

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 466 entitled “An act relating to surface water
4 withdrawals and interbasin transfers” respectfully reports that it has considered
5 the same and recommends that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A.
6 chapter 41, in section 1002, by striking out subdivision (20) in its entirety and
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (20) to read as follows:

8 (20) “Surface water” means all rivers, streams, creeks, brooks,
9 reservoirs, ponds, lakes, and springs and all bodies of surface waters that are
10 contained within, flow through, or border upon the State or any portion of it.

11 “Surface water” shall not include the following:

12 (A) groundwater as defined in section 1391 of this title;

13 (B) artificial waterbodies as defined under section 29A-101(d) of the
14 Vermont Water Quality Standards;

15 (C) treatment ponds, lagoons, or wetlands created solely to meet the
16 requirements of a permit issued for a discharge; and

17 (D) constructed ponds or other impoundments that are used for
18 irrigation or watering of livestock and that are not subject to the Vermont
19 Water Quality Standards.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE