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ACTION CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Second Reading

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

H. 790.

An act relating to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments.

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Perchlik for the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(For text of Report of Committee on Appropriations see Addendum to Senate Calendar for February 11, 2026.)

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

(For House amendment, see House Journal for January 30, 2026, pages 2959-2960.)

House Proposal of Amendment to Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 50

An act relating to identifying underutilized State buildings and land

The House concurs in the Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment thereto by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 165 is amended to read:

§ 165. SPACE ALLOCATION, INVENTORY, AND USE; LEASING
PROPERTY; COMMISSIONER'S PREAPPROVAL REQUIRED

* * *

(e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall maintain an inventory of all State-owned buildings and land and shall ~~biannually~~ annually compile and update the information received under subsection (g) of this section, which shall be considered once available in making spacing allocations and designating uses under subsection (c) of this section.

* * *

(g) The head of each agency shall prepare and forward to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services ~~when requested by the Commissioner~~ annually in a format prescribed by the Commissioner an inventory of: square footage available for use; square footage in actual use; square footage not in use; square footage used for storage; square footage that is unfinished; cost per square foot for rent; cost per square foot for operation and maintenance; and the source of funds for rent, operation, and maintenance, including the act and section numbers of a legislative directive if applicable. The head of each agency shall additionally indicate in its inventory in a format prescribed by the Commissioner whether any building is vacant and whether any land is unnecessary for State purposes.

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(j) On or before January 15 of each new legislative biennium, the Commissioner shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions the inventory maintained under subsection (e) of this section.

Sec. 2. INVENTORY OF PARCELS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; 2026–2030; REPORT

(a) As part of the inventory that a head of an agency conducts pursuant to 29 V.S.A. § 165(g) through calendar year 2030, the head of the agency shall identify and report to the Department of Housing and Community Development each parcel under its ownership that meets all of the screening criteria developed by the Department for Executive Order No. 06-25 (3 App. V.S.A. ch. 10, § 51).

(b) On or before January 15 of each legislative session through calendar year 2031, the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development shall provide to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions the inventory of properties identified pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, a list of those inventoried properties the Commissioner determines may be suitable for housing development, and an explanation of the Commissioner's determination.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

S. 209.

An act relating to prohibiting civil arrest in sensitive locations.

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)

Reported favorably by Senator Watson for the Committee on Appropriations.

(Committee vote: 6-0-1)

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. 193-203 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for February 12, 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 a **joint public hearing on 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 date and time. **Anyone interested in testifying must sign up in advance of the hearing through the following online form not later than 10:00 a.m. on February 19, 2026, for the hearing.** Registration will be first-come, first-served and will be limited to 40 people. 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 hearing 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 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 the event, contact Autumn Crabtree at Autumn.Crabtree@vtleg.gov or Elle Oille-Stanforth at 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).