

3/27/06

VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #11

Highlights:

- *Senate passes **S.142 Growth Centers Bill 27-1** - House Natural Resources devotes most of this week to testimony*
- *Senate Calendar Tuesday - third reading on **S.291 AN ACT RELATING TO IMPROVING THE PROVISIONS FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS (Formerly :Tax Increment Financing Districts for Milton, South Burlington and Berlin***
- *House Judiciary set to vote out **S.246 Eminent Domain***
- *Appropriations bill passes House with little debate; Planning funds included.*

S.142 Growth Center Bill passed the Senate by a vote of 27 to 1 (Sen. Shephard was the lone no vote; Sens. Starr and Flanagan were absent).

There was one amendment agreed to: in Sec. 8, 10 V.S.A. §6093(a)(3)(A) and (B) by striking out the word “extraordinary” and inserting in lieu thereof the word appropriate.

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

11:00 a.m. **S.142 - Downtowns and Growth Centers**

Rep. Sue Minter, Waterbury; Adam Necrason, Lobbyist, VT Forum of Sprawl and Preservation Trust of VT; Al Boright, Legislative Counsel ; 1:00 p.m. **Caucus** ; 2:30 p.m. **S.142 -**

Downtowns and Growth Centers Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont ; Joss Besse, Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs ; Elizabeth Courtney, Ex. Director, VNRC; Steve Holmes, VNRC ; Dan Monks, Planner, Bennington

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

9:00 a.m. **S.142 - Downtowns and Growth Centers**

Tayt Brooks, VT Homebuilders and Remodelers ; Dan Smith, Lobbyist, GBIC ; Frank Cioffi, Ex. Director, GBIC; Karen Horn, VT League of Cities and Towns ;

10:30 a.m. **Break** 10:50 a.m. **To Be Announced** 1:00 p.m. **Floor Action**

2:00 p.m. **S.124 - Certificate of Public Good for Extending the Operating License of a Nuclear Power Plant** James Volz, Chair, Public Service Board; David O'Brien, Commissioner, Department of Public Service; Gerry Morris, Lobbyist, VT Entergy Nuclear Free Vermont by 2012

Thursday, March 30, 2006

9:00 a.m. **S.142 - Downtowns and Growth Centers**

Michele Boomhower, Lamoille County Planning Commission; Brenda Green, Planner, Town of Colchester; Marian White, Policy Analyst, Department of Agriculture ; 10:30 a.m. **Break** ;

10:50 a.m. **S.142 - Downtowns and Growth Centers** Fred Dunnington, Planner, Town of Middlebury ; Michael Munson, VT Planners Association ;

1:00 p.m. **Floor Action** 2:00 p.m. **H.878 - Fuel and Power Purchase Adjustment Clauses**
Michael Dworkin, Former Chair of the Public Service Board; Parker Riehle, Ex. Director, VT
Ski Areas Association;

3:30 p.m. **S.142 - Downtowns and Growth Centers**

Friday, March 31, 2006 9:30 a.m. **Floor Action**

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1:00 p.m. **S.142 - Downtowns and Growth Centers**

HOUSE JUDICIARY

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 11:00 a.m. **S. 246 - Eminent Domain** Michele Childs, Legislative
Counsel

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 3pm? **H.858, Tax Credit for Affordable Housing, Draft Language**
Emily Bergquist, Legislative Council

H.872, Tax Credit for Energy Efficient Homes Sara Teachout, Joint Fiscal ; Susan Mesner,
Tax Dept

SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 **H.871 - Professions and Occupations**

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Bonnie Povolny, Advisor, Acupuncturists; William Warnock, Naturopaths;
Donald, MD Swartz, VT Department of Health; Paul Guare, Board Member, Funeral ;
Rob Backus, Prosecuting Attorney; Jonathan Wolff, Lobbyist;
Jim Donovan, VT Landscaping Assoc.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 9:00 a.m. **No meeting today**

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 9:00 a.m. **H.859 - Omnibus Energy Bill**

Riley Allen, Dept. of Public Service; Stuart Slote, Optimal Energy;

Committee Discussion 10:30 a.m. **BREAK** 10:45 a.m.

H.860 - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Rich Smith, Dep. Comm., Dept. of Public
Service; Jeff Wennberg, Comm., Env. Conservation; Jamie Feehan, Municipal Utilities; James
Gibbons, VPPSA and Munies; Steve Kimbell, Green Mtn. Power ; Kerrick Johnson, Central
Vt. Public Service

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH** 1:30 p.m. **H.253 - Energy Efficiency Appliance Standards** James Moore,
VPIRG; Dan Smith, Nat. Electrical Mfgs. Assn. ; Allison Demag, Gas Appliance Mfgs. Assn.

2:45 p.m. **BREAK** 3:00 p.m. **H.554 - Classification of State's Waters** Reporter from Fish &
Wildlife Committee; 3:30 p.m. **H.294 - Groundwater Management** Reporter from Fish &
Wildlife Committee

Thursday, March 30, 2006 9:00 a.m. **No meeting today**

Friday, March 31, 2006 9:00 a.m. **To be announced**

Note: House and Senate Transportation Committees have no scheduled agendas for the week as of Monday 3/20/06 11:00 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

8:05 a.m. **05-P45 - Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets/Medium and Small Farm Operation Rules for Issuance of General and Individual Permits** Louise Calderwood, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets ; Phil Benedict, Director, Plant Industry and laboratories Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets; Jim Leyland, Asst. Dir., Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food, Markets; Arthur Menut, Vermont Farm Bureau

8:25 a.m. **05-P44 - Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets/Accepted Agricultural Practice Rules** Louise Calderwood, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets; Phil Benedict, Director, Plant Industry and laboratories Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets; Jim Leyland, Asst. Dir., Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food, Markets; Tim Burke, Conservation Law Foundation; Amy Beth Shollenberger, Policy Director, Rural Vermont ; Arthur Menut, Vermont Farm Bureau

9:00 a.m. **Adjourn**

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