

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 31
3 entitled “An act relating to Aquatic Nuisance Species Control” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5 propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee; report, by
7 striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
8 following:

9 (b) Membership. The Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee shall be
10 composed of the following members:

11 (1) one current member of the House of Representatives, who shall be
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

13 (2) one current member of the Senate, who shall be appointed by the
14 Committee on Committees;

15 (3) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

16 (4) a scientist from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, appointed by
17 the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife;

18 (5) a scientist from the Department of Environmental Conservation,
19 appointed by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation; and

20 (6) two scientists or researchers from the University of Vermont,
21 appointed by the President of the University of Vermont, one with expertise in

1 the potential human health impacts related to the invasives and control
2 eradication and one with expertise in aquatic biology, including flora, fauna,
3 and ecosystem health.

4 Second: In Sec. 1, Aquatic Nuisance Control Study Committee; report, by
5 striking out subsection (g) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the
6 following:

7 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

8 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
9 Assembly, a legislative member of the Aquatic Nuisance Control Study
10 Committee serving in the member's capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to
11 per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A.
12 § 23 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from
13 monies appropriated to the General Assembly.

14 (2) Other members of the Study Committee shall be entitled to per diem
15 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. §
16 1010 for not more than eight meetings. These payments shall be made from
17 monies appropriated to the General Assembly.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE