

Journal of the House

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STATE OF VERMONT
BIENNIAL SESSION, 2025

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Vermont, the members-elect of the House of Representatives convened in the State House in Montpelier on the first Wednesday after the first Monday, being the eighth day of January, two thousand and twenty-five.

At ten o'clock in the forenoon, the Honorable Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Secretary of State, called the House to order for the seventy-eighth biennial session.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Elissa Johnk, First Congregational Church UCC, Burlington.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Message from Rep.-elect Brown of Castleton

December 13, 2024

“Dear Honorable BetsyAnn Wrask, Clerk of the House of Representatives:

This letter is to give notice of my intention to resign from my position as Representative-elect for Rutland 3-Castleton. I wish not to take my oath on January 8, 2025.

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of my decision to step away from my recently elected position, representing the residents of Castleton and all Vermonters in the House.

My wife has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and this family medical crisis has necessitated the need for me to dedicate my time to helping her and my children and family as we meet the challenges ahead.

I ask for your support of my decision.

It is my most fervent hope that a suitable replacement will be named to move forward in my place. Someone with a history and love for Castleton, Vermont and Vermonters.

With Sincerity and Thanks,
Former Rep-elect Chris Brown”

Message from the Governor

“January 8, 2025

BetsyAnn Wrask
Clerk of the House
115 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-2301

Dear BetsyAnn:

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Zachary J. Harvey of Castleton, Vermont to serve in the General Assembly representing House District Rutland-3.

Sincerely,
/s/Philip B. Scott
Governor

PBS/te

cc: Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Secretary of State”

ROLL CALL

Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas called the roll for the seventy-eighth biennial session:

Addison-1	Robin P. Scheu of Middlebury Amy D. Sheldon of Middlebury
Addison-2	Peter C. Conlon of Cornwall
Addison-3	Matthew J. Birong, Jr. of Vergennes Robert “Rob” North of Ferrisburgh
Addison-4	Mari K. Cordes of Bristol Herb Olson of Starksboro
Addison-5	Jubilee McGill of Bridport
Addison-Rutland	James “Jim” Casey of Hubbardton
Bennington-1	Jonathan Cooper of Pownal

Bennington-2	Timothy R. Corcoran, II of Bennington William “Will” Greer of Bennington
Bennington-3	David K. Durfee of Shaftsbury
Bennington-4	Robert Hunter of Manchester Kathleen C. James of Manchester
Bennington-5	Mary A. Morrissey of Bennington Michael Nigro of Bennington
Bennington-Rutland	Sandra “Sandy” Pinsonault of Dorset
Caledonia-1	Debra Lynn Powers of Waterford
Caledonia-2	Michael Southworth of Walden
Caledonia-3	Martha A. “Marty” Feltus of Lyndon Beth M. Quimby of Lyndon
Caledonia-Essex	R. Scott Campbell of St. Johnsbury Deborah Cordz Dolgin of St. Johnsbury
Caledonia-Washington	Gregory “Greg” Burt of Cabot
Chittenden-1	Jana Brown of Richmond
Chittenden-2	Angela Arsenault of Williston Erin Brady of Williston
Chittenden-3	Edye Graning of Jericho Trevor J. Squirrell of Underhill
Chittenden-4	Phil Pouech of Hinesburg
Chittenden-5	Chea Waters Evans of Charlotte
Chittenden-6	Kate Lalley of Shelburne
Chittenden-7	Shawn Sweeney of Shelburne
Chittenden-8	Bridget Marie Burkhardt of South Burlington
Chittenden-9	Emilie Krasnow of South Burlington
Chittenden-10	Kate Nugent of South Burlington
Chittenden-11	Brian Minier of South Burlington
Chittenden-12	Martin J. LaLonde of South Burlington
Chittenden-13	Tiffany “Tiff” Bluemle of Burlington Bram Kleppner of Burlington

Chittenden-14	Barbara Rachelson of Burlington Mary-Katherine Stone of Burlington
Chittenden-15	Brian J. Cina of Burlington Troy Headrick of Burlington
Chittenden-16	Jill L. Krowinski of Burlington Kate Logan of Burlington
Chittenden-17	Abbey Duke of Burlington
Chittenden-18	Robert J. Hooper of Burlington Carol Ode of Burlington
Chittenden-19	Sarah C. "Sarita" Austin of Colchester Wendy Critchlow of Colchester
Chittenden-20	Doug Bishop of Colchester Gayle Pezzo of Colchester
Chittenden-21	Daisy Berbeco of Winooski Chloe Tomlinson of Winooski
Chittenden-22	Karen N. Dolan of Essex Junction Lori Houghton of Essex Junction
Chittenden-23	Leonora Dodge of Essex Golrang "Rey" Garofano of Essex
Chittenden-24	Alyssa Black of Essex
Chittenden-25	Brenda Steady of Milton
Chittenden-Franklin	Anthony "Tony" Micklus of Milton Christopher Taylor of Milton
Essex-Caledonia	John Kascenska of Burke
Essex-Orleans	Larry Labor of Morgan
Franklin-1	Ashley R. Bartley of Fairfax Carolyn Whitney Branagan of Georgia
Franklin-2	Eileen G. "Lynn" Dickinson of St. Albans Town
Franklin-3	Joseph "Joe" Luneau of St. Albans City
Franklin-4	Thomas Oliver, Jr. of Sheldon Matthew E. "Matt" Walker of Swanton
Franklin-5	Lisa A. Hango of Berkshire Wayne A. Laroche of Franklin

Franklin-6	James A.R. Gregoire of Fairfield
Franklin-7	Allen “Penny” Demar of Enosburgh
Franklin-8	Casey J. Toof of St. Albans Town
Grand Isle-Chittenden	Leland J. Morgan of Milton Michael R. Morgan of Milton
Lamoille-1	Jed Lipsky of Stowe
Lamoille-2	Richard J. Bailey of Hyde Park Daniel A. Noyes of Wolcott
Lamoille-3	Lucy Boyden of Cambridge
Lamoille-Washington	Saudia LaMont of Morristown David W. Yacovone of Morristown
Orange-1	Michael Tagliavia of Corinth
Orange-2	Monique Priestley of Bradford
Orange-3	Joshua Dobrovich of Williamstown
Orange-Caledonia	Joseph Parsons of Newbury
Orange-Washington-Addison	Philip “Jay” Hooper of Randolph Lawrence “Larry” Satcowitz of Randolph
Orleans-1	Richard M. Nelson of Derby
Orleans-2	Woodman H. “Woody” Page of Newport City
Orleans-3	Kenneth “Ken” Wells of Brownington
Orleans-4	Leanne Harple of Glover
Orleans-Lamoille	Mark A. Higley of Lowell Michael J. Marcotte of Coventry
Rutland-1	Patricia A. McCoy of Poultney
Rutland-2	David “Dave” Bosch of Clarendon Thomas B. Burditt of West Rutland
Rutland-3	Zachary J. Harvey of Castleton
Rutland-4	Christopher Howland of Rutland Town
Rutland-5	Eric Maguire of Rutland City
Rutland-6	Mary E. Howard of Rutland City
Rutland-7	Chris Keyser of Rutland City

Rutland-8	Alicia Malay of Pittsford
Rutland-9	Todd Nielsen of Brandon
Rutland-10	William P. “Bill” Canfield of Fair Haven
Rutland-11	James “Jim” Harrison of Chittenden
Rutland-Bennington	Christopher A. “Chris” Pritchard of Pawlet
Rutland-Windsor	Kevin C. Winter of Ludlow
Washington-1	Anne B. Donahue of Northfield Kenneth W. Goslant of Northfield
Washington-2	Dara Torre of Moretown Candice White of Waitsfield
Washington-3	Michael Boutin of Barre City Edward “Teddy” Waszazak of Barre City
Washington-4	Conor Casey of Montpelier Kate McCann of Montpelier
Washington-5	Ela Chapin of East Montpelier
Washington-6	Marc B. Mihaly of Calais
Washington-Chittenden	Thomas S. “Tom” Stevens of Waterbury Theresa A. Wood of Waterbury
Washington-Orange	Gina M. Galfetti of Barre Town Francis M. “Topper” McFaun of Barre Town
Windham-1	Zon Eastes of Guilford
Windham-2	Laura H. Sibilica of Dover
Windham-3	Michelle Bos-Lun of Westminster Leslie Goldman of Rockingham
Windham-4	Michael “Mike” Mrowicki of Putney
Windham-5	Emily J. Long of Newfane
Windham-6	Emily Carris-Duncan of Whitingham
Windham-7	Emilie K. Kornheiser of Brattleboro
Windham-8	Mollie Sullivan Burke of Brattleboro
Windham-9	Ian Goodnow of Brattleboro
Windham-Windsor-Bennington	Christopher Morrow of Weston

Windsor-1	John L. Bartholomew of Hartland Elizabeth L.C. Burrows of West Windsor
Windsor-2	Voranus Lothrop "VL" Coffin, IV of Cavendish
Windsor-3	Alice M. Emmons of Springfield Kristi C. Morris of Springfield
Windsor-4	Heather Surprenant of Barnard
Windsor-5	Charles A. "Charlie" Kimbell of Woodstock
Windsor-6	Kevin B. "Coach" Christie of Hartford Esme Cole of Hartford
Windsor-Addison	Kirk White of Bethel
Windsor-Orange-1	John K. O'Brien of Tunbridge
Windsor-Orange-2	Rebecca Holcombe of Norwich James W. "Jim" Masland of Thetford
Windsor-Windham	Thomas F. Charlton of Chester

Absentee

The following named member-elect was not present for roll call:

Rep. Kevin B. "Coach" Christie - Windsor-6

Quorum Present

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

Member Present

Rep. Kevin B. "Coach" Christie of Hartford later was present.

Election of Speaker

The Secretary of State directed the House to the election of a Speaker for the two years next ensuing.

Rep. Wood of Waterbury presented the name of **Rep. Jill L. Krowinski** of Burlington.

Thereupon, **Rep. Krowinski of Burlington's** nomination for Speaker was seconded by **Rep. Burditt of West Rutland**.

Rep. Burrows of West Windsor presented the name of **Rep. Laura H. Sibia of Dover**.

Thereupon, **Rep. Sibia of Dover's** nomination for Speaker was seconded by **Rep. Higley of Lowell** and **Rep. Headrick of Burlington**.

There being no further nominations, the Secretary declared the nominations closed.

Tellers Appointed

The Secretary of State appointed the following tellers to count the ballots:

Rep. Emmons of Springfield, Lead Teller
Rep. Cina of Burlington
Rep. Hango of Berkshire
Rep. Nigro of Bennington
Rep. Quimby of Lyndon
Rep. Taylor of Milton
Rep. Torre of Moretown

The ballots having been taken and counted by the tellers, it appeared that **Rep. Krowinski of Burlington** had 111 votes and **Rep. Sibia of Dover** had 35 votes.

Thereupon, the Secretary declared that

Jill L. Krowinski

the Representative from the City of Burlington, having a majority of votes cast, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the two years next ensuing.

The Secretary of State designated:

Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction
Rep. McCoy of Poultney
Rep. Logan of Burlington
Rep. Kimbell of Woodstock
Rep. Marcotte of Coventry
Rep. Scheu of Middlebury

as a committee to wait upon the Speaker-elect to inform her of her election and conduct her to the rostrum to receive the oath of office.

Oath Administered to Speaker-Elect

The Speaker-elect was conducted to the rostrum, the oath of office was administered by the Secretary of State, and thereupon, the Speaker was conducted to the Chair and assumed her duties.

Message from the Senate No. 1

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

A quorum of the Senate has assembled and organized by the election of

JOHN H. BLOOMER, Jr.

of the Town of Wallingford, Secretary, who in turn has appointed

MELISSA ROSE GRADEL

of the City of Montpelier, Assistant Secretary, and by the election of

PHILIP E. BARUTH

of the City of Burlington, Chittenden-Central District, President *pro tempore*.

Message from the Senate No. 2

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

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

J.R.S. 1. Joint resolution relating to joint rules.

J.R.S. 2. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for state officers.

J.R.S. 3. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the inaugural message of the Governor.

J.R.S. 4. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

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

Message from the Senate No. 3

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

Madam Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has appointed as members of the Joint Canvassing committee on the part of the Senate to canvass votes for state officers:

Addison District	Senator Hardy
Bennington District	Senator Plunkett
Caledonia District	Senator Beck
Chittenden-Central District	Senator Gulick
Chittenden-North District	Senator Mattos
Chittenden-Southeast District	Senator Ram Hinsdale
Essex District	Senator Ingalls
Franklin District	Senator Norris
Grand Isle District	Senator Brennan
Lamoille District	Senator Westman
Orange District	Senator Hart
Orleans District	Senator Douglass
Rutland District	Senator Williams
Washington District	Senator Watson
Windham District	Senator Harrison
Windsor District	Senator Major

The President has designated Senator Hardy as Chair on the part of the Senate.

Election of Clerk

The Speaker directed the House to the election of a Clerk for the two years next ensuing.

Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction presented the name of BetsyAnn Wrask of Barre Town.

Ms. Wrask's nomination for Clerk of the House was seconded by **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker then directed that the vote be taken *viva voce*.

The vote having been taken, the Speaker declared that

BetsyAnn Wrask

of Barre Town was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives for the two years next ensuing.

The Speaker designated:

Rep. Dolan of Essex Junction

Rep. Surprenant of Barnard

Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town

Rep. Headrick of Burlington

as a committee to wait upon the Clerk-elect, inform her of her election, and conduct her to the bar of the House to receive the oath of office.

Oath Administered to Clerk-Elect

The Clerk-elect was conducted to the bar of the House, the oath of office was administered by the Speaker of the House, and thereupon, the Clerk entered upon the discharge of her duties.

Oath Administered to Members-Elect

Thereupon, the Representatives-elect each took and subscribed the oath, administered by the Clerk, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State.

Communication from Clerk

The Speaker placed before the House a communication from the Clerk as follows:

“January 8, 2025

Honorable Speaker Krowinski

Speaker of the House

Madam Speaker:

I have the honor of informing you and the members of the House that I have appointed Nigel Hicks-Tibbles of Northfield as First Assistant Clerk, Courtney Reckord of Williamstown as Second Assistant Clerk, Theresa Utton-Jerman of Barre Town as Journal Clerk, Christine Ditmeyer of Plainfield as Clerk Associate (on leave of absence), and Jeannie Lowell of Montpelier as Interim Clerk Associate.

Sincerely,

BetsyAnn Wrask

Clerk of the House”

Oath Administered to Assistant Clerks

The Clerk then administered the oath of office to Nigel Hicks-Tibbles of Northfield, the First Assistant Clerk, and Courtney Reckord of Williamstown, the Second Assistant Clerk

Thereupon, the assistant clerks entered upon the discharge of their duties.

House Resolutions Adopted**H.R. 1**

By Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, McCoy of Poultney, and Logan of Burlington

House resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to House Rules

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the House rules in effect at the end of the 2023–2024 session be the rules of this biennial session until others are adopted.

Was read and adopted.

H.R. 2

By Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, McCoy of Poultney, and Logan of Burlington

House resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to the organization of the House and informing the Senate thereof

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that the House has organized and is ready to proceed on its part with the business of the session.

Was read and adopted.

H.R. 3

By Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, McCoy of Poultney, and Logan of Burlington

House resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to the organization of the House and informing the Governor thereof

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That His Excellency, the Governor, be informed by Committee that the House has completed its organization and is ready to receive any communication from him.

Was read and adopted.

Committee Appointed

Pursuant to the provisions of H.R. 3, the Speaker appointed the following as members of the Committee to inform the Governor of the organization of the House:

Rep. Corcoran of Bennington

Rep. Stone of Burlington

Rep. Kascenska of Burke

Rep. Galfetti of Barre Town

Rep. Cina of Burlington

Rep. Lipsky of Stowe

Joint Resolutions Adopted in Concurrence**J.R.S. 1**

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 1. Joint resolution relating to joint rules.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the joint rules of the Senate and the House as adopted in 2023 be adopted as the joint rules of this biennial session until others are adopted.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

J.R.S. 2

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 2. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to receive the report of the committee appointed to canvass votes for state officers.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to receive the report of the Joint Canvassing Committee appointed to canvass votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General, and if it shall be declared by said Committee that there had been no election by

the voters of any of said state officers, then to proceed forthwith to elect such officers as have not been elected by the voters.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

J.R.S. 3

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 3. Joint resolution to provide for a Joint Assembly to hear the inaugural message of the Governor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at two o'clock in the afternoon to receive the inaugural message of the Governor.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

J.R.S. 4

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 4. Joint resolution relating to Town Meeting adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, February 28, 2025, or Saturday, March 1, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Rules Committee Announced

Pursuant to the provisions of House Rule 25, the following members were elected by caucus to the Committee on Rules:

Democrats:	Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction
	Rep. Dolan of Essex Junction
	Rep. Bartholomew of Hartland
Republicans:	Rep. McCoy of Poultney
	Rep. Toof of St. Albans Town
	Rep. Feltus of Lyndon

Recess

At twelve o'clock and twenty-one minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker declared a recess until the fall of the gavel.

Called to Order

At one o'clock and thirty-five minutes in the afternoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Seating of Members

Pursuant to the provisions of House Rule 5, the members were seated.

Canvassing Committee Elected

The Speaker nominated as the Committee on the part of the House to canvass votes for State officers the following named members:

Addison District	Birong of Vergennes Cordes of Bristol North of Ferrisburgh
Bennington District	Durfee of Shaftsbury Pinsonault of Dorset Hunter of Manchester
Caledonia District	Parsons of Newbury Campbell of St. Johnsbury Southworth of Walden
Chittenden-Central District	Rachelson of Burlington Tomlinson of Winooski Garofano of Essex
Chittenden-North District	Black of Essex Bartley of Fairfax Steady of Milton
Chittenden-Southeast District	Kleppner of Burlington Brown of Richmond Waters Evans of Charlotte
Essex District	Feltus of Lyndon Labor of Morgan Page of Newport City
Franklin District	Hango of Berkshire Dickinson of St. Albans Town Oliver of Sheldon
Grand Isle District	Critchlow of Colchester Austin of Colchester Bishop of Colchester

Lamoille District	LaMont of Morristown Boyden of Cambridge Bailey of Hyde Park
Orange District	Dobrovich of Williamstown Tagliavia of Corinth Satcowitz of Randolph
Orleans District	Kascenska of Burke Marcotte of Coventry Harple of Glover
Rutland District	Malay of Pittsford Maguire of Rutland City Howard of Rutland City
Washington District	Chapin of East Montpelier Lipsky of Stowe Galfetti of Barre Town
Windham District	Bos-Lun of Westminster Carris-Duncan of Whitingham Goodnow of Brattleboro
Windsor District	Bartholomew of Hartland Morris of Springfield Winter of Ludlow

Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction moved the election of the candidates, as nominated by the Speaker, which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the Speaker appointed **Rep. Birong of Vergennes** as Chair on the part of the House.

Oath Administered to Canvassing Committee

The Clerk administered the oath to the above-named Canvassing Committee as required by the rules of the House.

House Resolution Adopted

H.R. 4

By Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, McCoy of Poultney, and Logan of Burlington

House resolution, entitled

House resolution relating to standing committees

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body amends Rule 25 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives as follows:

25. At the beginning of each regular session, standing committees shall be appointed having the following names, number of members, and duties:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>To Consider Matters Relating to</u>
Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry	11 <u>8</u>	Agriculture, food resiliency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, forestry and forest products, State parks and lands, and other similar policies.
Appropriations	12 <u>11</u>	Appropriating money from the State Treasury.
Commerce and Economic Development	11	Workforce development and training programs, business development and formations, financial institutions, property and casualty, life, and captive insurance, securities, unemployment and workers' compensation insurance, consumer protection, and other similar policies.
Corrections and Institutions	11	Vermont's State bonding as it relates to the financing of State-owned properties, State preservation initiatives, climate change mitigation, and water quality; and the Department of Corrections' role in the criminal justice system; and other similar policies.
Education	12 <u>11</u>	Education, libraries, literary and scientific subjects, and other similar policies.
Environment and Energy and <u>Digital</u> <u>Infrastructure</u>	11 <u>9</u>	Conservation and development, climate change mitigation, land resources, air, water, and wildlife, and solid waste management; <u>energy</u> <u>Energy</u> , utilities, telecommunications, <u>and broadband;</u> <u>information technology,</u> <u>cybersecurity,</u> and other similar policies.

<u>Environment</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Conservation and development; climate change mitigation; land resources, air, water, fish, and wildlife; solid waste management; and other similar policies.</u>
General and Housing	12 <u>11</u>	Housing, labor, equity and inclusion, and all matters relating to subjects for which there is no other appropriate committee.
Government Operations and Military Affairs	12 <u>11</u>	The structure, organization, and oversight of State, local, county, and regional government, and municipal corporations; the administration of public safety; compensation and retirement benefits for public officials and employees; elections and reapportionment; liquor and lottery; military affairs; public records and open meetings; information technology and cybersecurity ; and other similar policies.
Health Care	11	Health care, defined as an integrated, holistic system of care that includes policy development with and oversight of the Vermont Departments of Health Access, of Mental Health, and of Health, and health equity, health insurance, health care delivery improvement, and other similar policies.
Human Services	11	Improving the well-being of individuals and families, including children, individuals with disabilities, and older Vermonters; <u>oversight of programs and services provided by the Vermont Departments for Children and Families, of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and of Health</u> ; and other similar policies.
Judiciary	11	Civil rights and civil liberties, the criminal and civil justice systems, violence prevention and public safety, and other similar policies.

Rules (Consisting of the Speaker, who shall be chair ex officio; three members of the majority party, the leader, the assistant leader, and one member at large elected by the majority party; and three members from the minority party, the leader, assistant leader, and one member at large elected by the minority party. The Speaker shall designate a Vice Chair, who shall be ranking member.)	7	The rules of the House and to expediting the business of the House, including the final adjournment thereof.
Transportation	11	All air and surface transportation, the registration, regulation, and licensing of transportation operations and users, the construction and maintenance of thoroughfares, the impact of the transportation sector on air pollution and climate change, and other similar policies.

Ways and Means ~~12~~ 11 The revenue of the State, and which shall report the amount of taxes necessary to be raised for the support of the government and inquire what measures, if any, ought to be adopted, the better to equalize the public burdens, and otherwise improve the financial concerns of the State, including all matters relating to taxation, local or otherwise, and all matters relating to the grand list, and other similar policies.

Was read and adopted.

Joint Rules Committee Appointments

Pursuant to Joint Rule 5, the Speaker appointed the following members to the Committee on Joint Rules:

Rep. Houghton of Essex Junction

Rep. McCoy of Poultney

Rep. Dolan of Essex Junction

STANDING COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

The Speaker announced the 2025-2026 House Standing Committees as follows:

Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry

Durfee, Chair	of Shaftsbury
Surprenant, Vice Chair	of Barnard
Morgan, L., Ranking Member	of Milton
Bos-Lun	of Westminster
Burt	of Cabot
Lipsky	of Stowe
Nelson	of Derby
O'Brien	of Tunbridge

Appropriations

Scheu, Chair	of Middlebury
Harrison, Vice Chair	of Chittenden
Bluemle, Ranking Member	of Burlington
Dickinson	of St. Albans Town
Kascenska	of Burke
Laroche	of Franklin
Mrowicki	of Putney
Nigro	of Bennington

Squirrell	of Underhill
Stevens	of Waterbury
Yacovone	of Morristown

Commerce and Economic Development

Marcotte, Chair	of Coventry
Graning, Vice Chair	of Jericho
White, Ranking Member	of Bethel
Bosch	of Clarendon
Boutin	of Barre City
Carris-Duncan	of Whitingham
Cooper	of Pownal
Duke	of Burlington
Micklus	of Milton
Olson	of Starksboro
Priestley	of Bradford

Corrections and Institutions

Emmons, Chair	of Springfield
Gregoire, Vice Chair	of Fairfield
Headrick, Ranking Member	of Burlington
Casey	of Montpelier
Galfetti	of Barre Town
Greer	of Bennington
Luneau	of St. Albans City
Minier	of South Burlington
Morrissey	of Bennington
Sweeney	of Shelburne
Winter	of Ludlow

Education

Conlon, Chair	of Cornwall
Taylor, Vice Chair	of Milton
Brady, Ranking Member	of Williston
Brown	of Richmond
Dobrovich	of Williamstown
Harple	of Glover
Hunter	of Manchester
Long	of Newfane
McCann	of Montpelier
Quimby	of Lyndon
Toof	of St. Albans Town

Energy and Digital Infrastructure

James, Chair	of Manchester
Campbell, Vice Chair	of St. Johnsbury
Sibilia, Ranking Member	of Dover
Bailey	of Hyde Park
Howland	of Rutland Town
Kleppner	of Burlington
Morrow	of Weston
Southworth	of Walden
Torre	of Moretown

Environment

Sheldon, Chair	of Middlebury
Labor, Vice Chair	of Morgan
Satcowitz, Ranking Member	of Randolph
Austin	of Colchester
Bartholomew	of Hartland
Chapin	of East Montpelier
Logan	of Burlington
Morris	of Springfield
North	of Ferrisburgh
Pritchard	of Pawlet
Tagliavia	of Corinth

General and Housing

Mihaly, Chair	of Calais
Bartley, Vice Chair	of Fairfax
Krasnow, Ranking Member	of South Burlington
Burrows	of West Windsor
Charlton	of Chester
Dodge	of Essex
Dolgin	of St. Johnsbury
Howard	of Rutland City
LaMont	of Morristown
Parsons	of Newbury
Pezzo	of Colchester

Government Operations and Military Affairs

Birong, Chair	of Vergennes
Hango, Vice Chair	of Berkshire
Waters Evans, Ranking Member	of Charlotte
Boyden	of Cambridge
Coffin	of Cavendish
Hooper	of Randolph

Hooper	of Burlington
Morgan, M.	of Milton
Nugent	of South Burlington
Pinsonault	of Dorset
Stone	of Burlington

Health Care

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Ode	of Burlington
Waszazak	of Barre City

Adjournment

At two o'clock and forty-one minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. McCoy of Poultney**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon.