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**Subject:** Conf. Exec Priv: Daily Legislative Report for May 5

House convenes Wednesday at 1p.m.

Senate convenes Wednesday at 1p.m.

Bills Delivered today, due Monday, May 11:

- [H.86](#), uniform interstate family support act.
- [H.304](#), uniform interstate family support act.
- [H.310](#), relating to LLCs.

## HOUSE:

Conference Committees Appointed:

- [H.489](#), revenue bill: ANCEL, BRANAGAN, CONDON.
- [H.490](#), budget: JOHNSON, FAGAN, KEENAN.
- [S.122](#), relating to miscellaneous changes to laws related to motor vehicles, motorboats, and other vehicles: BRENNAN, CORCORAN, BURKE.

Passed Third Reading:

- [S.60](#), relating to payment for medical examinations for victims of sexual assault

Passed Second and Third Readings and messaged to Senate:

- [S.44](#), flexibility in early college numbers and childhood savings accounts.
- [H.503](#), Burlington Charter.
- [H.504](#), Waitsfield Charter.
- [H.497](#), Colchester Charter.

Passed Second Reading, third reading Wednesday:

- [S.93](#), relating to lobbying disclosures.
- [S.102](#), relating to forfeiture of property associated with animal fighting and certain regulated drug possession, sale, and trafficking violations.
- [H.355](#), relating to licensing and regulating foresters.

## Tomorrow on the floor:

- [H.98](#), philosophical exemption bill, House will consider Senate amendments.
- [H.241](#), involuntary procedures, House will consider Senate amendments.
- [H.488](#), T-Bill, House will consider Senate amendments.
- [S.13](#), sex offender registry, House will consider further Senate amendments.

## **SENATE:**

Passed third reading:

- [H.477](#), Dean Corren fix. House will now consider Senate amendments.

## **Tomorrow on the floor:**

- [H.18](#), public records up for second reading.
- [H.105](#), revenge porn, Senate will consider House amendment to Senate amendment.
- [S.9](#), child protection, Senate will consider House amendments.
- [S.44](#), child savings account bill, Senate will consider House amendments.
- [S.108](#), death with dignity, Senate will consider House amendments.
- [S.139](#), House healthcare bill vehicle, Senate will consider House amendments.

## **COMMITTEE INTEL:**

- [S.115](#), relating to expungement of convictions based on conduct that is no longer criminal, reached conference committee agreement, Bobby Sand reports that it's all good.
- [H.98](#), reportable disease registry bill and philosophical exemption vehicle, House is taking testimony today, tomorrow and Thursday. The testimony today was mostly advocates, including RFK, Jr. David Englander from Health testified very generally about how the vaccine registry works with regard to schools, etc. Comm. Chen will testify Thursday on the merits of the proposal.
- [H.480](#), miscellaneous education bill, will be voted out today and will be the vehicle to fix technical issue with state colleges commission.
- Water Quality: Senate Finance Committee will vote the bill out tomorrow.
- House Agriculture Committee and Tax Department: the committee periodically takes testimony from tax on sales tax for farm equipment and farm taxation in general. Candace testified today and again assure the committee the department twill be looking at sales tax definitions thoroughly this summer.

## **Energy bill, agreement reached and bill will be out of Finance tomorrow and out of Appropriations by the end of the week. Details on siting proposal:**

Siting Setbacks below would be statewide default and a town could argue for more or less before PSB:

- 15kwh – 150kwh 40ft from edge of road, 25ft from property boundary.
- Above 150kwh 100ft from edge of road, 50ft from property boundary.

Towns and planning commissions would be statutory parties to proceedings and would be able make recommendations for screening. The Board would accept unless:

- Screening would functionally prohibit solar from the area.
- Screening would prevent solar panels from actually working.
- Screening is discriminatory compared to other developments.

No additional municipal permit required for 248 but screening and setback can go through municipal bylaws.

House Government Operations took testimony on moving DLC enforcement to DPS:

- **Stephanie O'Brien:** she touched on control versus licensure. Vermont is a control state. She then distributed a book on liquor control the committee.
  - Rep. Sweaney asked her if enforcement should be kept at DLC and Stephanie said she thinks DLC has been doing its job and she hasn't seen evidence to the contrary.
  - Sweaney kept repeating that there is no barrier between promotion of liquor and enforcement/education/licensure. She also defers to a law enforcement study in general a couple years back that argues public safety should be under one house.
  - Sweaney also mentioned as a side note she thought even the governor was for privatization at one point.
  - O'Brien did seem to take a stand against privatization saying Washington state has faced unintended consequences in privatizing.
- **Hogan:** He had no testimony and asked the committee what questions it had for him.
  - Many have been talking about moving enforcement to PSD for years.
  - He said he wasn't advocating for any model but said that enforcement must happen no matter what otherwise we would see a spike in DUIs, etc.
  - Rep. LaClair asked about Goggins, why did Hogan set up the salary like that? Hogan responded that there were no extra resources and the work had to be done, too hard to advocate for base salary.
  - One issue that came up during Hogan's testimony is separating the education piece with the enforcement piece which could happen if enforcement is moved to DPS.
- The committee decided to look at what Maine and other states do and revisit the issue at a later time.