

VERMONT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
The Big Bill (Budget): 1985 – Present

House actions

Notes

(Actions of the Senate and Governor are listed
only when necessary to provide procedural
clarity)

2024

H. 883

3/26/2024: 1st Reading
3/28/2024: 2nd Reading
3/29/2024: 3rd Reading
4/25/2024: Received from Senate
4/26/2024: C of C appointed
5/10/2024: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/10/2024: Adjourned
5/23/2024: Bill signed

2023

H. 494

3/28/2023: 1st Reading
3/30/2023: 2nd Reading
3/31/2023: 3rd Reading
4/27/2022: Received from Senate
4/28/2023: C of C appointed

5/12/2023: C of C report adopted; bill passed

5/12/2023: Adjourned
5/27/2023: Governor's Veto
6/20/2023 (Veto Session): Veto Overriden
6/23/2023: Delivered to Sec. of State

2022

H. 740

3/22/2022: 1st Reading
3/24/2022: 2nd Reading
3/25/2022: 3rd Reading
4/20/2022: Received from Senate
4/21/2022: C of C appointed

5/12/2022: C of C report adopted; bill passed

5/12/2022: Adjourned
6/9/2022: Bill signed

2021

H. 439

3/23/2021: 1st Reading
3/25/2021: 2nd Reading
3/26/2021: 3rd Reading
4/30/2021: Received from Senate
5/5/2021: C of C appointed

5/21/2021: C of C report adopted; bill passed

5/21/2021: Adjourned
6/8/2021: Bill signed

2020

H. 961 (1st Q)

6/5/2020: 1st Reading
6/5/2020: 2nd Reading
6/9/2020: 3rd Reading
6/19/2020: Received from Senate
6/24/2020: House concurred in S. prop. of
amend., with further prop of amend.
6/25/2020: Senate concurred in H. prop. of
amend to S. prop. of amend.; bill passed
6/30/2020: Bill signed

In 2020, the Budget was divided into two parts because of uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 funding from the federal government and the State's fiscal/economic complications due to the pandemic.

H. 969

9/10/2020: 1st Reading
9/10/2020: 2nd Reading
9/11/2020: 3rd Reading
9/18/2020: Received from Senate
9/22/2020: C of C appointed

9/25/2020: C of C report adopted; bill passed

9/25/2020: Adjourned
10/2/2020: Bill Signed

2019

H. 542

3/27/2019: 1st Reading
3/28/2019: 2nd Reading
3/29/2019: 3rd Reading
5/8/2019: Received from Senate
5/8/2019: C of C appointed

5/24/2019: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/24/2019: Adjourned
6/18/2018: Bill signed

2018 **H.16 (Special Session)**

Sp. 6/19/2018: 1st Reading
Sess. 6/19/2018: 2nd Reading
 6/19/2018: 3rd Reading
 6/21/2018: Received from Senate
 6/22/2018: House concurred in S. prop of
 amend. with further prop. of amend.
 6/25/2018: House voted to reconsider its vote
 from 6/22/18 to concur in the S. prop of
 amend with further prop. of amend.
 6/25/2018: House concurred in S. prop of
 amend. with further prop of amend.
 (upholding the House action on 6/22/2018)
 6/25/2018: Bill passed
 6/25/2018: Delivered to Governor
 6/25/2018: Adjourned
 7/1/2018: Bill allowed to become law without
 signature of the Governor

After the 2018 Session adjourned, the Governor vetoed 2018, H.924 (see below). A Special Session was called, and among the bills introduced and passed was a new version of the Budget, H.16 (An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government, financing education, and vital records), which was introduced on June 19, passed by both the House and Senate on June 25, and was allowed to become law without the Governor's signature on July 1.

2018 **H. 924**

3/21/2018: 1st Reading
3/22/2018: 2nd Reading
3/23/2018: 3rd Reading
5/2/2018: Received from Senate
5/2/2018: C of C appointed
5/12/2018: C of C report adopted; bill passed
 and messaged to Governor forthwith
5/12/2018: Adjourned
5/29/2018: Governor's veto

2017 **H. 518**

3/28/2017: 1st Reading
3/30/2017: 2nd Reading
3/31/2017: 3rd Reading
4/27/2017: Received from Senate
4/27/2017: C of C appointed
5/18/2017: C of C report adopted; bill passed

In 2017, the Governor vetoed the Budget, H. 518. A Veto Session was held on June 21, 2017; the veto of the Governor was sustained; and a new Budget, H.542, was introduced by the House Appropriations Committee, and passed by the House and

5/18/2017: Adjourned
6/6/2017: Governor's veto
6/21/2017 (Veto Session): Veto sustained

Senate on the same day.

H. 542 (Veto Session)

6/21/2017: 1st Reading
6/21/2017: 2nd Reading
6/21/2017: 3rd Reading
6/21/2017: The Senate read the bill the required three times via rules suspensions, passed in concurrence, and suspended the rules to forthwith message the bill to the House and deliver to the Governor.
6/21/2017: Adjourned
6/28/2017: Bill signed

2016 **H. 875**

3/22/2016: 1st Reading
3/23/2016: 2nd Reading
3/24/2016: 3rd Reading
4/26/2016: Received from Senate
4/26/2016: C of C appointed
5/6/2016: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/6/2016: Adjourned
6/8/2016: Bill signed

2015 **H. 490**

3/24/2015: 1st Reading
3/26/2015: 2nd Reading
3/27/2015: 3rd Reading
5/1/2015: Received from Senate
5/5/2015: C of C appointed

5/16/2015: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/16/2015: Adjourned
6/11/2015: Bill signed

2014 **H. 885**

3/25/2014: 1st Reading

3/27/2014: 2nd Reading
3/29/2014: 3rd Reading
4/29/2014: Received from Senate
4/29/2014: C of C appointed
5/10/2014: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/10/2014: Adjourned
6/9/2014: Bill signed

2013 **H. 530**

3/26/2013: 1st Reading
3/28/2013: 2nd Reading
3/29/2013: 3rd Reading
5/3/2013: Received from Senate
5/3/2013: C of C appointed
5/14/2013: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/14/2013: Adjourned
5/28/2013: Bill signed

2012 **H. 781**

3/20/2012: 1st Reading
3/22/2012: 2nd Reading
3/23/2012: 3rd Reading
4/26/2012: Received from Senate
4/27/2012: C of C appointed
5/5/2012: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/5/2012: Adjourned
5/17/2012: Bill signed

2011 **H. 441**

3/22/2011: 1st Reading
3/24/2011: 2nd Reading
3/25/2011: 3rd Reading
4/22/2011: Received from Senate
4/26/2011: C of C appointed
5/6/2011: Cof C report adopted; bill passed
5/6/2011: Adjourned
6/2/2011: Bill signed

2010 **H. 789**

3/23/2010: 1st Reading
3/24/2010: 2nd Reading

3/25/2010: 3rd Reading
4/27/2010: Received from Senate
4/27/2010: C of C appointed
5/12/2010: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/12/2010: Adjourned
6/3/2010: Bill signed

2009 **H. 441**

3/31/2009: 1st Reading
4/2/2009: 2nd Reading
4/03/2009: 3rd Reading
4/24/2009: Received from Senate
4/24/2009: C of C appointed
5/9/2009: C of C report adopted; bill passed

5/9/2009: Adjourned

On 6/1/2009, the Governor vetoed H.441 and called a Special Session to be held on 6/2/2009. At the Special Session, the House adopted H.R. 1 and the Senate adopted S.R.1, each of which allowed the applicable chamber to consider the Governor's veto from the Regular Session. And each chamber overrode the Governor's veto of 2009, H.441.

Sp. 6/1/2009: Vetoed by Governor
Sess. 6/2/2009: Veto Overridden

2008 **H. 891**

3/28/2008: 1st Reading
4/2/2008: 2nd Reading
4/2/2008: 3rd Reading
4/24/2008: Received from Senate
4/24/2008: C of C appointed
5/3/2008: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/3/2008: Adjourned

2007 **H. 537**

4/3/2007: 1st Reading
4/5/2007: 2nd Reading
4/6/2007: 3rd Reading
5/1/2007: Received from Senate
5/1/2007: C of C appointed
5/12/2007: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/12/2007: Adjourned

2006 **H. 881**

3/21/2006: 1st Reading

3/23/2006: 2nd Reading
3/24/2006: 3rd Reading
4/26/2006: Received from Senate
4/26/2006: C of C appointed
5/10/2006: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/10/2006: Adjourned

2005 **H. 516**

3/18/2005: 1st Reading
3/24/2005: 2nd Reading
3/25/2005: 3rd Reading
5/26/2005: Received from Senate
5/26/2005: C of C appointed
6/4/2005: C of C report adopted; bill passed
6/4/2005: Adjourned

2004 **H. 768**

3/18/2004: 1st Reading
3/22/2004: 2nd Reading
3/23/2004: 3rd Reading
4/29/2004: Received from Senate
4/29/2004: C of C appointed
5/20/2004: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/20/2004: Adjourned

2003 **H. 464**

3/27/2003: 1st Reading
3/31/2003: 2nd Reading
4/2/2003: 3rd Reading
5/2/2003: Received from Senate
5/2/2003: C of C appointed
5/30/2003: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/30/2003: Adjourned

No rules suspension to take up for immediate consideration for 2nd reading. Appearing on Notice Calendar, rules suspended to take up Committee of Conference report for immediate consideration. Three days of debate. Four working days from introduction to House passage.

2002 **H. 766**

3/26/2002: 1st Reading
3/28/2002: 2nd Reading:
3/29/2002: 3rd Reading
5/9/2002: Received from Senate
5/9/2002: C of C appointed
6/6/2002: C of C report adopted; bill passed
6/13/2002: Adjourned

No rules suspension to take up for immediate consideration. Three days of debate. Four working days from introduction to House passage.

<u>2001</u>	<u>H. 485</u> 3/21/2001: 1st Reading 3/22/2001: 2nd Reading 3/28/2001: 3rd Reading 5/23/2001: Received from Senate 5/23/2001: C of C appointed 6/2/2001: C of C report adopted; bill passed 6/3/2001: Adjourned	Appearing on Notice Calendar, rules suspended to take up for immediate consideration. Three days of debate. Four working days from introduction to House passage.
<u>2000</u>	<u>H. 842</u> 2/29/2000: 1st Reading 3/1/2000: 2nd Reading 3/3/2000: 3rd Reading 5/2/2000: Received from Senate 5/2/2000: C of C appointed 5/15/2000: C of C report adopted; bill passed 5/15/2000: Adjourned	Appearing on Notice Calendar, rules suspended to take up for immediate consideration. Three days of debate. Four working days from introduction to House passage.
<u>1999</u>	<u>H. 554</u> 3/26/1999: 1st Reading 3/30/1999: 2nd Reading 4/1/1999: 3rd Reading 5/5/1999: Received from Senate 5/5/1999: C of C appointed 5/15/1999: C of C report adopted; bill passed 5/15/1999: Adjourned	No rules suspension to take up for immediate consideration. Three days of debate. Five working days from introduction to House passage.
<u>1998</u>	<u>H. 755</u> 2/24/1998: 1st Reading 2/25/1998: 2nd Reading 2/27/1998: 3rd Reading 4/7/1998: Received from Senate 4/7/1998: C of C appointed 4/18/1998: C of C report adopted; bill passed 4/21/1998: Adjourned	Appearing on Notice Calendar, rules suspended to take up for immediate consideration. Rules suspended to message forthwith to Senate. Three days of debate. Four working days from introduction to House passage.
<u>1997</u>	<u>H. 526</u> 3/11/1997: 1st Reading 3/11/1997: 2nd Reading 3/13/1997: 3rd Reading	Pending entry on Notice Calendar, rules suspended to take up for immediate consideration. Rules suspended to message

5/9/1997: Received from Senate
5/12/1997: C of C appointed
6/13/1997: C of C report adopted; bill passed
6/13/1997: Adjourned

forthwith to Senate. Three days of debate.
Three working days from introduction to
House passage.

1996 **H. 806**

3/12/1996: 1st Reading
3/13/1996: 2nd Reading
3/18/1996: 3rd Reading
4/22/1996: Received from Senate
4/22/1996: C of C appointed
5/3/1996: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/3/1996: Adjourned

Pending entry on Notice Calendar, rules
suspended to take up for immediate
consideration. On subsequent motion, bill
made a special order for the next day. Rules
suspended to message forthwith to Senate.
Three days of debate. Four working days
from introduction to House passage.

1995 **H. 501**

3/14/1995: 1st Reading
3/15/1995: 2nd Reading
3/16/1995: 3rd Reading
3/31/1995: Received from Senate
3/31/1995: C of C appointed
4/21/1995: C of C report adopted; bill passed
4/21/1995: Adjourned

Pending entry on Notice Calendar, rules
suspended to take up for immediate
consideration. On subsequent motion, bill
made a special order for the next day.
Rules suspended to message forthwith to
Senate. Two days of debate. Three working
days from introduction to House passage.

1994 **H. 864**

3/3/1994: 1st Reading
3/8/1994: 2nd Reading
3/9/1994: 3rd Reading
4/28/1994: Received from Senate
5/3/1994: C of C appointed
6/12/1994: Bill passed
6/12/1994: Adjourned

Pending entry on Notice Calendar, rules
suspended to take up for immediate
consideration; pending second reading, bill
committed to Committee on Ways &
Means. Two days of debate. Five working
days from introduction to House passage.

1993 **H. 524**

3/11/1993: 1st Reading
3/12/1993: 2nd Reading
3/15/1993: 3rd Reading
4/16/1993: Received from Senate
4/16/1993: C of C appointed
5/16/1993: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/16/1993: Adjourned

Appearing on Notice Calendar, rules
suspended to take up for immediate
consideration. Rules suspended to message
forthwith to Senate. Two days of debate.
Three working days from introduction to
House passage.

1992

H. 937

2/28/1992: 1st Reading
3/5/1992: 2nd Reading
3/6/1992: 3rd Reading
4/14/1992: Received from Senate
4/14/1992: C of C appointed

4/25/1992: C of C report adopted; bill passed

4/26/1992: Adjourned

No rules suspension to take up for immediate consideration. Rules suspended to message forthwith to Senate. Two days of debate. Four working days from introduction to House passage.

1991

H. 589

3/15/1991: 1st Reading
3/20/1991: 2nd Reading
3/21/1991: 3rd Reading
4/19/1991: Received from Senate
4/19/1991: C of C appointed
5/19/1991: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/19/1991: Adjourned

No rules suspension to take up for immediate consideration. Rules suspended to message forthwith to Senate. Two days of debate. Four working days from introduction to House passage.

1990

H. 891

3/13/1990: 1st Reading
3/14/1990: 2nd Reading
3/15/1990: 3rd Reading, passed on roll call 91 yes, 51 no
4/23/1990: Received from Senate
4/23/1990: C of C appointed
5/16/1990: C of C adopted on roll call, 67 yes, 66 no
5/16/1990: Adjourned
5/31/1990: Bill signed

On March 13th, pending entry on the notice calendar, rules suspended and the bill taken up for immediate consideration; pending 2nd reading, the bill was made a Special Order for March 14th. On May 16th, rules suspended and Committee of Conference report taken up from notice calendar; the report was passed by the House on a roll call vote, 67 yeas to 66 nays, with the Speaker casting a tie-breaking vote.

1989

H. 539

3/8/1989: 1st Reading
3/15/1989: 2nd Reading
3/16/1989: 3rd Reading, passed on roll call 126 yes, 15 no
4/19/1989: Received from Senate
4/19/1989: C of C appointed

On March 8th, pending entry on the notice calendar, rules suspended and the bill taken up for immediate consideration; pending 2nd reading, the bill was made a Special Order for March 15th.

5/7/1989: C of C report adopted; bill passed
5/7/1989: Adjourned
5/31/1989: Bill Signed

1988

3/8/1988: 1st Reading
3/10/1988: 2nd Reading
3/10/1988: Recommitted to C. on
Appropriations
3/17/1988: 2nd Reading
3/18/1988: 3rd Reading
4/25/1988: Received from Senate
4/25/1988: C of C appointed
5/20/1988: C of C report adopted, passed on
roll call 90 yes, 23 no
5/20/1988: Adjourned
6/21/1988: Bill Signed

On March 8th, pending entry on the Calendar for notice, rules suspended and the bill taken up for immediate consideration; pending 2nd reading, the bill was made a Special Order for March 10th. On March 10th, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations. On March 17th, appearing on the Calendar for notice, rules suspended and the bill taken up for immediate consideration. On May 20th, pending entry on the Calendar for notice, rules suspended and the report of the Committee of Conference taken up for immediate consideration.

1987

H. 480

3/27/1987: 1st Reading
4/1/1987: 2nd Reading
4/3/1987: 3rd Reading, passed on division 109
yes, 11 no.
5/6/1987: Received from Senate
5/6/1987: C of C appointed
5/22/1987: C of C report adopted, passed on
roll call 94 yes, 13 no
5/22/1987: Adjourned
6/17/1987: Bill signed

On March 27th, pending entry on the notice calendar, rules suspended and the bill taken up for immediate consideration; pending 2nd reading, the bill was made a Special Order for April 1st. On May 22nd, rules suspended and report of Committee of Conference taken up for immediate consideration.

1986

H. 771

3/14/1986: 1st Reading
3/19/1986: 2nd Reading
3/20/1986: 3rd Reading, passed on roll call 75
yes, 66 no
4/18/1986: Received from Senate
4/18/1986: C of C appointed
4/29/1986: 2nd C of C appointed
5/3/1986: 2nd C of C adopted and bill passed
on roll call 78 yes, 30 no
5/3/1986: Adjourned

On March 18th, rules suspended and the bill was taken up off the notice calendar and made a special order for March 19th. On April 29, rules suspended and Committee of Conference report considered; pursuant to Senate request, a new Committee of Conference was appointed.

6/4/1986: Bill signed

1985 **H. 410**

4/2/1985: 1st Reading

4/3/1985: 2nd Reading

4/4/1985: 3rd Reading, passed on roll call 132
yes, 14 no

5/1/1985: Received from Senate

5/2/1985: C of C appointed

5/11/1985: C of C report adopted; bill passed

5/11/1985: Adjourned

5/28/1985: Bill signed

On April 2, rules suspended and bill made a special order for April 3rd. On May 2nd, rules suspended bill taken off notice calendar for immediate consideration and Committee of Conference appointed. On May 11, rules suspended and bill taken up for immediate consideration pending entry on notice calendar, and report of Committee of Conference adopted.