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**Subject:** Conf. Exec Priv: Daily Legislative Report for Friday, February 26

House will reconvene Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Senate will reconvene Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

HOUSE

#### **House Bill Introduced**

H. 856 An act relating to regional cooperation in government operations in case of catastrophic events.  
*Read first time and referred to the committee on Government Operations.*

#### **Senate Bills Referred**

S. 212 An act relating to court-approved absences from home detention and home confinement furlough.  
*Referred to the committee on Judiciary.*

S. 256 act relating to extending the moratorium on home health agency certificates of need.  
*Referred to the committee on Human Services.*

#### **House Concurrent Resolution Referred to Committee**

H.C.R. 254 House concurrent resolution commending municipalities providing water fluoridation

#### **Third Reading; Bills Passed**

H. 278 An act relating to selection of the Adjutant and Inspector General;  
*House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed.*

H. 749 An act relating to allowing a friend to file a request for relief from abuse order.  
*House bills of the following titles were severally taken up, read the third time and passed.*

#### **Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**

H. 458 An act relating to automatic voter registration through motor vehicle driver's license applications

H. 507 An act relating to eligibility for economic development in impaired waters of the State

#### **Favorable Report; Third Reading Ordered**

H. 577 An act relating to voter approval of electricity purchases by municipalities and electric cooperatives

*Read a second time and third reading ordered.*

### **House Resolution Adopted**

H.R. 13 House resolution urging that the State of Vermont remove the stocks of companies with coal holdings and the stock of the Exxon Mobil Corporation from its pension investment portfolios.

*Roll Call Results Passed – Needed 67 of 133 to Pass – Yeas = 76, Nays = 57 [Details here](#).*

## SENATE

### **Bill Referred**

House bill of the following title was read the first time and referred:

H. 761. An act relating to cataloguing and aligning health care performance measures.

*To the Committee on Health & Welfare.*

### **Read the third time and passed**

S. 10. An act relating to the State DNA database.

S. 223. An act relating to regulating fantasy sports contests.

### **Bill Amended; Third Reading Ordered**

S. 190. An act relating to maintaining prescription drugs outside the original prescription container.

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## COMMITTEE INTEL/TESTIMONY

→HOUSE FISH, WILD, WATER: **H.674 An act relating to public notice of wastewater discharges.** Voted out today 7-0-2. 1 hour notice on electronic site designated by secretary. 12 hour notice on ANR's site.

→SENATE EDUCATION: **S.180, increasing General Fund appropriations to the Vermont State Colleges.** Voted out 5-0-1 with Champion absent for the vote. Section 1 approves appropriation from the General Fund to VSC, UVM, and VSAC increasing by no less than that FY's percentage increase in the General Fund to Education Fund; Section 2 - 40k to Next Generation Initiative; Section 3 - appropriations to Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund; Section 4 - \$103,200 to Next Fund for Man Up Program.

→HOUSE FISH & WILDLIFE: **Fish & Wildlife Omnibus bill** came out of committee today unanimously. Already got a drive by in Judiciary. Bill is in good shape and going to House Floor after break.

→SENATE, HEALTH & WELFARE: **S.189 regarding foster parents bill of rights.** Committee is revising the bill consistent with DCF request to create work group over the summer. The proposed membership

would include 2 foster parents appointed by the Gov. Give a per-diem for the 3 non state members (2 foster parents, and 1 rep from the foster parents association) \$1k appropriation, needs to go to appropriations committee. Ken Schatz is good with this.

→HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES: **H.112: An act relating to access to financial records in adult protective services investigations**: passed out of committee, unanimously.

→HOUSE WAYS & MEANS: **Fee Bill**: Committee wants more money than Susan proposed to register a mutual fund, she proposed \$1200, they want \$1500.

→SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES: **S.230 – Improving the siting of energy projects**: The REC discussion with VLS students and Professor Jones was well attended by media and stakeholders. Eyebrows were raised at the concept that 0% of Vermonters receive renewable power from wind or solar. Sen. MacDonald and Aaron Adler pushed back on some of the findings, and Jon and Asa were helpful in turning the discussion to the processes already underway in Acts 99 and 56 to address many of the stated concerns.

There is interest (particularly from Sen. Rodgers but also others) on creating a way for customers who want to retain and not sell their RECS to still have those count toward VT's goals. They seem to be looking for creative solutions here.

The **motion to adopt Sen. Bray's strike-all amendment as a new version of S. 230 was approved 3-1-1** with Sen. Rodgers voting no and Sen. Snelling absent. Sen. Bray is working on a punch list of issues; amendments are due 3/8, and 3/9-3/11 is markup and vote out.

Sen. **Rodgers would like to add a ban on industrial wind but is willing to settle for setbacks and siting standards for wind** if there aren't enough votes for a ban.

→SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE: **S.167 An act relating to the role of social service providers in accountable care organizations**: Put language in S. 167 showing concern for potential increase in rates due to young people going into Dr. D as well as financing study for AoA for Universal Primary Care (language below). Committee talked about various ACO principles and where to put ACOs principles. Committee will think about and e-mail principles to each other but do not want to duplicate efforts of House.

→HOUSE HEALTH CARE: **H. 730 - An act relating to Medicaid rates for home- and community-based services and home-delivered meals as a reimbursable covered service**: Committee was leaning towards stripping rates from the bill and writing it so that Medicaid needs to pursue an amendment after the GC waiver is approved. This is still up in the air though. Lisa's testimony on the budget really took the wind out of their sails on this bill.