

# Journal of the Senate

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

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.

## **Joint Senate Resolution Adopted on the Part of the Senate**

### **J.R.S. 11.**

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. 11.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

### ***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 27, 2017, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

## **Bills Introduced**

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

### **S. 41.**

By Senator Ashe,

An act relating to disallowing corporate income tax deductions for the payment of compensatory and punitive damages to a government.

To the Committee on Finance.

### **S. 42.**

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to eliminating the statute of limitations on prosecutions for sexual assault.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. 43.**

By Senators Campion, Bray, Clarkson, Pearson, Pollina and Sears,  
An act relating to establishing a regenerative soils program.  
To the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

**S. 44.**

By Senators Bray, Ayer and Campion,  
An act relating to shared candidate campaign expenditures.  
To the Committee on Government Operations.

**Bills Passed**

Senate bills of the following titles were severally read the third time and passed:

**S. 2.** An act relating to information sharing by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation.

**S. 5.** An act relating to plea agreements.

**Third Reading Ordered****S. 1.**

Senator Bray, for the Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the determination of average daily membership for the 2016–2017 school year and equalized pupil count for fiscal year 2018.

Reported that the bill ought to pass.

Senator McCormack, for the Committee on Appropriations, to which the bill was referred, reported that the bill ought to pass.

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

**Appointment of Senate Members to the Vermont Child Poverty Council**

Pursuant to the provisions of No. 68 § 1(b) of the Acts of 2007, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Vermont Child Poverty Council during this biennium:

Senator McCormack  
Senator Ayer  
Senator Baruth

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**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the afternoon.

**Called to Order**

The Senate was called to order by the President.

**Joint Assembly**

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the hour having arrived for the meeting of the two Houses in Joint Assembly pursuant to:

**J.R.S. 6.** Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the budget message of the Governor.

The Senate repaired to the hall of the House.

Having returned therefrom, at two o'clock and fifty-nine minutes in the afternoon, the President assumed the Chair.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon.