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_____ move that the Senate propose to the House that
the bill be amended by adding a new section to be Sec. 28a to read as follows:

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.