Friday, February 13, 2015

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon the Speaker called the House to order.

Devotional Exercises

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rep. Kevin Christie of Hartford singing the "Star Spangle Banner", Eagle Scouts, Eli Hark, Max Ryan, Thomas Lang and Max Riley of Troop 692, Williston, Vt. presenting colors and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Eagle Scout Max Riley.

Pages Honored

In appreciation of their many services to the members of the General Assembly, the Speaker recognized the following named Pages who are completing their service today and presented them with commemorative pins:

Jacob Bradley of East Montpelier
Grace Carlomagno of Montpelier
Brittany Commo of Essex Junction
Naomi DeGroot of Worcester
Elijah Cooley of Barnard
Isabel Hall of East Montpelier
Payton Kurrle of Middlesex
Ruth Milne of Northfield
Miranda Mishaan of Berlin
Lia Rubel of Barre City

Rules Suspended; House Bills Introduced

Pending first reading of the bills, on motion of Rep. Savage of Swanton, the rules were suspended and the bills were read the first time by number and referred or placed on the Calendar as follows:

H. 211

Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City and Woodward of Johnson,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights and prohibiting discrimination against people without homes;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

H. 212

By Reps. Dakin of Chester, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Poirier of Barre City, Sullivan of Burlington and Till of Jericho,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to removal of the philosophical and religious immunization exemptions;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 213

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Forguites of Springfield, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry and Myers of Essex,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to approving county budgets;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 214

By Rep. Burke of Brattleboro,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to deciding new motor vehicle arbitration law matters that are uncontested;

To the committee on Transportation.

H. 215

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Browning of Arlington, Donahue of Northfield, Gage of Rutland City, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South
House bill, entitled

An act relating to establishing ethics rules for the General Assembly and the Executive Branch of government and creating the Vermont Ethics Commission;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 216

By Reps. McCormack of Burlington, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Purvis of Colchester and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to workers’ compensation;

To the committee on Commerce & Economic Development.

H. 217

By Reps. McCormack of Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, Dame of Essex, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Viens of Newport City and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to potable water or wastewater system permits for a change in use of a building;

To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.

H. 218

By Reps. Scheuermann of Stowe, Baser of Bristol, Carr of Brandon, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Fagan of Rutland City, Komline of Dorset, Marcotte of Coventry, Olsen of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans City, Sibilia of Dover, Tate of Mendon, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury and Wright of Burlington,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to creating an angel investor tax credit;

To the committee on Ways & Means.

H. 219

By Reps. Grad of Moretown, Clarkson of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Scheuermann of Stowe, Carr of Brandon, Conquest of Newbury,
Deen of Westminster, Greshin of Warren, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Lenes of Shelburne, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Sheldon of Middlebury and Viens of Newport City,

House bill, entitled

An act relating to the sale of fortified wine;

To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.

**Consideration Interrupted by Recess**

**H. 184**

House bill, entitled

An act relating to Executive Branch fees

Was taken up and pending third reading of the bill, Rep. Dame of Essex moved to amend the bill by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1794 is amended to read:

§ 1794. FEES

Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

1. Application
   
   (A) Licensure $500.00
   (B) Limited temporary license $50.00

2. Biennial license renewal $500.00 $350.00

3. Annual limited temporary license renewal $100.00

**Veterinary Medicine**

Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 2414 is amended to read:

§ 2414. FEES

Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

1. Application $100.00

2. Biennial renewal $250.00 $200.00
Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 2597 is amended to read:

§ 2597. FEES

Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

(1) Application $200.00
(2) Biennial renewal of license $400.00 $300.00

Sec. 4. 26 V.S.A. § 3316 is amended to read:

§ 3316. LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FEES

Applicants and persons licensed under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

(1) Application $125.00
(2) Initial license $150.00
(3) Biennial renewal $315.00 $200.00
(4) Temporary license $150.00
(5) Prelicensing course review $100.00
(6) Continuing education course review $100.00
(7) Appraiser trainee annual registration $100.00
(8) Appraisal management company registration application $125.00
(9) Appraisal management company registration renewal $500.00 $400.00

Sec. 5. 16 V.S.A. § 1697 is amended to read:

§ 1697. FEES

(a) Each individual applicant and licensee shall be subject to the following fees:

(1) Initial processing Processing of application $40.00

$42.00 per application
(2) Issuance of initial Level I license $40.00 $42.00 per year for the term of the license

(3) Renewal Issuance of Level II license $40.00 $42.00 per year for the term of the renewal

(4) Replacement of license Official copy of licenses $10.00

(5) [Repealed.]

(6) Issuance of provisional, emergency, or apprenticeship license $42.00 per year for the term of license

(6) Peer review process $1,200.00 one-time fee

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* * * Speech–Language Pathologists and Audiologists * * *

Sec. 6. 26 V.S.A. § 4459 is amended to read:

§ 4459. FEES

(a) Each applicant and licensee shall be subject to the following fees:

(1) Initial processing Processing of application $35.00 $37.00

(2) Issuance of initial license $35.00 $37.00 per year for the term of the license

(3) Renewal Issuance of license $35.00 $37.00 per year for the term of the renewal

(4) Replacement Official copy of license $10.00.

(5) Duplicate license $3.00

(b) Fees collected under this section shall be credited to special funds established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the Department of Health to offset the costs of providing those services.

* * * Department of Health * * *

* * * X-ray Equipment Fees * * *

Sec. 7. 18 V.S.A. § 1652(e) is amended to read:

(e) Applicants for registration of X-ray equipment shall pay an annual registration fee of $45.00 $47.00 per piece of equipment.
Sec. 8. 18 V.S.A. § 4353 is amended to read:
§ 4353. FEES

(a) The following fees shall be paid annually to the board at the time of making the application according to the following schedules:

(1) Restaurant

- Seating capacity of 0 to 25; $85.00 $88.00
- Seating capacity of 26 to 50; $145.00 $150.00
- Seating capacity of 51 to 100; $245.00 $253.00
- Seating capacity of 101 to 200; $305.00 $315.00
- Seating capacity of over 200; $390.00 $402.00

- Home Caterer; $95.00 $98.00
- Commercial Caterer; $200.00 $206.00
- Limited Operations; $95.00 $98.00
- Fair Stand; $70.00 $73.00; if operating for four or more days per year; $160.00 $165.00

(2) Lodging

- Lodging capacity of 1 to 10; $80.00 $83.00
- Lodging capacity of 11 to 20; $135.00 $140.00
- Lodging capacity of 21 to 50; $200.00 $206.00
- Lodging capacity of over 50; $340.00 $351.00

(3) Food processor - a fee for any person or persons that process food for resale to restaurants, stores, or individuals according to the following schedule:

- Gross receipts of $10,001.00 to $50,000.00; $115.00 $119.00
- Gross receipts of over $50,000.00; $155.00 $160.00

(4) Seafood vending facility – $125.00 $129.00, unless operating pursuant to another license issued by the department of health and generating less than $40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually. If generating more than $40,000.00 in seafood gross receipts annually, the fee is to be paid regardless of whether the facility is operating pursuant to another license issued by the department of health.

(5) Shellfish reshippers and repackers – $285.00 $294.00.
(b) The commissioner of the department of health, Commissioner of Health, will be the final authority on definition of categories contained herein.

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Sec. 9. 18 V.S.A. § 4446 is amended to read:

§ 4446. FEE

(a) A person owning or conducting a bakery as specified in sections 4441 and 4444 of this title shall pay to the board, Board, a fee for each certificate and renewal thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

Bakery I – Home Bakery; $55.00 $57.00
   II – Small Commercial; $125.00 $129.00
   III – Large Commercial; $250.00 $258.00
   IV – Camps; $90.00 $93.00

(b) The commissioner of the department of health, Commissioner of Health, will be the final authority on definition of categories contained herein.

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Sec. 10. REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMBINATION LICENSES FOR FOOD AND LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Health shall submit to the House Committee on Human Services, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance a report with recommendations designed to achieve licensing efficiencies, including risk-based inspections and combination licenses for food retailers and food and lodging establishments. The report shall include:

(1) a summary of how other New England states license such establishments and the identification of any other state that has a valuable model;

(2) a description of available models that include risk-based inspections and combination licenses;

(3) any recommendation of revenue-neutral fee structure changes that would improve efficiency for both the Department and licensees.
Sec. 11. 26 V.S.A. § 374 is amended to read:

§ 374. FEES; LICENSES

Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

(1) Application for licensure, $625.00 $644.00; the board shall use at least $25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont practitioner recovery network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

(2) Biennial renewal, $500.00 $515.00; the board shall use at least $25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont practitioner recovery network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

Sec. 12. 26 V.S.A. § 1401a is amended to read:

§ 1401a. FEES

(a) The department of health shall collect the following fees:

(1) Application for licensure, $625.00 $644.00; the board shall use at least $25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont practitioner recovery network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

(2) Biennial renewal, $500.00 $515.00; the board shall use at least $25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont practitioner recovery network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

(3) Initial limited temporary license; annual renewal $70.00 $73.00.

Sec. 13. 26 V.S.A. § 1662 is amended to read:

§ 1662. FEES
Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

(1)(A)(i) Original application for certification, $115.00 $119.00;
   (ii) Each additional application, $50.00 $52.00;
   (B) The board Board shall use at least $10.00 of these fees to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

(2)(A)(i) Biennial renewal, $115.00 $119.00;
   (ii) Each additional renewal, $50.00 $52.00;
   (B) The board Board shall use at least $10.00 of these fees to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public. In addition to the fee, an applicant for certification renewal shall submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the board Board that he or she continues to meet the certification requirements of the NCCAA.

(3) Transfer of certification, $15.00 $16.00.

* * * Physician Assistants * * *

Sec. 14. 26 V.S.A. § 1740 is amended to read:

§ 1740. FEES

Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

(1) Original application for licensure, $170.00 $176.00; the board Board shall use at least $10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

(2) Biennial renewal, $170.00 $176.00; the board Board shall use at least $10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.
Sec. 15. 26 V.S.A. § 2862 is amended to read:

§ 2862. FEES

Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following fees:

1. (A)(i) Original application for certification $115.00 $119.00;
   (ii) Each additional application $50.00 $52.00;
   (B) The board shall use at least $10.00 of these fees to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public.

2. (A)(i) Biennial renewal $115.00 $119.00;
   (ii) Each additional renewal $50.00 $52.00;
   (B) The board shall use at least $10.00 of these fees to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network which monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public. In addition to the fee, an applicant for certification renewal shall submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the board that he or she continues to meet the certification requirements of the ARRT and is licensed as a radiologic technologist under chapter 51 of this title.

3. Transfer of certification $15.00 $16.00.

Sec. 16. 10 V.S.A. § 6083a is amended to read:

§ 6083a. ACT 250 FEES

(a) All applicants for a land use permit under section 6086 of this title shall be directly responsible for the costs involved in the publication of notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed development or subdivision and the costs incurred in recording any permit or permit amendment in the land records. In addition, applicants shall be subject to the following fees for the purpose of compensating the State of Vermont for the direct and indirect costs incurred with respect to the administration of the Act 250 program:
For projects involving construction, $5.40 $5.60 for each $1,000.00 of the first $15,000,000.00 of construction costs, and $2.50 $2.60 for each $1,000.00 of construction costs above $15,000,000.00

For projects involving the creation of lots, $100.00 $103.00 for each lot.

For projects involving exploration for or removal of oil, gas, and fissionable source materials, a fee as determined under subdivision (1) of this subsection or $1,000.00 for each day of Commission hearings required for such projects, whichever is greater.

For projects involving the extraction of earth resources, including but not limited to sand, gravel, peat, topsoil, crushed stone, or quarried material, the greater of: a fee as determined under subdivision (1) of this subsection; or a fee equivalent to the rate of $0.02 per cubic yard of the first million cubic yards of the total volume of earth resources to be extracted over the life of the permit, and $.01 per cubic yard of any such earth resource extraction above one million cubic yards. Extracted material that is not sold or does not otherwise enter the commercial marketplace shall not be subject to the fee. The fee assessed under this subdivision for an amendment to a permit shall be based solely upon any additional volume of earth resources to be extracted under the amendment.

For projects involving the review of a master plan, a fee equivalent to $0.10 per $1,000 $1,000.00 of total estimated construction costs in current dollars in addition to the fee established in subdivision (1) of this subsection for any portion of the project seeing construction approval.

In no event shall a permit application fee exceed $150,000.00.

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, there shall be a minimum fee of $150.00 $155.00 for original applications and $50.00 $52.00 for amendment applications, in addition to publication and recording costs. These costs shall be in addition to any other fee established by statute, unless otherwise expressly stated.

Sec. 17. 3 V.S.A. § 2809(d)(4) is amended to read:

All funds collected from applicants under the provisions of this section shall be paid into the State Treasury Environmental Permit Fund established pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 2805, except that funds collected under provisions of subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall be paid into the Natural Resources Management Fund established pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 3106(d).
Sec. 18. 3 V.S.A. § 2822 is amended to read:

§ 2822. BUDGET AND REPORT; POWERS

(j) In accordance with subsection (i) of this section, the following fees are established for permits, licenses, certifications, approvals, registrations, orders, and other actions taken by the Agency of Natural Resources.

(1) For air pollution control permits or registrations issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 23:

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<td>$0.0335–$0.0345 per pound of emissions of any of these contaminants. Where the sum of a source’s emissions of these contaminants is greater than ten tons per year: sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and hydrocarbons:</td>
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<td>$1,500.00–$1,545.00; and $0.0335–$0.0345 per pound of emissions of any of these contaminants.</td>
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(2) For discharge permits issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 47 and orders issued under 10 V.S.A. § 1272, an administrative processing fee of $120.00 shall be paid at the time of application for a discharge permit in addition to any application review fee and any annual operating fee, except for permit applications under subdivisions (2)(A)(iii)(III) and (V) of this subsection:

(A) Application review fee.

(iv) Indirect discharge or underground injection control, excluding stormwater discharges.

(I) Sewage

(aa) Individual permit: $1,755.00–$1,807.00 plus
(bb) Renewal, transfer, or minor amendment of individual permit.
(cc) General permit.

(II) Nonsewage

(aa) Individual permit:

original application; per gallon of design capacity above 6,500 gpd.
amendment for increased flows; $0.06 $0.0618 per gallon capacity design; minimum $400.00 $412.00 per application.
modification or replacement of system.

(bb) Renewal, transfer, or minor amendment of individual permit.

(cc) General permit.

$0.00.

(B) Annual operating fee.

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(v) Indirect discharge or underground injection control, excluding stormwater discharges:

(I) Sewage

(aa) Individual permit:

$400.00 $412.00 plus $0.035 $0.036 per gallon of design capacity above 6,500 gpd.
(bb) Approval under general permit.

(II) Nonsewage

(aa) Individual permit: $0.013 $0.0139 per gallon of design capacity. $250.00 $257.50 minimum; maximum $5,500.00-$5,665.00

(bb) Approval under general permit:

(C) The Secretary shall bill all persons who hold discharge permits for the required annual operating fee. Annual operating fees may be divided into semiannual or quarterly billings.

(3) [Repealed.]

(4) For potable water supply and wastewater permits issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 64. Projects under this subdivision include: a wastewater system, including a sewerage connection; and a potable water supply, including a connection to a public water supply:

(A) Original applications, or major amendments for a project with the following proposed design flows. In calculating the fee, the highest proposed design flow whether wastewater or water shall be used:

(i) design flows 560 gpd or less: $245.00 $253.00 per application.

(ii) design flows greater than 560 and less than or equal to 2,000 gpd: $580.00 $598.00 per application.

(iii) design flows greater than 2,000 and less than or equal to 6,500 gpd: $2,000.00 $2,060.00 per application.

(iv) design flows greater than 6,500 and less than or equal to 10,000 gpd: $5,000.00 $5,150.00 per application.

(v) design flows greater than 10,000 gpd: $9,500.00 $9,785.00 per application.

(B) Minor amendments: $400.00 $413.00.
(C) Special fees

(i) Original application or amendment solely for construction of grease trap, due to change in use, no increase in design flow.

(ii) Original application or amendment solely for construction of holding tank for nondomestic wastewater when nondomestic wastewater will be transported off site.

(iii) Original application or amendment for initial connection by an existing building or structure to a municipal water or wastewater system at the time is first constructed where there is no increase in design flow and where the connection and system has been reviewed and approved by the facilities engineering division of the agency or has been reviewed, approved, and certified by a licensed designer retained by the municipality.
(iv)(I) Minor projects: $180.00, $186.00.

(II) As used in this subdivision (j)(4)(C), “minor project” means a project that meets the following: there is an increase in design flow but no construction is required; there is no increase in design flow, but construction is required, excluding replacement potable water supplies and wastewater systems; or there is no increase in design flow and no construction is required, excluding applications that contain designs that require technical review.

(D) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subdivision, when a project is located in a Vermont neighborhood, as designated under 24 V.S.A. chapter 76A, the fee shall be no more than $50.00 in situations in which the application has received an allocation for sewer capacity from an approved municipal system. This limitation shall not apply in the case of fees charged as part of a duly delegated municipal program.

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(7) For public water supply and bottled water permits and approvals issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 56 and interim groundwater withdrawal permits and approvals issued under 10 V.S.A. chapter 48:

(A) For public water supply construction permit applications:
$375.00 $387.00 per application plus $0.0055 $0.0057 per gallon of design capacity. Amendments $150.00 $155.00 per application.

(B) For water treatment plant applications, except those applications submitted by a municipality as defined in 1 V.S.A. § 126 or a consolidated water district established under 24 V.S.A. § 3342: $0.003 $0.0031 per gallon of design capacity. Amendments $150.00 $155.00 per application.

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(D) For public water supplies and bottled water facilities, annually:

(i) Transient noncommunity: $50.00 $52.00.

(ii) Nontransient, noncommunity: $0.0355 $0.0365 per 1,000 gallons of water produced annually or $70.00 $72.00, whichever is greater.

(iii) Community: $0.0439 $0.0453 per 1,000 gallons of water produced annually.
(iv) Bottled water: $1,390.00 $1,432.00 per permitted facility.

(E) Amendment to bottled water facility permit, $150.00 $155.00 per application.

(F) For facilities permitted to withdraw groundwater pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1418: $2,300.00 $2,370.00 annually per facility.

(G) In calculating flow-based fees under this subsection, the Secretary will use metered production flows where available. When metered production flows are not available, the Secretary shall estimate flows based on the standard design flows for new construction.

(H) The Secretary shall bill public water supplies and bottled water companies for the required fee. Annual fees may be divided into semiannual or quarterly billings.

(8) For public water system operator certifications issued under 10 V.S.A. § 1674:

(A) For class IA and IB operators: $45.00 $46.00 per initial certificate or renewal. Operators who are also permittees under the transient noncommunity water system general permit are not subject to this fee.

(B) For all other classes: $80.00 $83.00 per initial certificate or renewal.

(9)(A) For a solid waste hauler: an annual operating fee of $50.00 $52.00 per vehicle.

(B) For a hazardous waste hauler: an annual operating fee of $125.00 $129.00 per vehicle.

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(k) Commencing with registration year 1993 and for each year thereafter, any person required to pay a fee to register an air contaminant source under 10 V.S.A. § 555(c) in addition shall pay fees for any emissions of the following types of hazardous air contaminants. The following fees shall not be
assessed for emissions resulting from the combustion of any fuels, except solid waste, in fuel burning or manufacturing process equipment.

(1) Contaminants which cause short-term irritant effects — $0.012 $0.0124 per pound of emissions;

(2) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (low potency) — $0.0225 $0.0232 per pound of emissions;

(3) Contaminants which cause chronic systemic toxicity (high potency) — $0.03 $0.0309 per pound of emissions;

(4) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer (low potency) — $0.825 $0.8498 per pound of emissions;

(5) Contaminants known or suspected to cause cancer (high potency) — $15.00 $16.00 per pound of emissions.

(1) Commencing with registration year 1993 and for each year thereafter, any person required to pay a fee to register an air contaminant source under 10 V.S.A. § 555(c) in addition shall pay the following fees for emissions of hazardous air contaminants resulting from the combustion of any of the following fuels in fuel burning or manufacturing process equipment.

(1) Coal — $0.645 per ton burned;

(2)(A) Wood — $0.155 $0.1597 per ton burned; or

(B) Wood burned with an operational electrostatic precipitator and NOx reduction technologies — $0.0375 $0.0387 per ton burned;

(3) No. 6 grade fuel oil — $0.00075 $0.00078 per gallon burned;

(4) No. 4 grade fuel oil — $0.0006 $0.000618 per gallon burned;

(5) No. 2 grade fuel oil — $0.0003 $0.00031 per gallon burned;

(6) Liquid propane gas — $0.0003 $0.00031 per gallon burned;

(7) Natural gas — $1.305 $1.3442 per million cubic feet burned.

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Sec. 19. 10 V.S.A. § 6628(j) is amended to read:

(j) Fees shall be submitted annually on March 31. Fees shall be submitted to the Secretary and deposited into the hazardous waste management account of the Waste Management Assistance Fund established under section 6618 of this title. Fees shall be computed according to the following:
(1) $350.00 $361.00 per toxic chemical identified pursuant to subdivision 6629(c)(4) of this title.

(2) $350.00 $361.00 per hazardous waste stream identified pursuant to subdivision 6629(c)(3) of this title.

(3) Up to a maximum amount of:
   (A) $1,750.00 $1,803.00 per plan for Class A generators.
   (B) $350.00 $361.00 per plan for Class B generators.
   (C) $1,750.00 $1,803.00 per plan for large users.
   (D) $3,500.00 $3,605.00 per plan for Class A generators that are large users.
   (E) $1,050.00 $1,082.00 per plan for Class B generators that are large users.

* * * Department of Fish and Wildlife * * *

Sec. 20. 10 V.S.A. § 4255 is amended to read:

§ 4255. LICENSE FEES

(a) Vermont residents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

(1) Fishing license $25.00 $26.00
(2) Hunting license $25.00 $26.00
(3) Combination hunting and fishing license $40.00 $41.00
(4) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)
    (A) archery license $23.00
    (B) muzzle loader license $23.00
    (C) turkey license $23.00
    (D) second muzzle loader license $17.00
    (E) second archery license $17.00
    (F) moose license $100.00
    (G) season bear tag $5.00
    (H) additional deer archery tag $23.00
(5) Trapping license $20.00 $23.00
(6) Hunting license for persons aged 17 years of age or under $8.00
(7) Trapping license for persons aged 17 years of age or under $10.00
(8) Fishing license for persons aged 15 through 17 years of age $8.00
(9) Super sport license $150.00
(10) Three-day fishing license $10.00 $11.00
(11) Combination hunting and fishing license for persons aged 17 years of age or under $12.00
(12) Mentored hunting license $10.00

(b) Nonresidents may apply for licenses on forms provided by the Commissioner. Fees for each license shall be:

(1) Fishing license $50.00 $51.00
(2) One-day fishing license $20.00 $21.00
(3) [Repealed.]
(4) Hunting license $100.00
(5) Combination hunting and fishing license $135.00
(6) Big game licenses (all require a hunting license)
   (A) archery license $38.00
   (B) muzzle loader license $40.00
   (C) turkey license $38.00
   (D) [Repealed.]
   (E) [Repealed.]
   (F) moose license $350.00
   (G) early season bear tag $15.00
   (H) additional deer archery tag $38.00
(7) Small game licenses
   (A) all season $50.00
(B) [Repealed.]

(8) Trapping license  

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\text{Hunting licenses for persons aged 17 years of age} \\
\text{or under} \\
\text{Three-day fishing license} \\
\text{Seven-day fishing license}
\end{array} \]

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\$300.00 \quad \$305.00 \\
\$25.00 \\
\$22.00 \quad \$23.00 \\
\$30.00 \quad \$31.00
\end{array} \]

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*** Labor ***

*** Workers’ Compensation Fund ***

Sec. 21. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION RATE OF CONTRIBUTION

For fiscal year 2016, after consideration of the formula in 21 V.S.A. § 711(b) and historical rate trends, the General Assembly has established that the rate of contribution for the direct calendar year premium for workers’ compensation insurance shall be set at the rate of 1.45 percent established in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 191, Sec. 7, notwithstanding 21 V.S.A. § 711(a). The contribution rate for self-insured workers’ compensation losses and workers’ compensation losses of corporations approved under 21 V.S.A. chapter 9 shall remain at one percent.

*** Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets ***

Sec. 22. 6 V.S.A. § 3022(b) is amended to read:

(b) Any person who is the owner of any bees, apiary, colony, or hive shall pay a $10.00 annual registration fee for each location of hives. The fee revenue, together with any other funds appropriated to the Agency for this purpose, shall be collected by the Secretary and credited to the Weights and Measures Testing Fund to be used to offset the costs of inspection services and to provide educational services and technical assistance to beekeepers in the State.

Sec. 23. 9 V.S.A. § 2632(b) is amended to read:

(b) Fees and reimbursements of costs collected by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets under the provisions of this chapter and 6 V.S.A. § 3022 shall be credited to a weights and measures special fund and shall be available to the Agency to offset the costs of implementing this chapter and 6 V.S.A. chapter 172.
Sec. 24. 10 V.S.A. § 128 is added to read:

§ 128. VERMONT CENTER FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

SPECIAL FUND

(a) A Special Fund is created for the operation of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information in the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The Fund shall consist of revenues derived from the charges by the Agency of Commerce and Community Development pursuant to subsection (c) of this section for the provision of Geographic Information products and services, interest earned by the Fund, and sums which from time to time may be made available for the support of the Center and its operations. The Fund shall be established and managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 and shall be available to the Agency to support activities of the Center.

(b) The receipt and expenditure of monies from the Special Fund shall be under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development.

(c) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development is authorized to impose charges reasonably related to the costs of the products and services of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information, including the cost of personnel, equipment, supplies, and intellectual property.

* * * Consumer Protection * * *

* * * Charitable Solicitations * * *

Sec. 25. 9 V.S.A. § 2473 is amended to read:

§ 2473. NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

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(f)(1) In For each calendar year in which a paid fundraiser solicits in this State on behalf of a charitable organization, the paid fundraiser shall pay an annual registration fee of $500.00 to the Attorney General with its first notice of no later than ten days prior to its first solicitation in this State.

(2) Each notice of solicitation filed in accordance with this section shall be accompanied by a fee of $200.00. In the case of a campaign lasting more than 12 months, an additional $200.00 fee shall be paid annually on or before the date of the anniversary of the commencement of the campaign.
(3) Fees paid under this subsection shall be deposited in a special fund managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to the Attorney General for the costs of administering sections 2471-2479 of this title.

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*** Motor Vehicles ***

*** All-terrain Vehicles ***

Sec. 26. 23 V.S.A. § 3504 is amended to read:

§ 3504. REGISTRATION FEES AND PLATES

(a) The registration fee for all-terrain vehicles other than as provided for in subsection (b) of this section is $25.00 $26.00. Duplicate registration certificates may be obtained upon payment of $5.00 to the Department.

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*** Effective Dates ***

Sec. 27. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Sec. 22 (apiaries) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. 20 (Department of Fish and Wildlife) shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

(c) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 24 (VCGI Special Fund) shall take effect on passage and apply retroactively as of February 8, 2015.

(d) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

Pending the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by Rep. Dame of Essex?

Recess

At ten o'clock and eighteen minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker declared a recess until ten o'clock and forty-five minutes in the forenoon.

At ten o'clock and forty-five minutes in the forenoon, the Speaker called the House to order.

Consideration Resumed; Bill Amended;
Read the Third Time and Passed

H. 184

Consideration resumed on House bill, entitled
An act relating to Executive Branch fees

Pending the recurring question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by Rep. Dame of Essex? Rep. Willhoit of St. Johnsbury demanded the Yeas and Nays, which demand was sustained by the Constitutional number. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll and the question, Shall the bill be amended as recommended by Rep. Dame of Essex? was decided in the negative. Yeas, 50. Nays, 96.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bancroft of Westford
Batchelor of Derby
Beck of St. Johnsbury
Beyor of Highgate
Brennan of Colchester
Burditt of West Rutland
Canfield of Fair Haven
Cupoli of Rutland City
Dame of Essex
Devereux of Mount Holly
Dickinson of St. Albans Town
Fagan of Rutland City
Feltus of Lyndon
Fiske of Enosburgh
Gage of Rutland City
Gamache of Swanton
Graham of Williamstown
Greshin of Warren
Hebert of Vernon
Higley of Lowell
Hubert of Milton
Juskiewicz of Cambridge
Komline of Dorset
LaClair of Barre Town
Lawrence of Lyndon
Lefebvre of Newark
Lewis of Berlin
Marcotte of Coventry
Martel of Waterford
McCoy of Poultney
McFaun of Barre Town
Morrissey of Bennington
Myers of Essex
Parent of St. Albans City
Pearce of Richford
Purvis of Colchester
Quimby of Concord
Savage of Swanton
Scheuermann of Stowe
Shaw of Pittsford
Shaw of Derby
Smith of New Haven
Strong of Albany
Tate of Mendon *
Terenzini of Rutland Town
Turner of Milton *
Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh
Viens of Newport City
Willhoit of St. Johnsbury
Wright of Burlington

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ancel of Calais
Bartholomew of Hartland
Berry of Manchester
Bissonnette of Winooski
Botzow of Pownal
Branagan of Georgia
Briglin of Thetford
Burke of Brattleboro
Buxton of Tunbridge
Carr of Brandon
Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs
Christie of Hartford
Clarkson of Woodstock
Cole of Burlington
Condon of Colchester
Connor of Fairfield
Conquest of Newbury
Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford
Corcoran of Bennington
Dakin of Chester
Dakin of Colchester
Davis of Washington
Deen of Westminster
Donahue of Northfield
Donovan of Burlington
Eastman of Orwell
Ellis of Waterbury
Emmons of Springfield
Evans of Essex
Fields of Bennington
Forguites of Springfield
Frank of Underhill
French of Randolph
Gonzalez of Winooski
Grad of Moretown
Haas of Rochester
Head of South Burlington
Helm of Fair Haven
Hooper of Montpelier
Huntley of Cavendish
Jerman of Essex
Jewett of Ripton
Johnson of South Hero
Keenan of St. Albans City
Kitzmiller of Montpelier
Klein of East Montpelier
Krebs of South Hero
Krowinski of Burlington
Lalonde of South Burlington
Lanpher of Vergennes
Lenes of Shelburne
Lippert of Hinesburg
Long of Newfane
Lucke of Hartford
The name of the game is compromise. Currently in my district and all over this state there are many, too many, businesses that are teetering. Some are, frankly, week to week. While it would be my hope that no fees would rise, and that some would in fact go down, I am willing to compromise in the hopes that we might limit the damage and that this body might finally come together and circle the wagons around our beleaguered business community.”

Rep. Turner of Milton explained his vote as follows:

“Mr. Speaker:

Not raising fees, forcing agencies to work within their means and reining in state spending is our top priority for this session. This could have been the first step in what likely will be a long journey over a number of years. Unfortunately, Vermonters will have to wait another day for this process to begin. Thank you.”

Pending third reading of the bill, Reps. Shaw of Pittsford, Carr of Brandon, Marcotte of Coventry and Russell of Rutland City moved to amend the bill as follows:

By adding a Sec. 29a to read:

Sec. 29a. UNIFORM DISPATCH FEES
(a) On or before January 15, 2016, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall propose a specific dispatch service fee schedule for use under 20 V.S.A. § 1871(i), including a fee schedule for dispatching functions at the four State-operated public safety answering points in Derby, Rockingham, Rutland, and Williston, which shall remain open and staffed at current staffing levels. The dispatch fees shall cover the cost of dispatching services at these locations, less any other sources of revenue to defray the cost of those public service answering points and dispatching services, including revenue from the Universal Service Fund. The fee schedule shall be comparable to nonstate public service answering points and dispatching locations around the State, including in Hartford, Shelburne, St. Albans, and Lamoille County.

(b) The Commissioner shall present his or her proposed fee schedule on or before January 15, 2016, to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance. Based on the Commissioner’s proposal, uniform statewide fees for dispatch services provided by or under the direction of the Department of Public Safety shall be set by the General Assembly under the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 603 on or before July 1, 2017. Fees collected by the Commissioner shall be deposited in a special fund called the Dispatch Fee Fund, created in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available to offset the costs of operating the four public service answering points and dispatch centers.

Thereupon, Rep. Shaw of Pittsford asked and was granted leave of the House to withdraw his amendment.

Pending third reading of the bill, **Rep. Olsen of Londonderry** moved to amend the bill as follows:

By adding a Sec. 21a to read as follows:

Sec. 21a. 10 V.S.A. § 6607a is amended to read:

§ 6607a. WASTE TRANSPORTATION

(a) A commercial hauler desiring to transport waste within the State shall apply to the Secretary for a permit to do so, by submitting an application on a form prepared for this purpose by the Secretary and by submitting the disclosure statement described in section 6605f of this title. These permits shall have a duration of five years and shall be renewed annually. The application shall indicate the nature of the waste to be hauled. The Secretary may specify conditions that the Secretary deems necessary to assure compliance with State law.

(b) As used in this section:
(1) “Commercial hauler” means:

(A) any person that transports regulated quantities of hazardous waste; and

(B) any person that transports solid waste for compensation in a vehicle.

(2) The commercial hauler required to obtain a permit under this section is the legal or commercial entity that is transporting the waste, rather than the individual employees and subcontractors of the legal or commercial entity. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the sole proprietor is the commercial entity.

(3) The Secretary shall not require a commercial hauler to obtain a permit under this section, comply with the disclosure requirements of this section, comply with the reporting and registration requirements of section 6608 of this title, or pay the fee specified in 3 V.S.A. § 2822, if:

(A) the commercial hauler does not transport more than four cubic yards of solid waste at any time; and

(B) the solid waste transportation services performed are incidental to other nonwaste transportation-related services performed by the commercial hauler.

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(g)(1) Except as set forth in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, a transporter certified under this section commercial hauler that offers the collection of municipal solid waste shall:

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(2) In a municipality that has adopted a solid waste management ordinance addressing the collection of mandated recyclables, leaf and yard residuals, or food residuals, a transporter commercial hauler in that municipality is not required to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection and subsection (h) of this section for the material addressed by the ordinance if the ordinance:

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(3) A transporter commercial hauler is not required to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1)(A), (B), or (C) of this subsection in a specified area within a municipality if:

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(h) A transporter commercial hauler certified under this section that offers the collection of municipal solid waste may not charge a separate line item fee on a bill to a residential customer for the collection of mandated recyclables, provided that a transporter commercial hauler may charge a fee for all service calls, stops, or collections at a residential property and a transporter commercial hauler may charge a tiered or variable fee based on the size of the collection container provided to a residential customer or the amount of waste collected from a residential customer. A transporter commercial hauler certified under this section may incorporate the cost of the collection of mandated recyclables into the cost of the collection of solid waste and may adjust the charge for the collection of solid waste. A transporter commercial hauler certified under this section that offers the collection of solid waste may charge a separate fee for the collection of leaf and yard residuals or food residuals from a residential customer.

Which was agreed to.

Pending third reading of the bill, Rep. Sibilia of Dover moved to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 9 (18 V.S.A. § 4353), by striking out subdivision (a)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (a)(1) to read:

(1) Restaurant I – Seating capacity of 0 to 25; $85.00 $110.00
   II — Seating capacity of 26 to 50; $145.00 $200.00
   III — Seating capacity of 51 to 100; $245.00 $300.00
   IV — Seating capacity of 101 to 200; $305.00 $500.00
   V — Seating capacity of over 200; $305.00 $600.00
   VI — Home Caterer; $95.00 $150.00
   VII — Commercial Caterer; $200.00 $225.00
   VIII — Limited Operations; $95.00 $125.00
   IX — Fair Stand; $70.00 $125.00; if operating for four or more days per year; $160.00 $250.00

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed.

Message from the Senate No. 18

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Marshall, its Assistant Secretary, as follows:
Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House that:

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 16.** An act relating to requiring an inmate to report to the Sex Offender Registry prior to release from a correctional facility.

And has passed the same in concurrence.

The Senate has considered a bill originating in the House of the following title:

**H. 82.** An act relating to fiscal year 2015 budget adjustments.

And has passed the same in concurrence with proposal of amendment in the adoption of which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The Senate has on its part adopted concurrent resolutions originating in the House of the following titles:

**H.C.R. 28.** House concurrent resolution designating February 6, 2015, as Wear Red Day in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 29.** House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Jazz Center of Brattleboro on winning a 2014 Chamber Music America Acclaim Award.

**H.C.R. 30.** House concurrent resolution honoring Deborah and Wayne Granquist of Weston for their leadership in the public and nonprofit sectors.

**H.C.R. 31.** House concurrent resolution designating February 12, 2015, as Alzheimer’s Awareness Day in Vermont.

**H.C.R. 32.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Iva Fisher on her 100th birthday.

**H.C.R. 33.** House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Mello for his outstanding contributions to public education, including his leadership of the Rutland City School Board.

**H.C.R. 34.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Barbara G. Rhoad as the winner of the 2014 Vermont Tree Steward Award for the Unsung Steward.

**H.C.R. 35.** House concurrent resolution in memory of master fiddler Harold Luce.

Adjournment

At eleven o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, on motion of Rep. Turner of Milton, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at ten o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the provisions of JRS 15.

Concurrent Resolutions Adopted

The following concurrent resolutions, having been placed on the Consent Calendar on the preceding legislative day, and no member having requested floor consideration as provided by Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, are hereby adopted in concurrence.

H.C.R. 28

House concurrent resolution designating February 6, 2015, as Wear Red Day in Vermont;

H.C.R. 29

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H.C.R. 30

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H.C.R. 35

House concurrent resolution in memory of master fiddler Harold Luce;

H.C.R. 36

House concurrent resolution honoring Barry and Wendy Rowland for their leadership in secondary education and their philanthropic community support;

[The full text of the concurrent resolutions appeared in the House Calendar Addendum on the preceding legislative day and will appear in the Public Acts and Resolves of the 2015, seventy-third Biennial session.]