

Journal of the House

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by the State House Singers: Reps. Sarita Austin, John Bartholomew, Tiff Bluemle, Mari Cordes, David Durfee, Leslie Goldman, Kathleen James, Charlie Kimbell, Rob North, Kate Nugent, Carol Ode, and Brenda Steady; Sen. Allison Clarkson; Brett Murphy, Doorkeeper; Annagrace Oblak, Committee Assistant; and David Schutz, State Curator.

House Bills Introduced

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

H. 501

By Rep. Boutin of Barre City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the deadline for public bodies to respond to an alleged Open Meeting Law violation

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

H. 502

By Reps. Lipsky of Stowe, Hunter of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Morgan, L. of Milton, Nelson of Derby, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Powers of Waterford, and Tagliavia of Corinth,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to charging for actual cost under Vermont's Public Records Act

To the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs.

Joint Senate Resolution Adopted in Concurrence**J.R.S. 21**

By Senator Baruth,

J.R.S. 21. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment on April 11, 2025.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, April 11, 2025, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Was taken up, read, and adopted in concurrence.

Ceremonial Reading**H.C.R. 36**

Offered by Representatives Waters Evans of Charlotte and Krasnow of South Burlington

House concurrent resolution honoring Charlotte Board of Civil Authority Chair, and Ski and Ride Program Coordinator Michael Krasnow

Whereas, for 27 years, Michael Krasnow has served the Town of Charlotte with distinction, as a member of the municipality's Board of Civil Authority (BCA), which provides the town with tax adjudication and electoral administration support, and his fellow panel members have elected him as the BCA's chair, and

Whereas, in a different context, as the Charlotte Ski and Ride Program Coordinator, Michael Krasnow has brought great joy to countless youngsters, and

Whereas, the genesis of this passion for introducing young persons to the slopes, especially those who might never otherwise participate in skiing or snowboarding, began at four years of age with family ski trips from his Long Island, New York, home to Vermont, and

Whereas, during his earlier career as a public school teacher in the Boston, Massachusetts, area, Michael Krasnow was an advisor for student noncompetitive skiing activities that eventually involved 1,000 students, and

Whereas, in 1989, Michael Krasnow relocated his family to Vermont and volunteered to assist the Ski and Ride Program at the Charlotte Central School, which brings students to night skiing sessions at Bolton Valley Resort (Bolton), and within a year he was the program's leader, and

Whereas, during a five-week span starting in mid-February, he oversees the participation of nearly 150 students traveling to Bolton, including approximately 20–25 new youngsters each winter, and for most of the students, the social experience is of foremost importance, and

Whereas, associated with his ski and ride leadership role, Michael Krasnow has overseen a ski and snowboard fitting and equipment distribution project, drawing on his vast collection of primarily donated gear, that provides the essential elements of the sport to area youngsters, and

Whereas, for over three decades, Michael Krasnow has enthusiastically introduced countless youngsters in Charlotte to the joys of Vermont's wintry slopes, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Charlotte Board of Civil Authority Chair, and Ski and Ride Program Coordinator Michael Krasnow, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Krasnow.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Ceremonial Reading

H.C.R. 65

Offered by Representatives Demar of Enosburgh, Berbeco of Winooski, Burditt of West Rutland, Critchlow of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Galfetti of Barre Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Morgan, L. of Milton, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, and Toof of St. Albans Town

Offered by Senator Ingalls

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month in Vermont

Whereas, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) is a rare onset progressive neurological disorder that affects numerous essential physical and mental functions, and

Whereas, an estimated 20,000 Americans have been diagnosed with this disorder, and the specific symptoms are individually unique, and

Whereas, PSP's symptoms usually appear at 60 years of age or older, although in some cases earlier, and they can result in an individual becoming depressed, forgetful, and irritable and cause an individual to have sleeping challenges, and

Whereas, individuals with PSP can experience severe quality-of-life issues, and contracting this disorder can necessitate complex care requirements that negatively impact family relationships and the lives of caregivers, and

Whereas, although outwardly similar to Parkinson's disease, PSP is a distinct disorder that is part of the group of disorders known collectively as atypical parkinsonism, and

Whereas, at present, there is neither a cure nor even a modifying treatment, and although some symptoms may be managed with medication and care, the lack of understanding about the disease has often led to misdiagnosis, and this lack of medical knowledge hinders both intervention efforts and clinical trials, and

Whereas, the recognition of May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month will create greater public and health care community awareness of PSP, highlight the continuing effort to find a cure, and provide comfort to the families whose lives have been drastically altered, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2025 as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to CurePSP in New York City and to the Vermont Medical Society.

Having been adopted in concurrence on Friday, March 28, 2025 in accord with Joint Rule 16b, was read.

Third Reading; Resolution Adopted

H.R. 6

House resolution, entitled

House resolution amending House Rules relating to the House Ethics Panel

Was taken up, read the third time, and adopted.

**Third Reading;
Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment**

S. 30

Senate bill, entitled

An act relating to updating and reorganizing the health insurance statutes in 8 V.S.A. chapter 107

Was taken up, read the third time, and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment.

Bill Committed

H. 489

House bill, entitled

An act relating to fiscal year 2025 budget adjustments

Was taken up and pending the question, Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the Governor's refusal to approve the bill?, **Rep. Scheu of Middlebury** moved to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

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