

Please work to delay the vote on H.434, and AMEND with this section from 6 VSA 1102 regarding the establishment of benchmarks for in agriculture and in other applications.

Since the Pesticide Advisory Council is to be replaced by the AIB, we must not lose sight of its unfulfilled mandate.

"6 VSA Chap. 87 Sec.1102 (d) 1-6: To recommend targets with respect to the State goal of achieving an overall reduction in the use of pesticides consistent with sound pest or vegetative management practices and to measure the State's progress in reaching those targets and attaining that goal. The targets should be designed to enable evaluation of multiple measures of pesticide usage, use patterns, and associated risks. Targets should take into consideration at a minimum the following:

- (1) reducing the amount of acreage where pesticides are used;*
- (2) reducing the risks associated with the use of pesticides;*
- (3) increasing the acreage managed by means of integrated pest management techniques;*
- (4) decreasing, within each level of comparable risk, the quantity of pesticides applied per acre; and*
- (5) making recommendations regarding the implementation of other management practices that result in decreased pesticide use."*

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