

From: Senator Christopher Bray [cbray@leg.state.vt.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 2:12 PM
To: Springer, Darren
Subject: Fwd: My plea to you to represent your constituents in overriding the Governors veto of S.230

the heat is turned up a little bit more...
ironic to have turner talking about not playing politics when it was he who would not read the replacement bill.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Donald Turner, Jr." <DTurner@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: My plea to you to represent your constituents in overriding the Governors veto of S.230
Date: Jun 8, 2016 at 2:03:14 PM GMT-4
To: Christopher Bray <CBray@leg.state.vt.us>, Tony Klein <TKlein@leg.state.vt.us>
Cc: ALL_MEMBERS <ALL_MEMBERS@leg.state.vt.us>

To My Democratic Colleagues,

When the House voted unanimously to pass H.230 it was a proud moment of bipartisan compromise. We worked together to find a fair balance between renewable energy development and the concerns of local communities regarding the health, aesthetic, and financial implications of siting these projects in their neighborhoods.

The changes to the bill made in the Senate tilted the balance we in the House agreed to further toward the side of renewable energy development. Some of us swallowed hard, but, again, we compromised in the House and voted to support this bill. A further move away from our constituents' interests and in favor of developers, which is what the Governor is after, is not acceptable.

I call on you now to stick by our bipartisan compromise, to stick by your votes, and to override Governor Shumlin's veto of our good work.

The Speaker of the House was quoted in a recent news article as saying this issue is now "political" because we are in an election season. This does not have to be, and should not be political.

When you and every one of your colleagues voted to support S.230, that was not a political vote. It was the result of bipartisan work, listening to all sides, and representing your constituents. But if you change your vote now and kill a bill

you voted twice to support, what reason can there be for such a change other than politics? Don't play the politics!

The Republican Caucus will vote to stand by the non-political, bipartisan votes made in support of S.230, and we hope every Democrat who also voted to support S.230 will join us in overriding the Governor's veto.

In addition to serving our constituents best interests, wouldn't this be a powerful and positive message of bipartisanship and rejection of special interest politics on which to launch the campaign season? I think so.

Respectfully yours,

Don Turner

PS Please remember that the legislative rules exist to protect the minority so the majority can't run over the concerns of the few. I think that this principle applies in this case. The majority has had plenty of time to get this right.
