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| 1  | TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:   |
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| 2  | The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 237 entitled    |
| 3  | "An act relating to civil forfeiture proceedings in cases of animal cruelty"     |
| 4  | respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the     |
| 5  | House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:                 |
| 6  | First: In Sec. 1, 13 V.S.A. § 354, in subsection (d), in the second sentence,    |
| 7  | after the words "motion for forfeiture" by adding, if a criminal charge has been |
| 8  | filed, or a petition for forfeiture if no criminal charge has been filed         |
| 9  | Second: In Sec. 1, 13V.S.A. § 354, in subdivision (f)(2), after the second       |
| 10 | sentence by adding "Upon request of the other party or the Court, the party      |
| 11 | offering an affidavit shall make the affiant available by telephone at the       |
| 12 | hearing."  |
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| 19 | (Committee vote:)  |

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