

Journal of the Senate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Devotional Exercises

A moment of silence was observed in lieu of devotions.

Message from the House No. 13

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

Madam President:

I am directed to inform the Senate that:

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

H.C.R. 8. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School Phantoms girls' soccer team on winning a second consecutive Division IV championship.

H.C.R. 9. House concurrent resolution recognizing the unwavering dedication of Vermont's health care workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic.

H.C.R. 10. House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care contribution of nurse anesthetists in Vermont.

H.C.R. 11. House concurrent resolution honoring the Thomas Dairy for 99 years of agricultural and entrepreneurial excellence.

H.C.R. 12. House concurrent resolution recognizing the important work of MENTOR Vermont and designating January 21, 2021 as Mentoring Day in Vermont.

H.C.R. 13. House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald.

H.C.R. 14. House concurrent resolution in memory of historic preservation architect Martin S. Tierney of Burlington.

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

Bills Introduced

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

S. 52.

By Senators Sirotkin, Baruth, Chittenden, Clarkson, Cummings, Hardy, Hooker, Lyons, McCormack, Pearson, Perchlik, Pollina, Ram and Sears,

An act relating to increasing the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour by 2025.

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

S. 53.

By Senators Pearson, Lyons, Sirotkin and Hardy,

An act relating to exempting feminine hygiene products from the Vermont Sales and Use Tax.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 54.

By Senator Perchlik,

An act relating to the imposition of sales tax on candy to fund child care assistance.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. 55.

By Senator Pearson,

An act relating to paid vacation leave.

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

S. 56.

By Senator Perchlik,

An act relating to the sales tax exemption for residential use of fuels.

To the Committee on Finance.

Election of Senate Members to Judicial Nominating Board

The President announced that the next order of business was the election of three members of the Senate to serve on the Judicial Nominating Board pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 601.

Senator Balint, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, placed in nomination the names of the following Senators to serve on the Board:

CHERYL MAZZARIELLO HOOKER

of Rutland District, as the majority party member of the Board.

BRIAN P. COLLAMORE

of Rutland District, as the minority party member of the Board.

JEANETTE K. WHITE

of Windham District, as the third member of the Board.

Senator Mazza of Grand Isle District seconded these nominations.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Senator Balint, the nominations were closed, and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for

CHERYL MAZZARIELLO HOOKER

of Rutland District, as the majority party member of the Board, for a term of two years or until her successor is elected and has qualified.

BRIAN P. COLLAMORE

of Rutland District, as the minority party member of the Board, for a term of two years or until his successor is elected and has qualified.

JEANETTE K. WHITE

of Windham District, as the third member of the Board, for a term of two years or until her successor is elected and has qualified.

**Appointment of Senate Members of the Legislative Committee on
Administrative Rules**

Pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. §817, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules for terms of two years ending February 1, 2023:

Senator Bray
Senator Benning
Senator MacDonald
Senator Lyons

**Appointment of Senate Member to Surface Water Diversion and Transfer
Study Group**

Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 173 § 1(b)(3) and (5) (Acts of 2020)(Adj. Sess.), the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve on the Surface Water Diversion and Transfer Study Group during this biennium:

Senator Bray

**Appointment of Senate Members to the Legislative Advisory Committee
on the State House**

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 651, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House for terms of two years:

Senator Benning
Senator Mazza
Senator Hardy

**Appointment of Senate Members to Legislative Committee on Judicial
Rules**

Pursuant to the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 3, the President, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, announced the appointment of the following Senators to serve on the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules for terms of two (2) years ending February 1, 2023:

Senator Sears
Senator Clarkson
Senator Benning
Senator Ram

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. Burditt and others,

By Senators Collamore, Hooker and Terenzini,

H.C.R. 8.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School Phantoms girls' soccer team on winning a second consecutive Division IV championship.

By All Members of the House,

By All Members of the Senate,

H.C.R. 9.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the unwavering dedication of Vermont's health care workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic.

By Rep. Cordes,

H.C.R. 10.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care contribution of nurse anesthetists in Vermont.

By Reps. Terenzini and others,

By Senators Collamore, Hooker and Terenzini,

H.C.R. 11.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Thomas Dairy for 99 years of agricultural and entrepreneurial excellence.

By Rep. Webb,

H.C.R. 12.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important work of MENTOR Vermont and designating January 21, 2021 as Mentoring Day in Vermont.

By Reps. Burke and others,

H.C.R. 13.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald.

By Rep. Webb,

H.C.R. 14.

House concurrent resolution in memory of historic preservation architect Martin S. Tierney of Burlington.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Balint, the Senate adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon pursuant to J.R.S. 11.