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ACTION CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

S. 28.

An act relating to access to certain legally protected health care services.

S. 50.

An act relating to increasing the size of solar net metering projects that qualify for expedited registration.

Amendment to S. 50 to be offered by Senator Perchlik

Senator Perchlik moves to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 8010, in subdivision (c)(3)(G), by striking out “up to 25 kilowatts” and inserting in lieu thereof “25 kilowatts and less”

Second: In Sec. 2, rulemaking, in the first sentence, by striking out “of not more than 25 kW” and inserting in lieu thereof “of 25 kilowatts and less”

Third: In Sec. 2, rulemaking, in the second sentence, by striking out “of not more than 25 kW” and inserting in lieu thereof “of 25 kilowatts and less”

Fourth: By inserting a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 24 V.S.A. § 4412 is amended to read:

§ 4412. REQUIRED PROVISIONS AND PROHIBITED EFFECTS

* * *

(15) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of sections 2291a and 4413 of this title or 30 V.S.A. chapter 5 or 89, in a municipality that has adopted a bylaw to establish setback requirements for development, those requirements shall apply to a net metering system that is 25 kW or less in size that has been registered with the Public Utility Commission as part of expedited review under 30 V.S.A. § 248. Setback requirements under this subdivision shall not be more restrictive than requirements applied to other development in the municipality under this chapter.

Fifth: By inserting a new Sec. 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 30 V.S.A. § 8010 is amended to read:

§ 8010. SELF-GENERATION AND NET METERING

* * *

(c) In accordance with this section, the Commission shall adopt and implement rules that govern the installation and operation of net metering systems.

(1) The rules shall establish and maintain a net metering program that:

* * *

(G) accounts for changes over time in the cost of technology; ~~and~~

(H) allows a customer to retain ownership of the environmental attributes of energy generated by the customer's net metering system and of any associated tradeable renewable energy credits or to transfer those attributes and credits to the interconnecting retail provider, and:

(i) if the customer retains the attributes, reduces the value of the credit provided under this section for electricity generated by the customer's net metering system by an appropriate amount; and

(ii) if the customer transfers the attributes to the interconnecting provider, requires the provider to retain them for application toward compliance with sections 8004 and 8005 of this title; and

(I) allows a customer to change their decision one time to retain or transfer the attributes of a new or existing system if the system is 25 kW or less in size.

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and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

S. 69.

An act relating to an age-appropriate design code.

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 44.

An act relating to requiring legislative approval prior to entering into certain immigration agreements.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Baruth for the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 4652 is amended to read:

§ 4652. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS
PURSUANT TO 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) AND 19 U.S.C. § 1401(i)

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, only the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Attorney General, is authorized to enter into, modify, or extend an agreement pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) or 19 U.S.C. § 1401(i).

~~(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency is authorized to enter into an agreement pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) or 19 U.S.C. § 1401(i) when necessary to address threats to the public safety or welfare of Vermont residents arising out of a declaration of a State or national emergency~~ No public agency, as that term is defined in 1 V.S.A. § 317, or an officer, employee, agent, or independent contractor of a public agency, shall enter into an agreement pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) or 19 U.S.C. § 1401(i) unless the Governor has authorized the agreement as set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to authorization to enter into certain immigration agreements”

(Committee vote: 4-1-0)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Second Reading

Favorable

S. 45.

An act relating to protection from nuisance suits for agricultural activities.

Reported favorably by Senator Norris for the Committee on Judiciary.

(Committee vote: 4-1-0)

Joint Resolution for Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

J.R.S. 15.

Joint resolution supporting Vermont’s transgender and non-binary community and declaring Vermont’s commitment to fighting discrimination and treating all citizens with respect and dignity.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Hashim for the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee recommends that the resolution be amended in the final Resolved clause after “Pride Center of Vermont” by striking out “and” and inserting in lieu thereof “,” and after “Outright Vermont” by inserting “, and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation”

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Proposed Amendment to the Vermont Constitution

Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Senate Rules, notice is hereby given that proposed amendment to the Constitution, set forth below, will be read the third time and acted upon, on the seventh legislative day commencing March 11, 2025. At that time, the following question shall be presented: “Shall the Senate concur in the proposal and request the concurrence of the House?”

PROPOSAL 3

(Third day on Notice Calendar pursuant to Rule 83)

Subject: Declaration of Rights; right to collectively bargain

PENDING ACTION: Third reading of the proposal (second biennium)

PROPOSAL 3

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to provide that the citizens of the State have a right to collectively bargain.

Sec. 2. Article 23 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 23. [Right to collectively bargain]

That employees have a right to organize or join a labor organization for the purpose of collectively bargaining with their employer through an exclusive representative of their choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions and to protect their economic welfare and safety in the workplace. Therefore, no law shall be adopted that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to collectively bargain with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety, or that prohibits the application or execution of an agreement between an employer and a labor organization representing the employer’s employees that requires membership in the labor organization as a condition of employment.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment set forth in this proposal shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2026 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR NOTICE

Concurrent Resolutions For Notice Under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House. They will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

S.C.R. 3 (For text of Resolution, see Addendum to Senate Calendar of March 13, 2025)

H.C.R. 49-52 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for March 13, 2025)

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Utility Commission, underlined below, shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Andrew Collier of Westford - Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles - By Senator Brennan for the Committee on Transportation (February 19, 2025)

Anson Tebbetts of Cabot - Secretary of Agriculture - By Senator Collamore for the Committee on Agriculture (March 13, 2025)

Zoie Saunders of Shrewsbury - Secretary of Education - By Senator Bongartz for the Committee on Education (March 13, 2025)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CROSSOVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following crossover deadlines:

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 14, 2025**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by **Friday, March 14, 2025**.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 21, 2025**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Note: The Senate will not act on bills that do not meet these crossover deadlines, without the consent of the Senate Rules Committee.

Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the General Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill and the Fee/Revenue bills)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The 2025-2026 Biennium is the Third Reading of a proposal of amendment. They were read the second time during the 2023-2024 Biennium.

The proposal is on the Notice Calendar for six (6) days and will be up for action for Third Reading on the seventh day.

Each proposal is acted upon separately. Senate Rule 83.

At Third Reading:

1. The vote on any constitutional proposal is by roll call. Senate Rule 83.
2. The questions is: “Shall the Senate concur in Proposal 3, and request the concurrence of the House? Senate Rule 83.
3. For this question to pass, 16 members of the Senate must vote in the affirmative. The Vermont Constitution requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Senate. Vermont Constitution §72.

There are no amendments at Third Reading of a constitutional amendment.