# Senate Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 06, 2011

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#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **ACTION CALENDAR**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

#### **Third Reading**

S. 77.

An act relating to water testing of private wells.

## AMENDMENT TO S. 77 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR ILLUZZI BEFORE THIRD READING

Senator Illuzzi moves to amend the bill as follows:

<u>First</u>: In Sec. 2, 10 V.S.A. § 1981, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- (c) The secretary, after consultation with the department of health, the wastewater and potable water supply technical advisory committee, the Vermont association of realtors, the Vermont home inspectors' association, private laboratories, and other interested parties, shall adopt by rule requirements regarding:
- (1) when, after construction or drilling of a well, the well test required under subsection (a) of this section shall be conducted;
- (2) who shall be authorized to conduct the well test required under subsection (a) of this section, provided that the rule shall include licensed well drillers among those authorized to conduct the test;
- (3) how well samples will be delivered for testing, including the form and information to be submitted with the well sample;
- (4) a current, nationally-recognized accreditation or approval that an instate or out-of-state laboratory shall possess in order to conduct a well test required under subsection (a) of this section; and
- (5) any other requirements necessary to implement the requirements of this section.

<u>Second</u>: By Striking out Sec. 5 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

- (a) This section and Secs. 1 (findings), 3 (disclosure of educational material), and 4 (department of health; education and outreach) of this act shall take effect upon passage.
- (b) Sec. 2 (testing of private wells) of this act shall take effect upon passage, except that 10 V.S.A. § 1981(a) (well test requirement) and 10 V.S.A. § 1981(d) (well test reports) shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

#### AMENDMENT TO S. 77 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR BROCK BEFORE THIRD READING

Senator Brock moves to amend the bill in Sec. 2, 10 V.S.A. § 1981, by striking the first sentence of subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

After construction of a newly drilled well intended for use as a potable water supply, the owner of the property on which the well is located shall test the well for the parameters set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

#### **CONSIDERATION POSTPONED TO MARCH 31, 2011**

#### **Second Reading**

#### **Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

S. 34.

An act relating to the collection and disposal of mercury-containing lamps.

PENDING QUESTION: Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

## Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator McCormack for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

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. 10 V.S.A. chapter 164A is added to read:

## <u>CHAPTER 164A. COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF</u> <u>MERCURY-CONTAINING LAMPS</u>

#### § 7151. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Agency" means the agency of natural resources.
- (2) "Covered entity" means any person who presents 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps for collection at a collection facility included in an approved plan.

- (3) "Lamp" means an electric lamp, including mercury-containing lamps, incandescent lamps, halogen lamps, and light-emitting diode lamps.
  - (4) "Manufacturer" means a person who:
- (A) Manufactures or manufactured a mercury-containing lamp under its own brand or label for sale in the state;
- (B) Sells in the state under its own brand or label a mercury-containing lamp produced by another supplier;
- (C) Owns a brand that it licenses or licensed to another person for use on a mercury-containing lamp sold in the state;
- (D) Imports into the United States for sale in the state a mercury-containing lamp manufactured by a person without a presence in the United States;
- (E) Manufactures a mercury-containing lamp for sale in the state without affixing a brand name; or
- (F) Assumes the responsibilities, obligations, and liabilities of a manufacturer as defined under subdivisions (A) through (E) of this subdivision (4), provided that the secretary may enforce the requirements of this chapter against a manufacturer defined under subdivisions (A) through (E) of this subdivision (4) if a person who assumes the manufacturer's responsibilities fails to comply with the requirements of this chapter.
- (5) "Mercury-containing lamp" means a lamp designed for residential or commercial use to which mercury is intentionally added during the manufacturing process, including linear fluorescent, compact fluorescent, black light, high-intensity discharge, ultraviolet, and neon lamps. "Mercury-containing lamp" does not mean a lamp used for medical, disinfection, treatment, or industrial purposes.
  - (6) "Program year" means the period from July 1 through June 30.
- (7) "Retailer" means a person who sells a mercury-containing lamp to a person in the state through any means, including a sales outlet, a catalogue, the telephone, the Internet, or any electronic means.
  - (8) "Secretary" means the secretary of natural resources.
- (9) "Sell" or "sale" means any transfer for consideration of title or of the right to use by lease or sales contract a mercury-containing lamp to a person in the state of Vermont. "Sell" or "sale" does not include the sale, resale, lease, or transfer of a used mercury-containing lamp or a manufacturer's or a distributor's wholesale transaction with a distributor or a retailer.

#### § 7152. SALE OF MERCURY-CONTAINING LAMPS

Sale prohibited. Beginning on January 1, 2012, except as set forth under section 7155 of this title, a manufacturer of a mercury-containing lamp shall not sell, offer for sale, or deliver to a retailer for subsequent sale a mercury-containing lamp unless all the following have been met:

- (1) The manufacturer is implementing an approved collection plan;
- (2) The manufacturer has paid its annual registration fee under section 7158 of this title;
- (3) The name of the manufacturer and the manufacturer's brand are designated on the agency of natural resources' website as covered by an approved plan.
- (4) The manufacturer has submitted an annual report under section 7153 of this title;
- (5) The manufacturer has conducted a plan audit consistent with the requirements of subsection 7153(b) of this title; and
- (6) The manufacturer has demonstrated that no alternative non-mercury energy efficient lamp is available that provides the same or better overall performance at a cost equal to or better than the classes of lamps that the manufacturer proposes to sell.

#### § 7153. ANNUAL REPORT; PLAN AUDIT

- (a) Annual report. At the end of each program year, a manufacturer of a mercury-containing lamp shall submit an annual report to the secretary that contains the following:
  - (1) a description of the collection program;
- (2) The number and type of mercury-containing lamps collected and the collection facility from which the lamps were collected.
- (3) an estimate of the number of mercury-containing lamps available for collection and the methodology used to develop this number. Sales data and other confidential business information provided under this section shall not be subject to inspection and review pursuant to subchapter 3 of chapter 5 of Title 1 (access to public records). Confidential information shall be redacted from any final public report.
- (4) the steps that the manufacturer has taken during the past program year to improve the collection rate and life cycle performance of mercury-containing lamps.

(b) Plan audit. Two years after the initial plan approval and every two years thereafter, the manufacturer shall hire an independent third party to audit the plan and plan implementation. The auditor shall examine the effectiveness of the program in collecting and disposing of mercury-containing lamps. The auditor shall examine the cost-effectiveness of the program and compare it to that of collection programs for mercury-containing lamps in other jurisdictions. The auditor shall make recommendations to the secretary on ways to increase program efficacy and cost-effectiveness.

#### § 7154. COLLECTION PLANS

- (a) Collection plan required. Prior to October 1, 2011, a manufacturer shall submit a collection plan to the secretary for review. The collection plan shall include a collection program that meets the following requirements:
- (1) Free collection of mercury-containing lamps. The collection program shall provide for free collection of mercury-containing lamps from covered entities. A manufacturer shall accept all mercury-containing lamps collected from a covered entity and shall not refuse the collection of a mercury-containing lamp based on the brand or manufacturer of the mercury-containing lamp. The collection program shall also provide for the payment of the costs for recycling and transportation from a collection facility to a recycler.
- (2) Convenient collection location. The manufacturer shall develop a collection program that:
- (A) allows all municipal collection locations and all retailers that sell mercury-containing lamps to opt to be a collection facility; and
- (B) at a minimum, has not less than two collection facilities in each county.
- (3) Public education and outreach. The collection plan shall include an education and outreach program that may include media advertising, retail displays, articles in trade and other journals and publications, and other public educational efforts. At a minimum, the education and outreach program shall notify the public of the following:
- (A) that there is a free collection program for mercury-containing lamps;
- (B) the location of collection points and how a covered entity can access this collection program; and
- (C) the special handling considerations associated with mercury-containing lamps.

- (4) Compliance with appropriate environmental standards. In implementing a collection plan, a manufacturer shall comply with all applicable laws related to the collection, transportation, and disposal of mercury-containing lamps. A manufacturer shall comply with any special handling or disposal standards established by the secretary for a mercury-containing lamp or for the collection plan of the manufacturer.
- (b) Term of collection plan. A collection plan approved by the secretary under section 7156 of this title shall have a term not to exceed five years, provided that the manufacturer remains in compliance with the requirements of this chapter and the terms of the approved plan.

#### § 7155. STEWARDSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

- (a) Participation in a stewardship organization. A manufacturer may meet the requirements of this chapter by participating in a stewardship organization that undertakes the manufacturer's responsibilities under sections 7152, 7153, and 7154 of this title.
- (b) Qualifications for a stewardship organization. To qualify as a stewardship organization under this chapter, an organization shall:
- (1) Commit to assume the responsibilities, obligations, and liabilities of all manufacturers participating in the stewardship organization;
- (2) Represent at least 45 percent of the market share of mercury-containing lamps sold in the state;
- (3) Not create unreasonable barriers for participation in the stewardship organization; and
- (4) Maintain a public website that lists all manufacturers and manufacturers' brands covered by the stewardship organization's approved collection plan.
- (c) Exemption from antitrust provisions. A stewardship organization and manufacturers participating in a stewardship organization subject to the requirements of this chapter may engage in anticompetitive conduct to the extent necessary to develop and implement the collection plan required by this chapter. A stewardship organization or a manufacturer participating within a stewardship organization that is engaged in anticompetitive conduct under this subsection shall be immune from liability for conduct under state laws relating to antitrust, restraint of trade, unfair trade practices, and other regulation of trade or commerce if the stewardship organization is exercising due diligence to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

#### § 7156. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Review and approve collection plans. The secretary shall review and approve or deny collection plans submitted under section 7154 of this title. The secretary shall approve a collection plan if the secretary finds that the plan:
  - (1) complies with the requirements of subsection 7154(a) of this title.
- (2) provides adequate notice to the public of the collection opportunities available for mercury-containing lamps.
- (3) ensures that collection of mercury-containing lamps will occur in an environmentally sound fashion that is consistent with the law or with any special handling requirements adopted by the secretary.
  - (4) promotes the collection and disposal of mercury-containing lamps.
- (b) Plan amendment. The secretary, in his or her discretion or at the request of a manufacturer or a stewardship organization, may require a manufacturer or a stewardship organization to amend an approved plan. Plan amendments shall be subject to the public input provisions of subsection (c) of this section.
- (c) Public input. The agency shall establish a process under which a collection plan for a mercury-containing lamp is, prior to plan approval or amendment, available for public review and comment for 30 days. In establishing such a process, the agency shall consult with interested persons, including manufacturers, environmental groups, wholesalers, retailers, municipalities, and solid waste districts.
- (d) Special handling requirements. The secretary may adopt, by rule, special handling requirements for the collection, transport, and disposal of mercury-containing lamps.
- (e) Approved plans; Internet posting. The secretary shall post on the agency website all manufacturers and manufacturers' brands that are covered under an approved plan. For stewardship organizations, the agency may link to the list of manufacturers and manufacturers' brands on the stewardship organization's website.

#### § 7157. RETAILER OBLIGATIONS

(a) Sale prohibited. No retailer shall sell or offer for sale a mercury-containing lamp unless the retailer has reviewed the agency website required in subsection 7156(e) of this title to determine that the manufacturer of the mercury-containing lamp is implementing an approved collection plan or is a member of a stewardship organization.

- (b) Expiration or revocation of manufacturer registration. A retailer shall not be responsible for an unlawful sale of a mercury-containing lamp under this subsection if:
  - (1) the manufacturer's collection plan expired or was revoked; and
- (2) the retailer took possession of the mercury-containing lamp prior to the expiration or revocation of the manufacturer's collection plan, and the unlawful sale occurred within six months of the expiration or revocation of the collection plan.

#### § 7158. FEES

A manufacturer or stewardship organization shall pay \$10,000.00 for each collection plan submitted to the agency for review under section 7154 of this title.

#### § 7159. RULEMAKING; MERCURY CONTENT STANDARDS

(a) Mercury and lead content standards for lamps. The secretary may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this chapter. The secretary shall adopt rules establishing mercury content standards for lamps. Rules governing mercury content in lamps under this section shall rely upon content standards established in other states, including the standards set by the states of California and Maine. If one or more categories of lamps are not covered by the mercury content standards adopted by the state of California or of Maine, the secretary may adopt rules minimizing the mercury content of lamps within such categories, including adoption of mercury-free standards when mercury-free alternatives are available at comparable cost and with comparable performance. The secretary may adopt, by rule, exemptions from the mercury content standards adopted under this section.

#### (b) Certificate of compliance.

- (1) Within 90 days of adoption of rules under subsection (a) of this section, the secretary may request a manufacturer of lamps to submit a certification, supported by technical information, that the manufacturer's lamps that are sold or offered for sale in the state comply with rules adopted under subsection (a) of this section. A manufacturer shall submit a certificate of compliance within 28 days of the secretary's request. If a manufacturer fails to provide a requested certification within 28 days of the request, the manufacturer shall be prohibited from selling lamps or offering lamps for sale in the state.
- (2) Upon request of a retailer or other person selling a manufacturer's lamps, a manufacturer shall provide a certification that the manufacturer's lamps comply with the rules adopted under subsection (a) of this section. A

manufacturer shall provide a certificate of compliance within 28 days of the retailer's request. The certification must specify that the lamps are not prohibited from sale in the state. If a manufacturer fails to provide a certification under this subdivision (b)(2), the manufacturer shall be prohibited from selling lamps or offering lamps for sale in the state.

#### § 7160. OTHER DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

A municipality or other public agency may not require covered entities to use public facilities to dispose of mercury-containing lamps 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 collection and disposal obligations under this chapter. Nothing in this chapter prohibits or restricts the operation of any program collecting and disposing of mercury-containing lamps in addition to those provided by manufacturers or prohibits or restricts any persons from receiving, collecting, transporting, or disposing mercury-containing lamps, provided that all other applicable laws are met.

#### Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

(Committee vote: 4-1-0)

Reported favorably by Senator McCormack for the Committee on Finance.

(Committee vote: 6-0-1)

#### AMENDMENT TO S. 34 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR ILLUZZI

Senator Illuzzi moves to amend the bill as follows

<u>First</u>: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 7151, by inserting a new subdivision (10) to read as follows:

(10) "Stewardship organization" means an organization, association, or entity that has developed a system, method, or other mechanism which assumes the responsibilities, obligations, and liabilities under this chapter of multiple manufacturers of mercury-containing lamps.

<u>Second</u>: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 7154(a), by striking the first full sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Prior to October 1, 2011, a manufacturer, individually or as a participant in a stewardship organization, shall submit a collection plan to the secretary for review.

#### AMENDMENT TO S. 34 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR ILLUZZI

Senator Illuzzi moves to amend the bill as follows:

First: By adding a new Sec. 1 to read:

#### Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The general assembly finds and declares that:

- (1) Extended producer responsibility programs are an effective method of managing certain types of potentially hazardous waste, such as mercury-containing lamps;
- (2) In implementing extended producer responsibility programs, states are often faced with the issue of how to regulate products sold in the state by a manufacturer with no corporate presence in Vermont or the United States.
- (3) Under *Huey v. Bates*, 135 Vt. 160 (1977), *Northern Aircraft, Inc. v. Reed*, 154 Vt. 36 (1990), and *Hedges Western Auto Supply Co.*, 161 Vt. 614 (1994), a clear intention by a manufacturer or a distributor to participate in the Vermont market through the sale or purposeful utilization of an in-state distribution system is sufficient to provide the state with jurisdiction over the manufacturer or distributor.
- (4) Thus, an extended producer responsibility program for the collection and disposal of mercury containing lamps may regulate a manufacturer or distributor that purposefully and intentionally sells or distributes mercury-containing lamps in Vermont.

and by renumbering the subsequent sections to be numerically correct

<u>Second</u>: In Sec. 1, by striking out 10 V.S.A. § 7159 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### § 7159. MERCURY CONTENT STANDARDS

- (a) Mercury content standards for lamps. Beginning January 1, 2012, a mercury-containing lamp sold in this state shall satisfy the mercury-content standard for lamps set by California.
- (b) Rulemaking; implementation. The agency of natural resources may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this chapter, including exemptions from the mercury content standards established under subsection (a) of this section.
  - (c) Certificate of compliance.
- (1) Beginning April 1, 2012, the secretary may request a manufacturer of a lamp or lamps to submit a certification, supported by technical

information, that the manufacturer's lamp or lamps that are sold or offered for sale in the state comply with the standard established under subsection (a) of this section. A manufacturer shall submit a certificate of compliance within 30 days of the secretary's request. If a manufacturer fails to provide a requested certification within 30 days of the request, the manufacturer shall be prohibited from selling lamps or offering lamps for sale in the state.

(2) Upon request of a retailer or other person selling a manufacturer's lamps, a manufacturer shall provide a certification that the manufacturer's lamp or lamps comply with the standard established under subsection (a) of this section. A manufacturer shall provide a certificate of compliance within 30 days of the retailer's request. The certification must specify that the lamp or lamps are not prohibited from sale in the state. If a manufacturer fails to provide a certification under this subdivision (c)(2), the manufacturer shall be prohibited from selling lamps or offering lamps for sale in the state.

#### AMENDMENT TO S. 34 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATOR SEARS

Senator Sears moves to amend the bill in Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. by striking out § 7158 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new § 7158 to read as follows:

#### § 7158. FEES; DISPOSITION

- (a) A manufacturer or stewardship organization shall pay \$10,000.00 for each collection plan submitted to the agency for review under section 7154 of this title.
- (b) Of the fees collected under subsection (a) of this section, no more than \$20,000.00 shall be retained by the agency annually for the performance of its responsibilities under section 7156 of this title. All fees collected by the agency in a year under subsection (a) of this section in excess of \$20,000.00 a year shall be deposited in the general fund.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Third Reading**

S. 15.

An act relating to insurance coverage for midwifery services and home births.

S. 52.

An act relating to protect employees from abuse at work.

S. 100.

An act relating to making miscellaneous amendments to education laws.

#### H. 85.

An act relating to recognition of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation as a Native American Indian tribe.

#### H. 86.

An act relating to recognition of the Elnu Abenaki tribe as a Native American Indian tribe.

#### H. 236.

An act relating to limitation of prosecutions for sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult.

#### **Second Reading**

#### **Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

#### S. 90.

An act relating to respectful language in state statutes in referring to people with disabilities .

## Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Pollina 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. RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE STUDY

- (a) The agency of human services shall convene a working group to propose guidelines for using respectful language when referring to people with disabilities. In convening the working group, the agency shall invite the participation of two representatives from the Vermont coalition for disability rights, two representatives from Green Mountain self-advocates, one representative from the Vermont center for independent living, one representative from Vermont psychiatric survivors, one representative from the human rights commission, and two people appointed by the governor, at least one of whom shall be a high school student. In preparing its recommendations, the working group shall:
- (1) identify words that should not be used in Vermont statutes and suggest in their place words that reflect positive views of people with disabilities;
- (2) avoid using any language that changes the meaning or intent of state statutes;

- (3) identify specific statutes that should be addressed by the general assembly;
  - (4) select wording that does not conflict with federal law; and
- (5) develop guidelines to support state government agencies and departments to use respectful language in all areas of conducting business.
- (b) By November 1, 2011, the working group shall report to the house committee on government operations and the senate committee on government operations the group's findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation to address its findings and recommendations.

#### Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

#### NOTICE CALENDAR

#### **Committee Bills for Second Reading**

S. 104.

An act relating to modifications to the ban on gifts by manufacturers of prescribed products.

By the Committee on Health and Welfare.

S. 105.

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.

By the Committee on Agriculture.

#### **ORDERED TO LIE**

S. 38.

An act relating to the Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act.

PENDING ACTION: Third Reading

H. 46.

An act relating to youth athletes with concussions participating in athletic activities.

PENDING QUESTION: Shall the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Education?

(For text of Report of the Committee on Education, see Senate Journal for March 29, 2011, page 309)

#### **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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Steve Kimbell</u> 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)

<u>Brian Searles</u> 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Keith Flynn</u> of Derby Line – Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety – By Sen. Flory for the Committee on Transportation. (2/22/11)

Elizabeth Strano of Bennington – Member of the State Board of Education – By Sen. Baruth for the Committee on Education. (2/24/11)

Amy W. Grillo of Dummerston – Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board – By Sen. Baruth for the Committee on Education. (2/24/11)

<u>Deb Markowitz</u> of Montpelier – Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources – By Sen. Lyons for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/17/11)

<u>David Mears</u> of Montpelier – Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation – By Sen. Brock for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/23/11)

<u>Michael Snyder</u> of Stowe – Commissioner of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation – By Sen. MacDonald for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/23/11)

<u>Annie Noonan</u> of Montpelier – Commissioner of the Department of Labor – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/28/11)

<u>Patrick Berry</u> of Middlebury – Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife – By Sen. McCormack for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (3/28/11)

Kathryn T. Boardman of Shelburne of Shelburne – Director of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank – By Sen. Ashe for the Committee on Finance. (3/29/11)

David R. Coates of Colchester – Director of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank – By Sen. Fox for the Committee on Finance. (3/29/11)

Thomas Pelletier of Montpelier – Member of the Vermont Housing Finance Agency – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Finance. (3/29/11)

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Thursday, April 7, 2011 – Room 11 – 6:00-8:00 P.M.** – Re: S. 57 – Health reform bill, business and provider hearing – Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.