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Wednesday, February 22, 2017
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ACTION CALENDAR

Third Reading

H. 3

An act relating to burial depth in cemeteries

Favorable with Amendment

H. 50

An act relating to extending the current expiration date of the telecommunications siting law

Rep. Carr of Brandon, for the Committee on Energy and Technology, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 248a is amended to read:

§ 248a. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD FOR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

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(i) Sunset of Board authority. Effective on July 1, 2017, no new applications for certificates of public good under this section may be considered by the Board. [Repealed.]

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to removing the expiration of the telecommunications siting law”

(Committee Vote: 8-0-0)

H. 201

An act relating to length of stay at designated shelters

Rep. Rosenquist of Georgia, for the Committee on Human Services, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 5303 is amended to read:

§ 5303. PROCEDURE FOR RUNAWAY CHILDREN

(a) If an officer takes a child into custody pursuant to subdivision 5301(3)
of this title, the officer shall deliver the child to:

(1) the child’s custodial parent, foster parent, guardian, custodian, or noncustodial parent lawfully exercising parent-child contact; or

(2) a shelter designated by the Department pursuant to section 5304 of this title as qualified to assist children who have run away for the purpose of reuniting them with their parents, guardian, or legal custodian.

(b) Upon delivery of a child to a shelter, the shelter program director or his or her designee, shall notify the child’s parents, guardian, or custodian that the child has been taken into custody and make reasonable efforts to mediate the differences between the parties.

(c) A child may remain at a designated shelter for a period not to exceed seven days.

(d) Upon expiration of the seven-day period or sooner at the request of the child or the custodial parent:

(1) the child shall be released to his or her custodial parent, foster parent, guardian, custodian, or noncustodial parent lawfully exercising parent-child contact; or

(2) an officer shall seek an emergency care order pursuant to section 5302 of this title.

(e) Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the custody status of the child shall remain the same during the period of time the child is at the shelter.

Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 5304 is amended to read:

§ 5304. DESIGNATED SHELTERS FOR RUNAWAY CHILDREN

The Commissioner shall designate shelters throughout the State where a child may be housed for a period not to exceed 21 days if he or she is:

(1) taken into custody pursuant to subdivision 5301(3) of this title may be housed for a period not to exceed seven days; or

(2) referred by other means described in the policies of the Department for Children and Families.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)
Action Under Rule 52

H.R. 11

House resolution commending the friendly bilateral relations between Taiwan and both the United States and the State of Vermont and supporting Taiwan’s full participation in the international community

(For text see House Journal February 21, 2017)

H.R. 12

House resolution supporting refugee resettlement in the United States, including Vermont

(For text see House Journal February 21, 2017)

Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the Governor’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 State Budget
For Advocates
House Committee on Appropriations

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. for Agency of Human Services budget sections, and Friday, March 3, 2017, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for all other sections of the budget. – The House Committee on Appropriations will receive testimony on the Governor’s proposed FY2018 State budget during these Advocate hearings in room 10 of the State House. Please sign up in advance, with Theresa Utton-Jerman at (802) 828-5767 or tutton@leg.state.vt.us or in room 40.

Judicial Retention Thursday, February 23, 2017, Room 11, 7:00. Joint Committee on Judicial Retention is having a public hearing for the retention of the following:

Supreme Court Justices
Chief Justice Paul Reiber
Justice Harold Eaton, Jr.
Justice Beth Robinson
Justice Marilyn Skoglund

Superior Court Judges
Judge Alison Arms
Judge Robert Bent
Judge Thomas Carlson
Judge Cortland Corsones
Judge Thomas Devine
Judge Theresa DiMauro
Judge Michael Kainen
Judge Mary Morrissey
Judge Gregory Rainville
Judge Kirstin Schoonover