

# Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Peter Plagge, Waterbury Congregational Church, Waterbury.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Page Elliot Palm of Essex Junction led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Communication from Clerk

The Speaker placed before the House a communication from the Clerk, dated January 10, 2023, as follows:

“Madam Speaker:

In the absence of myself and the Assistant Clerks today, I have designated Assistant Secretary of the Senate Melissa Kucserik of Montpelier as Acting Clerk of the House.

Sincerely,  
BetsyAnn Wrask  
Clerk of the House”

## Oath Administered to House Member

**Rep. Mihaly of Calais**, having taken and subscribed the oath administered by the Acting Clerk, took his seat selected by proxy.

## House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time, and referred to committee as follows:

### H. 26

By Reps. Birong of Vergennes, Hango of Berkshire, and Sibilina of Dover,  
House bill, entitled

An act relating to an income tax exemption for members of the National Guard

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 27**

By Rep. Donnally of Hyde Park,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to coercive controlling behavior and abuse prevention orders  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 28**

By Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to diversion and expungement  
To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. 29**

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury and Dolan of Waitsfield,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to development in mapped river corridors  
To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**H. 30**

By Reps. Sheldon of Middlebury and Dolan of Waitsfield,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to the regulation of wetlands  
To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**H. 31**

By Rep. Bongartz of Manchester,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to aquatic nuisance control  
To the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**H. 32**

By Reps. Harrison of Chittenden and Noyes of Wolcott,  
House bill, entitled  
An act relating to the Social Security benefits exemption  
To the Committee on Ways and Means.

**H. 33**

By Rep. Harrison of Chittenden,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to allowing legislators to elect taxable or nontaxable meals and lodging expense reimbursement

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

**H. 34**

By Reps. Casey of Montpelier and McCann of Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to studying the feasibility of a State-owned public restroom near the Capitol Complex

To the Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

**H. 35**

By Rep. Rachelson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the Victims Assistance Program

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**Message from the Senate No. 5**

A message was received from the Senate by Ms. Kucserik, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 7.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

**Adjournment**

At ten o'clock and fourteen minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.