

Journal of the House

of the

STATE OF VERMONT
SPECIAL SESSION, 2018

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

In accordance with the call for a Special Session by His Excellency, the Governor, the members of the House of Representatives convened at the State House in Montpelier on the twenty-third day of May, 2018.

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Honorable Mitzi Johnson of South Hero, Speaker, called the House to order. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Anne Donahue of Northfield.

Governor's Call for Special Session

"I, Philip B. Scott, Governor of the State of Vermont, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, find it necessary to call together the Vermont General Assembly, and I do hereby summon the members of the Senate and House of Representatives to meet in their respective chambers in the State House, together with the officers of the two Houses, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, A.D., 2018, at 10:00 in the forenoon, for the purposes of providing Vermonters property tax relief through level statewide property tax rates, stabilizing the State's system of education finance and make appropriations for State government for fiscal year 2019.

WITNESS my name hereunto subscribed and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont hereunto affixed at Montpelier this 18th day of May, A.D., 2018.

/s/ Philip B. Scott
Governor

By the Governor:
/s/ Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs"

Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker Mitzi Johnson of South Hero led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call to Open 2018 Special Session

By order of the Speaker, call off the roll was taken.

 Those present:

Ainsworth of Royalton	Giambatista of Essex	Myers of Essex
Ancel of Calais	Grad of Moretown	Nolan of Morristown
Bancroft of Westford	Graham of Williamstown	Norris of Shoreham
Bartholomew of Hartland	Haas of Rochester	Noyes of Wolcott
Baser of Bristol	Harrison of Chittenden	Ode of Burlington
Batchelor of Derby	Head of South Burlington	O'Sullivan of Burlington
Beck of St. Johnsbury	Hebert of Vernon	Pajala of Londonderry
Belaski of Windsor	Helm of Fair Haven	Partridge of Windham
Beyor of Highgate	Higley of Lowell	Poirier of Barre City
Bissonnette of Winooski	Hill of Wolcott	Potter of Clarendon
Bock of Chester	Hooper of Montpelier	Pugh of South Burlington
Botzow of Pownal	Hooper of Randolph	Quimby of Concord
Briglin of Thetford	Houghton of Essex	Rosenquist of Georgia
Browning of Arlington	Howard of Rutland City	Savage of Swanton
Brumsted of Shelburne	Jessup of Middlesex	Scheu of Middlebury
Buckholz of Hartford	Jickling of Randolph	Scheuermann of Stowe
Burditt of West Rutland	Johnson of South Hero	Sharpe of Bristol
Burke of Brattleboro	Joseph of North Hero	Shaw of Pittsford
Canfield of Fair Haven	Juskiewicz of Cambridge	Sheldon of Middlebury
Carr of Brandon	Keefe of Manchester	Sibilia of Dover
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs	Keenan of St. Albans City	Smith of Derby
Christensen of Weathersfield	Kimbell of Woodstock	Smith of New Haven
Christie of Hartford	Kitzmiller of Montpelier	Squirrell of Underhill
Cina of Burlington	Krowinski of Burlington	Stevens of Waterbury
Colburn of Burlington	LaClair of Barre Town	Strong of Albany
Conlon of Cornwall	Lalonde of South Burlington	Sullivan of Dorset
Connor of Fairfield	Lawrence of Lyndon	Sullivan of Burlington
Conquest of Newbury	Lefebvre of Newark	Taylor of Colchester
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford	Lewis of Berlin	Terenzini of Rutland Town
Corcoran of Bennington	Lippert of Hinesburg	Till of Jericho
Cupoli of Rutland City	Long of Newfane	Toleno of Brattleboro
Dakin of Colchester	Lucke of Hartford	Toll of Danville
Deen of Westminster	Macaig of Williston	Townsend of South Burlington
Devereux of Mount Holly	Marcotte of Coventry	Trieber of Rockingham
Dickinson of St. Albans Town	Martel of Waterford	Troiano of Stannard
Donahue of Northfield	Masland of Thetford	Turner of Milton
Donovan of Burlington	Mattos of Milton	Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh
Dunn of Essex	McCormack of Burlington	Viens of Newport City
Emmons of Springfield	McCoy of Poultney	Webb of Shelburne
Fagan of Rutland City	McCullough of Williston	Weed of Enosburgh
Feltus of Lyndon	McFaun of Barre Town	Willhoit of St. Johnsbury
Forguites of Springfield	Miller of Shaftsbury	Wood of Waterbury
Frenier of Chelsea	Morris of Bennington	Wright of Burlington
Gage of Rutland City	Morrissey of Bennington	Yacovone of Morristown
Gamache of Swanton	Mrowicki of Putney	Yantachka of Charlotte
	Murphy of Fairfax	

Those members absent with leave of the House:

Brennan of Colchester	Gardner of Richmond	Read of Fayston
Condon of Colchester	Gonzalez of Winooski	Rachelson of Burlington
Fields of Bennington	Lanpher of Vergennes	Stuart of Brattleboro
Gannon of Wilmington	Parent of St. Albans Town	Walz of Barre City
	Pearce of Richford	Young of Glover

Quorum Present

Thereupon, the Speaker declared that a quorum of the members-elect was present.

House Resolution Adopted

H.R. 1

House resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to adoption of rules to govern the Special Session of 2018

By Rep. Deen of Westminster

Resolved by the House of Representatives

That the rules of the House of Representatives in effect on May, 12th, 2018, be the rules of this Special Session of 2018 except for the following additions thereto:

Rule 40A. Bills and resolutions to be placed on the Calendar for notice and subsequent action shall comprise solely those bills and resolutions consisting of new matters introduced during the Special Session. Bills or resolutions may be introduced during this Special Session. Upon adjournment sine die of the Special Session all such matters contained in these new bills and resolutions not passed by the General Assembly shall terminate automatically.

Which was read and adopted.

Committee Appointed

Rep. Turner of Milton moved that the Speaker appoint a committee of six to inform the Governor of the organization of the House. Thereupon, the Speaker appointed the following as members of the Committee to inform the Governor of the organization of the House.

Rep. Krowinski of Burlington

Rep. Turner of Milton

Rep. Deen of Westminster

Rep. Donahue of Northfield

Rep. Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs

Rep. Murphy of Fairfax

House Bills Introduced

House bills of the following titles were severally introduced, read the first time and referred to committee or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 1

By Reps. Grad of Moretown and Pugh of South Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to sexual exploitation of a person in law enforcement officer custody;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 2

By Rep. Ancel of Calais,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to making numerous revenue changes;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 3

By Rep. Grad of Moretown,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to restorative justice principles in school discipline, prohibiting sexual exploitation of a person in the custody of a law enforcement officer, and criminal threatening;

To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 4

By Reps. Ancel of Calais, Sharpe of Bristol and Beck of St. Johnsbury,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to changes in Vermont's personal income tax and education financing system;

To the committee on Ways and Means.

H. 5

By Reps. McCullough of Williston, Deen of Westminster, Sheldon of Middlebury and Sullivan of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to protecting working forests and habitat;
To the committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife.

H. 6

By Rep. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to notice regarding child placement;
To the committee on Judiciary.

H. 7

By Reps. Stevens of Waterbury and Gonzalez of Winooski,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to creating the Department of Liquor and Lottery and the
Board of Liquor and Lottery;
To the committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs.

H. 8

By Reps. Gannon of Wilmington, LaClair of Barre Town and Gardner of
Richmond,
House bill, entitled
An act relating to boards and commissions;
To the committee on Government Operations.

Joint Resolution Adopted

J.R.H. 1

By the Committee on Rules

J.R.H. 1 Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn for the week on Wednesday, May 23,
2018, Thursday, May 24, 2018 or Friday, May 25, 2018, it be to meet again no
later than Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Was taken up and adopted on the part of the House.

Message from the Senate No. 1

Special Session

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant

Secretary, as follows:

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that a quorum of the Senate has assembled and is ready on its part to proceed with the business of the Special Session.

Message from the Senate No. 2

Special Session

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

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

S. 1. An act relating to co-payment limits for chiropractic care and physical therapy

S. 2. An act relating to regulating finance leases for credit card terminals

S. 3. An act relating to sexual exploitation of students

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

The Senate has considered joint resolution originating in the House of the following title:

J.R.H. 1. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.

Adjournment

At ten o'clock and thirty-five minutes in the forenoon, on motion of **Rep. Turner of Milton**, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of J.R.H. 1.