

Senate Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

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ACTION CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

H. 489.

An act relating to fiscal year 2025 budget adjustments.

**Proposal of amendment to H. 489 to be offered by Senator Beck before
Third Reading**

Senator Beck moves that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 88, amending 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.321, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 88 to read as follows:

Sec. 88. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.321 is amended to read:

Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

* * *

(b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available, until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024 and between April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

(2) The maximum number of days that an eligible household receives emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall not exceed 80 days.

(3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section between December 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to households meeting the priority eligibility criteria defined in subsection (1) of this section between April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025. Households meeting the priority eligibility criteria between April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025 shall be prioritized ahead of

households meeting only the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section and who have remaining days on their fiscal year 2025 allocation for emergency housing. Emergency housing in a hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward the maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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(1) As used in this section:

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(3) “Priority eligibility criteria” means:

(A) the household was housed in a hotel or motel room pursuant to this section on March 31, 2025;

(B) where applicable, the Department has determined there is sufficient medical evidence and documentation that a household member has a medical condition listed in subdivisions (C)(ii) through (vi) of this subsection (1); and

(C) the household has a member who meets one of the following:

(i) is a child 19 years of age or under;

(ii) meets the Medicare definition of “homebound” as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 405.2416(d);

(iii) requires a lifesaving device that requires access to electricity;

(iv) is in active cancer treatment or treatment for severe kidney disease or renal disease, or has severe liver or heart conditions;

(v) is actively receiving Medicaid-eligible or Medicare-eligible “home-based nursing services”; or

(vi) is in the third trimester of pregnancy or who will enter the third trimester of pregnancy between April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025.

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. 4 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to Senate Calendar of April 3, 2025)

H.C.R. 70-80 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for April 3, 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)

Richard Cleveland of Northfield - Public Member of the Travel Information Council - By Senator Perchlik for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Marilyn Miller of Montpelier - Member of the Transportation Board - By Senator Perchlik for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Mandy Shatney of Barre - AOT Member of the Travel Information Council - By Senator Perchlik for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Joe Flynn of South Hero - Secretary of Agency of Transportation - By Senator Westman for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Elizabeth Kennett of Rochester - Agriculture Member of the Travel Information Council - By Senator White for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Jennifer Morrison of North Hero - Commissioner of Department of Public Safety - By Senator White for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

David J. Atherton of Brandon - Member of the Transportation Board - By Senator Harrison for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Andrew Collier of Westford - Commissioner of Motor Vehicles - By Senator Brennan for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Tim Pudvar of Shelburne - Member of the Transportation Board - By Senator Brennan for the Committee on Transportation (April 1, 2025)

Beth Fastiggi of Burlington - Commissioner of Human Resources - By Senator Clarkson for the Committee on Government Operations (April 2, 2025)

Wanda Minoli of Montpelier - Commissioner of Building and General Services for a term from and including October 24, 2024 to and including February 28, 2025 - By Senator Harrison for the Committee on Institutions (April 2, 2025)

Wanda Minoli of Montpelier - Commissioner of Building and General Services for a term from and including March 1, 2025 to and including February 28, 2027 - By Senator Harrison for the Committee on Institutions (April 2, 2025)

Kirsten A. Sultan of Lyndonville - Member of the Land Use Review Board - By Senator Beck for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy (April 2, 2025)

Beth Deimling - Member of the Fish and Wildlife Board - Sen. Hardy for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy (April 4, 2025)

Linda Hook- Member of the Fish and Wildlife Board - Sen. Hardy for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy (April 4, 2025)

JFO NOTICE

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3):

JFO #3246: 125+ acre land donation valued at \$184,830.00 from Pieter Van Schaik of Cavendish, VT to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The acreage will become part of the Lord State Forest.

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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).