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## **VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #6 – 2008**

VPA Legislative Committee Members Assignments: Fred Dunnington (VT Legislative Liaison), Sharon Murray (NNECAPA Legislative Liaison) - - both of us are assigned to particularly follow bills on Housing / 'New Neighborhoods', Chapter 117 Technical Corrections, and Planning Coordination, Sarah Hadd (Prime Ag bills), Scott Gustin (Riparian buffer bill), Greg Brown ('New' Neighborhoods), Brian Shupe and Mike Munson (Growth Centers, 'New' neighborhoods, impact fees), Deb Sachs (Energy and Climate Change), Peg Elmer (Planning Coordination and Chapter 117 Technical Corrections) and Lani Ravin (stormwater legislation).

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[ No New Bills of Note since last report]

### **On The Tuesday February 12, 2008 House Calendar:**

#### **S.209 VT Energy Efficiency and Affordability Act**

Rep. Dostis for Natural Resources and Energy

Rep. Smith for Ways and Means

Rep. Keenan for Appropriations

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/calendar/hc080212.htm>

## **COMMITTEE AGENDAS – of note –**

### **HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE & WATER RESOURCES**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

10:00AM **Floor**

11:00AM **TBA**

1:00PM **Caucus**

2:30PM **TBA**

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

8:30AM **H.549 Establishing Waterfront Buffer Zones**

1:00PM **Floor**

Thursday, February 14, 2008

1:00PM **Floor**

2:30PM **H.549  
VOTE**

Friday, February 15, 2008

8:30AM **TBA**

9:30AM **Floor**

**H.549 – Riparian buffers** See 1-14-08 VPA Legislative Report #2-08

Contact Scott Gustin with comments [SGustin@ci.Burlington.vt.us](mailto:SGustin@ci.Burlington.vt.us)

**HOUSE GENERAL, HOUSING & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

10:00 a.m.       **Floor Action**  
11:00 a.m.       **Housing Preservation and Creation**  
                          Committee Discussion  
1:15 p.m.        **Caucus**  
2:30 p.m.        **Housing Preservation and Creation**  
                          Committee Discussion

**HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

10:00AM   **Floor**  
11:00AM   **TBA**  
1:00PM     **Caucus**  
2:30PM     **Committee Discussion**  
                  *Housing*

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

9:00AM    **Committee Discussion**  
                  *Housing*  
                  Andy Broderick, President, Housing Vermont  
                  Molly Dugan, Deputy Commissioner, VT DHCA (10:00AM)  
                  Tayt Brooks, Government Affairs Director, Home Builders and Remodelers Assoc. of N. VT  
                  (11:00AM)  
1:00PM    **Floor**  
2:00PM    **Committee Discussion**  
                  *Housing*  
                  Dawn Francis, Director of Government Affairs, Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce  
                  Steve Holmes, Sustainable Communities Program Director, VNRC (2:30PM)  
                  Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, VLCT (3:00PM)  
                  Michael Munson, VT Planners Association (3:30PM)

Thursday, February 14, 2008

9:00AM    **Committee Discussion**  
                  *Housing*  
1:00PM    **Floor**  
2:00PM    **Committee Discussion**  
                  *Housing*

Friday, February 15, 2008

9:00AM    **Floor**  
10:30AM   **TBA**

**HOUSE WAYS & MEANS**

Friday, February 15, 2008

8:30 am           **Comprehensive Housing Bill Update**

Rep Head, Chair, H.General, Housing &  
Military Affairs

Rep Dostis, Chair, H.Natural Resources &  
Energy Committee

9:30 am           **House Convenes**

**SENATE FINANCE**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

1:30           **S.209 Vermont Energy Efficiency and Affordability Act**  
p.m.

Al Boright, Legislative Counsel

**Affordable Heat: A Whole Buildings Efficiency Service for Vermont Families and Businesses,  
Regulatory Assistance Project, January 2008**

Rich Sedano, Consultant to Legislature and Report Co-author, Regulatory Assistance Project

-           **S.209 Vermont Energy Efficiency and Affordability Act**

Sara Teachout, Joint Fiscal Office

**SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY**

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

10:30 a.m.       **S.311 - Current Use**

Sam Burr, Leg. Counsel

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

9:00 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

Paul Costello, Vt. Council on Rural Development

9:30 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

Witnesses to be announced

10:15 a.m.       **BREAK**

10:30 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

Gerry Myers, Comm., Buildings and General Services

11:00 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

Rich Smith, Dep. Comm., Dept. of Public Service

11:30 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

John Sayles, Dep. Secy., Agency of Natural Resources

Thursday, February 14, 2008

9:00 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

Elizabeth Courtney, E.D., Vt. Natural Resources Council

9:10 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

James Moore, Vt. Public Interest Research Group

9:20 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

Andrew Perchlik, Renewable Energy Vermont

9:30 a.m.       **Witnesses to be announced**

10:15 a.m.       **BREAK**

10:30 a.m.       **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**

Gina Campoli, Agency of Transportation  
Richard Tetreault, Agency of Transportation

11:00 a.m.      **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**  
Michael Belyea, State Chamber of Commerce

11:10 a.m.      **S.350 - Energy Bill 2**  
Kathy Davis, Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce

11:30 a.m.      **FLOOR**

5:15-7:30 p.m.   **S.350 - Energy Bill 2 - Mark-up**

Friday, February 15, 2008

9:00 a.m.      **S.350 - Energy Bill 2 - Mark-up**

10:15 a.m.      **BREAK**

10:30 a.m.      **S.350 - Energy Bill 2 - Mark-up**

11:30 a.m.      **FLOOR**

## **Links to VPA's bills of interest:**

**S.267 Potential traffic impact - notice to potential interested parties**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-267.htm>

**S.268 – Act 250 Criterion 9B**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-268.htm>

**S.287 -State planning coordination bill**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-287.htm>

**S.300 - Conservation; Act 250; smart growth principles and state funding**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-300.htm>

**S.304 Groundwater protection; groundwater withdrawal**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-304.HTM>

**S.317 – Chapter 117 Technical Corrections**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-317.htm>

**S.325 – TIF (Tax Increment Financing) technical corrections bill**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-325.htm>

**H. 561 - tourism directional / off premises business signs**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-561.HTM>

**H.594 - Chapter 117 interested person status; conservation commission**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-594.htm>

**H.669 Downtown Program designation renewals 3yrs to 5yrs**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-669.htm>

**H.694 AN ACT RELATING TO ALLOWING MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DECISIONS TO BE MADE BY MAJORITY VOTE, A QUORUM BEING PRESENT**  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-694.htm>

**H.696 AN ACT RELATING TO GIVING ACT 250 APPLICANTS THE OPTION OF ON-THE-RECORD REVIEW**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-696.htm>

**H.697 AN ACT RELATING TO REQUIRING THAT JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PLANNING AND ZONING CHAPTER DECISIONS IN TOWNS OF MORE THAN 5,000 PERSONS BE CONDUCTED ON THE RECORD**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-697.htm>

**H.698 AN ACT RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM FEE-SETTING PROCEDURE FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-698.htm>

**H.722 24 V.S.A. § 4454 ENFORCEMENT; LIMITATIONS** - actions involving “curb cut” and other permits for working within a town highway right-of-way limited to a 15-year statute of limitations.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-722.htm>

**H.703 AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDING ACT 250 TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICANT TO MITIGATE THE LOSS OF CERTAIN NECESSARY WILDLIFE HABITAT**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-703.htm>

**H.801 AN ACT RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-801.htm>

**H.792 AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL BYLAWS**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-792.htm>

**H.821 AN ACT RELATING TO TAX INCENTIVE FINANCING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-821.htm>

**H.841 AN ACT RELATING TO A CONCIERGE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SERVICE**

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-841.htm>

**H.828 AN ACT RELATING TO INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING THAT WILL BE PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE TO LOW INCOME VERMONTERS (statewide 20% inclusionary zoning) SHORT FORM**

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