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UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

Third Reading

S. 99

An act relating to amending the Act 250 criteria relating to traffic, scattered development, and rural growth areas.

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 94

An act relating to licensing state forestland for maple sugar production.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Choate for the Committee on Agriculture.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec.1. MAPLE SUGAR LICENSES ON STATE FOREST LAND

The commissioner of forests, parks and recreation shall consult with the Vermont maple sugar makers association to develop a procedure under which the commissioner shall issue additional licenses for the use of state forestland for the tapping of maple trees, the collection of maple sap, and the right to transport such sap to a processing site located off state forest land or to sites located on state forest land if approved by the commissioner. In addition, the commissioner of forests, parks and recreation shall consult with the Vermont maple sugar makers association to develop guidelines for tapping maple trees.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

AMENDMENT TO S. 94 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR LYONS

Senator Lyons moves to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. MAPLE SUGAR LICENSES ON STATE FORESTLAND

(a) The commissioner of forests, parks and recreation shall adopt a procedure under which the commissioner shall issue additional licenses for the use of state forestland for the tapping of maple trees, the collection of maple

sap, and the transport of such sap to a processing site located off state forestland or to sites located on state forest land if approved by the commissioner. The procedure shall include guidelines for the tapping of maple trees. In developing the procedure required by this section, the commissioner of forests, parks and recreation shall consult with the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association, Inc., the Vermont Forest Products Association, and other interested parties. The commissioner under the authority set forth in 10 V.S.A. § 1603 shall charge a fee per tap for a license granted under the program required by this section.

(b) On or before January 15, 2010, the commissioner shall submit the procedure required under subsection (a) of this section to the senate and house committees on natural resources and energy and the senate and house committees on agriculture.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

Second Reading

Favorable

H. 31

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the town of Williston.

Reported favorably by Senator Flanagan for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

H. 95

An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the city of Burlington.

Reported favorably by Senator Flanagan for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

S. 126

An act relating to digital forensic specialists.

Pending Question: Shall the bill be read the third time?

Committee Bill for Second Reading

S. 134

An act relating to the reduction and consolidation of certain nonstanding legislative committees.

By the Committee on Government Operations. (Sen. Doyle for the Committee)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009

Third Reading

S. 77

An act relating to the disposal of electronic waste.

AMENDMENT TO S. 77 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR LYONS, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, BEFORE THIRD READING

Senator Lyons, on behalf of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, moves to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The general assembly finds:

(1) According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, discarded computers, computer monitors, televisions, and other consumer electronics—collectively referred to as e-waste—are the fastest growing portion of the waste stream, growing by approximately eight percent from 2004 to 2005.

(2) Televisions and computers are prevalent in modern society and contribute significantly to the waste generated in Vermont.

(3) Televisions, computers, laptop computers, and computer monitors contain lead, mercury, and other hazardous substances that pose a threat to human health and the environment if improperly disposed of at the end of the useful life of these products.

(4) The state of Vermont has committed to providing its citizens with a safe and healthy environment and has actively undertaken efforts such as mercury reduction programs to reduce the potential for contamination.

(5) The appropriate recycling of televisions and computers protects public health and the environment by reducing the potential for the release of heavy metals and mercury from landfills into the environment, consistent with other state initiatives, and also conserving valuable landfill space.

(6) The establishment of a system to provide for the collection and recycling of electronic devices in Vermont is consistent with the state's duty to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; maintain and enhance the quality of the environment; conserve natural resources; prevent pollution of air, water, and land; and stimulate economic growth.

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. chapter 166 is added to read:

CHAPTER 166. DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

§ 7301. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Agency" means the agency of natural resources.

(2) "Cathode-ray tube" or "CRT" means a vacuum tube or picture tube used to convert an electronic signal into a visual image.

(3) "Collection" means the aggregation of covered electronic devices from covered entities and includes all the activities up to the time the covered electronic devices are delivered to a recycler.

(4) "Collector" means a public or private entity that receives covered electronic devices from covered entities and arranges for the delivery of the devices to a recycler on behalf of a manufacturer for the purpose of fulfilling a manufacturer's responsibilities under this chapter.

(5) "Computer" means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high-speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, but does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable handheld calculator, or other similar device.

(6) "Computer monitor" means a display device without a tuner that can display pictures and sound and is used with a computer. "Computer monitor" includes a laptop computer.

(7) "Covered electronic device" means computers; peripherals; video display devices; personal electronics such as personal digital assistants and personal music players; electronic game consoles; printers; fax machines; cell phones; telephones; answering machines; videocassette recorders; digital versatile disc players; digital converter boxes; stereo equipment; and power supply cords (as used to charge electronic devices) that are sold to a consumer.

(8) "Covered entity" means any household, charity, or school district in the state; a business in the state that employs ten or fewer individuals; or any person giving seven or fewer covered electronic devices to a collector at any one time.

(9) “Delegated solid waste district” means the solid waste district or districts that the agency of natural resources delegates implementation, administration, and enforcement of this chapter under section 7302 of this title.

(10) “Manufacturer” means a person who:

(A) Manufactures or manufactured a video display device or printer under its own brand or label;

(B) Sells under its own brand or label a video display device or printer produced by another supplier;

(C) Owns a brand that it licenses or licensed to another person for use on a video display device or printer; or

(D) Imports or imported a video display device or printer into the United States that is manufactured by a person without a presence in the United States.

(11) “Peripheral” means a keyboard, printer, or any other device sold exclusively for external use with a computer that provides input or output into or from a computer.

(12) “Printer” means desktop printers, multifunction printer copiers, and printer fax combinations taken out of service that are designed to reside on a work surface, and include various print technologies, including without limitation laser and LED (electrographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, and digital sublimation, and “multi-function” or “all-in-one” devices that perform different tasks, including copying, scanning, faxing, and printing. Printers do not include floor-standing printers, printers with an optional floor stand, point of sale (POS) receipt printers, household printers such as a calculator with printing capabilities or label makers, or nonstand-alone printers that are embedded into products that are not covered electronic products.

(13) “Program year” means the period from July 1 through June 30.

(14) “Recycler” means a person who accepts covered electronic devices from covered entities and collectors for the purpose of recycling. A person who takes products solely for refurbishment or repair is not a recycler.

(15) “Recycling” means the process of collecting and preparing video display devices, printers, or covered electronic devices for use in manufacturing processes or for recovery of useable materials followed by delivery of such materials for use. Recycling does not include destruction by incineration, waste-to-energy incineration, or other such processes; land disposal; or reuse, repair, or any other process through which video display devices, printers, or covered electronic devices are returned to use in their original form.

(16) “Recycling credits” means the number of pounds of covered electronic devices recycled by a manufacturer during a program year, less the product of the number of pounds of video display devices or printers sold during the same program year multiplied by the proportion of sales a manufacturer is required to recycle. The calculation and uses of recycling credits are as specified in section 7308 of this title.

(17) “Retailer” means a person who sells, rents, or leases to a household, through sales outlets, catalogues, or the Internet, a video display device or printer that is not for resale in any form.

(18) “Sell” or “sale” means any transfer for consideration of title or of the right to use by lease or sales contract of a video display device or printer to a consumer in the state. “Sell” or “sale” does not include a manufacturer’s or a distributor’s wholesale transaction with a distributor or a retailer.

(19) “Television” means any telecommunications system or device that can broadcast or receive moving pictures and sound over a distance and includes a television tuner or a display device peripheral to a computer that contains a television tuner.

(20) “Transporter” means a person that moves covered electronic devices from a collector to a recycler.

(21) “Video display device” means a unit capable of presenting images electronically on a screen, with a video display greater than four inches when measured diagonally, that is viewed by the user, and includes televisions, computer monitors, laptop computers, cathode ray tubes, plasma displays, liquid crystal displays, rear and front enclosed projection devices, and other similar displays that may be developed. “Video display device” does not include any of the following:

(A) a video display device that is part of a motor vehicle or any component of a motor vehicle assembled by, or for, a vehicle manufacturer or franchised dealer, including replacement parts for use in a motor vehicle;

(B) a video display device, including a touch-screen display, that is functionally or physically part of a larger piece of equipment or that is designed and intended for use in an industrial, commercial, or retail setting;

(C) a video display device that is contained within a household appliance, including a clothes washer, clothes dryer, refrigerator, freezer, microwave oven, conventional oven or range, dishwasher, room air conditioner, home heating device, dehumidifier, water purifier, or air purifier;
or

(D) a telephone of any type unless it contains a video display greater

than nine inches when measured diagonally.

§ 7302. DELEGATION OF ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

(a)(1) If a solid waste district or districts submits a written request for delegation of statewide implementation, administration, and enforcement of the requirements this chapter, the secretary shall delegate authority to a solid waste district or districts to implement and administer the requirements of this chapter and the enforcement provisions of chapter 201 of this title relating to the requirements of this chapter, provided that the secretary is satisfied that the solid waste district:

(A) Has established a process for accepting, reviewing, and processing registrations under sections 7304, 7305, and 7306 of this title;

(B) Has hired, appointed, or retained on contract, or will hire, appoint, or retain on contract the necessary employees to: process registrations under sections 7304, 7305, and 7306 of this title; review and audit information submitted by manufacturers, recyclers, collectors, and transporters; and implement the requirements of section 7307 of this title;

(C) Will take timely and appropriate enforcement actions pursuant to the authority of chapter 201 of this title;

(D) Commits to reporting annually to the secretary on a form and date determined by the secretary.

(2) If the secretary receives multiple, competing requests from solid waste districts under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the secretary, in his or her discretion, shall select the most appropriate solid waste district for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the requirements of this chapter.

(b) A solid waste district or districts delegated under subsection (a) of this section to administer, implement, and enforce the requirements of this chapter may assess and collect the fees required under section 7308 of this title in order to support services necessary to administer, implement, and enforce the requirement of this chapter.

(c) The secretary of natural resources may review administration, implementation, and enforcement of this chapter by a delegated solid waste district or districts on a random basis, or in response to a complaint, or on his or her own motion. This review may include consideration of the solid waste district implementation itself, as well as consideration of the practices, procedures employed, and any work associated with the performance of these tasks.

(d) Within 30 days of receipt of an administratively complete application under subsection (a) of this section for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the requirements of this chapter, the secretary of natural resources shall approve the application for delegation, approve the application for delegation with conditions, or deny with justification the application for delegation.

§ 7303. PROHIBITIONS; REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SALE OF COVERED ELECTRONIC DEVICES; RETAILER OBLIGATIONS

(a) Sale prohibited. No manufacturer shall sell or offer for sale or deliver to retailers for subsequent sale a new video display device or new printer unless:

(1) the video display device or printer is labeled with the manufacturer's brand, which label is permanently affixed and readily visible; and

(2) the manufacturer has filed a registration required under section 7304 of this title with the delegated solid waste district.

(b) Retailer obligations.

(1) A retailer who sells or offers for sale a new video display device or new printer to a household shall, before the initial offer of sale, review the website specified in subdivision 7304(7) of this title to determine that all new video display devices and all new printers that the retailer is offering for sale are labeled with the manufacturer's brands that are registered with the delegated solid waste district.

(2) A retailer is not responsible for an unlawful sale under this subdivision if the manufacturer's registration expired or was revoked, the retailer took possession of the video display device or printer prior to the expiration or revocation of the manufacturer's registration, and the unlawful sale occurred within six months after the expiration or revocation.

(3) A retailer who sells new video display devices or new printers shall provide information to customers describing where and how they may recycle video display devices or printers and advising them of opportunities and locations for the convenient collection of video display devices or printers for the purpose of recycling. This requirement may be met by the posting of a clearly visible and easily readable sign at the point of sale that includes a warning that a video display device or printer shall not be disposed of in a solid waste facility and that provides a toll-free number or website address regarding proper disposal of video display devices and printers. Retailers selling through catalogues or the Internet may meet this requirement by including in a prominent location on the retailer's website information regarding the proper

disposal of video display devices or printers.

§ 7304. MANUFACTURER'S PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY

(a) Manufacturer registration and reporting requirements.

(1)(A) No manufacturer shall sell or offer for sale a video display device or printer in this state without first submitting a registration to the delegated solid waste district. The delegated solid waste district shall provide the registration form to manufacturers. The form shall include:

(i) a list of the manufacturer's brands of video display devices or printers offered for sale by the manufacturer in this state;

(ii) the name, address, and contact information of a person responsible for ensuring compliance with this chapter; and

(iii) a certification that the manufacturer has complied and will continue to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

(B) A renewal of a registration without changes may be accomplished through notifying the delegated solid waste district on a form provided by the district.

(2)(A) Beginning July 1, 2011, each manufacturer shall, by July 1 of each year, report to the delegated solid waste district the aggregate total weight of video display devices or printers sold during the previous program year. This information may be provided by one of the following:

(i) the aggregate total weight of its video display devices or printers sold during the previous program year; or

(ii) an estimate of the aggregate total weight of its video display devices or printers sold during the previous program year based on national sales data. A manufacturer shall submit with the report required under this subsection a description of how the information or estimate was calculated.

(B) By July 1 of each year, beginning July 1, 2011, each manufacturer shall report to the delegated solid waste district the aggregate total weight of covered electronic devices the manufacturer recycled during the preceding program year.

(3) A manufacturer who begins to sell or offer for sale video display devices or printers to households and has not filed a registration under this subsection shall submit a registration to the delegated solid waste district within ten days of beginning to sell or offer for sale video display devices or printers.

(4) A registration shall be amended within ten days after a change to any

information included in the registration submitted by the manufacturer under this section.

(5) A registration is effective upon receipt by the delegated solid waste district and shall be valid for a period of five years.

(6) The delegated solid waste district shall notify the manufacturer of any required information required that is omitted from the registration. Upon receipt of a notification from the delegated solid waste district, the manufacturer shall submit a revised registration providing the information noted by the delegated solid waste district.

(7) The delegated solid waste district shall maintain a website that includes the names of manufacturers and the manufacturers' brands listed in registrations filed with the district. The delegated solid waste district shall update the website information within 10 days of receipt of a complete registration.

(b) Manufacturer's program responsibilities. Manufacturers shall comply with the following:

(1) A manufacturer shall annually recycle or arrange and pay for the collection and recycling of an amount of covered electronic devices equal to the total weight of its video display devices or printers sold during the preceding program year multiplied by the percentage of sales of video display devices or printers required to be recycled as established by the delegated solid waste district under subdivision 7308(a)(3)(B) of this title. Manufacturers or entities with whom they contract may not charge fees at the time of collecting the unwanted covered electronic devices if those devices will be counted toward the manufacturer's recycling requirement.

(2) Manufacturers may only count covered electronic devices received from covered entities toward their recycling requirements listed under subdivision 7308(a)(3)(B) of this title.

(3) A manufacturer shall certify that a facility recycling covered electronic devices in order to meet the manufacturer's obligation under subdivision (1) of this subsection complies with the recycling standards contained in subdivision 7307(9) of this title. A manufacturer is responsible for maintaining, for a period of three years, documentation of the information relied upon as the basis for the certification under this subdivision.

(4) A manufacturer registered under this section or a collector operating on behalf of a manufacturer under this section shall not charge a fee to covered entities for the collection, transportation, or recycling of covered electronic devices.

§ 7305. RECYCLER PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY

(a)(1) Recycler registration. No person may recycle a covered electronic device unless that person has submitted a registration with the delegated solid waste district on a form prescribed by the district. A registration is effective upon receipt by the delegated solid waste district and is valid for a period not to exceed five years. An electronics recycling facility registered under this section is not required to obtain a solid waste certification pursuant to chapter 159 of this title. Registration information shall include:

(A) the name, address, telephone number, and location of all recycling facilities under the direct control of the recycler that may receive covered electronic devices;

(B) evidence that the financial assurance requirements of section 6611 of this title have been satisfied.

(2) A registration shall be amended within ten days after a change to any information included in the registration submitted by the recycler under this section.

(b) Recycler's reporting requirements. By July 1 of each year, beginning July 1, 2011, a recycler of covered electronic devices shall report to the delegated solid waste district the total weight of covered electronic devices recycled during the preceding program year and shall certify that the recycler has complied with subdivision 7307(8) of this title.

(c) Approved vendors. A recycler of covered electronic devices shall only contract for the transport of, transport to, or disposal of covered electronic devices through a manufacturer mail back or take back program or with a vendor listed by the delegated solid waste district on an approved vendor list.

§ 7306. COLLECTOR AND TRANSPORTER PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY

(a)(1) Collector and transporter registration. No person may operate as a collector or transporter of covered electronic devices unless that person has submitted a registration with the delegated solid waste district on a form prescribed by the district. A registration is effective upon receipt by the delegated solid waste district and is valid for a period not to exceed five years. An electronics collector or transporter registered under this section shall not be required to obtain a solid waste certification or a solid waste hauler permit pursuant to chapter 159 of this title.

(2) A registration shall be amended within ten days after a change to any information included in the registration submitted by the collector under this section.

(b) Transporter's reporting requirements. By July 1 of each year, beginning July 1, 2011, a transporter of covered electronic devices not destined for recycling in Vermont shall report to the delegated solid waste district the total pounds of covered electronic devices collected and the manufacturer who received credits from the covered electronic devices.

§ 7307. ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

The delegated solid waste district shall:

(1) Administer the requirements of this chapter.

(2) Establish procedures for:

(A) the registration statements and certifications required under this chapter; and

(B) making the statements and certifications required under this chapter easily available to manufacturers, retailers, and members of the public.

(3) Collect the data submitted annually by each manufacturer on the total aggregate weight of video display devices sold and the total aggregate weight of covered electronic devices collected which are recycled.

(4) Annually review the value of the variables used to calculate a manufacturer's variable recycling fee under subdivision 7308(a)(3) of this title. If the delegated solid waste district determines that any of these values shall be changed in order to improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the activities regulated under this chapter or if the revenues in the account exceed the amount that the delegated solid waste district determines is necessary, the delegated solid waste district shall submit recommended changes to the senate and house committees on natural resources and energy.

(5) Based on the data provided by a manufacturer regarding the sales of video display devices or printers, estimate by July 1 of each year each registered manufacturer's sales of video display devices or printers during the previous year.

(6) Beginning December 1, 2011, report to the senate and house committees on natural resources and energy regarding the implementation of this chapter. For each program year, the report shall provide the total weight of covered electronic devices recycled and a summary of information in the reports submitted by manufacturers, collectors, and recyclers under this chapter. The report shall also discuss the various collection programs used by manufacturers to collect covered electronic devices; information regarding covered electronic devices that are being collected by persons other than registered manufacturers, collectors, and recyclers; and information about

covered electronic devices, if any, being disposed of in landfills in this state. The report shall include an accounting of the cost of the program. The delegated solid waste district may include in its report other information received by the district regarding the implementation of this chapter and recommended additional incentives to increase the rate of recycling.

(7) Promote public participation in the activities regulated under this chapter through public education and outreach efforts.

(8) Post on a website the contact information provided by each manufacturer under subdivision 7304(a)(1)(A)(ii) of this title.

(9) In consultation with interested parties, establish guidelines for the environmentally sound management of consumer electronics, including specific requirements for collectors, transporters, and recyclers.

(10) Identify approved transporters, collectors, recyclers, and other downstream vendors of covered electronic devices and list such entities on a website.

§ 7308. MANUFACTURER'S REGISTRATION FEE; CREATION OF ACCOUNT

(a) Registration fee.

(1) By July 1 of each year, all manufacturers who register under section 7304 of this title shall pay to the delegated solid waste district the annual registration fee established under this section. The delegated solid waste district shall deposit the fee into the account required by subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The annual registration fee for a manufacturer who sells video display devices or printers in the state is \$5,000.00 for the initial program year. In years following the initial program year, the annual registration fee for a manufacturer who sells video display devices or printers in the state is \$5,000.00 plus the variable recycling fee calculated according to the formula in subdivision (3) of this subsection. The annual registration fee for a manufacturer who produces fewer than 100 video display devices or printers for sale is \$1,250.00.

(3) Using quantities from the preceding program year, the variable recycling fee shall be calculated according to the formula—variable recycling fee = (A × B) – (C + D) × E, where:

(A) A = the number of pounds of a manufacturer's video display device or printers sold during the previous program year, as reported under section 7304 of this title to the delegated solid waste district;

(B) B = the proportion of sales of the video display devices or the printers required to be recycled, set at 0.6 for the first program year and at 0.8 for the second program year and every year thereafter;

(C) C = the number of pounds of covered electronic devices recycled by a manufacturer during the previous program year, as reported under section 7304 of this title to the delegated solid waste district;

(D) D = the number of recycling credits a manufacturer elects to use during the current program year to calculate the variable recycling fee, as reported under section 7304 of this title to the delegated solid waste district;

(E) E = the estimated per-pound cost of recycling used to calculate the variable recycling fee initially set at \$0.50 per pound for manufacturers who recycle less than 50 percent of the product required to be recycled under this chapter ($A \times B$); \$0.40 per pound for manufacturers who recycle at least 50 percent but less than 90 percent of the product required to be recycled under this chapter ($A \times B$); and \$0.30 per pound for manufacturers who recycle at least 90 percent of the product required to be recycled under this chapter ($A \times B$).

(4) For the purpose of calculating a manufacturer's variable recycling fee for a given year, a manufacturer may carry recycling credits forward from any of the three preceding program years to be added, in whole or in part, to the number of pounds reported recycled. Recycling credits are created when the number of pounds reported recycled exceeds the number of pounds required to have been recycled under this chapter according to the formula: $\text{credit} = C - (A \times B)$, where A, B, and C are defined in subdivision (3) of this subsection. A manufacturer may sell any portion of its recycling credits to another manufacturer, at a price negotiated by the parties, who may use the credits in the same manner and may carry recycling credits forward from any of the three preceding program years.

(b) Creation of electronic waste management fund. The delegated solid waste district shall establish an electronic waste management fund in which fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited. The fund shall be used for the costs incurred by the delegated solid waste district in implementing, administering, and enforcing the requirements of this chapter. Gifts or donations for the purposes of implementing, administering, and enforcing the requirements of this chapter may be deposited in the fund. All balances in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the fund and may be used for additional covered electronic device collection activities. Interest earned by the fund shall be deposited in the fund.

(c) The secretary of natural resources, at his or her discretion, shall be allowed to audit the electronic waste management fund established by the delegated solid waste district under this section.

§ 7309. OTHER RECYCLING PROGRAMS

A municipality or other public agency may not require covered entities to use public facilities to recycle their covered electronic devices to the exclusion of other lawful programs available. A municipality and other public agencies are encouraged to work with manufacturers to assist them in meeting their recycling obligations under this chapter. Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts the operation of any program recycling covered electronic devices in addition to those provided by manufacturers or prohibits or restricts any persons from receiving, collecting, transporting, or recycling covered electronic devices, provided that those persons are registered under section 7304 of this title.

§ 7310. ANTICOMPETITIVE CONDUCT

Manufacturers or industry trade groups may work together and pool resources and collection activities to meet the requirements of this chapter.

§ 7311. MULTISTATE IMPLEMENTATION

The delegated solid waste district is authorized to participate in the establishment of a regional multistate organization or compact to assist in carrying out the requirements of this chapter.

§ 7312. LIMITATIONS

If a federal law or combination of federal laws takes effect that is applicable to all video display devices or printers sold in the United States and establishes a program for the collection and recycling or reuse of video display devices or printers that is applicable to all discarded video display devices or discarded printers, the delegated solid waste district shall evaluate whether the laws provide a solution that is equal to or better than the program established under this chapter. The delegated solid waste district shall report its findings to the general assembly.

Sec. 3. 10 V.S.A. § 6621a(a) is amended to read:

(a) In accordance with the following schedule, no person shall knowingly dispose of the following solid waste in landfills:

* * *

(8) Covered electronic devices, as defined in chapter 166 of this title, after July 1, 2011.

Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 8003(a) is amended to read:

(a) The secretary may take action under this chapter to enforce the following statutes:

* * *

(17) 10 V.S.A. § 2625, relating to heavy cutting of timber; ~~and~~

(18) 10 V.S.A. chapter 164, relating to comprehensive mercury management;

(19) 10 V.S.A. chapter 166, relating to disposal of covered electronic devices.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) This section and Secs. 1 (findings) and 3 (prohibition on disposal of electronic devices in solid waste landfills) of this act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

(b) 10 V.S.A §§ 7301 (findings) and 7302 (delegation of electronic waste recycling program) shall take effect July 1, 2009.

(c) Sec. 4 (enforcement of disposal of covered electronic devices) of this act and 10 V.S.A. §§ 7303 (prohibition on sale of video display devices and printers), 7304 (manufacturer's program responsibility), 7305 (recycler program responsibility), 7306 (collector and transporter program responsibility), 7307 (administration of electronic device disposal and recycling), 7308 (manufacturer's registration fee), 7309 (other recycling programs), 7310 (anticompetitive conduct), 7311 (multistate implementation), 7312 (limitations of federal law) shall take effect 180 days after delegation under 10 V.S.A. § 7302 of the administration, implementation, and enforcement of the requirements of 10 V.S.A. chapter 166.

**AMENDMENT TO RECOMMENDATION OF AMENDMENT OF
SENATOR LYONS TO S. 77 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR
CAMPBELL BEFORE THIRD READING**

Senator Campbell moves to amend the recommendation of amendment of Senator Lyons in Sec. 2, 10 V.S.A. § 7301, by striking out subdivision (10) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(10) "Manufacturer" means a person who:

(A) Manufactures or manufactured a video display device or printer under its own brand or label;

(B) Sells under its own brand or label a video display device or printer produced by another supplier; or

(C) Imports or imported a video display device or printer into the United States that is manufactured by a person without a presence in the United States.

Committee Bill for Second Reading

S. 136

An act relating to reducing the drop-out rate in Vermont secondary schools to zero by the year 2020.

By the Committee on Education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 111

An act relating to legislative apportionment board appointments.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator White for the Committee on Government Operations.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 1904(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is hereby created the legislative apportionment board, consisting of: a special master designated by the chief justice of the supreme court; ~~one freeman,~~ a resident of the state of Vermont for five years immediately preceding the appointment, appointed by the governor from each political party ~~which polled at least twenty five percent of the votes cast for governor at the last preceding general election,~~ that has had more than three members serve as members of the general assembly, who are not all from the same county, for at least three of the five biennial legislative sessions since the taking of the previous decennial census of the United States; and one ~~freeman,~~ a resident of the state of Vermont for the five years immediately preceding the appointment, elected by the state committee of each of those political parties, a quorum of each committee being present and voting. No member of the board shall serve as a member or employee of the general assembly, or of either house thereof. The special master so designated shall be ~~chairman~~ chair of the board, and shall call such meetings as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the duties of the board hereafter set forth. The secretary of state of Vermont shall be secretary of the board, but shall have no vote.

(Committee vote: 3-2-0)

**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO S. 111 TO BE OFFERED BY
SENATORS BROCK AND DOYLE**

Senators Brock and Doyle move that the recommendation of amendment of the Committee on Government Operations be substituted with the following:

That the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 1904(a) is amended to read:

(a) There is hereby created the legislative apportionment board, consisting of: a special master designated by the chief justice of the supreme court; one ~~freeman~~, a resident of the state of Vermont for five years immediately preceding the appointment, appointed by the governor from each political party which polled at least ~~twenty-five~~ ten percent of the votes cast for governor at the last preceding general election, and one ~~freeman~~, a resident of the state of Vermont for the five years immediately preceding the appointment, elected by the state committee of each of those political parties, a quorum of each committee being present and voting. No member of the board shall serve as a member or employee of the general assembly, or of either house thereof. The special master so designated shall be ~~chairman~~ chair of the board, and shall call such meetings as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the duties of the board hereafter set forth. The secretary of state of Vermont shall be secretary of the board, but shall have no vote.

S. 117

An act relating to the date of the primary election.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Ayer for the Committee on Government Operations.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2351 is amended to read:

§ 2351. PRIMARY ELECTION

A primary election shall be held on the ~~second~~ fourth Tuesday ~~of September~~ in August in each even numbered year for the nomination of candidates of major political parties for all offices to be voted for at the succeeding general election, except candidates for president and vice-president of the United States, their electors, and justices of the peace.

(Committee vote: 3-2-0)

S. 122

An act relating to recounts in elections for statewide offices.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Ayer for the Committee on Government Operations.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, in the first sentence, by striking out the following: “, divided by the number of persons to be elected,”

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

S. 51

An act to Vermont’s motor vehicle franchise laws.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Illuzzi for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, in 9 V.S.A. § 4091(a), after the words “cancellation of any franchise”, by inserting the following: by the manufacturer, and, after the words “by the franchisee”, by striking out the words “or by mutual agreement”

Second: In Sec. 1, in 9 V.S.A. § 4096(6), after “requirements of the manufacturer,” by striking out the word “and” and after the words “management of the new motor vehicle dealer”, by inserting , and the acquisition is not unreasonable in light of existing circumstances and striking out the words “For the purposes of this act, “reasonable facilities requirements” shall not include a requirement that a motor vehicle dealer establish or maintain exclusive facilities, personnel or display spaces.”

Third: In Sec. 1, in 9 V.S.A. § 4096(6)(B), after “requirements of the manufacturer,” by striking out the word “or” and after “management of the new motor vehicle dealer”, by inserting the words , or that the acquisition is not unreasonable in light of existing circumstances

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

H. 91

An act relating to technical corrections to the juvenile judicial proceedings act of 2008.

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 91

An act relating to operation of vessels on public waters.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Nitka for the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 3312a is amended to read:

§ 3312a. OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- (a) A person under the age of 16 shall not operate a personal watercraft.
- (b) All persons operating or riding on a personal watercraft shall wear a Type I, II, or III United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
- (c) Personal watercraft shall not be operated at any time ~~during the hours~~ between ~~one half hour after~~ sunset and ~~one half hour before~~ sunrise.
- (d) Every person operating a personal watercraft equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard type engine cut-off switch shall attach the lanyard to his or her wrist, clothing, or personal flotation device as appropriate for the specific craft.

Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 3311 is amended to read:

§ 3311. OPERATION OF VESSELS; PROHIBITED ACTS; AUTHORITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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(h) A law enforcement officer may stop and board any motorized vessel afloat on public waters of the state at any time to:

- (1) inspect its documents;
- (2) inspect the licenses and permits of the operator of the vessel; or

(3) conduct a safety inspection for required equipment.

(i) A law enforcement officer may make arrests for violations of this subchapter; may direct, control, and regulate vessel traffic; and may make reasonable orders in the enforcement of this subchapter. No person may knowingly fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer.

Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 3317 is amended to read:

§ 3317. PENALTIES

(a) A person who violates any of the following sections of this title shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each violation:

- § 3303 unnumbered boat
- § 3305(a) unregistered boat
- § 3305(d) old registered certificate to be returned
- § 3305(e) compliance with federal motorboat ID system
- § 3305(h) change of address
- § 3305(i) incorrect number displayed on boat
- § 3305(j) temporary registration
- § 3305a(a) qualified person may operate
- § 3305a(c) underage operation
- § 3305(b) operating without boat certificate
- § 3306(a)-(d) lights and equipment
- § 3307a documented boat validation sticker
- § 3308 boat rental records
- § 3309 muffling device
- § 3311(c) distance requirements
- § 3311(d) under water historic preserve area
- § 3311(e) overloaded vessel
- § 3311(h)-(i) authority of law enforcement officer
- § 3312 rules between vessels
- § 3313(b) failing to file report
- § 3315(a) water ski observer

§ 3315(c) improper ski towing

§ 3316 boat races

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Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 3327 is added to read:

§ 3327. RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW LAWFUL ORDER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

(a) A person while operating or in charge of a vessel shall, upon request by a law enforcement officer who reasonably suspects that the person has committed or is committing a violation of this subchapter, give his or her name and address and the name and address of the owner of the vessel.

(b) The operator of the vessel shall identify himself or herself upon request from a law enforcement officer and produce the registration certificate for the vessel if required. A person operating a vessel shall promptly and carefully stop when signaled to stop by a law enforcement officer wearing insignia which identifies the officer.

(c) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than \$300.00.

(d) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$250.00.

Sec. 5. 4 V.S.A. § 1102 is amended to read:

§ 1102. JUDICIAL BUREAU; JURISDICTION

(a) A judicial bureau is created within the judicial branch under the supervision of the supreme court.

(b) The judicial bureau shall have jurisdiction of the following matters:

* * *

(17) Violations of 23 V.S.A. § 3327(d), relating to obeying a law enforcement officer while operating a vessel.

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(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 204

An act relating to payment of diversion program fees.

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Cummings for the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: By adding a Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. REPORT

The attorney general shall report to the senate and house committees on judiciary no later than January 15, 2011 on the impact of Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 of this act on the state's court diversion programs, including the impact on the number of people successfully completing diversion programs.

Second: By adding a Sec. 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 4. SUNSET

Sec. 1 of this act (juvenile court diversion project) and Sec. 2 of this act (adult court diversion project) shall be repealed on July 1, 2011.

(Committee Vote: 5-0-0)

(No House amendments.)

NOTICE CALENDAR

S. 115

An act relating to civil marriage.

PENDING QUESTION: "Shall the bill pass, the refusal of the Governor to approve it notwithstanding?" (2/3 vote required to override Governor's veto)

Text of Veto Message

The text of the communication from His Excellency, the Governor, whereby he vetoed and returned unsigned **Senate Bill No. 115** to the Senate is as follows:

April 6, 2009

The Honorable David A. Gibson
Secretary of the Senate
State House
115 State Street, Drawer 33
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, I am returning S.115, *An Act Relating to Civil Marriage*, without my signature because of my objections described herein. I do so recognizing that this is an issue that is intensely personal, with strongly held beliefs and convictions on both sides. But I am charged by our Constitution to act on this legislation and by its return, I have fulfilled that responsibility.

The question of same sex marriage is an issue that does not break cleanly as Republican or Democrat, rural or urban, religious or atheist. The decision to support or oppose is informed by an amalgam of experience, conviction and faith. These beliefs are deeply held, passionately expressed and, for many legislators, infinitely more complex than the ultimate 'yea' or 'nay' required to fulfill the duty of their office.

On such an intensely personal issue as this, all members must do as their individual conscience dictates, with the best interest of their districts in mind. It is for those reasons that I have not sought to lobby members of my own party, or asked opponents to sustain my veto.

This legislation does not address the inequalities espoused by proponents. Regardless of whether the term marriage is applied, federal benefits will still be denied to same sex couples in Vermont. And states that do not recognize same sex marriage or civil unions will also deny state rights and responsibilities to same sex couples married in Vermont. This bill will not change that fact.

Vermont's civil union law has afforded the same state rights, responsibilities and benefits of marriage to same sex couples. Our civil union law serves Vermont well and I would support congressional action to extend those benefits at the federal level to states that recognize same sex unions. But I believe that marriage should remain between a man and a woman.

I hope that when the legislature makes its final decision, we can move our state forward, toward a bright future for our children and grandchildren. We still have a great deal of work ahead of us to balance our budget and get our economy going again and Vermonters are counting on us to work together to get the job done.

Sincerely,

/s/ James H. Douglas

James H. Douglas
Governor

JHD/pdc

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 54

An act relating to clean energy assessment districts.

Pending Question: Shall the bill pass?

H. 11

An act relating to the disposition of property upon death, transfer of interest in vehicle upon death, and homestead exemption.

Pending Action: Third reading of the bill.

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Service Board shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Susan D. Plaustainer of Brownsville – Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority – By Sen. Maynard for the Committee on Finance. (1/21)

Rachel Schumacher of North Bennington – Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority – By Sen. Hartwell for the Committee on Finance. (1/21)

Steven J. Bourgeois of Swanton – Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority – By Sen. Carris for the Committee on Finance. (1/28)

Thomas Pelletier of Montpelier – Member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Finance. (1/28)

Neale F. Lunderville of Burlington – Secretary of the Agency of Administration – By Sen. Flanagan for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/17)

Neale F. Lunderville of Burlington – Secretary of the Agency of Administration – By Sen. Flanagan for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/17)

Michael Welch of St. Johnsbury – Member of the Valuation Appeals Board – By Sen. McCormack for the Committee on Finance. (2/18/09)

David R. Coates of Colchester – Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank – By Sen. Carris for the Committee on Finance. (2/18/09)

Sonia D. Alexander of Wilmington – Member of the Valuation Appeals Board – By Sen. Hartwell for the Committee on Finance. (2/25/09)

Paulette Thabault of South Burlington – Commissioner of the Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Finance. (3/3/09)

Kathryn T. Boardman of Shelburne – Member of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank – By Sen. Maynard for the Committee on Finance. (3/4/09)

John D. Burke of Castleton – Member of the Public Service Board – By Sen. Maynard for the Committee on Finance. (3/24/09)

Kenneth Linsley of Danville – Member of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Financing Agency – By Sen. Maynard for the Committee on Finance. (3/26/09)

Gary Moore of Bradford – Member of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees – By Sen. Starr for the Committee on Education. (3/31/09)

Linda R. Milne of Montpelier – Member of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Education. (3/31/09)

Mark Young of Orwell – Member of the University of Vermont Board of Trustees – By Sen. Giard for the Committee on Education. (3/31/09)

Donald Collins of Swanton – Member of the State Board of Education – By Sen. Brock for the Committee on Education. (3/31/09)

Matthew F. Valerio of Proctor – Defender General – By Sen. Mullin for the Committee on Judiciary. (4/3/09)

Joseph C. Benning of Lyndonville – Chair, Human Rights Commission - By Sen. Sears for the Committee on Judiciary. (4/3/09)

Shelley J. Gartner of Rutland – Magistrate, Vermont Family Court - By Sen. Nitka for the Committee on Judiciary. (4/3/09)

Mary Gleason Harlow of Clarendon – Magistrate, Vermont Family Court – By Sen. Campbell for the Committee on Judiciary. (4/3/09)

Christine A. Hoyt of Tunbridge – Magistrate, Vermont Family Court – By Sen. Campbell for the Committee on Judiciary. (4/3/09)