

Journal of the House

Friday, January 6, 2012

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Pastor Mark McEathron of the Old Brick Church, East Montpelier, VT..

Memorial Service

The Speaker placed before the House the following names of members of past sessions of the Vermont General Assembly who had passed away recently:

Alice Cook Bassett	Member from Burlington Sessions of 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989 & 1991
Rene L. Blanchard	Member from Burlington Sessions of 1995, 1997 & 1999
Nancy A. Christopher	Member from Alburgh Sessions of 1991 & 1993
Marie P. Condon	Member from Bennington Sessions of 1981, 1983 & 1985
John H. Downs of Shelburne	Member from St Johnsbury Sessions of 1961 & 1963
Richard W. Mallary	Member from Fairlee Sessions of 1961, 1963, 1965, 1966 & 1967 Speaker 1966 & 1967
	Member from Brookfield Session of 1999. Member of Senate Session of 1969. Member of U.S. House of Representative 1972 to 1974

Mark B. Mitchell	Member from Barnard Sessions of 2007, 2009 & 2011
John F. Murphy	Member from Ludlow Sessions of 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995 & 1997
Harvey B. Otterman, Jr.	Member from Topsham Sessions of 2001, 2003, 2005 & 2007
Mary T. Paull	Member from Newport City Sessions of 1985 & 1987
Carl H. Reidel	Member from Ferrisburgh Session of 1996
Louise R. Swainbank	Member from St Johnsbury Sessions of 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977 & 1979

Thereupon, the members of the House rose for a moment of prayer in memory of the deceased members. The Clerk was thereupon directed to send a copy of the House Journal to the bereaved families

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. 496

By Reps. Stevens of Shoreham, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro and Taylor of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to preserving Vermont's working landscape;

To the committee on Agriculture.

H. 497

By Reps. Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro, Jerman of Essex, Klein of East Montpelier and Malcolm of Pawlet,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to disclosure of a building's energy performance;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

H. 498

By Reps. Donahue of Northfield, Acinapura of Brandon, Batchelor of Derby, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, French of Randolph, Koch of Barre Town, McAllister of Highgate, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to parity for primary mental health care services;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 499

By Reps. Grad of Moretown and Donahue of Northfield,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to returning administrative responsibility for the disabled veterans' property tax exemption to the towns;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

H. 500

By Reps. Till of Jericho, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond and Pearson of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the health access oversight committee;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 501

By Rep. Mook of Bennington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to a lupus advisory panel within the department of health;

To the committee on Human Services.

H. 502

By Reps. Bouchard of Colchester, Acinapura of Brandon, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West

Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Consejo of Sheldon, Crawford of Burke, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Johnson of Canaan, Koch of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburgh, Savage of Swanton, Smith of New Haven and Strong of Albany,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to declaring March 10, 2012 a state sales tax free holiday;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 503

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Atkins of Winooski, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Hebert of Vernon, Koch of Barre Town, Lewis of Derby, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Wizowaty of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating the ability of the sergeant at arms to employ a traffic control officer and requiring the certification of capitol police officers;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 504

By Reps. Larocque of Barnet, Acinapura of Brandon, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Helm of Fair Haven, Lawrence of Lyndon, Reis of St. Johnsbury and Shaw of Pittsford,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to expanding the beverage container deposit law to include plastic water bottles;

To the committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

Committee Relieved of Consideration and Bill Committed to Other Committee

H. 503

Rep. Sweaney of Windsor moved that the committee on Government Operations be relieved of House bill, entitled

An act relating to eliminating the ability of the sergeant at arms to employ a traffic control officer and requiring the certification of capitol police officers

And that the bill be committed to the committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

At nine o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.S. 36.

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 Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 204

House concurrent resolution recognizing January 4, 2012 as Homelessness Day at the State House;

H.C.R. 205

House concurrent resolution in memory of the former Dean of the House Representative John Francis Murphy of Ludlow;

H.C.R. 206

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Peoples Academy Wolves Division III championship girls' soccer team;

H.C.R. 207

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Peoples Academy Division III championship boys' soccer team;

H.C.R. 208

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Speaker of the House and Vermont statesman Richard Walker Mallery of Brookfield;

H.C.R. 209

House concurrent resolution honoring Kathy Boyden for her 40 years of exemplary public service in the town of Williston;

H.C.R. 210

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks' second consecutive New England championship girls' cross-country team;

H.C.R. 211

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Mark Mitchell of Barnard;

H.C.R. 212

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Division III field hockey team;

H.C.R. 213

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Division II championship baseball team;

H.C.R. 214

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division I championship field hockey team;

H.C.R. 215

House concurrent resolution honoring the Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation on its 40th anniversary;

H.C.R. 216

House concurrent resolution honoring Barbara Brayton for her laudable leadership of the Northfield Senior Center;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2012, seventy-second Adjourned session.]