

# Journal of the House

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Tuesday, April 3, 2012

**Rep. Leriche of Hardwick** in Chair.

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

## Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Piper, Ben Partridge of Windham, VT.

## Pledge of Allegiance

**Page Abigail Zani of West Brookfield**, led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Message from the Senate No. 36

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

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has on its part passed Senate bills of the following titles:

**S. 151.** An act relating to grave markers.

**S. 183.** An act relating to the testing of potable water supplies.

**S. 200.** An act relating to the reporting requirements of health insurers.

**S. 223.** An act relating to health insurance coverage for early childhood development disorders, including autism spectrum disorders.

In the passage of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted joint resolution of the following title:

**J.R.S. 52.** Joint resolution relating to the issuance of a commemorative United States postage stamp in honor of former United States Senator George D. Aiken.

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

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

**S.C.R. 41.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Richard Strong for his more than half-century of municipal public service in the village of Ludlow.

**S.C.R. 42.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Lyndon Rescue, Inc. on its 40th anniversary.

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

**H.C.R. 319.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont 2012 NCAA championship skiing team.

**H.C.R. 320.** House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Gloria Ann Conant of Richmond.

**H.C.R. 321.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Julie Frost on winning the 2012 Golden Globe Award for Best Original song.

**H.C.R. 322.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 South Burlington High School Rebels championship girls' indoor track and field team.

**H.C.R. 323.** House concurrent resolution honoring the St. Albans Town municipal public works department employees for their exemplary public service during the spring 2011 Lake Champlain flooding.

**H.C.R. 324.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Silas Chickering-Ayers of East Montpelier on winning his first Freeskiing World Tour victory at the North American Championships at Snowbird's Northwest Baldy in Utah.

**H.C.R. 325.** House concurrent resolution in memory of Melinda Bussino.

**H.C.R. 326.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011–2012 Middlebury College skiing team on its outstanding season.

**H.C.R. 327.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 University of Vermont America East championship men's basketball team.

### **House Bill Introduced**

#### **H. 788**

By Rep. O'Brien of Richmond,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the town of Richmond;

To the committee on Government Operations.

**Committee Bill Introduced****H. 789**

**Rep. Sweaney of Windsor**, for the committee on Government Operations, introduced a bill, entitled

An act relating to reapportioning the final representative districts of the House of Representatives

Which was read the first time and, under the rule, placed on the Calendar for notice tomorrow.

**Senate Bills Referred**

Senate bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the first time and referred as follows:

**S. 151**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to grave markers;

To the committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs.

**S. 183**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the testing of potable water supplies;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

**S. 200**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to the reporting requirements of health insurers;

To the committee on Health Care.

**S. 223**

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to health insurance coverage for early childhood development disorders, including autism spectrum disorders;

To the committee on Health Care.

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**Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar****J.R.S. 52**

By Senators McCormack, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

**J.R.S. 52.** Joint resolution relating to the issuance of a commemorative United States postage stamp in honor of former United States Senator George D. Aiken.

*Whereas*, George D. Aiken served his state and nation as a distinguished public servant with honor and humility for over four decades, and

*Whereas*, he began his elected career in the Vermont House of Representatives and rose to the positions of House Speaker, Lieutenant Governor, and then Governor of Vermont, and ultimately from 1941 to 1975 served as United States Senator from the State of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, United States Senator George D. Aiken served Vermont and the nation well with his support of such measures as the St. Lawrence Seaway, Aid for Women, Infants, and Children, Rural Electrification, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and other legislation which improved our lives and our country, and

*Whereas*, his independence and candor as a United States Senator, exemplified by his early and politically courageous criticism of public policies during both the McCarthy era and the Vietnam War, won him respect and admiration from Americans across the political spectrum, and

*Whereas*, George D. Aiken was a pioneering environmentalist through his numerous botanical contributions to Vermont, and

*Whereas*, his love for Vermont was best demonstrated by his lifelong devotion to his native Putney, and

*Whereas*, a man of truth and simplicity, George D. Aiken represented the best qualities of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, he dedicated his life to the betterment of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, George D. Aiken strove to elevate American public life and policy to a height that would merit dignity and respect both at home and abroad, and

*Whereas*, when Vermonters tackle the issues of today, his commonsense approach to problems and wise counsel are sorely missed, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly respectfully requests that the Vermont Congressional Delegation make every possible effort to secure the issuance of a United States postage stamp in honor of the life and accomplishments of former United States Senator George D. Aiken, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service's Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

Which was read and, in the Speaker's discretion, placed on the Calendar for action on the next legislative day under Rule 52.

**Message from the Senate No. 37**

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

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 634.** An act relating to remedies for failure to pay municipal tickets.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

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

**J.R.S. 54.** Joint resolution approving a land exchange in Alburgh and a lease with Camp Downer, Inc.

**J.R.S. 55.** Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

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

**Adjournment**

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