

Journal of the Senate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rick Swanson of Stowe.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

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

Fenster, David of Middlebury - Superior Judge - from December 28, 2016, to March 31, 2022.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Courtney, Elizabeth of Montpelier - Member of the Natural Resources Board - from September 12, 2016, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Terry, Faith of Middlebury - Member of the Transportation Board - from September 12, 2016, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Tuttle, Michael of South Burlington - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from September 12, 2016, to June 30, 2020.

To the Committee on Finance.

Meals, Don of Burlington - Member of the State Board of Health - from September 12, 2016, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Graves, Leon of Fairfield - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2022.

To the Committee on Finance.

Gallagher, Thomas of St. Albans - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2022.

To the Committee on Finance.

Kurtzman, Daniel of Canaan - Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority - from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2022.

To the Committee on Finance.

Potter, Alexandra S. of Starksboro - Member of the Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board - from June 30, 2016, to July 1, 2019.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Wisloski, Stephen of South Burlington - Member of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency - from June 14, 2016, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Finance.

Sexton, Ryan of Montpelier - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from June 14, 2016, to December 31, 2018.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Kennett, Elizabeth of Rochester - Member of the Travel Information Council - from June 14, 2016, to February 28, 2018.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Vickers, Donald of Georgia - Member of the Human Rights Commission - from March 1, 2016, to February 28, 2021.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Gibbons, Kenneth of Hyde Park - Member of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency - from July 1, 2016, to January 31, 2022.

To the Committee on Finance.

Lauzon, Thomas of Barre - Member of the Travel Information Council - from July 1, 2016, to February 28, 2018.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Illick, Martha of Charlotte - Member of the Natural Resources Board - from July 1, 2016, to January 31, 2020.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Heald, Francis of Island Pond - Member of the Travel Information Council, - from July 1, 2016, to February 28, 2018.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Hunter, Patrica of Rutland - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2022.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Weinstein, Heather of Montpelier - Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board - from December 12, 2016, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Education.

Bolton, Margaret of Addison - Member of the State Board of Health - from December 12, 2016, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Harrison, Wendy of Brattleboro - Member of the Transportation Board - from December 12, 2016, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Kittell, Vanessa of East Fairfield - Chair of the Transportation Board - from December 12, 2016, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Mann, Elizabeth of Norwich - Superior Judge - from December 28, 2016, to March 31, 2019.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Faisal, Gill of Winooski - Member of the Board of Medical Practice - from January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2022.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Message from the Governor Appointments Referred

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

Ide, Robert of Peacham - Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Ide, Robert of Peacham - Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Flynn, Joe of South Hero - Secretary of the Agency of Transportation - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Flynn, Joe of South Hero - Secretary of the Agency of Transportation - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Anderson, Thomas of Stowe - Commissioner of the Public Safety Department - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Anderson, Thomas² of Stowe - Commissioner of the Public Safety Department, - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Levine, Mark A. of Shelburne - Commissioner of the Department of Health - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Levine, Mark A of Shelburne - Commissioner of the Department of Health - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Schatz, Kenneth of South Burlington - Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Schatz, Kenneth of South Burlington - Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Hutt, Monica of Williston - Commissioner of the Department of Aging and Independent Living - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Gustafson, Cory of Montpelier - Commissioner of the Department of Vermont Health Access - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Gustafson, Cory of Montpelier - Commissioner of the Department of Vermont Health Access - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Gobeille, Al of Shelburne - Secretary of the Agency of Human Services - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Gobeille, Al of Shelburne - Secretary of the Agency of Human Services - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Bailey, Melissa of Bolton - Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Bailey, Melissa of Bolton - Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Tierney, June of Randolph Center - Commissioner of the Department Public Safety - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Tierney, June of Randolph - Commissioner of the Department Public Safety - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Transportation.

Samson, Kaj of Montpelier - Commissioner of the Department of Taxes - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Finance.

Samson, Kaj of Montpelier - Commissioner of the Department of Taxes - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Finance.

Pieciak, Michael of Winooski - Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulations - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Finance.

Pieciak, Michael of Winooski - Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulations - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Finance.

Young, Susanne of Northfield - Secretary of the Agency of Administration - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Young, Susanne of Northfield - Secretary of the Agency of Administration - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Pallito, Andy of Jericho - Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Management - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Pallito, Andy of Jericho - Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Management - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Schirling, Michael of Burlington - Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

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

Schirling, Michael of Burlington - Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

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

Tierney, June of Randolph Center - Commissioner of the Public Service, Department of, - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Finance.

Tierney, June of Randolph Center - Commissioner of the Public Service, Department of, - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Finance.

Kurrle, Lindsay of Middlesex - Commissioner of the Department of Labor - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

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

Kurrle, Lindsay of Middlesex - Commissioner of the Department of Labor - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

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

Buckley, Katherine of Guilford - Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

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

Buckley, Katherine of Guilford - Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

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

Tebbetts, Anson of Marshfield - Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

Tebbetts, Anson of Marshfield - Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

Snelling, Diane of Hinesburg - Chair of the Natural Resources Board, - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Snelling, Diane of Hinesburg - Chair of the Natural Resources Board, - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Porter, Louis of Adamant - Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Porter, Louis of Adamant - Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Moore, Julie of Middlesex - Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Moore, Julia of Middlesex - Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Cole, Christopher of Richmond - Commissioner of the Department of Buildings and General Services - from January 5, 2017, to February 28, 2017.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Cole, Christopher of Richmond - Commissioner of the Department of Buildings and General Services - from March 1, 2017, to February 28, 2019.

To the Committee on Institutions.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate

J.R.S. 10.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senator Ashe,

J.R.S. 10. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 20, 2017, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 30.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

An act relating to the service of alcoholic beverages by theaters.

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

S. 31.

By Senator Lyons,

An act relating to circulating nurses in hospital operating rooms.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 32.

By Senators Lyons and McCormack,

An act relating to climate change considerations in State procurement.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

S. 33.

By Senators Sirotkin and Starr,

An act relating to the Rozo McLaughlin Farm-to-School Program.

To the Committee on Agriculture.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.