

Journal of the House

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by students from the Maple Street School in Manchester, Vermont.

Pledge of Allegiance

Page Gretchen Wright of Jericho led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communication from Governor

“July 21, 2011

The Honorable Shapleigh Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House
115 State Street, Drawer 33
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

Dear Speaker Smith,

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Teo Erik Zagar to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Windsor 6-1, formerly held by Representative Mark Mitchell.

Sincerely,
/s/ Peter Shumlin
Governor

PS/ss

Cc: Jim Condos, Secretary of State
Donald G. Milne, Clerk of the House”

Communication from Governor

“November 9, 2011

The Honorable Shapleigh Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House
115 State Street, Drawer 33
Montpelier, Vermont 05633

Dear Speaker Smith,

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Jean O'Sullivan to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Chittenden 3-2, formerly held by Representative Mark Larson.

Sincerely,
/s/ Peter Shumlin
Governor"

PS/ss

Cc: Jim Condos, Secretary of State
Donald Milne, Clerk of the House"

New Member Seated

Rep. Teo Zagar of Barnard, the newly appointed member, having taken and subscribed the oath administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, was conducted to his seat by the Doorkeeper.

Oath Administered to Jean O'Sullivan

The Speaker directed the Doorkeeper to conduct Jean O'Sullivan the appointed member from Burlington, to the bar of the House where she took the subscribed oath, administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State.

New Member Seated

Rep. Jean O'Sullivan, the newly appointed member, having taken and subscribed the oath administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State, was conducted to her seat by the Doorkeeper.

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced. Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 461

By the committee on Ways and Means,

An act relating to the reimbursement of statewide education property taxes that were abated due to flood damage;

Under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice.

H. 462

By Rep. Potter of Clarendon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing hunting licenses for persons with a visual limitation;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 463

By Rep. Consejo of Sheldon,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to emergency medical personnel continuing education requirements;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 464

By Reps. Klein of East Montpelier and Peltz of Woodbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to hydraulic fracturing wells for natural gas and oil production;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 465

By Reps. Mook of Bennington and Campion of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to bail in cases of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child and to the inclusion of headmasters of independent schools as mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 466

By Rep. Botzow of Pownal,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to river management and fluvial erosion hazard planning;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 467

By Rep. Peltz of Woodbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to limited liability for a landowner who permits a person to enter the owner's land for recreational use;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 468

By Rep. Klein of East Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a renewable portfolio standard and the Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development Program;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 469

By Rep. Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to potable water supply and wastewater system isolation distances;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 470

By Rep. Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to discontinuance of a public water system;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 471

By Rep. Ancel of Calais,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to child motorcycle passengers;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 472

By Reps. Klein of East Montpelier and Ram of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the definition of natural persons;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 473

By Reps. Martin of Springfield and Emmons of Springfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the confidentiality of pension records of a retired state employee;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 474

By Rep. Klein of East Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to authorizing public high school choice and adjusting tuition payments to regional technical centers;

To the committee on Education.

H. 475

By Rep. Klein of East Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to net metering and definitions of capacity;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 476

By Rep. Klein of East Montpelier,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to transparency in billing for electric power;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Bill Referred to Committee on Appropriations

H. 461

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the reimbursement of statewide education property taxes that were abated due to flood damage

Carrying an appropriation, under rule 35a, was referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Committee Appointments

The Speaker appointed **Rep. Zagar of Barnard** to the committee on Agriculture, **Rep. O'Sullivan of Burlington** to the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs, **Reps. Woodward of Johnson and Komline of Dorset** to the committee on Health Care, **Rep. Ram of Burlington** to the committee on Human Services, **Rep. Strong of Albany** to the committee on Judiciary and **Rep. Malcolm of Pawlet** to the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Action on Bill Postponed

S. 92

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the protection of students' health by requiring the use of safe cleaning products in schools

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the House concur in the Senate proposal of amendment? on motion of **Rep. Donovan of Burlington**, action on the bill was postponed until the next legislative day.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and forty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.