

Journal of the House

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

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

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Jerry Breen of the Northfield Methodist Church, Northfield, VT.

Joint Resolution Placed on Calendar

J.R.H. 4

Joint resolution relating to the Canine Good Citizenship program

Offered by: Representatives Johnson of South Hero, Devereux of Mount Holly, Frank of Underhill, Hube of Londonderry and Trombley of Grand Isle

Whereas, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Vermont citizens by serving as companions, therapy dogs, and assistance dogs, and

Whereas, it is recognized that dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners, and

Whereas, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Vermont, and responsible owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs, and

Whereas, “Canine Good Citizen” programs identify and officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good standing with the community, and

Whereas, the Canine Good Citizen Program, which was developed by the American Kennel Club, teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit “good citizen” behaviors in the presence of people and other animals, in both the home and the community, and

Whereas, children and adults of all ages participate in Canine Good Citizen classes to learn the skills involved in responsible dog ownership, and

Whereas, with dog bites and animal concerns on the rise, there is a real need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly encourages dog training programs and kennel clubs to provide training and education for community pet owners that result in dogs being “Canine Good Citizens,” and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Deborah Brown, President of the Vermont Federation of Dog Clubs, in North Hero

Which was read and, in the Speaker’s discretion, placed on the Calendar for action tomorrow under Rule 52.

Joint Resolution Adopted in Concurrence

J.R.S. 10.

By Senator Shumlin,

Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, January 30, 2009, it be to meet again no later than Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

Was taken up read and adopted in concurrence.

Adjournment

At one o'clock and twenty minutes in the afternoon, on motion of **Rep. Komline of Dorset**, the House adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon.