

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bill No. 166
3 entitled “An act relating to utility construction worksites and consumer
4 protection” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 208c is added to read:

8 § 208c. ~~BROADBAND PROJECTS POLE ATTACHMENTS; WORKSITE~~
9 CLEANUP; CONSUMER PROTECTION

10 (a) The purpose of this section is to protect the general public from harm or
11 injury caused by unsafe practices ~~on broadband construction worksites related~~
12 to utility pole attachments.

13 (b) An attaching entity subject to Commission Rule 3.700 that seeks to
14 attach ~~fiber-optic cable~~ lines, wires, cables, or other facilities to a utility pole
15 shall ensure that all construction contracts for such attachments contain terms
16 and conditions specifying standards and responsibility for the safe disposal of
17 any debris on the construction worksite. Unless a contract specifies otherwise,
18 the attaching entity is liable for all accidents, environmental cleanup, damages,
19 or injuries to any person or property resulting from a failure to safely dispose
20 of debris on the construction worksite.

