

# Senate Calendar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

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**NOTICE CALENDAR**

**Second Reading**

**Favorable**

**S. 218.**

An act relating to reducing chloride contamination of State waters.

**Reported favorably by Senator Watson for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.**

(Committee vote: 4-1-0)

**Reported favorably by Senator Hardy for the Committee on Finance.**

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

**Senate Resolution for Second Reading**

**Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment**

**S.R. 21.**

Senate resolution relating to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Operation Metro Surge.

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

The Committee recommends that the resolution be amended as follows:

First: By striking out the second Resolved clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

***Resolved:*** That the Senate of the State of Vermont, based on initial and substantial evidence, unequivocally condemns the extrajudicial killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti as grave violations of human dignity, civil liberties, and the constitutional protections owed to all persons, *and be it further*

Second: By striking out the fourth Resolved clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

***Resolved:*** That the Senate of the State of Vermont further declares that the lawful exercise of these constitutional rights—peacefully, responsibly, and within the bounds of the law—can never justify empowering federal

agents to act as judge, jury, and executioner, nor employing lethal forces outside established legal process and accountability, *and be it further*

(Committee vote: 4-1-0)

## **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. 185-192** (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for February 5, 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.

Sarah Furman of Rutland – Member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority – By Senator Beck for the Committee on Finance (February 4, 2026)

Kaj Samsom of Montpelier - Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulation - By Senator Brock for the Committee on Finance (February 4, 2026)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Announcement: Joint Public Hearing on the Governor's Recommended**

#### **FY 2027 Budget**

The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations will hold two **joint public hearings on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1:45 p.m. and Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** in Room 11 of the State House. Interested parties may attend the hearing in person or virtually.

The Committees will take testimony on the Governor's recommended budget at the above dates and times. **Anyone interested in testifying must sign up in advance of the hearings through the following online form not later than 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2026, for the first hearing, and 10:00 a.m. on February 19, 2026, for the second hearing.** Registration will be first-come, first-served and will be limited to 40 people on each date. For those planning to testify, instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing will be sent once you have signed up for the hearing.

Online sign-up form: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/public-hearing-on-fy27-budget>

**For those not planning to testify, the hearings will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link:**

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-appropriations>

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted electronically through email at [testimony@vtleg.gov](mailto:testimony@vtleg.gov) or mailed to the House Committee on Appropriations, c/o Autumn Crabtree, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633. For more information about the format of these events, contact Autumn Crabtree at [Autumn.Crabtree@vtleg.gov](mailto:Autumn.Crabtree@vtleg.gov) or Elle Oille-Stanforth at [Elle.Oille-Stanforth@vtleg.gov](mailto:Elle.Oille-Stanforth@vtleg.gov)

#### 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]*

**JFO #3272:** \$195,053,740.00 to the Vermont Agency of Human Services, Central Office from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Participation in the Rural Health Transformation Plan (RHTP) will help to ensure long-term health care system sustainability in Vermont. This grant includes two (2) limited-service positions (LSP): one (1) Health Care Reform Integration Manager to the Office of Health Care Reform and one (1) Financial Manager II to the Agency of Human Services Central Office. Both limited positions are expected to last through 9/30/2031.

*[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).**