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ACTION CALENDAR

CONSIDERATION POSTPONED TO APRIL 22, 2015

Third Reading

H. 98.

An act relating to reportable disease registries and data.

PENDING QUESTION: Shall the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill as moved by Senators Campbell, Mullin and Sears?

(For text of amendment see Senate Journal of April 15, 2015, page 445)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

Second Reading

Favorable

J.R.S. 10.

Joint resolution expressing deep concern over growing wealth and income inequality and the decline of family income in Vermont.

PENDING QUESTION: Shall the resolution be read the third time?

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal for January 23, 2015, page 47)

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

H. 51.

An act relating to group-wide supervision of internationally active insurance groups and the establishment of domestic insurers in Vermont.

H. 73.

An act relating to the corporate governance structure of insurers.

Second Reading

Favorable

H. 483.

An act relating to home improvement fraud.

Reported favorably by Senator Ashe for the Committee on Judiciary.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House amendments)

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 71.

An act relating to governance of the Vermont State Colleges.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, in 16 V.S.A. chapter 72, by striking out § 2185 (determination of residency for tuition purposes) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

§ 2185. DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY FOR TUITION PURPOSES

(a) The Board of Trustees shall adopt policies related to residency for tuition purposes, consistent with State and federal requirements.

(b) Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is transferred to Vermont for duty other than for the purpose of education shall, upon transfer and for the period of active duty served in Vermont, be considered a resident for in-state tuition purposes at the start of the next semester or academic period.

Second: In Sec. 1, in 16 V.S.A. § 2171, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) There is created as a part of the educational system of the State of Vermont a public corporation to be known as “Vermont State Colleges,” which Colleges” or any other name that the Board of Trustees, established under section 2172 of this chapter, selects at a meeting duly warned for that purpose, provided that the word “Vermont” shall appear in the selected name. The Corporation shall plan, supervise, administer, and operate facilities for education at the postsecondary level supported in whole or in substantial part with State funds; however, while the Corporation shall maintain cooperative relations with the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, nothing in this chapter shall give the ~~corporation~~ Corporation any responsibility for the planning, supervision, administration, or operation of the University.

Third: By adding a new section to be Sec. 2 to read as follows:

Sec. 2. EFFECT OF AMENDMENT

In Sec. 1 of this act, 16 V.S.A. § 2171(a) is amended by authorizing the Board of Trustees established under 16 V.S.A. § 2172 to select a different name for the Corporation presently known as “Vermont State Colleges.” Notwithstanding any name that the Board of Trustees selects for the Corporation pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2171(a):

(1) All legal instruments executed in the name of the Vermont State Colleges or in any subsequent name selected under 16 V.S.A. § 2171(a) shall be legally binding on the Corporation.

(2) All statutory references to “Vermont State Colleges” shall mean the Corporation created under 16 V.S.A. § 2171(a).

And by renumbering the remaining sections to be numerically correct.

NOTICE CALENDAR

Second Reading

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 241.

An act relating to rulemaking on emergency involuntary procedures.

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

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

First: In Sec.1, subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2)(B), by striking out the words “as a nurse practitioner” after Vermont Board of Nursing where it twice appears

Second: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 7251 is amended to read:

§ 7251. PRINCIPLES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

The General Assembly adopts the following principles as a framework for reforming the mental health care system in Vermont:

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(9) Individuals with a psychiatric disability or mental condition who are in the custody or temporary custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health and who receive treatment in an acute inpatient hospital unit, intensive residential recovery facility, or a secure residential recovery facility shall be afforded ~~at least the same rights and protections as those individuals cared for at the former Vermont State Hospital~~ that reflect evidence-based best practices aimed at reducing the use of emergency involuntary procedures.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal for March 17, 2015, page 420 and March 18, 2015, page 440)

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 137.

An act relating to penalties for selling and dispensing marijuana.

PENDING ACTION: Committee Bill for Second Reading

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

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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.

Frederick Kenney, II of Jericho - Executive Director of the Vermont Economic Progress Council – By Sen. Mullin for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (4/14/15)

Stephan Morse of Newfane – Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council – By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (4/14/15)

Shawn Straffin of West Burke – Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council – By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Econ. Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (4/14/15)

Lisa Lang of Waitsfield – Member of the Travel Information Council – By Sen. Degree for the Committee on Transportation. (4/21/15)

David Coen of Shelburne – Member of the Transportation Board – By Sen. Mazza for the Committee on Transportation. (4/21/15)

Richard Bailey of Hyde Park – Member of the Transportation Board – By Sen. Westman for the Committee on Transportation. (4/21/15)

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)