

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Bills Referred to Committee on Finance

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and affecting the revenue of the state, under the rule were severally referred to the Committee on Finance:

H. 542. An act relating to terminating testing of schools in Vermont for polychlorinated biphenyls.

H. 588. An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation.

H. 921. An act relating to alcoholic beverages.

H. 952. An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment.

Bills Referred to Committee on Appropriations

House bills of the following titles, appearing on the Calendar for notice, and carrying an appropriation or requiring the expenditure of funds, under the rule were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

H. 559. An act relating to the Parole Board.

H. 674. An act relating to the creation of the Vermont Sister State Program.

H. 814. An act relating to neurological rights and the use of artificial intelligence technology in health and human services.

Bills Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment

House bills of the following titles were read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment:

H. 519. An act relating to Vermont State Employees' Retirement System Group G membership.

H. 762. An act relating to the County and Regional Governance Study Committee.

Third Reading Ordered**H. 940.**

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

An act relating to miscellaneous public utility subjects.

Reported that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Senator Beck, for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending that the bill ought to pass in concurrence.

Senator Watson, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported recommending 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 Concurrent Resolution**S.C.R. 11.**

The following joint concurrent resolution, 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, was adopted on the part of the Senate:

Offered by Senators Lyons, Chittenden and Ram Hinsdale,

Offered by Reps. Arsenault and others,

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding former Williston Fire Chief Kenneth Morton Jr..

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. Masland and others,

Offered by Senator White,

H.C.R. 262.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont singer-songwriter and two-time Grammy Award nominee Noah Berkenkamp Kahan for his amazing contributions to American popular music and for creating and leading The Busyhead Project.

Offered by Reps. Graning and others,

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

H.C.R. 263.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Mount Mansfield Union High School Division I championship girls' basketball team.

Offered by Reps. Hango and others,

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris,

H.C.R. 264.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Richford High School Rockets Division IV championship girls' basketball team.

Offered by Reps. Morgan and others,

Offered by Senator Brennan,

H.C.R. 265.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ryan and Gabrielle Viens on their life-saving rescue support for Grand Isle County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Nicholas Pillsbury.

Offered by Reps. McCann and others,

H.C.R. 266.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Linda Alvarez on being named the 2026 Vermont Teacher of the Year and commending the two distinguished finalists.

Offered by Reps. Graning and others,

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons and Ram Hinsdale,

H.C.R. 267.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars girls' Nordic ski 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. 268.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Mt. Mansfield Union High School Cougars State co-champions girls' snowboarding team.

Offered by Reps. Coffin and Kimbell,

Offered by Senator Major,

H.C.R. 269.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Brody Allen of Reading on completing the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program and earning the Distinguished Smallbore Rifleman Award.

Offered by Rep. Lipsky,

Offered by Senators Westman, Cummings, Perchlik and Watson,

H.C.R. 270.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Stowe High School Division II championship boys' Nordic ski team.

Message from the House No. 54

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 bills originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S. 157. An act relating to recovery residence certification.

S. 239. An act relating to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Working Group.

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

The House has considered Senate proposal of amendment to the following House bill:

H. 410. An act relating to the calculation of recidivism and other related criminology measures.

And has concurred therein.

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

H.C.R. 262. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont singer-songwriter and two-time Grammy Award nominee Noah Berkenkamp Kahan for his amazing contributions to American popular music and for creating and leading The Busyhead Project.

H.C.R. 263. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Mount Mansfield Union High School Division I championship girls' basketball team.

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H.C.R. 270. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Stowe High School Division II championship boys' Nordic ski team.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

S.C.R. 11. Senate concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding former Williston Fire Chief Kenneth Morton Jr..

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Baruth, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 50.