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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**CONSIDERATION POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 26, 2015**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

**S. 29.**

An act relating to election day registration.

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

(For text of report of the Committee on Government Operations, see Senate Calendar for March 18, 2015 page 340)

**CONSIDERATION POSTPONED**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

**S. 62.**

An act relating to surrogate decision making for do-not-resuscitate orders and clinician orders for life-sustaining treatment.

**PENDING QUESTION:** Shall the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Health and Welfare?

(For text of recommendation of amendment see Senate Journal for March 19, 2015, page 259)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

**S. 133.**

An act relating to an employee's use of benefits.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Baruth for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended in Sec. 2, 21 V.S.A. § 495j by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(a) An employer, employment agency, or labor organization shall not discharge or penalize an employee because the employee has used, or attempted to use, accrued employer-provided sick leave or other employer-provided benefits.

(Committee vote: 3-0-2)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

### Third Reading

#### S. 93.

An act relating to disclosure of lobbying advertisements.

**PENDING QUESTION:** Shall the bill be amended as moved by Senators White, Benning, Bray, Collamore, and Pollina?

#### **Text of recommendation of amendment:**

First: By striking out Sec. 1 (findings) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

#### Sec. 1. FINDINGS

(a) The effective public disclosure of the identity and extent of the efforts of registered lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers to influence Vermont's legislators during the legislative session will increase public confidence in the integrity of the governmental process.

(b) Responsible representative government requires public awareness of the efforts of registered lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers to influence the public decision-making process in the Legislative Branch of Vermont's government.

(c) Requiring registered lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers to report significant advertising campaigns that are intended, designed, or calculated, to directly or indirectly influence legislative enables the public and legislators to evaluate better the pressures and content of the message when considering that action.

(d) The lack of detail in current required lobbying disclosure filings does not provide the public and legislators with enough relevant information about who is attempting to influence the legislative process through advertising, and the timing of current required lobbying disclosure filings prevents the public

and legislators from evaluating the pressures and content of lobbying advertising at the time public policy is being debated.

(e) Requiring registered lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers to designate clearly the name of the lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer paying for an advertisement within the advertisement allows the public and legislators to determine who is attempting to influence the legislative process through advertising, to evaluate the pressures and content of lobbying advertising at the time when public policy is being debated, to trace coordinated advertising buys, and to track such spending over time.

Second: By striking out Sec. 2, 2 V.S.A. § 264c (identification in and report of certain lobbying advertisements) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 264c is added to read:

§ 264c. IDENTIFICATION IN AND REPORT OF CERTAIN LOBBYING ADVERTISEMENTS

(a) Identification.

(1) An advertisement that is intended, designed, or calculated to directly or indirectly influence legislative action and made at any time prior to final adjournment of a biennial or adjourned legislative session shall contain the name of any lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer that made an expenditure for the advertisement and language that the advertisement was paid for, or paid in part, by the lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer; provided, however:

(A) if there are more than three such names, only the three lobbyists, lobbying firms, or lobbyist employers that made the largest expenditures for the advertisement shall be required to be identified; and

(B) if a lobbyist or lobbying firm made the expenditure on behalf of a lobbyist employer, the identification information set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be in the name of that lobbyist employer.

(2) This identification information shall appear prominently and in a manner such that a reasonable person would clearly understand by whom the expenditure has been made.

(b) Report.

(1) In addition to any other reports required to be filed under this chapter, a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer shall file an advertisement report with the Secretary of State if he, she, or it makes an expenditure or expenditures:

(A) for any advertisement that is described in subsection (a) of this section and that has a cost totaling \$1,000.00 or more; or

(B) for any advertising campaign that contains advertisements described in subsection (a) of this section and that has a cost totaling \$1,000.00 or more.

(2) The report shall be made for each advertisement or advertising campaign described in subdivision (1) of this subsection and shall identify the lobbyist, lobbying firm, or lobbyist employer that made the expenditure; the amount and date of the expenditure and to whom it was paid; and a brief description of the advertisement or advertising campaign.

(3) The report shall be filed within 48 hours of the expenditure or the advertisement or advertising campaign, whichever occurs first.

(4) If a lobbyist or lobbying firm made an expenditure described in subdivision (1) of this subsection on behalf of a lobbyist employer and that lobbyist or lobbying firm filed the report required by this subsection, the report shall specifically identify the employer on whose behalf the expenditure was made.

(c) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) "Advertisement" means any form of advertising, including television, radio, print, and electronic media.

(2) "Advertising campaign" means advertisements substantially similar in nature, regardless of the media in which they are placed.

Third: By striking out Sec. 3, 2 V.S.A. § 264 (reports of expenditures, compensation, and gifts; employers; lobbyists) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 2 V.S.A. § 264 is amended to read:

§ 264. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES, COMPENSATION, AND GIFTS;  
EMPLOYERS; LOBBYISTS

(a) Every employer and every lobbyist registered or required to be registered under this chapter shall file disclosure reports with the Secretary of State as follows:

(1) on or before January 15, for the preceding period beginning on July 1 and ending with December 31;

(2) on or before February 15, for the preceding period beginning on January 1 and ending with January 31;

(3) on or before March 15, for the preceding period beginning on February 1 and ending with the last day of February;

(4) on or before April 25 15, for the preceding period beginning on January 1 March 1 and ending with March 31;

(2)(5) on or before May 15, for the preceding period beginning on April 1 and ending with April 30; and

(6) on or before July 25 15, for the preceding period beginning on April May 1 and ending with June 30;

(3) on or before January 25, for the preceding period beginning on July 1 and ending with December 31.

\* \* \*

~~(h) Disclosure reports shall be made on forms published by the Secretary of State and shall be signed by the employer or lobbyist. The Secretary of State shall make those forms available to registered employers and lobbyists on the Secretary's website not later than 30 days before each filing deadline. [Repealed.]~~

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**Substitute amendment to S. 93 to be offered by Senators Sirotkin, Mullin, Sears, and Zuckerman for the recommendation of amendment of Senators White, Benning, Bray, Collamore, and Pollina**

Senators Sirotkin, Mullin, Sears, and Zuckerman, move to substitute an amendment for the recommendation of amendment of Senators White, Benning, Bray, Collamore, and Pollina, as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 3 (2 V.S.A. § 264 (reports of expenditures, compensation, and gifts; employers; lobbyists)) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 2 V.S.A. § 264 is amended to read:

**§ 264. REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES, COMPENSATION, AND GIFTS; EMPLOYERS; LOBBYISTS**

(a) Every employer and every lobbyist registered or required to be registered under this chapter shall file disclosure reports with the Secretary of State as follows:

(1) on or before January 3, for the preceding period beginning on July 1 and ending with December 31;

(2) on or before February 3, for the preceding period beginning on January 1 and ending with January 31;

(3) on or before March 3, for the preceding period beginning on February 1 and ending with the last day of February;

(4) on or before April 25 3, for the preceding period beginning on January 1 March 1 and ending with March 31;

(2)(5) on or before May 3, for the preceding period beginning on April 1 and ending with April 30; and

(6) on or before July 25 3, for the preceding period beginning on April May 1 and ending with June 30;

(3) on or before January 25, for the preceding period beginning on July 1 and ending with December 31.

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(h) Disclosure reports shall be made on forms published by the Secretary of State and shall be signed by the employer or lobbyist. The Secretary of State shall make those forms available to registered employers and lobbyists on the Secretary's website not later than 30 days before each filing deadline. [Repealed.]

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Second: By inserting a new section to be numbered Sec. 6a to read as follows:

Sec. 6a. 17 V.S.A. § 2964 is amended to read:

§ 2964. CAMPAIGN REPORTS; CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND COUNTY OFFICE; POLITICAL COMMITTEES; POLITICAL PARTIES

(a)(1) Each candidate for State office, the General Assembly, or a two-year-term county office who has rolled over any amount of surplus into his or her new campaign or who has made expenditures or accepted contributions of \$500.00 or more during the two-year general election cycle and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each political committee that has not filed a final report pursuant to subsection 2965(b) of this chapter, and each political party required to register under section 2923 of this chapter shall file with the Secretary of State campaign finance reports as follows:

(A) in the first year of the two-year general election cycle, on July 15; and

(B) in the second year of the two-year general election cycle:

(i) on March 15;



- (ii) on July 15 and August 15;
- (iii) on September 1;
- (iv) on October 1, October 15, and November 1; and
- (v) two weeks after the general election.

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(3) In addition to the requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, each political committee that has not filed a final report pursuant to subsection 2965(b) of this chapter shall file with the Secretary of State a campaign finance report on April 15 in the first year of the two-year general election cycle.

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### **Committee Bills for Second Reading**

#### **S. 137.**

An act relating to penalties for selling and dispensing marijuana.

**By the Committee on Judiciary. (Senator Sears for the Committee.)**

#### **S. 141.**

An act relating to possession of firearms.

**By the Committee on Judiciary. (Senator Sears for the Committee.)**

### **Second Reading**

#### **Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

#### **S. 58.**

An act relating to requiring that the Defender General receive the same early retirement benefit as a State's Attorney.

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

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. 13 V.S.A. § 5254 is amended to read:

§ 5254. PERSONNEL DESIGNATION AND EXPENDITURES

(a) The ~~defender general~~ Defender General, ~~deputy defender general~~ Deputy Defender General, public defenders and deputy public defenders shall be exempt from the classified ~~state~~ State service.

(b) Clerical and office staff in the ~~office of the defender general~~ Office of the Defender General and in all local offices shall be hired by the ~~defender general~~ Defender General. Clerical and office staff shall be ~~state~~ State employees paid by the ~~state~~ State, and shall receive those benefits and compensation available to classified ~~state~~ State employees who are similarly situated, unless otherwise covered by the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of employment, negotiated pursuant to the provisions of 3 V.S.A. chapter 27 ~~of Title 3~~. Clerical and office staff employed by the ~~office of the defender general~~ Office of the Defender General shall not be part of the classified service as set forth in 3 V.S.A. chapter 13 ~~of Title 3~~.

(c) The ~~deputy defender general~~ Deputy Defender General shall be entitled to compensation at an annual rate that does not exceed an amount \$500.00 less than the salary of the ~~defender general~~ Defender General. The public defenders and deputy public defenders shall be entitled to compensation at annual rates not to exceed an amount \$1,000.00 less than the salary of the ~~defender general~~ Defender General.

(d) The ~~defender general~~ Defender General is responsible for assuming expenses for his or her office and all local offices. The entirety of expenditures shall not exceed those set in the annual budget of the ~~office of the defender general~~ Office of the Defender General and such expenditures shall be subject to the provisions of ~~section 32 V.S.A. § 702 of Title 32~~.

(e) The Defender General shall receive an early retirement allowance equal to that of a State's Attorney or sheriff.

Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 455 is amended to read:

#### § 455. DEFINITIONS

(a) Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as used in this subchapter shall have the following meanings:

\* \* \*

(4) "Average final compensation" shall mean:

\* \* \*

(C) For purposes of determining average final compensation for group A or group C members, a member who has accumulated unused sick leave at retirement shall be deemed to have worked the full normal working time for his or her position for 50 percent of such leave, at his or her full rate of compensation in effect at the date of his or her retirement. For purposes of determining average final compensation for group F members, unused annual

or sick leave, termination bonuses and any other compensation for service not actually performed shall be excluded. The average final compensation for a State's Attorney and the Defender General shall be determined by the State's Attorney's or the Defender General's highest annual compensation earned during his or her creditable service.

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(9) "Employee" shall mean:

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(B) any regular officer or employee of the Department of Public Safety assigned to police and law enforcement duties, including the Commissioner of Public Safety appointed before July 1, 2001; but, irrespective of the member's classification, shall not include any member of the General Assembly as such, any person who is covered by the Vermont Teachers' Retirement System, any person engaged under retainer or special agreement or C beneficiary employed by the Department of Public Safety for not more than 208 hours per year, or any person whose principal source of income is other than State employment. In all cases of doubt, the Retirement Board shall determine whether any person is an employee as defined in this subchapter. Also included under this subdivision are employees of the Department of Liquor Control who exercise law enforcement powers, employees of the Department of Fish and Wildlife assigned to law enforcement duties, motor vehicle inspectors, full-time deputy sheriffs employed by the State of Vermont, full-time members of the Capitol Police force, investigators employed by the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General, Department of State's Attorneys, Department of Health, or Office of the Secretary of State, who have attained full-time certification from the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, who are required to perform law enforcement duties as the primary function of their employment, and who may be subject to mandatory retirement permissible under 29 U.S.C. § 623(j), who are first included in membership of the system on or after July 1, 2000. Also included under this subdivision are full-time firefighters employed by the State of Vermont and the Defender General.

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Sec. 3. 3 V.S.A. § 459 is amended to read:

§ 459. NORMAL AND EARLY RETIREMENT

\* \* \*

(d) Early retirement allowance.

\* \* \*

(5) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, a State's Attorney, the Defender General, or sheriff who has completed 20 years of creditable service, of which 15 years has been as a State's Attorney, the Defender General, or sheriff, shall receive an early retirement allowance equal to the normal retirement allowance, at age 55, without reductions.

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Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

**Reported favorably by Senator McCormack for the Committee on Appropriations.**

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Third Reading**

**S. 44.**

An act relating to creating flexibility in early college enrollment numbers.

**NOTICE CALENDAR**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable**

**S. 94.**

An act relating to appointing municipal clerks and treasurers.

**Reported favorably by Senator Collamore for the Committee on Government Operations.**

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

**Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

**S. 18.**

An act relating to privacy protection.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Ashe for the Committee on Judiciary.**

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. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRIVACY IN VERMONT

(a) Creation. There is created a Special Committee on Privacy in Vermont to study issues related to the privacy of Vermonters.

(b) Membership, consulting.

(1) The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(A) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary;

(B) the Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary;

(C) four current members of the Senate, who shall be members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, appointed by the Committee on Committees;

(D) four current members of the House of Representatives, who shall be members of the House Committee on Judiciary, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(2) The Committee shall consult with:

(A) The Attorney General.

(B) The American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont.

(C) The Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs.

(D) The Vermont Bankers Association.

(E) The Department of Financial Regulation.

(F) The Defender General.

(G) The Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

(H) The Vermont Retail and Grocers Association.

(I) Any other party whom the Committee determines would be of assistance.

(c) Duties. The Committee shall evaluate privacy issues affecting Vermonters in the areas of commerce, law enforcement, and health care, and shall examine the manner in which the laws of this State can be improved to enhance the privacy of Vermonters. The Committee shall consider:

(1) the use of drones by public agencies and private commercial entities;

(2) how commercial enterprises collect and use data about consumers;

(3) appropriate access to personal medical records;

(4) the ability of a criminal defendant to access data from any law enforcement data set that would assist his or her defense;

(5) the collection of customer and user data by companies providing electronic communication services;

(6) the appropriate retention period for data collected by automated license plate readers, and who should be able to access the data; and

(7) any other issues related to privacy identified by the Committee.

(d) Staffing. The Committee shall have the assistance of all relevant State agencies, the Office of the Legislative Council, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

(e) Meetings.

(1) The Chairs of the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary shall serve as co-chairs of the Committee.

(2)(A) A majority of members of the Committee shall be physically present at the same location to constitute a quorum.

(B) A member may vote only if physically present at the meeting location.

(C) The Committee may take action only if there is both a quorum and a majority vote of all members of the Committee.

(3) The Committee may meet up to six times, at least one of which shall be a public hearing, and shall cease to exist on January 1, 2016.

(f) Report. The Committee shall report any proposed legislation to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary on or before December 15, 2015.

(g) Reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, members of the Committee shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 406.

Sec. 2. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUNSET

(a) This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

(b) Secs. 1–2 of this act, 23 V.S.A. §§ 1607 and 1608, shall be repealed on July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Kitchel for the Committee on Appropriations.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Judiciary with the following amendment thereto:

By striking out Sec. 1 in its entirety.

And by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

**S. 60.**

An act relating to payment for medical examinations for victims of sexual assault.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator McCormack for the Committee on Health & Welfare.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 8 V.S.A. § 4089, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) A health insurer shall not impose any co-payment or coinsurance or, to the extent permitted under federal law, deductible or other cost-sharing requirement for the sexual assault examination of a victim of alleged sexual assault for health care services associated with specific procedure codes identified in a memorandum of understanding between the health insurer and the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services.

Second: In Sec. 4, confidentiality; memorandum of understanding, by striking out the introductory paragraph in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

On or before August 1, 2015, the Department of Vermont Health Access, the three private insurers with the greatest number of covered lives in this State, and the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to ensure that:

Third: By striking out Sec. 5, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows:

**Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES**

(a) Secs. 1 (insurance coverage for victims of sexual assault) and 3 (costs borne by the State) shall take effect on October 1, 2015, except that the Victims' Compensation Fund shall reimburse health care facilities and health

care providers at 60 percent of billed charges beginning on the date of passage of this act.

(b) Secs. 2 (health care services for uninsured crime victims) and 4 (confidentiality; memorandum of understanding) and this section shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator McCormack for the Committee on Appropriations.**

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Health and Welfare and that the bill be further amended in Sec. 3, 32 V.S.A. § 1407, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) The State shall bear the costs of forensic medical and psychological examinations administered to victims of crime committed in this State, in instances where that examination is requested by a law enforcement officer or a prosecuting authority of the State or any of its subdivisions and the victim does not have health coverage or the victim's health coverage does not cover the entire cost of the examination. The State shall also bear the costs of ~~medical examinations~~ sexual assault examinations, as defined in 8 V.S.A. § 4089, administered to victims in cases of alleged sexual assault where the victim obtains such an examination prior to receiving such a request if the victim does not have health coverage or the victim's health coverage does not cover the entire cost of the examination. If, as a result of a sexual assault examination, the alleged victim has been referred for mental health counseling, the State shall bear ~~the~~ any costs of such examination not covered by the victim's health coverage. These costs may be paid from the Victims' Compensation Fund from funds appropriated for that purpose.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

### **Joint Resolution for Second Reading**

**Favorable**

**J.R.H. 5.**

Joint resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to adopt the new net neutrality rules as Commission Chair Thomas Wheeler has proposed.

**Reported favorably by Senator Cummings for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs.**

(Committee vote: 3-0-2)



## CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

**H.C.R. 68-80** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for March 19, 2015)

### 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.

Robert Ide of Peacham – Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles – By Sen. Kitchel for the Committee on Transportation. (3/12/15)

Sue Minter of Waterbury Center – Secretary, Agency of Transportation – By Sen. Westman for the Committee on Transportation. (3/13/15)

Patricia Moulton of Montpelier – Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development – By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Noelle MacKay of Shelburne – Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development – By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Annie Noonan of Montpelier – Commissioner, Department of Labor – Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Megan Smith of Mendon – Commissioner, Department of Tourism and Marketing – Sen. Mullin for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Andrew Pallito of Jericho – Commissioner, Department of Corrections – Sen. Mazza for the Committee on Institutions. (3/24/15)

Michael Obuchowski of Montpelier – Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services – Sen. Balint for the Committee on Institutions. (3/24/15)

Maribeth Spellman of Richmond – Commissioner, Department of Human Resources – Sen. Collamore for the Committee on Government Operations. (3/24/15)

Rebecca Holcombe of Norwich – Secretary of Education – Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Education. (3/24/15)

William Hoser of Chester – Member of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice – By Sen. McCormack for the Committee on Health and Welfare. (3/13/15)

Sarah Flynn of Burlington – Member of the Community High School of Vermont Board – By Sen. Zuckerman for the Committee on Education. (3/13/15)

Churchill Hinds of Colchester – Member, Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees – By Sen. Zuckerman for the Committee on Education. (3/13/15)

Michael Pieciak of Winooski – Member, Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees – By Sen. Zuckerman for the Committee on Education. (3/13/15)

Patricia Boucher of Enosburg Falls – Member of the Parole Board – Sen. McAllister for the Committee on Institutions. (3/17/15)

Robert Greemore of Barre – Member of the State Labor Relations Board – Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Mary P. Miller of Waterbury – Member of the State Housing Authority – Sen. Cummings for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (3/24/15)

Mary Stephens of Forestdale – Alternate Member of the Parole Board – Sen. McAllister for the Committee on Institutions. (3/24/15)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2015** – Room 11 – 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. – Re: Renewable Energy Siting – Jt. Mtg. Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources and Energy.

## **REPORTS ON FILE**

### **Reports 2015**

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §20(c), one (1) hard copy of the following report is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate. Effective January 2010, pursuant to Act No. 192, Adj. Sess. (2008) §5.005(g) some reports will automatically be sent by electronic copy only and can be found on the State of Vermont Legislative webpage.

1. Working Lands Enterprise Initiative Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2014. (Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets) (March 2015)

## FOR INFORMATION ONLY

### CROSSOVER DEADLINES

The Senate 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 13, 2015**, 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 20, 2015**, 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:** Pursuant to Senate Rule 44A, 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).**