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Tuesday, March 26, 2013

77th DAY OF THE BIENNIAL SESSION

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Senate Proposal of Amendment**

**J.R.H. 1**

Joint resolution relating to the history and legacy of the Vermont State Hospital and the preservation of its cemetery

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the resolution by striking out all after the title and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Whereas, in 1888, the trustees of the Vermont Asylum for the Insane in Brattleboro (renamed the Brattleboro Retreat in 1892 to avoid confusion with the Waterbury facility) reported that the facility was beyond its designed capacity, and Dr. Don D. Grout, the member from Stowe and a future superintendent of the Vermont State Asylum for the Insane (renamed the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane in 1898), introduced legislation that became Act 94, “An act providing for the care, custody and treatment of the insane poor and insane criminals of the state,” and

Whereas, the state purchased 500 acres of land in Waterbury for the new facility, and after initial construction, the first 25 patients arrived by train from Brattleboro on August 8, 1891, and

Whereas, during its 120 years of service, the Vermont State Hospital played a powerful role in the lives of many Vermonters, including many patients and staff, and

Whereas, from early on, the Vermont State Hospital confronted a continuing struggle to secure sufficient financing to provide the best quality of care, and in recent decades, it had been recognized that the facilities in Waterbury no longer allowed for state-of-the-art care, and the existing hospital needed to be closed, and

Whereas, in November 1927, and again at the end of August 2011, the staff and patients at the Vermont State Hospital undertook extraordinary measures to respond to devastating floods, and

Whereas, the severe damage that the Vermont State Hospital sustained in Tropical Storm Irene required an immediate relocation or replacement of services previously provided at the Vermont State Hospital, and

Whereas, as a new chapter in mental health care in Vermont begins, it should be one that integrates mental health care with other health care services, focuses on community supports and treatment close to home, avoids

unnecessary hospitalization, and never abandons those with mental health needs, and

Whereas, with the closure of the historic Vermont State Hospital Waterbury campus, it is important to remember those individuals buried at the hospital's cemetery in use from the hospital's inception until 1912 and which includes a memorial stone with an inscription that reads:

This beautiful knoll overlooking the grounds of the Vermont State Hospital is matched in splendor only by the twenty or so residents of the Hospital who were buried here between 1891 and 1912. May their spirits soar, you are remembered, and

Whereas, the preservation of this cemetery and of the memory of those individuals is of lasting importance, and

Whereas, the names of those buried there have been gathered in the past, and may still be able to be located and preserved so that these individuals will not be left unknown, and

Whereas, there is evidence that at least two and perhaps more patients from the Vermont State Hospital were buried at different locations on the grounds in unmarked graves that are likely to never be identified which would be a grievous indication of past indifference to the lives of these individuals, a practice that should never again be permitted to occur in this state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly observes the powerful role that the Vermont State Hospital played in the history of mental health treatment in Vermont and requests the State to maintain and preserve perpetually the hospital's cemetery, and be it further

Resolved: That the Department of Mental Health is requested to seek to identify from past records those individuals who were buried at different locations, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Mental Health, to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, and to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

(For text see House Journal 1/23/2013 )

**NOTICE CALENDAR**  
**Committee Bill for Second Reading**

**H. 526**

An act relating to the establishment of lake shoreland protection standards.

**(Rep. Deen of Westminster will speak for the Committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.)**

**H. 528**

An act relating to revenue changes for fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015.

**(Rep. Ancel of Calais will speak for the Committee on Ways and Means.)**

**Public Hearings**

April 18, 2013 - Room 11 - 6:00-8:00 PM - H. 208 Earned Sick Days - House General, Housing and Military Affairs

**Joint Assembly**

**Thursday, March 28, 2013 - 10:30 A.M.** - Retention of seven Superior Judges and on Magistrate