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VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #10

New bills of note on the Legislative Council web site this week:

H. 516 The Appropriations bill (the Big Bill)

H.518 The Capital Construction bill

Selected committee agenda items of interest to planners this week:

Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee - All Week- S.142 Act 250 Ag Lands Mitigation:

Tuesday

10:30 AM Committee discussion

10:45 AM Al Boright, Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM Michael Zahner, Natural Resources Bd.

Wednesday

9AM *Governor's Collaborative on Downtowns and Growth Centers - Power Point Presentation -*

Kinvin Wroth, Prof., Vt. Law School

10:30 AM Darby Bradley, Vermont Land Trust

11:00 AM Tom Little, Chair, District 4 Commission

11:30 AM Greg Brown, Chittenden Co. RPC

Thursday

9 AM *Overview of Act 250 criteria and growth centers currently in law -* Al Boright, Legislative Counsel

10 AM *Location of prime ag soils -* Steve Kerr, Secy., Agency of Agriculture

10:45 AM Witnesses to be announced

Friday

9AM *Governor's Collaborative on Downtowns and Growth Centers -* Mark Snelling, Chair, Governor's Collaborative

Senate Appropriations Committee - FY 06 Budget

Wednesday 2:30 – 3 PM Regional Planning Commissions - Peter Gregory

Thursday 2:30 – 3 PM Housing & Community Affairs - John Hall, Commissioner

House General, Housing & Military Affairs Committee

Thursday 9:00 AM-**H. 110 Statewide Housing Registry** – Sen. Jim Condos, Karen Lafayette
VY Low Income Housing; Gene Bergman Burlington Code Enforcement; Gene Crete Winooski
Code Enforcement; Doug Brent South Burlington Fire Chief

House Ways & Means Committee

Wednesday 8:30 AM **H.360 Downtown Bill – Refundable Tax Credits**

House Natural Resources & Energy Committee

Working all week on S. 52 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards

Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs Committee

Wednesday 11:15 – 11:30 **S.153 Cap on Big Box Stores Square Footage** – Committee discussion.

Senate Government Operations

Tuesday 9-10AM **S. 56 Restructuring ANR** Senators Susan Bartlett and Ginny Lyons; Tom Torti ANR Secretary

On the Senate Calendar for Tuesday March 29th :

**Second Reading of S. 101 Requiring carbon monoxide detectors in housing.
Second Reading - S. 56 -- Restructuring ANR.**

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