

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Joan Javier-Duval of Montpelier.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

S. 8.

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 establishing the State Ethics Commission and standards of governmental ethical conduct.

Senate Resolution Placed on Calendar

S.R. 4.

Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read the first time and is as follows:

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Ingram, Kitchel, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, and White,

S.R. 4. Senate resolution relating to supporting a women's right to decide her own reproductive choices, commemorating the 44th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, and the 52nd anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.

Whereas, on January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), established that the U.S. Constitution protects a woman's right to privacy and limits government interference with medical decisions, and

Whereas, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England has been providing essential health care services to all Vermonters since 1965, and all Vermonters continue to have access to Planned Parenthood's services at its health care centers regardless of income, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont has set a goal to reduce unintended pregnancies to 35 percent of all pregnancies by 2020, and

Whereas, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England helps individuals and families make responsible choices that contribute to our overall public health, and

Whereas, the Senate of the State of Vermont believes that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* ensures that abortion remains a safe and legal procedure for a woman to consider, if and when she needs it, and

Whereas, in 2015, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England staff saw over 18,000 Vermonters who visited for essential health care services, trusted information, and family planning services, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont strives to enhance the health of all its citizens, including women of all ages, and to strengthen individuals and families by encouraging and promoting access to comprehensive family planning services, and

Whereas, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England plays a pivotal role in Vermont's health care landscape, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont, on the 44th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the 52nd anniversary of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, urges Congress and other state legislatures to preserve the rights protected in *Roe v. Wade* and to preserve access to essential health care services, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Senate of the State of Vermont reaffirms the right of every Vermont woman to privacy, autonomy, and safety in making personal decisions regarding reproduction and family planning and the right to continued access to safe and legal abortion, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Senate of the State of Vermont acknowledges and celebrates Planned Parenthood of Northern New England's 52 years of providing essential, high quality health services to all Vermonters and advocating for and promoting women's health, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Planned Parenthood of Northern New England and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Thereupon, in the discretion of the President, under Rule 51, the resolution was placed on the Calendar for action the next legislative day.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 52.

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Cummings, Degree, MacDonald, Pollina and Sirotkin,

An act relating to the Public Service Board and its proceedings.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 53.

By Senators Ayer, Lyons, Balint, Bray, Brooks, Clarkson, Cummings, Ingram, MacDonald, McCormack, Pollina, Sirotkin and White,

An act relating to a universal, publicly financed primary care system.

To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 54.

By Senators Sirotkin, Collamore and Branagan,

An act relating to lobbyist identification.

To the Committee on Government Operations.

Third Reading Ordered**S. 17.**

Senator Collamore, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to the qualifications of candidates for Adjutant and Inspector General.

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.

Message from the House No. 10

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Ms. Rebecca Silbernagel, its Second Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

H.C.R. 17. House concurrent resolution congratulating David Provost, Leonard Crouse, and the late Edward Meehan on their being named to the Captive Review Hall of Fame.

H.C.R. 18. House concurrent resolution in memory of esteemed Vermont poet David Budbill.

H.C.R. 19. House concurrent resolution designating January 20, 2017 as Vermont Pharmacists Day.

H.C.R. 21. House concurrent resolution designating January 22–28, 2017 as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Week in Vermont.

H.C.R. 22. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Vermont Constitution.

H.C.R. 23. House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, January 25, 2017 as School Choice Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 24. House concurrent resolution congratulating The Dorset Inn on its 220th anniversary and honoring the current owners, Steve and Lauren Bryant.

H.C.R. 25. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Dorset Players and the Dorset Theater Festival on their respective 90th and 40th anniversaries.

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

The House has considered concurrent resolutions originating in the Senate of the following titles:

S.C.R. 6. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of John Behan of Bennington.

S.C.R. 7. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere.

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jane Sprenger of Greensboro on her centennial birthday.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Senate 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 severally adopted on the part of the Senate:

By Senators Champion and Sears,

By Reps. Morrissey and others,

S.C.R. 6. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of John Behan of Bennington.

By Senator Westman,

By Reps. Hill and others,

S.C.R. 7. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere.

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

By Reps. Strong and others,

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jane Sprenger of Greensboro on her centennial birthday.

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 severally adopted in concurrence:

By Committee on Commerce and Economic Development,

H.C.R. 17. House concurrent resolution congratulating David Provost, Leonard Crouse, and the late Edward Meehan on their being named to the *Captive Review* Hall of Fame.

By Reps. Donahue and others,

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

H.C.R. 18. House concurrent resolution in memory of esteemed Vermont poet David Budbill.

By Reps. Canfield and others,

By Senators Champion, Collamore, Flory, Mullin, and Rodgers,

H.C.R. 19. House concurrent resolution designating January 20, 2017 as Vermont Pharmacists Day.

By Reps. Keenan and others,

H.C.R. 21. House concurrent resolution designating January 22–28, 2017 as National Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Week in Vermont.

By Reps. Devereux and others,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka,

H.C.R. 22. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Vermont Constitution.

By Reps. Strong,

H.C.R. 23. House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, January 25, 2017 as School Choice Day in Vermont.

By Representative Sullivan,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

H.C.R. 24. House concurrent resolution congratulating The Dorset Inn on its 220th anniversary and honoring the current owners, Steve and Lauren Bryant.

By Representative Sullivan,

By Senators Campion and Sears,

H.C.R. 25. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Dorset Players and the Dorset Theater Festival on their respective 90th and 40th anniversaries.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashe, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 11.