

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

The Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Committee Relieved of Further Consideration; Bill Committed

H. 941.

On motion of Senator Collamore, the Committee on Government Operations was relieved of further consideration of House bill entitled:

An act relating to municipal regulation of agriculture,
and the bill was committed to the Committee on Agriculture.

Bill Referred to Committee on Finance

H. 549.

House 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 eligibility of sentenced or detained individuals to obtain a State-issued nondriver identification card, replacement operator's license, or replacement learner's permit.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 48.

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. 48. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on April 10, 2026.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 10, 2026, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

**Message from the Governor
Appointments Referred**

A message was received from the Governor, by Jaye Pershing Johnson, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, submitting the following appointments, which were referred to committees as indicated:

Hoffman, Sandi of Essex Junction - Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families - from March 22, 2026 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Murad, Jon of Burlington - Commissioner of the Department of Corrections - from March 8, 2026 to February 28, 2027.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Proposal of Amendment; Third Reading Ordered**H. 508.**

Senator Vyhovsky, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

Reported recommending that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in Sec. 2, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3, in section 2, following the end of the struck language, by striking out the underlined sentences and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The election area boundaries established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. M-7 shall remain in effect until changed by the City Council, which is authorized to make changes to the boundaries of the election areas pursuant to this section in order to provide an equal division of population among them in accordance with data produced by the U.S. Census Bureau. The City Council may change election area boundaries following the taking of the decennial census and whenever necessary to correct an unconstitutional division of population among City districts or wards. Changes shall be approved by the voters at an annual or special meeting of the City and shall become effective immediately upon approval unless a later date is established by the City meeting vote.

And that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with such proposal of amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was read the second time by title only pursuant to Rule 43, the proposal of amendment was agreed to, and third reading of the bill was ordered.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Lyons, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.