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House Reconvenes Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Senate Reconvenes Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

HOUSE

House Bills Introduced & Read First Time:

H. 562 An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation and to the review of professional regulation;

To the committee on Government Operations.

H. 563 An act relating to legislative approval for Medicare waivers;

To the committee on Health Care.

H. 564 An act relating to law enforcement officers;

To the committee on Government Operations.

- H. 565 An act relating to United Methodist Church property;
To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs.
- H. 566 An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington requiring firearms to be locked in safe storage depositories or placed in locking devices;
To the committee on Government Operations.
- H. 567 An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington regarding police confiscation of deadly or dangerous weapons;
To the committee on Government Operations.
- H. 568 An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington prohibiting possession of firearms on premises where alcohol is licensed to be served;
To the committee on Government Operations.
- H. 569 An act relating to regulating blighted properties;
To the committee on Government Operations.
- H. 570 An act relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping;
To the committee on Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources.
- H. 571 An act relating to driver's license suspensions, driving with a suspended license, and DUI penalties;
To the committee on Judiciary.
- H. 572 An act relating to the Commissioner of Liquor Control and liquor control investigators;
To the committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs

Action on Bill Postponed:

- H. 65 An act relating to designating the Gilfeather turnip as the State Vegetable
Pending second reading, action on the bill was postponed until the next legislative day.

SENATE

Rules Suspended; Bill Not Referred to Committee Appropriations:

- S. 233 An act relating to amending Act 46.
Appearing on the Calendar for notice, and, pending referral of the bill to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to Senate Rule 31, the rules be suspended and the bill not referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMITTEE INTEL:

House Healthcare committee took testimony regarding H.524, an act relating to seeking a waiver to permit businesses to continue to purchase Exchange plans directly from insurers. The legislation would

authorize DVHA to request a State Innovation (ACA Section 1332) Waiver from the ACA's requirement to establish a website-based small business exchange (also known as Small Business Health Options Program or SHOP). The waiver would permit qualified employers to continue to purchase VHC qualified health benefit plans directly from QHP issuers - as they do now under the temporary transitional flexibility granted to DVHA by CMS. Both committee and witnesses were supportive of waiver approach. Some discussion of changing the bill language to more explicitly limit waiver scope. Testifying: Jennifer Carbee (Leg Counsel), Susan Gretkowski (MVP), Cory Gustafson (BCBSVT), Trinkia Kerr (Health Care Advocate).