

# Journal of the Senate

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

The Senate was called to order by the President.

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Reverend Rebecca Clark of Montpelier.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Vanessa J. Davison, Journal Clerk of the Senate, then led the members of the Senate in the pledge of allegiance.

## Oath Administered to Senate Member

The Secretary reported that the oath of office was duly sworn to by Senator-elect Mark A. MacDonald of Orange District.

## Bill Introduced

Senate bill of the following title was introduced, read the first time and referred:

### S. 16.

By Senator Bartlett,

An act relating to regional common levels of appraisal.

To the Committee on Finance.

## Joint Resolutions Adopted on the Part of the Senate

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Committee on Transportation,

**J.R.S. 7.** Joint resolution providing for release of payments to towns for highway aid.

*Whereas*, Vermont towns are experiencing cash flow issues due to the potential delay in town highway aid payments, and

*Whereas*, the specific level of funding is uncertain due to the continuing erosion of revenues and uncertainty concerning federal stimulus funding for Vermont, and

*Whereas*, further payments are scheduled to be made in April of this year, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the Agency of Transportation shall make January payments for the town highway aid program as soon as practicable, and be it further

***Resolved:*** That the payments shall be reduced by a total of \$925,000.00 from the funds that would otherwise have been sent as part of the January disbursements, and be it further

***Resolved:*** That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the final payments for FY 2009 shall be increased or decreased to adjust for future legislative actions and appropriations changes, and be it further

***Resolved:*** That a copy of this joint resolution be sent to David Dill, Secretary of the Agency of Transportation.

Joint Senate resolution of the following title was offered, read and adopted on the part of the Senate, and is as follows:

By Senator Shumlin,

**J.R.S. 8.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 16, 2009, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

**Standing Committee Appointed**

The President *pro tempore*, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, reported the appointment of the standing committees, as follows:

**Rules**

At Call

Senator Shumlin, Chair  
Mazza, Vice-Chair  
Campbell  
Doyle  
Mullin

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Shumlin, the Senate adjourned until eight o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon on Friday, January 16, 2009.