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ACTION CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

S. 296.

An act relating to the Defender General's duty to investigate issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of inmates in correctional facilities.

S. 299.

An act relating to service of malt beverages by the glass.

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 165.

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

PENDING ACTION: Third reading of the bill.

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.

Rachel Smith of St. Albans – Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council – By Sen. Collins for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (2/6/14)

Edward F. Flanagan of Montpelier – Member of the Vermont State Lottery Commission – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (2/11/14)

Timothy Briglin of Thetford Center – Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (2/11/14)

Thomas Nesbitt of Waterbury Center – Member of the Plumbers Examining Board – By Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (2/11/14)

<u>Ron Shems</u> of Moretown – Chair of the Natural Resources Board – By Sen. Hartwell for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. (2/12/14)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 – Room 11 – 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 – Room 11 – 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 <u>in</u> <u>writing</u> 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:

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

<u>Second</u>: 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.