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ACTION CALENDAR

Third Reading

H. 275

An act relating to the recently deployed veteran tax credit

H. 299

An act relating to repealing the provision that some school district budgets be presented to the voters by means of a divided question

Favorable with amendment

H. 120

An act relating to commemorative Boy Scout motor vehicle plates

Rep. Bissonnette of Winooski, for the Committee on **Transportation**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304d is added to read:

§ 304d. COMMEMORATIVE REGISTRATION PLATES

(a) Application; organization limit. A safety or service organization, as defined in subsection 304(b) of this title, with at least 100 in-state members in good standing may apply to the commissioner for authorization to design, produce, purchase, and sell motor vehicle plates commemorating significant organization anniversaries, milestones, or events. The commissioner shall not authorize an organization or its successor to design, produce, purchase, or sell commemorative plates more than two times in any 100-year period.

(b) Statewide limit. No more than two organization commemorative plates shall be authorized for display at any given time pursuant to this section. The commissioner shall authorize or deny applications for commemorative plates in the order in which they are received.

(c) Approval of design; display period. The design of a commemorative plate shall be subject to prior approval by the commissioner. In exercising his or her discretion over plate design, the commissioner shall not approve a design with any combination of numerals or letters or both that might be confused with such combinations on regular registration plates. The commissioner shall specify the period during which an approved plate may be displayed, which shall not exceed two years.

(d) Display. Residents of the state of Vermont may display an approved commemorative plate on the front of a motor vehicle registered as a pleasure car and on motor trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds and excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan by covering the front registration plate with the commemorative plate for the period specified by the commissioner, which shall not exceed two years. The regular front registration plate shall not be removed. The regular rear registration plate shall be in place and clearly visible at all times.

(e) Price; proceeds. The organization shall establish the price and retain the proceeds from its sales of approved commemorative plates.

Sec. 2. REPEAL

23 V.S.A. §§ 515a (commemorative Vermont bicentennial plates), 515b (commemorative Masonic organization plates), and 515c (commemorative Lake Champlain quadricentennial plates) are repealed.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to a process for authorizing commemorative motor vehicle plates”

(**Committee Vote: 11-0-0**)

Action Under Rule 52

H.R. 8

House resolution opposing the federal expenditure reductions in H.R.1 as passed by the United States House of Representatives and strongly urging Congress to adopt a fairer and more equitable legislative alternative

(For text see House Journal 2/24/11)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

H. 38

An act relating to adopting the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children

Rep. Lewis of Berlin, for the Committee on **Education**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 217 is added to read:

§ 217. CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES

(a) The commissioner shall work with school districts and supervisory unions to support the educational continuity and success of children of military families, whose lives can be disrupted by frequent relocation and parental deployment, by, among other things, facilitating the timely enrollment of a child of a military family, the transfer of education records, and the educational placement process.

(b) When a student who is the child of a military family moves to a new school district, the student's parents or guardian shall provide the school district with proof of residency, official or unofficial school records if available, immunization records, and information by which the school district can contact officials in the school in which the student was previously enrolled.

(1) Within two business days of receiving the information, the school district shall:

(A) enroll and temporarily place the student within a school maintained by the district or to which the district pays tuition; and

(B) request official records from the school in which the student was previously enrolled.

(2) Within the first 30 days after the student's enrollment, the nurse employed by the school shall review the student's immunization records and notify the student's parents or guardian of unsatisfied state requirements regarding immunization and of the exemptions to those requirements, including 18 V.S.A. § 1122(a)(1), which allow a student to remain in school if he or she is in the process of being immunized.

(3) Regardless of the student's age, the school district shall initially place a student in a grade level based upon the student's placement in his or her previous school.

(4) The school district shall initially place the student in educational courses available to other students residing in the district based on the student's enrollment in the courses in the previous school or on assessments conducted at the previous school or both; provided, however, the student may be evaluated after initial placement to ensure appropriate placement and confirm continued enrollment in the educational courses. In this subdivision, "educational courses" include honors, advanced placement, technical, gifted and talented, and English language learner (ELL) courses.

(5) The school district or the governing body of the independent school in which the student is enrolled may waive course and program prerequisites or other preconditions for placement in courses and programs offered by the

school in order to meet the student’s educational and developmental needs. If the student enrolls in the school at the beginning of or during the 12th grade, then the school district or governing body shall waive local requirements that would delay the student’s graduation from secondary school if the student would have satisfactorily completed graduation requirements at the previous school.

(6) If the student is a child with a disability as defined in section 2942 of this title, then the supervisory union of which the school district is a member shall initially provide services to the student that are comparable with those in the individualized education plan or program that was in place in the school in which the student was previously enrolled. This subdivision does not preclude subsequent evaluations to ensure that appropriate services are being provided to the student.

(7) The school in which the student is enrolled may grant excused absences in excess of the number permitted by school policy to allow the student to be with his or her parent or guardian if the parent or guardian has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting.

(c) For purposes of this section, “child of a military family” means a school-age child whose parent or guardian is a member of the uniformed service of the United States, including the national guard and reserve components, and who has moved into a new school district as a direct result of the activation or deployment of the parent or guardian on military orders.

and that after passage, the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to ensuring educational continuity for children of military families”

(Committee Vote: 9-0-2)

H. 155

An act relating to property-assessed clean energy districts

Rep. Cheney of Norwich, for the Committee on **Natural Resources and Energy**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 3255 is amended to read:

§ 3255. COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS; LIENS

(a) Special assessments under this chapter shall constitute a lien on the property against which the assessment is made in the same manner and to the same extent as taxes assessed on the grand list of a municipality, and all

procedures and remedies for the collection of taxes shall apply to special assessments.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a lien for an assessment under subchapter 2 of this chapter shall be subordinate to all liens on the property in existence at the time the lien for the assessment is filed on the land records, shall be subordinate to a first mortgage on the property recorded after such filing, and shall be superior to any other lien on the property recorded after such filing. In no way shall this subsection affect the status or priority of any municipal lien other than a lien for an assessment under subchapter 2 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. REDESIGNATION

24 V.S.A. chapter 87, subchapter 2 is redesignated to read:

Subchapter 2. Property-Assessed Clean Energy Assessments

Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. § 3261 is amended to read:

§ 3261. PROPERTY-ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS; APPROVAL OF VOTERS

(a)(1) In this subchapter, “district” means a property-assessed clean energy district.

(2) The legislative body of a town, city, or incorporated village may submit to the voters of the municipality the question of whether to designate the municipality as a property-assessed clean energy assessment district. In a ~~clean energy assessment~~ district, only those property owners who have entered into written agreements with the municipality under section 3262 of this title would be subject to a special assessment, as set forth in section 3255 of this title.

(b) Upon a vote of approval by a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting at an annual or special meeting duly warned for that purpose, the municipality may incur indebtedness for or otherwise finance projects relating to renewable energy, as defined in 30 V.S.A. § 8002(2), or to eligible projects relating to energy efficiency as defined by section 3267 of this title, undertaken by owners of ~~real property dwellings~~, as defined in Section 103(v) of the federal Truth in Lending Act, within the boundaries of the town, city, or incorporated village.

Sec. 4. 24 V.S.A. § 3262 is amended to read:

§ 3262. WRITTEN AGREEMENTS; CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS;
ENERGY SAVINGS ANALYSIS

(a) Upon an affirmative vote made pursuant to section 3261 of this title and the performance of an energy savings analysis pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, an owner of ~~real property~~ a dwelling, as defined in Section 103(v) of the federal Truth in Lending Act, within the boundaries of a ~~clean energy assessment~~ district may enter into a written agreement with the municipality that shall constitute the owner's consent to be subject to a special assessment, as set forth in section 3255 of this title. Entry into such an agreement may occur only after January 1, 2012. A participating municipality shall follow underwriting criteria, ~~consistent with responsible underwriting and credit standards as~~ established by the department of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration, and shall establish other qualifying criteria to provide an adequate level of assurance that property owners will have the ability to meet assessment payment obligations. A participating municipality shall refuse to enter into a written agreement with a property owner who fails to meet the underwriting or other qualifying criteria.

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(c) A written agreement shall provide that:

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(2) ~~At~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(A) At the time of a transfer of property ownership ~~excepting including~~ foreclosure, the past due balances of any special assessment under this subchapter shall be due for payment, but future payments shall continue as a lien on the property.

(B) In the event of a foreclosure action, the past due balances described in subdivision (A) of this subdivision (2) shall include all payments on an assessment under this subchapter that are due and unpaid as of the date the action is filed, and all payments on the assessment that become due after that date and that accrue up to and including the date title to the property is transferred to the mortgage holder, the lien holder, or a third party in the foreclosure action. The person or entity acquiring title to the property in the foreclosure action shall be responsible for payments on the assessment that become due after the date of such acquisition.

(3) A participating municipality shall disclose to participating property owners ~~the~~ each of the following:

(A) The risks associated with participating in the program, including risks related to the failure of participating property owners to make payments and the risk of foreclosure.

(B) The provisions of subsection (h) of this section that pertain to prepayment of the assessment.

(d) A written agreement or notice of such agreement and the analysis performed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be filed with the clerk of the applicable municipality for recording in the land records of ~~the~~ that municipality and shall be disclosed to potential buyers prior to transfer of property ~~of~~ ownership. Personal financial information provided to a municipality by a participating property owner or potential participating property owner shall not be subject to disclosure as set forth in 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7). If a notice of agreement is filed instead of the full written agreement, the notice shall attach the analysis performed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and shall include at least each of the following:

(1) The name of the property owner as grantor.

(2) The name of the municipality as grantee.

(3) The date of the agreement.

(4) A legal description of the real property against which the assessment is made pursuant to the agreement.

(5) The amount of the assessment and the period during which the assessment will be made on the property.

(6) A statement that the assessment will remain a lien on the property until paid in full or released.

(7) The location at which the original or a true, legible copy of the agreement may be examined.

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(g) ~~In the case of~~ With respect to an agreement with the resident owner of a dwelling, as defined in Section 103(v) of the federal Truth in Lending Act under this section:

(1) the assessments to be repaid under the agreement, when calculated as if they were the repayment of a loan, shall not violate ~~chapter 4 of Title 9~~ 9 V.S.A. §§ 41a, 43, 44, and 46-50.

(2) the maximum length of time for the owner to repay the ~~loan~~ assessment shall not exceed 20 years; and

(3) the maximum amount to be repaid for the project, including the participating property owner's contribution to the reserve fund under subsection 3269(c) of this title, shall not exceed \$30,000.00 or 15 percent of the assessed value of the property, whichever is less.

(h) There shall be no penalty or premium for prepayment of the outstanding balance of an assessment under this subchapter if the balance is prepaid in full.

Sec. 5. 24 V.S.A. § 3266 is amended to read:

§ 3266. INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS

Two or more municipalities, by resolution of their respective legislative bodies or boards, may establish and enter into agreements for:

(1) incurring indebtedness or otherwise financing projects under this subchapter; or

(2) pooling loss reserve funds under this subchapter, if each such municipality has determined under subdivision 3269(a)(2) of this title to establish a reserve fund separate from the fund created under subdivision 3269(a)(1) of this title.

Sec. 6. 24 V.S.A. § 3267 is amended to read:

§ 3267. ELIGIBLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS; ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES

Those entities appointed as energy efficiency utilities under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d) ~~shall~~:

(1) Shall develop a list of eligible energy efficiency projects and shall make the list available to the public on or before July 1 of each year; and

(2) Shall provide information concerning implementation of this subchapter to each municipality, within the area in which the entity delivers efficiency services, that requests such information, and shall contact each such municipality that votes to establish a district to offer this information.

Sec. 7. 24 V.S.A. § 3268 is amended to read:

§ 3268. RELEASE OF LIEN

(a) A municipality shall release a participating property owner of the lien on the property against which the assessment under this subchapter is made upon:

~~(1) Full full payment of the value of the assessment; or~~

~~(2) Demand from a party who has filed an action for foreclosure on a participating property.~~

~~(b) If a municipality releases a participating property owner of a lien upon demand from a party who has filed an action for foreclosure and the participating property owner redeems the property, the municipality shall reinstate the lien on the property against which the assessment under this subchapter is made.~~

~~(e) Notice of the a release or reinstatement of the a lien for an assessment under this subchapter shall be filed with the clerk of the applicable municipality for recording in the land records of the that municipality.~~

Sec. 8. 24 V.S.A. § 3269 is amended to read:

§ 3269. RESERVE FUND

~~(a)(1) A participating municipality may create a reserve fund is created for use in paying the past due balances of an assessment under this subchapter in the event of there is a foreclosure upon an assessed the property subject to the assessment and the proceeds resulting from the foreclosure are, after all superior liens have been satisfied, insufficient to pay those past due balances. The reserve fund shall comply with the provisions of subsections (b) through (e) of this section and shall be administered by and in the custody of the entity described in subsection (f) of this section.~~

~~(2) Each municipality that establishes a district under this subchapter shall participate in the reserve fund created by subdivision (1) of this subsection unless the municipality chooses to establish a separate reserve fund administered through means other than the entity described in subsection (f) of this section. A municipality may establish such a separate reserve fund by resolution of its legislative body. Any such separate reserve fund shall comply with subsections (b) through (e) of this section.~~

~~(b) The reserve fund shall be funded by participating property owners at a level sufficient to provide for the payment of any past due balances on assessments under this subchapter and any remaining principal balances on those assessments described in subdivision 3262(c)(2) of this title in the event of a foreclosure upon a participating property and the costs of administering the reserve fund and shall only be used to provide for such payment and administration.~~

~~(c) The contribution of each participating property owner to the reserve fund shall be included in the special assessment applicable to the property and shall be subject to section 3255 of this title. From time to time, the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration shall determine the appropriate contribution to the fund in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. A determination by the commissioner under this subsection shall apply to the reserve fund contribution for an assessment~~

concerning which a written agreement under section 3262 is signed after the date of the commissioner's determination and shall not affect the reserve fund contribution for an assessment concerning which such an agreement was signed on or before the date of the commissioner's determination.

~~(b)~~(d) The reserve fund shall be capitalized in accordance with standards and procedures approved by the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration to cover expected foreclosures and fund administration costs based on good lending practice experience. Interest earned shall remain in the fund. The administrator of the reserve fund shall invest and reinvest the moneys in the fund and hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, and dispose of the investments in accordance with the standard of care established by the prudent investor rule under chapter 147 of Title 9. The administrator shall apply the same investment objectives and policies adopted by the Vermont state employees' retirement system, where appropriate, to the investment of moneys in the fund.

~~(e)~~(e) The municipality shall disclose in advance to each interested property owner the amount of that property owner's required payment into the reserve fund. Once disclosed, the amount of the reserve fund payment shall not change over the life of the assessment.

(f) An entity appointed under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(2) to deliver energy efficiency programs to multiple service territories shall administer the reserve fund created under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

(1) The entity's costs of administering the reserve fund shall be considered costs of operating the districts under section 3263 of this title.

(2) In the event of foreclosure on a property that is subject to a special assessment and is in a district that participates in the reserve fund administered by the entity, the entity's obligation shall be to disburse, at the direction of the municipality, moneys from the reserve fund to apply to the past due balances of the assessment. In no event shall other moneys received or held by the entity be available to meet this obligation or the payment of balances on an assessment.

(3) The entity shall keep an accurate account of all activities and receipts and expenditures under this subsection. An audit of the reserve fund administered by the entity shall be conducted as part of any periodic audit of the electric efficiency fund established pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3).

Sec. 9. 24 V.S.A. § 3270 is added to read:

§ 3270. STATE PACE RESERVE FUND

(a) The state PACE reserve fund is established to be held in the custody of and administered by the state treasurer. The purpose of the state PACE reserve fund shall be to reduce, for those districts for which the entity described in subsection 3269(f) of this title administers the loss reserve fund, the risk faced by an investor making an agreement with a municipality to finance such a district.

(b) The treasurer may invest monies in the fund in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 434. All balances in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward and shall not revert to the general fund. Interest earned shall remain in the fund. The treasurer's annual financial report to the general assembly under 32 V.S.A. § 434 shall contain an accounting of receipts, disbursements, and earnings of the fund.

(c) At the direction of the treasurer, a sum shall be transferred to the fund from moneys deposited into the energy efficiency fund pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(7) (capacity savings payments) and (8) (revenues from the sale of carbon credits).

(1) For a given year, the sum transferred under this subsection shall be:

(A) Five percent of the total amount of those assessments concerning which owners of real property, in the districts described in subsection (a) of this section, are expected to enter into written agreements pursuant to section 3262 of this title during the year; and

(B) Such additional amount, if any, that is necessary to meet the full amount of payments reasonably expected to be made from the state PACE reserve fund during that year.

(2) When directing a transfer under this subsection, the treasurer shall notify the commissioners of finance and management and of public service, the chair of the public service board, and the entity described in subsection 3269(f) of this title. Monies shall not be disbursed from the state PACE reserve fund until necessary resources are transferred to the fund.

(d) Moneys deposited to the state PACE reserve fund and any interest on moneys in that fund shall be used for the sole purpose of paying claims as described in subsections (e) and (f) of this section. In no event shall any moneys received or held by the state of Vermont, other than moneys deposited into the state PACE reserve fund or interest on moneys in that fund, be available to meet this obligation or the payment of a remaining past due balance or any other obligation under this subchapter.

(e) In this section, “remaining past due balance” means that amount, if any, of a past due balance on an assessment under this subchapter that exists:

(1) Immediately following foreclosure on a property in a district that participates in the loss reserve fund administered by the entity described in subsection 3269(f) of this title; and

(2) After the application, to the past due balances of the assessment on that property, of the proceeds available from the foreclosure, net of superior liens, and of the assets of that loss reserve fund.

(f) The obligation of the state PACE reserve fund shall be to fund 90 percent of a remaining past due balance, upon presentation of a claim and application acceptable to the treasurer and the entity described in subsection 3269(f) of this title, provided that the total amount of all such funding from the state PACE reserve fund shall not exceed the smaller of the following:

(1) \$1,000,000.00.

(2) The funds available pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(3) Five percent of the total of all assessments under this subchapter in the districts that participate in the loss reserve fund administered by the entity described in subsection 3269(f) of this title.

Sec. 10. UNDERWRITING CRITERIA; ADOPTION

On or before December 31, 2011, the commissioner of banking, insurance, securities, and health care administration shall adopt criteria and standards pursuant to Sec. 4 of this act, 24 V.S.A. § 3262(a), and determine the participating property owner’s contribution to the loss reserve fund and adopt standards and procedures pursuant to Sec. 8 of this act, 24 V.S.A. § 3269(c) and (d).

Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 3 (property-assessed clean energy districts) and 10 (underwriting criteria; adoption) of this act shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. 1, 2, and 4–9 of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2012, except that in Sec. 4, 24 V.S.A. § 3262(a) (written agreements) shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Favorable

H. 240

An act relating to continuing to provide for the receivership of long-term care facilities

Rep. Haas of Rochester, for the Committee on **Human Services**, recommends the bill ought to pass.

(**Committee Vote: 11-0-0**)

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16a

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before today's adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar of February 24, 2011.

H.C.R. 70

House concurrent resolution in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lyndon State College

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House concurrent resolution honoring the life of Rutland native John Deere on his 207th birthday

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House concurrent resolution congratulating Miles Yucht of Shaftsbury on his scholastic achievement as a 2010 Siemens Award winner

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House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of after-school programs for the youth of Vermont

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House concurrent resolution congratulating the Weston Playhouse Theater Company in celebration of its 75th (diamond) anniversary

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H.C.R. 81

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Vermont winners of Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Public Hearings

Thursday, February 24, 2011 - Room 11 - 7:00 P.M. - Joint Judicial Retention Committee - Retention of Judges

March 9, 2011, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Room 11 - Gubernatorial appointment of the Secretary of Education and the structure of the State Board of Education

H.202--Public hearing notice—format for Calendars

Statewide Public Hearing on H.202/S.57, health care reform bill,

Monday Evening March 7, 2011

House Health Care and Senate Health and Welfare Committees

Monday, March 7, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. , on Vermont Interactive Television

The House Health Care and Senate Health and Welfare Committees will hold a joint public hearing on Vermont Interactive Television (V.I.T.) to give Vermonters throughout the state an opportunity to express their views about the health care legislation proposed by Governor Shumlin.

All 15 V.I.T. sites will be available for the hearing: Bennington, Brattleboro, Castleton, Johnson, Lyndonville, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, White River Junction and Williston. V.I.T.'s web site has an up-to-date location listing, including driving directions, addresses and telephone numbers,

<http://www.vitlink.org/>.

The health care bill has been introduced in the House as H.202 and in the Senate as S.57. It can be viewed at the Legislature's website:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/bills/Intro/H-202.pdf>

For information about the format of this event or to submit written testimony, call the House Health Care Committee at (802) 828-2264 or email

lstarr@leg.state.vt.us

Information Notice

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DEADLINES

To All House Members:

During the first year of the biennium, a member may request introduction of a bill drafted in *short* form and submitted to the Legislative Council anytime during the session.

Introduction Deadline - Except with prior consent of the Committee on Rules, all bills drafted in standard form, shall be introduced by February 28, 2011. All sign out sheets should be to the Legislative Council by Thursday, February 24, 2011.

During the first year of the biennium Committee bills may be introduced at anytime.