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VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #11

Other than H.523, the Transportation Capital Bill (T- Bill), there are no new bills of note on the Legislative Council web site this week.

The hot issue among VPA planners this week is:
Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee
S.142 Act 250 Ag Lands Mitigation:

Tuesday -10:30 AM Lou Borie Natural Resources Board.

Wednesday 9:00-12:00 a.m.

Karen Horn, Vt. League of Cities & Towns

Jim Libby, Vt. Housing & Conservation Board (9:15 a.m.)

Nancy Everhart, Vt. Housing & Conservation Board (9:15 a.m.)

Lee Nellis, Planner, Williston (9:30 a.m.)

Michael Munson, Vt. Planners Assn. (9:45 a.m.)

Catherine Dimitruk, E.D., Northwest Regional Planning Commission (10:00 a.m.)

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

Tayt Brooks, Vt. Home Builders (10:30 a.m.)

Bob Marcotte, Pinewood Manor (10:45 a.m.)

Dawn Francis, Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce (11:00 a.m.)

Bob Hill, E.D., Vt. Assn. of Realtors (11:15 a.m.)

Steve Holmes, Vt. Natural Resources Council (11:30 a.m.)

Thursday 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Sandy Levine, Conservation Law Foundation

Tom Weiss, Citizen, Montpelier (9:15 a.m.)

[SEE SEPARATE REPORT TO VPA MEMBERS WITH EMAIL COMPENDIUM]

Other Committee Action:

House Appropriations Committee

Tuesday 10AM **H.28 Outdoor Lighting Bill**

Rep. Lynn Bohi, Government Operations Committee

Rep. Bill Canfield, Natural Resources & Energy Committee

House General, Housing & Military Affairs Committee

Wednesday 9:00 AM-**H. 110 Statewide Housing Registry** –

Stuart Bennett, Pres. Vt Apartment Owners Association

House Natural Resources & Energy Committee

Tuesday - **S. 52 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards – Mark up**

Friday 10:30 Am **S. 56 Restructuring ANR** – Al Boright

Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs Committee
Friday 11 – 11:30AM **S.153 Cap on Big Box Stores Square Footage** –
Proposed Amendment - Committee discussion.

Of note on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday April 5th :

Third Readings:

S. 18 Use of genetically engineered seeds and plant parts

S. 56 Relating to restructuring the agency of natural resources

Of note on the House Calendar for Tuesday April 5th :

H. 92 Gas and Electric Service Outside Dwelling Units

H. 241 Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places.

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