

# Senate Calendar

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

**SENATE CONVENES AT: 11:30 A.M.**

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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### NOTICE CALENDAR

#### Committee Bill for Second Reading

##### S. 323.

An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects.

**By the Committee on Agriculture. (Senator Ingalls for the Committee.)**

##### Second Reading

##### Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

##### S. 161.

An act relating to the Governor's list of scholarship granting organizations.

**Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Bongartz for the Committee on Education.**

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. 3 V.S.A. § 24 is added to read:

#### § 24. GOVERNOR'S LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS

(a) Annually on December 1, the Governor, or designee, may elect to provide a list of organizations that satisfy the conditions of subsection (b) of this section to the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury for purposes of making the federal qualified elementary and secondary education scholarship tax credit available for Vermont taxpayers under 26 U.S.C. § 25F. It shall be presumed that an organization listed in the previous year will be listed in the subsequent year unless the Governor finds that the organization has failed to meet the requirements of this section.

(b) An organization shall not be listed unless the organization meets the following criteria:

(1) it qualifies as a "scholarship granting organization" as defined under 26 U.S.C. § 25F(c)(5);

(2) it is a nonprofit organization with the core mission of providing educational opportunities to economically underprivileged students through afterschool programs, summer programs, tutoring, and similar programs; and

(3) all grants and scholarships provided by the organization are to students attending a public school, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11(7), or an independent school, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11(8), that is also capable of receiving public tuition.

(c) In the Governor's discretion, the Governor may audit an organization seeking placement on the list to ensure the organization meets all the requirements for placement as provided by this section and applicable federal law. The Governor shall not list an organization that the Governor knows is not in compliance with the requirements of this section or 26 U.S.C. § 25F(c)(5).

## Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(Committee vote: 6-0-0)

## 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.

**H.C.R. 176-184** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for January 29, 2026)

## 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 and the Cannabis Control Board, underlined below, shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Colin Owyang of Shelburne - Superior Court Judge - By Senator Vyhovsky for the Committee on Judiciary (January 20, 2026)

Christina E. Nolan of Burlington – Associate Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court – By Senator Hashim for the Committee on Judiciary (February 3, 2026)

Michael P. Drescher of Hinesburg – Associate Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court – By Senator Hashim for the Committee on Judiciary, without recommendation. (February 3, 2026)

### **NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday, February 19, 2026 - 10:30 A.M. – House Chamber** - Election of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and of two (2) trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

Candidates for the positions of Adjutant and Inspector General, and legislative candidates for Vermont State Colleges Corporation trustees must notify the Secretary of State in writing of their candidacies not later than Thursday, February 12, 2026, by 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.

### **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 #3271:** \$218,385.00 to the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services from the U.S. Department of Justice. Funds will be used to consolidate data into one case management system.

*[Received January 27, 2026]*

### **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 13, 2026**, 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 13, 2026**.

(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 20, 2026**, 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).**