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ACTION CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

H. 488.

An act relating to the State's Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation.

Second Reading

Favorable

J.R.S. 20.

Joint resolution relating to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation's lending authority.

Reported favorably by Senator Doyle for the Committee on Education.

(Committee vote: 6-0-0)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Second Reading

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 25.

An act relating to natural burial grounds.

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

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

<u>First</u>: In Sec. 2, 18 V.S.A. § 5319, by striking out subsection (b) subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b)(1) No interment Interment of any human body in the earth shall <u>not</u> be made unless the distance from the bottom of the outside coffin <u>or body</u> shall be at least five feet below the natural surface of the ground, excepting only infants under four years of age, whose bodies shall be so interred that the bottom of the outside coffin enclosing them shall be at least three and one-half feet below the natural surface of the ground <u>or if buried without a coffin shall be so</u>

interred that the bottom of the body shall be at least five feet below the natural surface of the ground.

<u>Second</u>: In Sec. 3, 18 V.S.A. § 5323, by striking out subsection (a) subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(1) section 5310 of this title with regard to the method of platting so as to allow the use of any nonstandard method of locating human remains that enables demarcation in the town land record of the exact location and identity of each buried body, such as by mapping, surveying, or use of a global positioning system;

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal for March 17, 2015, pages 412-416)

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 137.

An act relating to penalties for selling and dispensing marijuana.

PENDING ACTION: Committee Bill for Second Reading

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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; <u>and further</u>, 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.

Joan Goldstein of Royalton – Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development - By Sen. Balint for the Committee on Economic Dev., Housing and General Affairs. (4/23/15)

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)