

# Senate Calendar

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

**SENATE CONVENES AT: 10:00 A.M.**

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable**

**S. 31.**

An act relating to the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

**Reported favorably by Senator White for the Committee on Government Operations.**

(Committee vote: 4-1-0)

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR NOTICE**

**S.C.R. 13** (For text of Resolution, see Addendum to Senate Calendar for February 17, 2011)

**H.C.R. 55-69** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to Senate Calendar for February 17, 2011)

**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.

Kate Duffy of Williston – Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources– By Sen. Flory for the Committee on Government Operations. (1/25/11)

Jim Reardon of Essex Junction – Commissioner of the Department of Finance and Management – By Sen. White for the Committee on Government Operations. (1/28/11)

Chuck Ross of Hinesburg – Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture – By Sen. Kittell for the Committee on Agriculture. (1/28/11)

Robert D. Ide of Peacham – Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles – By Sen. Kitchel for the Committee on Transportation. (1/28/11)

Jeb Spaulding of Montpelier – Secretary of the Agency of Administration – By Sen. Pollina for the Committee on Government Operations. (1/28/11)

Mary Peterson of Williston – Commissioner of the Department of Taxes – By Sen. Westman for the Committee on Finance. (1/28/11)

Steve Kimbell of Tunbridge – Commissioner of the Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Finance. (1/28/11)

Brian Searles of Burlington – Secretary of the Agency of Transportation – By Sen. Mazza for the Committee on Transportation. (2/1/11)

Bruce Post of Essex Junction – Member of the Board of Libraries – By Sen. Baruth for the Committee on Education. (2/4/11)

Jason Gibbs of Duxbury – Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Education. (2/15/11)

John Fitzhugh of West Berlin – Member of the Board of Libraries – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Education. (2/15/11)

Susan Wehry of Burlington – Commissioner of the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living – By Sen. Pollina for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (2/15/11)

Dave Yacavone of Morrisville – Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families – By Sen. Fox for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (2/15/11)

Christine Oliver of Montpelier – Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health – By Sen. Mullin for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (2/15/11)

Doug Racine of Richmond – Secretary of the Agency of Human Services – By Sen. Ayer for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (2/15/11)

Michael Obuchowski of Montpelier – Commissioner of the Department of Buildings and General Services – By Sen. Hartwell for the Committee on Institutions. (2/17/11)

Susan Besio of Jericho – Commissioner of the Department of Vermont Health Access – By Sen. Miller for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (2/18/11)

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(2/18/11)

Harry Chen of Mendon – Commissioner of the Department of Health – By Sen. Mullin for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (2/18/11)

Andrew Pallito of Jericho – Commissioner of the Department of Corrections – By Sen. Hartwell for the Committee on Institutions. (2/18/11)

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Thursday, February 17, 2011 – Room 11 – 7:00 P.M.** – Re: Retention of Judges – Joint Committee on Judicial Retention.

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011 – Room 10 – 2:30–4:30 P.M.** – Re: Governor’s Proposed FY2012 State Budget – House Committee on Appropriations.

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011 – Room 11 – 9:00-11:00 A.M.** – Re: Governor’s Proposed FY2012 State Budget – House Committee on Appropriations.

**Thursday, February 24, 2011 – Room 11 – 7:00 P.M.** – Re: Retention of Judges – Joint Committee on Judicial Retention.

### **JOINT ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday, February 17, 2011 – 10:30 A.M. – House Chamber** – Election of a Sergeant at Arms, of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and of three (3) trustees for the University of Vermont, and Vermont State Agricultural College.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.

### **CROSSOVER DEADLINES**

The following bill reporting deadlines are established for the 2011 session:

(1) From the standing committee of last reference (excluding the Committees on Appropriations and Finance), all Senate bills must be reported out of committee on or before March 11, 2011.

(2) Senate bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31, must be reported out of the Committees on Appropriations and Finance on or before March 18, 2011.

(3) These deadlines may be waived for any bill or committee **only** by consent given by the Committee on Rules.

**Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (Appropriations, Transportation, Capital, and Miscellaneous Taxes).**

#### **REPORTS ON FILE**

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §20(c), one (1) hard copy of the following reports is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate. Effective January 2010, pursuant to Act No. 192, Adj. Sess. (2008) §5.005(g) some reports will automatically be sent by electronic copy only and can be found on the State of Vermont webpage.

15. Vermont Coalition of Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs Annual Report. (February 2011).

16. Uniform Enforcement Act 2010 Report. (Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation Compliance & Enforcement Division) (February 2011).

17. Vermont Center for Geographic Information 2010 Annual Report. (February 2011).

18. Management of Stormwater Impaired Waters Annual Report. (Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation) (February 2011).

#### **JFO NOTICE**

##### **INFORMATION NOTICE**

The following items were recently received by the Joint Fiscal Committee:

**JFO #2483** — \$194,800 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development. These funds will be used to support repair and restoration work on 13 landmark historic buildings around the state. [*JFO received 2/09/11*]

**JFO #2484** — \$561,915 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the Vermont Health. These funds will be used to establish an evidence-based nurse home visiting program for families with young children who are identified to be “at risk” by pre-set parameters. This grant is awarded under the Affordable Care Act. [*JFO received 2/09/11*]

**JFO #2485** — \$211,840 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Vermont Department of Corrections. This grant funds two modules for the Vermont Automated Notification Service (VANS) to provide services to victims of domestic violence, and expand services currently available to victims. [*JFO received 2/09/11*]

**JFO #2486** — \$420,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the Vermont Department of Health. These funds will be used to expand the capacity of the Office of Minority Health by funding one limited service position. [*JFO received 2/09/11*]

**JFO #2487** — Request to establish one limited service position in the Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development (DEHCD). This position (Barn Census Director) will support the grant-funded Barn Census Project. [*JFO received 2/09/11*]