

# Senate Calendar

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

**SENATE CONVENES AT: 11:30 A.M.**

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Third Reading**

**S. 241.**

An act relating to binding arbitration for State employees.

**S. 252.**

An act relating to financing for Green Mountain Care.

**Amendment to S. 252 to be offered by Senators Sirotkin, Ashe, Lyons and Starr before third reading**

Senators Sirotkin, Ashe, Lyons and Starr move to amend the bill by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 22 to read as follows:

Sec. 22. MEDICARE INTEGRATION; REPORT

On or before December 1, 2014, the Secretary of Administration or designee shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Finance regarding the options available to the State of Vermont with respect to the potential integration and coordination of Medicare with Green Mountain Care. The report shall include assessments of possible financing and coverage options for Vermont's Medicare population within Green Mountain Care and the potential continuation of Medicare supplemental insurance and Medicare Advantage plans.

And by renumbering the remaining section of the bill to be numerically correct.

**H. 563.**

An act relating to captive insurance laws and accreditation standards.

**H. 602.**

An act relating to municipal budget committees.

**Second Reading**

**Favorable with Proposal of Amendment**

**H. 676.**

An act relating to regulation of land uses within flood hazard areas.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Snelling for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.**

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 754, in subsection (f), after the phrase “flood hazard area,” by inserting the words or river corridor and after the words “chapter 117” by inserting the words or commence construction of a State-owned and – operated institution or facility located within a flood hazard area or river corridor.

(Committee vote: 4-0-1)

(For House amendments, see House Journal for February 20, 2014, page 458)

**NOTICE CALENDAR**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable with Proposal of Amendment**

**H. 543.**

An act relating to records and reports of the Auditor of Accounts.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator French for the Committee on Government Operations.**

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking Sec. 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Sec. 1. REPEAL

2012 Acts and Resolves No. 155, Sec. 24 (auditor website; audit findings) is repealed.

Second: In Sec. 2, 32 V.S.A. § 163, by striking subdivision (3) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (3) to read:

(3) ~~Repealed.~~ (A) Prominently post and retain on his or her official State website, and update at least annually on or before July 1, the following information:

(i) All reports with findings that result from audits conducted under subdivision (1) of this section.

(ii) A summary of significant recommendations contained in audit reports issued since January 1, 2012 arising from audits conducted under

subdivision (1) of this section, and the dates on which corrective actions were taken related to those recommendations.

(iii) A summary of all embezzlement convictions, and false claim convictions as described in 13 V.S.A. § 3016, against any agency or department of the State, since July 1, 2007. The summary shall include the names of all persons convicted of those offenses.

(B) Follow up on recommendations described in subdivision (A)(ii) of this subdivision (3) at least biennially and for at least four years from the date of the audit report.

(Committee vote: 4-0-1)

(No House amendments)

### **CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION**

**S.C.R. 52-53** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to Senate Calendar for March 27, 2014)

**H.C.R. 274-285** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for March 27, 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.

Patti Pallito of Richmond – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. French for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/19/14)

Shirley A. Jefferson of South Royalton – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. McAllister for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/19/14)

Glenn Boyde of Colchester – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. Pollina for the Committee on Government Operations. (2/19/14)

Lisa Gosselin of Stowe – Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (3/12/14)

Deborah Granquist of Weston – Member of the Board of Libraries – By Sen. McCormack for the Committee on Education. (3/18/14)

Brian Vachon of Montpelier – Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board – By Sen. Collins for the Committee on Education. (3/18/14)

Leo Willey of Newport – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. McAllister for the Committee on Government Operations. (3/27/14)

Allison Crowley DeMag of South Burlington – Member of the State Police Advisory Commission – By Sen. White for the Committee on Government Operations. (4/1/14)

### **NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday, April 10, 2014 - 10:30 A.M.** - Election of one (1) successor legislative Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Candidates for the position of trustee must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** not later than Thursday, April 3, 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 this position.

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.

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **CROSSOVER DEADLINES**

The Joint Rules Committee established the following Crossover deadlines:

(1) All **Senate** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 14, 2014**, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate so that they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

(2) All **Senate** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 21, 2014**, and filed with the Secretary of the Senate so that they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

These deadlines may be waived for any bill or committee only with the consent of the Committee on Rules.

**Note:** The deadlines were determined by the Joint Rules Committee. The Senate will not act on House bills that do not meet these crossover deadlines, without the consent of the Senate Rules Committee.

**Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (Appropriations “Big Bill”, Transportation Spending Bill, Capital Construction Bill, and Miscellaneous Tax Bill).**