**H. 649.**

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

An act relating to captive insurance companies.

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.

Senate Resolutions Adopted

Senate resolutions entitled:

S.R. 22. Senate resolution relating to concurrently conducted electronic committee meetings

S.R. 23. Senate resolution relating to electronic participation in Senate Sessions.

Appearing on the Calendar for action, were severally taken up and adopted.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted

J.R.S. 43.

Joint Senate resolution entitled:

Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly to vote on the retention of six Superior Court Judges.

Having been placed on the Calendar for action, was taken up and adopted.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.