

Journal of the Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

In the absence of the President (who was Acting Governor in the absence of the Governor) the Senate was called to order by the President *pro tempore*.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rosaire Bisson of Barre.

Message from the House No. 20

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 considered joint resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 16. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Bills Introduced

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

S. 85.

By Senators Pearson, Balint, Mullin, Starr and Westman,

An act relating to simplifying government for small businesses.

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

S. 86.

By Senators Sears and Benning,

An act relating to expungement.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee Bill Introduced

Senate committee bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time, and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice the next legislative day:

S. 87.

By the Committee on Judiciary,

An act relating to sexual exploitation of students.

Recess

The Chair declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

Called to Order

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

Joint Assembly

At ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning, the hour having arrived for the meeting of the two Houses in Joint Assembly pursuant to:

J.R.S. 13. Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

The Senate repaired to the hall of the House.

Having returned therefrom, at eleven o'clock and forty-five minutes in the morning, the President *pro tempore* assumed the Chair.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the morning.