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ACTION CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading

Favorable

S. 283.

An act relating to the changing of the name of the Vermont Criminal Information Center.

Reported favorably by Senator White for the Committee on Judiciary.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 223.

An act relating to regulating the making of pension loans.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Mullin for the Committee on Finance.

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. FINDINGS

It is the intent of the Vermont General Assembly to prohibit unlawful and predatory lending practices that target retirement pension proceeds. The General Assembly intends to ensure that practices which unfairly disrupt or interfere with retirees' abilities to manage their pension income will be treated as unlawful lending and will be subject to applicable Vermont State laws.

Sec. 2. 8 V.S.A. § 2245 is added to read:

§ 2245. PENSION LOANS

Any person who engages in the business of offering consideration in exchange for a secured interest in all or part of pension proceeds in the possession of a participant, beneficiary, or member of a pension plan, program, or system shall be deemed to be engaged in the business of making loans pursuant to subdivision 2201(a)(1) of this chapter and shall be subject to 9 V.S.A. chapters 4 and 63.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 165.

An act relating to collective bargaining for deputy state's attorneys.

PENDING ACTION: Third reading of the bill.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

H.C.R. 206-213 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for January 30, 2014)

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.

Alfred J. Gobeille of Shelburne – Chair of the Green Mountain Care Board – By Sen. Lyons for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (1/29/14)

Mary Lintermann of Stowe – Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council – By Sen. Collins for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (1/30/14)

Mary Anne Gucciardi of So. Burlington – Member of the Employment Security Board – By Sen. Collins for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (1/30/14)

Brian Vachon of Middlesex – Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board – By Sen. Collins for the Committee on Education. (1/30/14)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Thursday, February 6, 2014 – House Chamber – 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Re: H.112 Labeling Genetically Modified food products – Senate Committees on Agriculture and Judiciary.

Thursday, February 13, 2014 – House Chamber – 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. – Re: H.286 Improving the quality of State Waters – House Committee on Agriculture.

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – Room11 – 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. – Re: Governor's Proposed FY 2015 State Budget – House Committee on Appropriations.

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – Room 11 – 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. – Re: Judicial Retention of Judges – Joint Committee on Judicial Retention.

Friday, February 21, 2014 – Room11 – 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. – Re: Governor's Proposed FY 2015 State Budget – House Committee on Appropriations.

PUBLIC HEARING

Joint Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 state budget via Vermont Interactive Technologies House and Senate Committees on Appropriations

Monday, February 10, 2014, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. – The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations will hold a joint public hearing on Vermont Interactive Technologies (V.I.T.) to give Vermonters throughout the state an opportunity to express their views about the state budget for fiscal year 2015. All 13 V.I.T. sites will be available for the hearing: Bennington, Brattleboro, Johnson, Lyndonville, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, 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 budget hearing will be VIEWABLE via the Internet if your computer has Flash-based streaming capabilities. Some mobile devices may require additional software.

Go to www.vitlink.org/streamingmedia/vtcvitopen.php.

The Governor's budget proposal can be viewed at the Department of Finance's website: http://finance.vermont.gov/state_budget/rec. For information about the format of this event or to submit written testimony, call the House Appropriations Committee office at (802) 828-5767 or email tutton@leg.state.vt.us. Requests for interpreters should be made to the office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014.

NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY

Thursday, February 20, 2014 - 10:30 A.M. - Election of two (2) trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

Candidates for the positions of trustee must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** not later than Thursday, February 13, 2014, by 5:00 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

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.