

H. 873.

House bill entitled:

An act relating to making miscellaneous tax changes.

Was taken up.

Thereupon, pending third reading of the bill, Senators Ashe, Mullin and Sirotkin moved to amend the Senate proposal of amendment by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 28a to read as follows:

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Sec. 28a. OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE; REPORT

In the annual report submitted by the Office of the Health Care Advocate for calendar year 2016 pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9603(a)(11), the Office shall provide recommendations regarding whether:

(1) the Office of the Health Care Advocate should be relieved of obligations to serve as a voting member of any advisory group, task force, or similar group in order to fulfill more effectively the Office's consumer advocacy function;

(2) Vermont Health Connect-related consumer issues should be directed in the first instance to the insurance carrier for resolution; and

(3) any other statutory or structural changes to strengthen the role of the Office of the Health Care Advocate in providing systemic advocacy.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon, the bill was read the third time and passed in concurrence with proposal of amendment on a roll call, Yeas 22, Nays 6.

Senator Mullin having demanded the yeas and nays, they were taken and are as follows:

Roll Call

Those Senators who voted in the affirmative were: Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Bray, Campbell, Campion, Cummings, Doyle, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, Nitka, Riehle, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, White, Zuckerman.

Those Senators who voted in the negative were: Benning, Collamore, Degree, Flory, Mullin, Pollina.

Those Senators absent and not voting were: McAllister (Suspended), McCormack.

Proposal of Amendment; Bill Passed in Concurrence with Proposal of Amendment