

Journal of the House

Friday, January 26, 2024

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Jonathan Williams of Barre City.

Memorial Service

House members rose as the Speaker placed before the House the following name of the member of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Rep. Charles M. "Tim" Goodwin of Weston	Member of the House, Sessions 2013-2014
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Thereupon, the members of the House held a moment of silence in memory of the deceased member.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 135

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Milton High School Division II Yellowjackets on winning the school's 17th girls' soccer state championship

Offered by: Representatives Morgan of Milton, Andrews of Westford, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Mattos of Milton, and Taylor of Milton

Offered by: Senator Wrenner

Whereas, Milton High School has frequently epitomized girls' soccer competition in Vermont, and the 2023 season continued this tradition, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, the second-seeded Yellowjackets earned both a championship game berth in the playoffs and the opportunity to challenge the fourth-seeded Harwood Highlanders for the Division II title in Hartford, and

Whereas, Milton's impressive defense contributed to a scoreless first half, and the Yellowjackets' well-executed second-half offense yielded two goals that, despite a late Harwood surge, culminated in a 2-1 Yellowjacket victory, and

Whereas, the proud Yellowjackets were Sydney Greenfield, Alessandra Hoffman, Ella Scharf, Cianna Tomasi, Kaitlyn Bombard, Molly St. Amand, Madison Rose, Callie Fougere, Holley MacLellan, Lily Daunais, Lucy Spaulding, Taylor Shappy, Savannah Monahan, Annie Brynga, Emily Banacos, Avery Turner, Hannah Smiley, Logan Freeman, Samantha Provost, Marlie Bushey, and Lila Martin, and

Whereas, team manager Caitlyn Fortier and coaches Caitlyn Fogel and Scott Tomasi were each essential to Milton's fantastic season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Milton High School Division II Yellowjackets on winning the school's 17th girls' soccer state championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Milton High School.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, January 12, 2024 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 603

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the poultry slaughter exception to inspection

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed.

Amendment Offered and Withdrawn; Third Reading; Bill Passed

H. 839

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2024 budget adjustments

Pending the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?, **Rep. Burditt of West Rutland** moved to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 93, temporary emergency housing, in subsection (d), by striking out "\$75" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$50"

Second: In Sec. 93, temporary emergency housing, in subdivision (e)(3), by striking out "\$75" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$50"

Thereupon, **Rep. Burditt of West Rutland** asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw his amendment.

Thereafter, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Joint Resolution Adopted

J.R.H. 9

Joint House resolution, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the Green Mountain Boys State educational program to use the State House facilities on June 27, 2024

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

Message from the Senate No. 11

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part adopted Senate concurrent resolutions of the following titles:

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution honoring those who assumed summer 2023 flood recovery leadership roles in Montpelier and Barre City.

S.C.R. 9. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of the chartering of the National Life Insurance Company.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

H.C.R. 142. House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 143. House concurrent resolution designating January 31, 2024 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and twenty-eight minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 40.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Rule 16b of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted on the part of the House:

H.C.R. 142

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 27, 2024 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Vermont

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House concurrent resolution designating January 31, 2024 as Mental Health Advocacy Day at the State House

S.C.R. 8

Senate concurrent resolution honoring those who assumed summer 2023 flood recovery leadership roles in Montpelier and Barre City

S.C.R. 9

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of the chartering of the National Life Insurance Company

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House and Senate Calendar Addendums on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2024 Adjourned Session.]