

# Journal of the Senate

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Daniel Jordan of Williston.

## Message from the House No. 13

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 passed House bills of the following titles:

**H. 589.** An act relating to the reasonable and prudent parent standard.

**H. 603.** An act relating to human trafficking.

**H. 686.** An act relating to establishing the Child Fatality Review Team.

**H. 719.** An act relating to insurance companies and trust companies.

**H. 799.** An act relating to notice of sale of property subject to unpaid property taxes.

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

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

**J.R.S. 45.** Joint resolution establishing a procedure for the conduct of the election of two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation by plurality vote by the General Assembly in 2018.

**J.R.S. 46.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

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**Pages Honored**

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the President recognized the following-named pages who are completing their services today and presented them with letters of appreciation.

Joshua Amones of Orange  
Sabina Brochu of Williston  
Linnea Colwell of Montpelier  
Hazel Fay of St. Johnsbury  
Gabriel Groveman of Marshfield  
Eloise Harris of Moretown  
Iris Hsiang of Essex  
Alaena Hunt of Stowe  
Zee Totten of Burlington  
Andrew Trottier of Barre

**Bills Referred**

House bills of the following titles were severally read the first time and referred:

**H. 589.**

An act relating to the reasonable and prudent parent standard.  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 603.**

An act relating to human trafficking.  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 686.**

An act relating to establishing the Child Fatality Review Team.  
To the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**H. 719.**

An act relating to insurance companies and trust companies.  
To the Committee on Finance.

**H. 799.**

An act relating to notice of sale of property subject to unpaid property taxes.  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**Third Readings Ordered****H. 552.**

Senator Ayer, for the Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred House bill entitled:

An act relating to approval of the adoption and codification of the charter of the Town of Ferrisburgh.

Reported 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.

**H. 568.**

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

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre.

Reported 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.

**H. 573.**

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

An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Rutland.

Reported 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.

**Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered****S. 164.**

Senator Ayer, for the Committee on Health and Welfare, to which was referred Senate bill entitled:

An act relating to establishing the Unused Prescription Drug Repository Program.

Reported recommending that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM;  
FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS; REPORT

(a) The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Practice and after making reasonable efforts to consult with representatives from Vermont pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities, shall evaluate the feasibility of implementing an unused prescription drug repository program to accept and dispense donated prescription drugs and supplies to Vermont residents who meet specified eligibility standards. In determining the feasibility of an unused prescription drug repository program in Vermont, the Agency of Human Services shall consider:

(1) the potential benefits of the program to Vermont consumers, the health care system, the environment, and the State;

(2) the costs of implementing and administering the program, including through a contractual arrangement with a third party;

(3) one or more funding sources to support the program;

(4) the criteria under which pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities would accept and dispense donated prescription drugs and supplies under the program, including:

(A) eligibility criteria for participation by pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities;

(B) standards and procedures for accepting, safely storing, and dispensing donated prescription drugs and supplies; and

(C) standards and procedures for inspecting donated prescription drugs and supplies to determine if the prescription drugs are in their original sealed and tamper-evident packaging and to ensure that the prescription drugs and supplies are not adulterated, misbranded, or otherwise unsafe for dispensing;

(5) eligibility criteria for individuals to receive donated prescription drugs and supplies dispensed by pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities under the program;

(6) the fees that a pharmacy, hospital, long-term care facility, or other health care facility would be permitted to charge for accepting, distributing, or dispensing donated prescription drugs and supplies under the program;

(7) the types of prescription drugs and supplies that the program would accept; and

(8) an outreach and education plan to inform the public of the availability of the program, including information regarding:

(A) who may be eligible to receive donated prescription drugs and supplies under the program;

(B) how to demonstrate eligibility; and

(C) whether individuals may donate prescription drugs and supplies and, if so, how to donate them.

(b) On or before December 1, 2018, the Agency of Human Services shall provide to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare its analysis and recommendations regarding the implementation of an unused prescription drug repository program in Vermont.

## Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

And that when so amended the bill ought to pass.

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

### **Appointment Confirmed**

The following Gubernatorial appointment was confirmed separately by the Senate, upon full report given by the Committee to which it was referred:

The nomination of

Roisman, Anthony Z. of Weathersfield - Chair, Public Utility Commission - June 12, 2017, to February 28, 2023.

Was confirmed by the Senate.

### **Appointments Confirmed**

Under suspension of the rules (and particularly, Senate Rule 93), as moved by Senator White, the following Gubernatorial appointments were confirmed together as a group by the Senate, without reports given by the Committees to which they were referred and without debate:

The nominations of

Shouldice, Heather of Montpelier - Chair, Capitol Complex Commission - September 6, 2017, to October 31, 2019.

Hayward, Susan of North Middlesex - Member, Capitol Complex Commission - September 6, 2017, to October 31, 2019.

Were collectively confirmed by the Senate.

### **Message from the House No. 14**

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 passed House bills of the following titles:

**H. 585.** An act relating to management of records.

**H. 748.** An act relating to electronic filing of proposed plans, plan amendments, and bylaws under Title 24.

**H. 846.** An act relating to the application of general law to chartered municipalities.

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

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

**H.C.R. 235.** House concurrent resolution honoring William Olney for his accomplishments as a softball player and coach.

**H.C.R. 236.** House concurrent resolution honoring Thomas W. Huebner for his administrative career at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

**H.C.R. 237.** House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, February 7, 2018 as Farm to School Awareness Day at the State House.

**H.C.R. 238.** House concurrent resolution in memory of decorated U.S. Army combat veteran and distinguished Boy Scout leader Stanley Burnham.

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

### **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 Reps. Devereux and others,

By Senators Collamore, Nitka and Sears,

#### **H.C.R. 235.**

House concurrent resolution honoring William Olney for his accomplishments as a softball player and coach.

By Reps. Shaw and others,

By Senators Collamore, Flory and Soucy,

**H.C.R. 236.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Thomas W. Huebner for his administrative career at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

By Reps. Partridge and others,

**H.C.R. 237.**

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, February 7, 2018 as Farm to School Awareness Day at the State House.

By Reps. Christie and others,

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack and Nitka,

**H.C.R. 238.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of decorated U.S. Army combat veteran and distinguished Boy Scout leader Stanley Burnham.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Mazza, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 46.