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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)

**NOTICE CALENDAR**  
**Committee Bill for Second Reading**

**S. 117.**

An act relating to rulemaking on safety and health standards and technical corrections on employment practices and unemployment compensation.

**By the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs. (Senator Chittenden for the Committee.)**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

**S. 56.**

An act relating to creating an Office of New Americans.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Vyhovsky for the Committee on Government Operations.**

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. OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created the Office of New Americans Study Committee to make recommendations for creating an independent Office of New Americans.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the Director of the Vermont Refugee Office, who shall be Chair;

(2) one member, appointed by the Commissioner of Labor;

(3) one member, appointed by the Executive Director of the Office of Racial Equity; and

(4) five members, appointed by the Governor, one who must be a New American with lived experience, who shall include:

(A) one member, nominated by the Association of Africans Living in Vermont;

(B) one member, nominated by the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants;

(C) one member, nominated by the Vermont Afghan Alliance;

(D) one member, nominated by the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation; and

(E) one member, nominated by Migrant Justice.

(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study and submit a written report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Government Operations concerning recommendations for creating an independent Office of New Americans, including:

(1) a summary of the current demographic, economic, and public health data regarding New Americans in the State and information regarding the government services being utilized and underutilized by New Americans;

(2) a summary or survey of varying and successful approaches to providing government services to New Americans in other states, with particular focus on the topics of the role of education and training institutions, professional licensing, housing, and support for employers and municipalities;

(3) in consultation with community-based organizations composed of or serving New Americans, the Vermont Asylum Assistance Project, State agencies and departments that provide services to New Americans, the Secretary of State's Office, municipal government leaders, educational institutions, and business leaders, information on:

(A) the existing State and local-level barriers for New Americans for gainfully participating in the State's workforce, economy, and business communities;

(B) additional governmental services needed by New Americans but not yet offered by the State; and

(C) the transfer or consolidation of existing governmental services for New Americans that would be more efficiently provided by a new Office of New Americans;

(4) the proposed structure, duties, funding, and labor needs of an Office of New Americans; and

(5) a definition of the term "New Americans" for the purposes of an Office of New Americans.

(d) The Committee may create subcommittees, with duties and leadership to be assigned by the Chair.

(e) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of Human Services.

(f) Date of Report. On or before September 1, 2026, the Committee shall submit the written report required by subsection (c) of this section.

(g) Meetings.

(1) The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before September 1, 2025.

(2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Committee shall cease to exist on the earlier of September 1, 2026 or the date that the Committee submits its written report.

(h) Compensation and reimbursement.

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

(2) Other members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 10 meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Agency of Human Services.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

### **S. 59.**

An act relating to amendments to Vermont's Open Meeting Law.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Hart for the Committee on Government Operations.**

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. 1 V.S.A. § 310 is amended to read:

§ 310. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

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(9) “Undue hardship” means an action ~~required to achieve compliance would require~~ requiring significant difficulty or expense to the unit of government to which a public body belongs, considered in light of factors including the overall size of the entity, ~~sufficient~~ the availability of necessary personnel and staffing availability staff, the entity’s ~~budget~~ available resources, and the costs associated with compliance.

Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 312 is amended to read:

§ 312. RIGHT TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF PUBLIC AGENCIES

(a)(1) All meetings of a public body are declared to be open to the public at all times, except as provided in section 313 of this title. No resolution, rule, regulation, appointment, or formal action shall be considered binding except as taken or made at such open meeting, except as provided under subdivision 313(a)(2) of this title. A meeting of a public body is subject to the public accommodation requirements of 9 V.S.A. chapter 139. A public body shall electronically record all public hearings held to provide a forum for public comment on a proposed rule, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 840. The public shall have access to copies of such electronic recordings as described in section 316 of this title.

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(3)(A) ~~State nonadvisory public bodies; hybrid meeting requirement; exception for advisory bodies.~~ Any public body of the State, except advisory bodies, shall:

(A)(i) hold all regular and special meetings in a hybrid fashion, which shall include both a designated physical meeting location and a designated electronic meeting platform;

(B)(ii) electronically record all meetings; and

(C)(iii) for a minimum of 30 days following the approval and posting of the official minutes for a meeting, retain the audiovisual recording and post the recording in a designated electronic location.

(B) Exception; site inspections and field visits. This subdivision (3) shall not apply to gatherings of a public body for purposes of a site inspection or field visit.

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(5) ~~State nonadvisory public bodies; State and local advisory bodies; designating electronic platforms. State nonadvisory~~ A public bodies body

meeting ~~in a hybrid fashion~~ pursuant to subdivision (3) ~~of this subsection and State and local advisory bodies meeting without a physical meeting location or advisory body meeting~~ pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection shall designate and use an electronic platform that allows the direct access, attendance, and participation of the public, including access by telephone. The public body shall post information that enables the public to directly access the designated electronic platform and include this information in the published agenda or public notice for the meeting.

(6) Local ~~non~~advisory public bodies; meeting recordings.

(A) A public body of a municipality or political subdivision, except advisory bodies, shall record, in audio or video form, any meeting of the public body and post a copy of the recording in a designated electronic location for a minimum of 30 days following the ~~approval and~~ posting of the ~~official~~ minutes for a meeting.

(B) A municipality is exempt from subdivision (A) of this subdivision (6) if compliance would impose an undue hardship on the municipality.

(C) A municipality shall have the burden of proving that compliance under this section would impose an undue hardship on the municipality.

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(d)(1) At least 48 hours prior to a regular meeting, and at least 24 hours prior to a special meeting, a meeting agenda shall be:

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(3) A meeting agenda shall contain sufficient details concerning the specific matters to be discussed by the public body. For any meeting that may include an executive session, the meeting agenda shall state that the meeting includes a "proposed executive session."

(4)(A) Any addition to or deletion from the agenda shall be made as the first act of business at the meeting.

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Sec. 3. 1 V.S.A. § 313 is amended to read:

### § 313. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

(a) No public body may hold or conclude an executive session from which the public is excluded, except by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members present in the case of any public body of State government or of a majority of its members present in the case of any public body of a



municipality or other political subdivision. A motion to go into executive session shall indicate the nature of the business of the executive session, and no other matter may be considered in the executive session. ~~Such~~ The vote to enter executive session shall be taken in the course of an open meeting and the result of the vote recorded in the minutes. No formal or binding action shall be taken in executive session except for actions relating to the securing of real estate options under subdivision (2) of this subsection. Minutes of an executive session need not be taken, but if they are, the minutes shall, notwithstanding subsection 312(b) of this title, be exempt from public copying and inspection under the Public Records Act. A public body may not hold an executive session except to consider one or more of the following:

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(10) security or emergency response measures, the disclosure of which could jeopardize public safety; or

(11) information relating to the interest rates for publicly financed loans.

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#### Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

#### **S. 66.**

An act relating to motor vehicle noise, exhaust modifications, and engine compression brakes.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator White for the Committee on Transportation.**

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. 23 V.S.A. § 1221 is amended to read:

§ 1221. CONDITION OF VEHICLE; EXCESSIVE NOISE

(a) A motor vehicle, operated on any highway, shall be in good mechanical condition and shall be properly equipped.

(b)(1) An individual shall not operate on a highway a motor vehicle equipped with a muffler lacking interior baffle plates or other effective muffling devices, a gutted muffler, a muffler cutout, or a straight pipe exhaust.

(2) An individual shall not operate on a highway a motorcycle manufactured after December 31, 1985 that is not labeled in compliance with

40 C.F.R. § 205.158 and equipped with a muffler that meets the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 205.169.

(3) The prohibition of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall not apply when a motor vehicle or motorcycle is operated in a race, contest, or demonstration of speed or skill at an authorized public exhibition held in accordance with applicable State or municipal law and land use permits.

(c)(1) A motor vehicle equipped or modified as described in subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall not pass an inspection required under section 1222 of this title.

(2) A motorcycle that does not meet the requirements of subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall not pass an inspection required under section 1222 of this title.

Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1309 is added to read:

§ 1309. ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKE DEVICES; REQUIREMENTS

(a)(1) An individual shall not operate a motor truck or truck tractor equipped with an engine compression brake device unless the motor truck or truck tractor is also equipped with a muffler to prevent excessive noise from the device.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection to use an engine compression brake device in a motor truck or truck tractor that is not equipped with a muffler to prevent excessive noise from the device if the device is used to slow down or stop the motor truck or truck tractor in an emergency.

(b) A motor truck or truck tractor that is equipped with an engine compression brake device but is not equipped with a working muffler to prevent excessive noise from the device shall fail inspection pursuant to section 1222 of this title.

(c) As used in this section, “engine compression brake device” means a device that slows a motor truck or truck tractor by utilizing engine compression and the release of compressed air. “Engine compression brake device” includes compression brakes, decompression brakes, engine compression release brakes, “Jake” brakes, and “Jacobs” brakes.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a municipality from adopting an ordinance that prohibits the operation of an engine compression brake devices within the municipality or in specific parts of the municipality.

Sec. 3. RULEMAKING; PERIODIC INSPECTION MANUAL; EXHAUST MODIFICATIONS; ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKE MUFFLERS; OUTREACH

(a) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall, unless extended by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, adopt amendments to Department of Motor Vehicles, Inspection of Motor Vehicles (CVR 14-050-022) to implement the provisions of Secs. 1 and 2 of this act that shall take effect on or before July 1, 2026.

(b) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall implement a public outreach campaign regarding prohibited exhaust modifications pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1221 and the requirement for engine compression brakes to be equipped with a muffler pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1309. The public outreach campaign shall include information on the provisions of the rules for Inspection of Motor Vehicles (CVR 14-050-022), related to exhaust modifications and engine compression brake mufflers, including the amendments adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall begin to disseminate information pursuant to this subsection not later than two months prior to the effective date of Secs. 1 and 2 of this act and shall disseminate information pursuant to this subsection through email, bulletins, software updates, and the Department of Motor Vehicles' website.

Sec. 4. MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE LEVELS; REPORT

(a) On or before December 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall submit a written report to the Senate and House Committees on Transportation with a proposal for limits on motor vehicle noise and proposed procedures for the enforcement of those limits.

(b) The report shall examine laws and procedures in Maine and other New England states regarding:

(1) maximum sound levels for motor vehicles and trucks;

(2) enforcement of maximum sound levels for motor vehicles and trucks;

(3) procedures for a person to challenge a determination that the person's vehicle was operating in excess of the applicable maximum sound level; and

(4) procedures for a citizen to report a suspected violation of the maximum sound levels for motor vehicles and trucks to law enforcement.

(c) The report shall include proposals for:

(1) maximum sound levels above which motor vehicles and trucks would not be permitted to operate on highways in Vermont, which may vary depending on the type of vehicle, vehicle weight, and vehicle speed;

(2) methods for determining whether a vehicle is operating on a highway in excess of the maximum sound levels;

(3) procedures for enforcing the maximum sound levels;

(4) procedures for a person to challenge a determination that the person's vehicle was operating in excess of the applicable maximum sound level; and

(5) procedures for allowing citizens to report a suspected violation of the maximum sound levels for motor vehicles and trucks to law enforcement.

(d) The report shall identify any legislative action necessary to implement the proposals included pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

#### Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

(b) Secs. 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

#### **S. 87.**

An act relating to extradition procedures.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Hashim 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. 13 V.S.A. § 4955 is amended to read:

§ 4955. COMMITMENT TO AWAIT EXTRADITION; BAIL

If upon examination it appears that the person held is the person charged with having committed the crime alleged and that the person probably committed the crime, and, except in cases arising under section 4946 of this title, that the person has fled from justice, the judge or magistrate shall commit the person to jail by a warrant, reciting the accusation, for such a time, not exceeding ~~30~~ 90 days, to be specified in the warrant as will enable the arrest of the accused to be made under a warrant of the Governor on a requisition of the executive authority of the state having jurisdiction of the offense, unless the accused give bail as provided in section 4956 of this title, or until the person

shall be legally discharged. On request of the state, the hearing may be continued for up to three ~~working~~ business days, only for the purpose of determining whether the person probably committed the crime. Findings under this section may be based upon hearsay evidence or upon copies of affidavits, whether certified or not, made outside this State. It shall be sufficient for a finding that a person probably committed the crime that there is a current grand jury indictment from another state.

Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 4957 is amended to read:

§ 4957. EXTENDING TIME OF COMMITMENT

If the accused is not arrested under warrant of the Governor by the expiration of the time specified in the warrant, bond, or undertaking, such judge may discharge ~~him or her~~ or may recommit ~~him or her~~ the accused for a further period not to exceed ~~60~~ 30 days, or may again take bail for ~~his or her~~ the accused's appearance and surrender as provided in section 4956 of this title, but within a period not to exceed ~~60~~ 30 days after the date of such new bond.

Sec. 3. 13 V.S.A. § 4967 is amended to read:

§ 4967. WRITTEN WAIVER OF EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

(a) Any person arrested in this State charged with having committed any crime in another state or alleged to have escaped from confinement, or broken the terms of ~~his or her~~ bail, probation, or parole may waive the issuance and service of the warrant provided for in sections 4947 and 4948 of this title and all other procedure incidental to extradition proceedings, by executing or subscribing in the presence of a judge of any court of record within this State a writing that states that ~~he or she~~ the person consents to return to the demanding state; provided, however, before ~~such~~ the waiver ~~shall be~~ is executed or subscribed by ~~such~~ the person ~~it shall be the duty of such,~~ the judge to shall inform ~~such~~ the person of ~~his or her~~ the rights right to the issuance and service of a warrant of extradition and the right to obtain a writ of habeas corpus as provided for in section 4950 of this title.

(b) If and when such consent has been duly executed, it shall forthwith be forwarded to the office of the Governor of this State and filed therein. The judge shall direct the officer having such person in custody to deliver forthwith such person to the duly accredited agent or agents of the demanding state, and shall deliver or cause to be delivered to such agent or agents a copy of such consent; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit the rights of the accused person to return voluntarily and without formality to the demanding state, nor shall this waiver procedure be deemed to

be an exclusive procedure or to limit the powers, rights, or duties of the officers of the demanding state or of this State.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement or corrections agency in this State holding a person who is alleged to have broken the terms of the person's probation, parole, bail, or any other release in the demanding state shall immediately deliver that person to the duly authorized agent of the demanding state without the requirement of a Governor's warrant if all of the following apply:

(1) The person has signed a prior waiver of extradition as a term of the person's current probation, parole, bail, or other release in the demanding state.

(2) The law enforcement or corrections agency holding the person has received an authenticated copy of the prior waiver of extradition signed by the person and photographs or fingerprints or other evidence properly identifying the person as the person who signed the waiver. These documents may be received by reliable electronic means.

(3) Except as the State's Attorney shall otherwise determine in the interest of justice, all open criminal charges in this State have been disposed of through trial and sentencing.

Sec. 4. 13 V.S.A. § 5043 is amended to read:

§ 5043. HEARING, COMMITMENT, DISCHARGE

(a) If an arrest is made in this State by an officer of another state in accordance with the provisions of section 5042 of this title, ~~he or she shall~~ the officer, without unnecessary delay, shall take the person arrested before a Superior judge of the unit in which the arrest was made, who shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of determining the lawfulness of the arrest.

(b) If the judge determines that the arrest was lawful, ~~he or she~~ the judge shall commit the person arrested to await for ~~a reasonable time~~ the issuance of an extradition warrant by the Governor of this State within 90 days or admit such person to bail pending the issuance of such warrant. The judge shall consider the issuance of a judicial warrant for the arrest of the person who has fled justice to Vermont from another state when determining the risk of flight from prosecution.

(c) If the judge determines that the arrest was unlawful, ~~he or she~~ the judge shall discharge the person arrested.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage and shall apply prospectively and not affect extraditions in process at the time of enactment.

(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 amendments 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**

**(Fourth 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 ACTION**

#### **Concurrent Resolutions For Action 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. 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)

### **NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY**

**March 20, 2025 - 10:30 A.M.** - House Chamber - Retention of seven Superior Court Judges and one Magistrate



## 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.