

Senate Calendar

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ACTION CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

S. 193.

An act relating to establishing a forensic facility for certain criminal justice-involved persons.

Amendment to S. 193 to be offered by Senator Hashim before Third Reading

Senator Hashim moves to amend the bill in Sec. 4, 13 V.S.A. § 4826, in subdivision (a)(2), by striking out “Commissioner of General Services” and inserting in lieu thereof “Commissioner of Buildings and General Services”

S. 198.

An act relating to the regulation and taxation of tobacco products and tobacco substitutes.

S. 214.

An act relating to the provision of prekindergarten education in geographically isolated school districts.

Second Reading

Favorable

H. 694.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Bennington concerning the Town Manager.

Reported favorably by Senator Morley for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House Amendments)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Second Reading

Favorable

H. 84.

An act relating to allowing telehealth appointments to be recorded with patient and provider consent.

Reported favorably by Senator Gulick for the Committee on Health and Welfare.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House Amendments)

H. 540.

An act relating to the recommendations of the Post-Adjudication Reparative Program Working Group.

Reported favorably by Senator Vyhovsky for the Committee on Judiciary.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House Amendments)

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 26.

An act relating to prohibiting certain artificial dyes in foods and beverages served or sold at school.

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointment 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.

Mike Donohue of Shelburne, VT – Member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council – By Senator Mattos for the Committee on Finance (February 27, 2026)

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 #3273: \$29,303,666.00 to the Public Service Department, Office of Economic Opportunity from the U.S. Department of Energy. The Home Energy Rebate Program funds will be used to weatherize low-income homes. The first-year distribution is \$14,133.00 with subsequent yearly awards through May 31, 2029, for a total of \$29,303,666.00.

[Received March 9, 2026]

JFO #3274: \$50,000.00 to the Vermont Secretary of State's office from the Vermont Community Foundation. Funds are for the Local Civic Journalism program to support the State of Vermont Local Journalism Awards. This award expands the Local Journalism grants in the FY26 Secretary of State's budget.

[Received March 16, 2026]

JFO #3275: \$250,000.00 to the Vermont Police Academy, Criminal Justice Training Council from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Funds to support curriculum development of de-escalation of volatile and high-risk situations.

[Received March 16, 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).