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Action Postponed Until April 14, 2010

Third Reading

S. 282

An act relating to updating and clarifying provisions regarding commercial driver licenses and commercial motor vehicles

Amendment to be offered by Rep. Donahue of Northfield to S. 282

Rep. Donahue of Northfield moves that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill by striking Sec. 15 in its entirety and by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown to S. 282

Reps. Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown move that the House propose to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: By adding a new section to be Sec. 21 to read:

Sec. 21. STATEMENT OF INTENT

It is the intention of the general assembly to encourage energy efficient transportation and to maximize the accessibility and affordability of the operation of motor scooters and mopeds.

Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 22 to read:

Sec. 22. 23 V.S.A. § 4(81) is added to read:

(81) “Motor scooter” means a motorcycle with an automatic transmission and with a motor that produces no more than five brake horsepower or that has a cylinder capacity not exceeding 125 cubic centimeters.

Third: By adding a new section to be Sec. 23 to read:

Sec. 23. DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ON THE OPERATOR
LICENSING AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOPEDS

The commissioner of motor vehicles is directed to draft rules that progressively reduce the registration costs and road-testing requirements for the operation of motor scooters and mopeds based on the complexity of

operation, vehicle size, and authorized maximum speed. The draft rules shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on transportation no later than February 1, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

H. 589

An act relating to nuclear energy generation and the institution of trusts for greenfield restoration and spent fuel management

S. 293

An act relating to state standards for boilers and pressure vessels

Committee Bill for Second Reading

H. 792

An act relating to implementation of challenges for change.

(Rep. Heath of Westford will speak for the Committee on Appropriations.)

Amendment to be offered by Reps. Olsen of Jamaica, McDonald of Berlin, O'Donnell of Vernon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Baker of West Rutland, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clark of Vergennes, Clerkin of Hartford, Crawford of Burke, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Cambridge, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, McAllister of Highgate, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Morley of Barton, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburg, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Turner of Milton, Wheeler of Derby, and Wright of Burlington to H. 792

By renumbering Sec. 68 as Sec. 69 and inserting a new Sec. 68 to read:

Sec. 68. RECONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This act and the Challenges for Change Act both accomplish significant progress toward redesigning how government services will be provided to achieve required outcomes, through long-term strategic planning, while spending less money. However, the \$38 million savings assumed in the budget

in H. 789 as passed by the House will not be achieved by implementation of the proposals offered to date. It is estimated that there may need to be an additional savings of approximately \$20 million. To ensure that the general assembly has the opportunity to analyze the cost-savings proposals in detail and is fully accountable for any decisions with respect to implementation of the proposals and to ensure that the committees of jurisdiction and the joint legislative government accountability committee have sufficient time to analyze, adjust, and finalize the proposals, the general assembly when it initially adjourns from its 2010 session shall not adjourn sine die, but shall instead adjourn to June 15, 2010, to take any necessary legislative action to approve and implement further proposals in accordance with the Challenges for Change Act and this act to save the additional \$20 million in fiscal year 2011. Any committee of jurisdiction may meet at any time before June 15, 2010, for the purposes in this section, at the call of the chair.

Action Postponed Until May 28, 2010

Governors Veto

H. 436

An act relating to decommissioning funds of nuclear energy generation plants.

Pending Question: Shall the House sustain the Governor's veto?

NOTICE CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

H. 781

An act relating to renewable energy.

(Rep. Cheney of Norwich will speak for the Committee on **Natural Resources and Energy.**)

Rep. Sharpe of Bristol, for the Committee on **Ways and Means**, recommends the bill be amended as follows::

By striking Secs. 8, 9, 10, and 11 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 8. REPEALS; TRANSITION RULES

(1) Sec. 9c of No. 45 of the Acts of 2009 is amended to read:

Sec. 9c. 32 V.S.A. § 5930z (related to business solar energy investment tax credits for corporations) is repealed for investments made on or after January 1, ~~2011~~ 2012.

(2) Sec. 16(2) of No. 45 of the Acts of 2009 is amended to read:

(2) Sec. 9b (relating to the repeal of the 76-percent portion of the business solar energy tax credit) shall apply to credits related to investments made on or after January 1, ~~2011~~ 2012.

(3) Sec. 9d of No. 45 of the Acts of 2009 (transition rules) is repealed.

Sec. 9. 32 V.S.A. § 5822(d) is amended to read:

(d)~~(1)~~ A taxpayer shall be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed under this section of 24 percent of each of the credits allowed against the taxpayer's federal income tax for the taxable year as follows: elderly and permanently totally disabled credit, investment tax credit attributable to the Vermont-property portion of the investment, and child care and dependent care credits.

~~(2) A taxpayer shall also be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed under this section of 76 percent of the Vermont-property portion of the business solar energy investment tax credit component of the federal investment tax credit allowed against the taxpayer's federal income tax for the taxable year under Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code; provided, however, that a taxpayer who receives any grants or similar funding from the clean energy development fund created under 10 V.S.A. § 6523 is not eligible to claim the business solar energy tax credit for that project; and provided further, that, for investments made on or after October 1, 2009, the tax credit will only apply to project costs not covered by any grants or similar funding from any public or private program that assists in providing capital investment for a renewable energy project.~~

(3) Any unused business solar energy investment tax credit under this section may be carried forward for no more than five years following the first year in which the credit is claimed.

(4) Solar energy tax credit. The solar energy tax credit provided for in this section shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of § 5930z of this title.

Sec. 10. 32 V.S.A. § 5930z is amended to read:

§ 5930Z. ~~PASS THROUGH OF FEDERAL ENERGY CREDIT FOR CORPORATIONS~~ SOLAR ENERGY TAX CREDIT

(a) A taxpayer of this state shall be eligible for a the business solar energy tax credit against the tax imposed under ~~section~~ sections 5822 or 5832 of this title in an amount equal to 100 percent of the Vermont-property portion of the business solar energy investment tax credit component of the federal investment tax credit allowed against the taxpayer's federal income tax for the

taxable year under Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code; provided, however, that a taxpayer who receives any grants or similar funding from the clean energy development fund created under 10 V.S.A. § 6523 is not eligible to claim the business solar energy tax credit for that project; and provided further, that for investments made on or after October 1, 2009, the tax credit will only apply to project costs not covered by any grants or similar funding from any public or private program that assists in providing capital investment for a renewable energy project.

(b) Any taxpayer who has received a credit under subsection (a) of this section in any prior year shall increase its personal or corporate income tax under this chapter by the amount of the Vermont-property portion of the business solar energy investment tax credit component of the federal investment tax credit recapture for the taxable year.

(c) The clean energy development fund established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6523 shall certify to the department no more than \$9,400,000.00 of eligible solar energy tax credits. Credits shall be certified only if one of the two following criteria is met:

(1) The investment for which the solar energy tax credit is claimed is made after January 1, 2010, and:

(A) The investment pertains to a solar energy plant that has a plant capacity, as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 8002(13), of 2.2 MW or less;

(B) On or before July 15, 2010, the solar energy plant owner filed a complete petition with the public service board for a certificate of public good under 30 V.S.A. § 248;

(C) On or before September 1, 2011, construction on the solar energy plant is complete and the plant is commissioned or is ready to be commissioned within the meaning of 30 V.S.A. § 8002(11); and

(D) By July 15, 2010, the taxpayer has provided to the clean energy development fund on a form prescribed by the fund information necessary for the fund to determine the taxpayer's eligibility for the credit; or

(2)(A) The investment is made after January 1, 2010, and before December 31, 2010, and pertains to a net metering system as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 219a(a)(3), provided that the system is of no more than 150 kilowatts (AC) capacity; and

(B) By July 15, 2010, the taxpayer has provided to the clean energy development fund on a form prescribed by the fund information necessary for the fund to determine the taxpayer's eligibility for the credit.

(d) The final award of any solar energy tax credit shall not exceed the amount awarded to the taxpayer under 26 U.S.C. § 48.

(e) Any unused solar energy tax credit may be carried forward for no more than five succeeding tax years following the first year in which the solar energy tax credit is claimed.

(f) On a regular basis, the department shall notify the treasurer and the clean energy development board of solar energy tax credits claimed pursuant to this section, and the board shall cause to be transferred from the clean energy development fund to the general fund an amount equal to the amount of solar energy tax credits as and when the credits are claimed.

(g) The clean energy development fund and the department shall collaborate in implementing the award of credits under this section.

Sec. 11. RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY TAX STUDY COMMITTEE

(a) There is created the renewable energy property tax study committee to identify and examine issues regarding the taxation of real property that includes a renewable energy plant.

(b) The members of the study committee shall be:

(1) The director of property valuation and review, who shall serve as the chair of the committee and shall call the first meeting of the committee on or before August 1, 2010;

(2) The commissioner of the department of public service or designee;

(3) A representative of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, appointed by its board of directors;

(4) A representative of the Vermont Assessors and Listers Association, appointed by its board of directors;

(5) A representative of Renewable Energy Vermont, appointed by its board of directors;

(6) The secretary of the agency of agriculture, food and markets or designee.

(c) No later than January 15, 2011, the committee shall report its findings and analysis to the house committees on ways and means, on commerce and economic development, and on natural resources and energy, and the senate committees on finance, on economic development, housing, and general affairs, and on natural resources and energy. The report shall include specific recommendations with respect to the following:

(1) Whether the current method of property taxation of renewable energy plants adequately apportions the tax burden and, if not, whether energy plants using different renewable resources should be subject to different rates of tax and how those rates should be determined.

(2) Whether renewable energy plants that are on leased land should be taxed differently from renewable energy plants that are on land owned by the plant owner.

(3) Whether renewable energy plants installed on residential property should be exempt from taxation.

(4) If there are adverse impacts on neighboring municipalities that do not directly benefit by virtue of having the renewable energy plant on their grand list, whether those impacts are fairly addressed.

(5) Whether renewable energy plants installed on land enrolled in the use value appraisal program or affixed to exempt farm buildings should be subject to property taxation and, if so, how the rates should be determined.

(6) Any other criteria that the director and listers should consider when assessing the fair market value of land that includes a renewable energy plant.

(d) Members of the committee who are not state employees shall be entitled to compensation as provided under 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

(e) For the purpose of this section, the terms “plant” and “renewable energy” shall have the same meaning as under 30 V.S.A. § 8002.

(Committee Vote 10-1-0)

Rep. Jewett of Ripton, for the Committee on **Judiciary**, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on **Ways and Means** and when further amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 17, 10 V.S.A. § 8506, in subsection (e), by adding a second sentence to read:

In such an appeal, the board shall give the same weight and consideration to prior decisions of the environmental court and of the entities described in section 8504(m) (precedent) of this title as the board gives to its prior decisions.

Second: By striking Sec. 18 in its entirety

Third: By renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

S. 97

An act relating to a Vermont state employees' cost-savings incentive program

Rep. Evans of Essex, for the Committee on Government Operations, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 266 is added to read:

§ 266. VERMONT STATE AND JUDICIARY EMPLOYEES'
COST-SAVINGS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

(a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "State employee" means any classified, nonmanagement, state employee in the executive or judicial branch.

(2) "Suggestion" means a proposal by a state employee that has been submitted to an agency in which the employee is employed that may result in financial savings for that agency.

(b) There is established the Vermont state and judiciary employees' cost-savings incentive program. The program shall provide financial incentives to state and judiciary employees who make suggestions that are adopted and result in financial savings for any agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, or for the judiciary department.

(c) To be eligible for an award under this program, a state or judiciary employee or group of employees shall submit a suggestion to reduce expenditures on a form created by the department of human resources designated for this purpose. An employee shall have received at least a satisfactory rating in his or her last state performance evaluation to be eligible for any award. An employee who is otherwise eligible for an award under this section shall not receive the award until he or she has satisfied any and all state tax obligations.

(d) Within 60 days of the receipt of a suggestion, the agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, or the judiciary department receiving a suggestion shall determine whether:

(1) the suggestion is feasible and desirable;

(2) the suggestion is an idea that is not already under active study or has not been under continual review by the state;

(3) the suggestion is beyond the reasonable expectations of job performance, as informed by the employee's job specifications; and

(4) implementation of the suggestion will not negatively impact the quality of services presently provided by the state.

(e) An employee shall be entitled to an award only if his or her suggestion meets each of the criteria set forth in subsection (d) of this section and the suggestion is implemented.

(f) Any agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, or the judiciary department that receives a suggestion shall present its assessment of the criteria set forth in subsection (d) of this section on the form designated for this purpose and shall state whether it intends to implement the suggestion. A copy of this form shall be sent to the employee or employees making the suggestion, the department of human resources, and the department of finance and management if the employee making the suggestion is an executive branch employee and to the court administrator if the employee making the suggestion is a judiciary department employee.

(g) If the agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, or judiciary department that receives a suggestion rejects the suggestion, the employee may submit a copy of the form and the assessment to the secretary of administration, if the employee is an executive branch employee. The secretary may affirm or overrule the decision of the agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, and his or her decision shall be final. If the employee is a judiciary department employee, the employee shall submit the form and assessment to the court administrator, who may affirm or overrule the decision of the judiciary department. The decision of the court administrator is final.

(h) If each of the criteria set forth in subsections (d) and (e) of this section is met, the agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, or the judiciary department shall implement the suggestion. The employee or group of employees making the suggestion shall then be entitled to a total monetary award equal to 25 percent of the savings realized as a direct result of the suggestion in the first year of its implementation, but the maximum total monetary award shall not exceed \$20,000.00 under any circumstances. If the suggestion is simultaneously made by more than one employee, the award shall be divided equally among the employees who submitted the suggestion. The sum awarded shall be reportable as wages and subject to applicable state and federal taxes, as appropriate. The award shall be computed on the actual savings for a 12-month period, with the period to run from the time that the suggestion is

fully implemented. An award made pursuant to this section shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, or the judiciary department, that realizes the cost savings, and shall be paid to the employee within one year and 30 days of full implementation of the suggestion. An award shall not be included when calculating an employee's average final compensation for determining the employee's retirement allowance.

(i) If an employee who is eligible for an award under this section terminates state service prior to full implementation of his or her suggestion, the employee shall be entitled to receive an award equal to the savings calculated at the date of termination of service.

(j) If an employee believes that the agency, department, board, bureau, commission, or other administrative unit of the state, or the judiciary department has erroneously calculated or underestimated the savings realized by the suggestion, the employee may submit an objection to the amount awarded in writing, within 30 days of the award, to the secretary of administration or the court administrator, as appropriate. The secretary of administration or the court administrator, with the guidance of the commissioner of finance and management, shall review the amount awarded, and may increase the amount of an award or affirm the award. The decision of the secretary of administration or the court administrator shall be final.

(k) In the event an employee's suggestion is denied on the basis of the criteria set forth in subdivision (d)(1) or (4) of this section, and is subsequently implemented within three years of the date the employee made the suggestion, the employee shall receive a monetary award in accordance with subsection (g) of this section.

(l) The secretary of administration and the court administrator shall file a report with the governor, the state auditor, and the general assembly for each fiscal year, beginning on January 1, 2012, summarizing the suggestions implemented and the savings realized. The secretary shall also identify the suggestions that were rejected and the rationale for these rejections. A copy of this report shall be provided to the director of the Vermont state employees' association.

(m) The joint legislative government accountability committee and the state auditor shall review the secretary of administration's and court administrator's reports on the program with the director of the Vermont state employees' association, or his or her designee, at least once during each fiscal year.

Sec. 2. REPEAL

Sec. 1 (3 V.S.A. § 266) of this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2014.

(Committee vote: 10-0-1)

(For text see Senate Journal 5/1/09)

Favorable

H. 770

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the city of Barre

Rep. Higley of Lowell, for the Committee on **Government Operations**, recommends the bill ought to pass.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)

Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 765

An act relating to establishing the Vermont agricultural innovation authority

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SENATE PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT

H. 765

An act relating to establishing the Vermont agricultural innovation authority

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. §§ 2961 and 2962 are amended and §§ 2962a and 2962b are added to read:

§ 2961. ~~CREATION OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION~~ DEFINITIONS

~~(a) There is established within the agency of agriculture, food and markets the agricultural development commission, which shall be composed of the secretary of agriculture, food and markets, commissioner of forests, parks and recreation or his designee, the director of extension service, and director of research at the University of Vermont or their designees and four members appointed by the governor from a list of ten names, five to be submitted to him by the committee on agriculture of the house and five to be submitted to him by the committee on agriculture of the senate. The public members shall be appointed for terms of two years. The secretary of agriculture, food and markets shall be chairman.~~

~~(b) The commission shall be attached to the agency of agriculture, food and markets for administrative support. In addition, the commission may use the services and staff of any department to assist it in the performance of its duties. The secretary of agriculture, food and markets may appoint a person from within the agency of agriculture, food and markets to serve as executive director to the commission.~~

~~(c) Public members of the commission shall receive \$30.00 per diem and necessary expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties. As used in this subchapter:~~

~~(1) “Center” means the Vermont agricultural innovation center.~~

~~(2) “Value-added agricultural product” means any agricultural commodity or product that has been changed, produced, or segregated such that the market for the product has expanded and where the greater portion of the revenue derived from the value-added activity accrues to the producer of the commodity or product.~~

~~§ 2962. COMMISSION; POWERS AND DUTIES ESTABLISHMENT OF VERMONT AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION CENTER~~

~~The commission may develop policies and recommend procedures for the implementation of coordinated educational, regulatory, research and promotional programs in agriculture. In addition, the commission may:~~

~~(1) Develop a five-year continuing agriculture development program for the state which shall be updated biennially;~~

~~(2) Encourage lending institutions to expand their agricultural lending activities;~~

~~(3) Identify those institutional forces which impede agricultural expansion and make recommendations for the removal of those impediments;~~

~~(4) Assist individuals and organizations in their agricultural efforts;~~

~~(5) Make recommendations to the agency of agriculture, food and markets and the agricultural experiment station on areas where research might prove most beneficial to agriculture in Vermont;~~

~~(6) [Repealed.] (a) The Vermont agricultural innovation center is hereby established.~~

~~(b) The Vermont agricultural innovation center shall be administered by a board consisting of 13 members with no more than four members representing in a primary capacity any one agricultural sector. The board shall comprise the following:~~

(1) The secretary of agriculture, food and markets, who shall serve as chair; and

(2) The following four members appointed by the governor: One member from each of the four highest grossing commodities produced in Vermont as determined on the basis of annual gross cash sales. These four commodity groups presently include the dairy industry, the maple industry, the livestock, and the produce industry;

(3) The following eight members appointed by the speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate:

(A) One representative from each of the two largest membership-based agricultural organizations in Vermont;

(C) Six members with knowledge of or experience in the production or marketing of value-added agricultural products.

(c) The Vermont agricultural innovation center's powers are vested in the board, and a quorum shall consist of seven members. No action of the board shall be considered valid unless the action is supported by a majority vote of the members present and voting and then only if at least seven members vote in favor of the action.

(d) Members of the board shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years. Any vacancy occurring among the members of the board shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired portion of the term. A board member may be reappointed, but no member, except the secretary of agriculture, food and markets, may serve for more than six consecutive years.

(e) Board members whose membership is not supported by their employer or association may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010 to the extent that funds are available.

§ 2962a. PURPOSE; POWERS AND DUTIES

(a) To achieve the purposes of this subchapter, the Vermont agricultural innovation center shall:

(1) Promote agriculture and the business of agriculture in Vermont, including the production or marketing of value-added agricultural products.

(2) Coordinate with federal and state agencies and private sources to make financial resources available to the center for distribution of financial assistance for the promotion of agriculture, including the production or marketing of value-added agricultural products.

(3) Administer federal grant monies for the production or marketing of value-added agricultural products. Grant monies shall be administered in accordance with their terms which may include:

(A) Technical assistance, including technical, engineering, and product research services;

(B) Assistance in marketing, market development, and business planning, including advisory services with respect to leveraging capital assets;

(C) Organizational, outreach, and development assistance to increase the viability, growth, and sustainability of businesses engaged in the production or marketing of value-added agricultural products;

(D) Studies that analyze the feasibility of facilities, including processing facilities, for use by potential producers or marketers of value-added products in order to determine the size that optimizes construction and other cost efficiencies.

(b) The agricultural innovation center may:

(1) consult, contract, or coordinate with the Vermont economic development authority or other agricultural funders to provide financial assistance for purposes authorized by this subchapter;

(2) support the establishment of partnerships for the promotion and development of agriculture in the state, including the production or marketing of value-added agricultural products;

(3) support local initiatives to produce or market value-added agricultural products;

(4) pursue and coordinate access to regional and local revolving loan funding and all state, federal, and private funding that is available for the development of agriculture and value-added agricultural products;

(5) receive and accept grants, gifts, loans, or contributions from any source subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 5;

(6) use the services and staff of the agency of agriculture, food and markets to assist in the performance of the center's duties with the concurrence of the secretary of agriculture, food and markets;

(7) contract for support, technical, or other professional services necessary to complete the work of the center.

§ 2962b. INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Other departments and agencies of state government shall assist and cooperate with the center and shall make available to it information and data as

needed to assist the center in carrying out its duties. Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive any privilege or protection otherwise afforded to the data and information under exemptions to the public records act or under other laws due solely to the fact that the information or data are shared with the center pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. RECODIFICATION

6 V.S.A. chapter 162 is recodified as follows:

(1) §§ 2961–2962b shall be subchapter 1 which is added to read:

Subchapter 1. Vermont Agricultural Innovation Center

(2) §§ 2963–2965 shall be subchapter 2 which is added to read:

Subchapter 2. Generally

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect January 15, 2011.

And that after passage of the bill the title of the bill be amended to read as follows:

An act relating to establishing the Vermont agricultural innovation center.

(For text see House Journal 2/23/10)

Ordered to Lie

H.R. 19

House resolution urging the agency of natural resources to retain delegated authority to administer the federal Clean Water Act in Vermont.

Pending Question: Shall the House adopt the resolution?

Information Notice

House Appropriations Committee

Members' amendments to H. 792

Challenges for Change

The House Appropriations Committee invites all members of the House who intend to introduce amendments to H. 792 (Challenges for Change) to meet with the committee on Wednesday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m., OR for third reading, Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 42. If possible, please talk to Theresa Utton-Jerman in Room 40 (ext. 5767) to schedule a time.