

2/27/06

## **VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #8**

### **CROSSOVER DEADLINES**

- (1) From standing committee of last reference (excluding the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means), all bills must be reported out of committee on or before March 3, 2006.
- (2) All bills must be reported out of the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means on or before March 17, 2006.

*This week features election of an Adjutant General and significant floor time as bills come out of committees and as the Legislature prepares for next week's Town Meeting recess. Many committee agendas are "TBA" – to be announced as of Monday evening.*

*Agenda items of note:*

### **SENATE FINANCE**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2006**

1:30 p.m. **S.124 A Certificate of Public Good for Extending the Operating License of a Nuclear Power Plant** Bill Russell, Legislative Counsel

3:30 p.m. **S.142 Growth Centers Bill** Dan Lindley, Administrator, St Albans ; Town Dan Smith, Lobbyist, Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC); James Saudade, Deputy, Department of Housing and Community Affairs ; Susan Mesner, Economist, Department of Taxes ; Meredith Sumner, Legislative Counsel

**(Rest of week - To Be Scheduled)**

### **SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006**

10:45 a.m. **S.259 - Greenhouse Gas** Committee discussion and mark-up

### **HOUSE GENERAL, HOUSING & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2006**

After Caucus- **Committee Discussion on Governor's Proposal for "Land Bank"**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006** 9:30 a.m. **Committee Discussion on JRH.61 - Urging the VT Housing & Conservation Board to Direct 90 Percent of its Annual Allocation of Grants to Affordable Housing Projects for Fiscal Year**

**Thursday, March 2, 2006** 9:30 a.m. **General Committee Discussion**

11:00 - 12:00 p.m. **House General and Senate Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs, Room 10** **H.500 - Mobile Homes & Affordable Housing; H.777 - Resident Ownership of Mobile Home Parks Using Cooperative & Condominium Structures; H.475 - Simplifying Affordable Housing Development**

### **SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & GENERAL AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006** 10:30 a.m. **Land Bank Administration's Housing Proposal**

John Hall, Commissioner, DHCA; Sarah Carpenter, Executive Director, Vermont Housing Finance Agency; Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board; Ken Perine, Chair, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board; Tayt Brooks, Vermont Homebuilders & Remodelers Assoc.; Bob Hill, Vermont Homebuilders & Remodelers Assoc.; Bob McDonald, Housing Program Director, USDA Rural Development; Doug Griswold, SG Griswold & Company;

11:15 a.m. **Energy Affordability Draft Legislation; Committee Discussion; VOTE**

11:35 a.m. **Operation, Management, and Emergency Response Plans for Pollution Abatement Facilities Draft Legislation; Committee Discussion; VOTE**

#### **Thursday, March 2, 2006**

11:00 a.m. **Residential Electrical Installations**

*Proposed Draft Legislation; Committee Discussion; VOTE*

11:15 a.m. **Home Inspections**

*Proposed Draft Legislation; Committee Discussion; VOTE*

#### **Friday, March 3, 2006**

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 **Community Impact Studies For Large Scale Retail Operations**

*30 Minute Movie; Proposed Draft Legislation; Committee Discussion; VOTE*

10:45 a.m. **S.291 - Tax Increment Financing Districts for Milton, South Burlington, And Berlin** *Proposed Amendment; Committee Discussion; VOTE*

### **HOUSE WAYS & MEANS**

#### **Tuesday, February 28, 2006**

**Transportation Capital Bill** Senator Shepard Bart Selle, Asset Management Systems Manager, Policy & Planning Division, Dept of Transportation

1:15 pm **Public Testimony on REVENUE Portion of Transportation Bill (eg: Fuel Taxes)**

*Please sign up if interested.* Joe Choquette, Vermont Petroleum Association; Ed Larson, Forest Products Association; Steve Jeffrey, Exec Dir, Vt League of Cities & Towns ; Wade Walker, Vt Auto Dealers Association; Netaka White, Vt Biofuels Association ; Ed Miller, Vt Truck & Bus Association ; *Public Testimony on the REVENUE Sources in the Transportation Bill will be held 2/28/06 at 1:15. Anyone interested in testifying should contact Roz Daniels at RDaniels@leg.state.vt.us or 828-2250.*

#### **Wednesday, March 1, 2006**

9:00 am **Transportation Capital Bill H.869 – new Transportation Committee Bill just posted**

1:15 pm **Transportation Capital Bill, Markup**

### **SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

#### **Wednesday, March 1, 2006**

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 **S.212 - Emergency Management Response Plan** *Mark Up and Vote*

Barbara Farr, Emergency Management Director ;

Marc Metayer, Deputy Commissioner Public Safety

11:00 a.m. **S.8 - Legislative Approval of Municipal Charter Amendments** *Mark Up and Vote*

Bill Griffin, Deputy Attorney General

**HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Thursday, March 2, 2006**

11:00 a.m. **H.12 - Municipal Regulation of Amateur Radio Antennas** Jeff Spencer, Amateur Radio Operator; Karen Horn, VT League of Cities and Towns

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