

VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #12 – 2008

VPA Legislative Committee Members : Chair: Dana Farley. Fred Dunnington (VT Legislative Liaison), Sharon Murray (NNECAPA Legislative Liaison), Sarah Hadd , Scott Gustin, Mike Munson , Deb Sachs, Peg Elmer.

H.549 Riparian Buffers bill ordered to lie; fate uncertain...

H.863 Affordable Housing - Smart Growth bill awaits review next ? week in Senate Economic Dev. & Housing Committee...

VTRANS withdraws “Change of Land Use’ Regulation from T-Bill in Senate Transportation Committee...

On the House Calendar for Notice 3/31 and action Tuesday 4/1/08:

- H. 887** Relating to Health Care Reform
- H. 891** Making Appropriations for Support of Government
- H. 685** Enforcement of Environmental Laws
- H. 890** Compensation for Certain State Employees
- H. 889** Relating to the State’s Transportation Program

On the Senate Calendar for 4/1/08::

- S. 350** Relating to energy independence and economic prosperity
 - Natural Resources and Energy Committee Report
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Appropriations Committee Report
 - Sen. Lyons and Sen. MacDonald amendment

Committee Agendas of Note:

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE & WATER RESOURCES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

- 9:30AM **Floor**
- 10:30AM **Joint Meeting with Senate Natural Resources**
Water Issues Discussion--Room 11
Maude Barlow, Author and Activist

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

Thursday, April 3, 2008

- 8:30 am **Continuation of TIF Presentation**
Sara Teachout, Joint Fiscal Office
Emily Bergquist, Legislative Council

SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & GENERAL AFFAIRS

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

- 10:00 **Senate Floor Convenes**
a.m.
- 11:00 **Adult Education; Adult Education Coordinators; Assistant Technical Education**
a.m. **Directors**
Bill Talbott, Department of Education
Donna Russo-Savage, Legislative Counsel
Mark Aliquo, President, Directors' Association
Nancy Slater Cobden, Adult Coordinator, Hannaford Career Center,
Middlebury
- 11:45 **Brownfields**
a.m. *Act 67, 2007 Report; Proposed Draft Legislation; Possible Vote*
- 12:00 **Senate Caucus**
p.m.

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

- 8:00 **The Greater Burlington Industrial Corp. & Cynosure, Inc. "The Green**
a.m. **Economy and Environmental Enterprises in VT Opportunities for the 21st**
Century"
Committee Encouraged to Attend; Ethan Allen Room; CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL,
Montpelier
Frank Cioffi, President, GBIC & Cynosure, Inc., Burlington
- 9:30 **H.352 - Reducing Lead Hazards in Housing**
a.m. *Room: 27, State House*
Wendy Morgan, Attorney General's Office
Sharon Moffatt, Commissioner, Dept. of Health
Ron Rupp, VT Housing & Conservation Board Lead Program (tentative)
Stuart Bennett, Executive Director, VT Apartment Owners Association
Tayt Brooks, VT Homebuilders & Remodelers Association
- 11:30 **H.306 - Telemarketing**
a.m. *Introduction*
Rep. Michele Kupersmith, Sponsor of the Bill
- 11:45 **H.331 - Financing the Purchase of a Mobile Home**
a.m. *Introduction*

Rep. Bill Botzow, Sponsor of the Bill

1:30 **Senate Floor Convenes**

p.m.

12:00 **FYI: 4th Annual Railroad Association of VT Legislative Rail Day Luncheon**

p.m. *On the Tracks, Taylor Street, Montpelier*

Thursday, April 3, 2008

9:00 **H.352 - Reducing Lead Hazards in Housing**

a.m.

Jim McNamara, Program Director, LeadSafe Program, Bellows Falls

Carlen Finn, Executive Director, Voices of Vermont Children

Dr. Louis DiNicola, Vice President, American Academy of Pediatrics, VT Chapter

Brian Pine, Burlington Lead Program

10:30 **S.249 - The Performance Accountability of Workforce Development and the State's Investment in Higher Education and Technical Training**

a.m.

VSC and UVM Letter

Bill Reedy, General Counsel, VT State Colleges

Gretchen Babcock, University of Vermont

11:00 **H.664 - Unemployment Insurance**

a.m.

Bill Introduction

Rep. Ann Pugh, Sponsor of the Bill

11:15 **H.709 - Campgrounds**

a.m.

Bill Introduction

Rep. Bill Botzow, Sponsor of the Bill

11:30 **Senate Floor Convenes**

a.m.

Friday, April 4, 2008

9:00 **H.352 - Reducing Lead Hazards in Housing**

a.m.

Ted Wimpey, Director, Coordinated Statewide Housing Services, CVOEO/CSHS, Burlington

Attorney General's Office, Rhode Island (speakerphone) (TENTATIVE)

Charity Carbine, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Kevin Doering, Lead Program, Dept. of Health

Rep. Richard Marek, Member, House Judiciary Committee

Leslie Wright, Parent, Bristol

11:00 **TBA**

a.m.

11:30 **Senator Floor Convenes**

a.m.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

10:00 am **Floor**

11:00 am **Review of Act 43 Revisions**

Michael O'Grady, Leg. Counsel

11:00 am **H. 873- The Clean-Up of Lake Champlain and Other Waters**

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9:00 am **H. 873 The Clean-Up of Lake Champlain and Other Waters**

Ken Jones, Green Mountain Institute for Environmental Democracy

10:30 am **Water Issues**

Joint Hearing w/ House Fish and Wildlife

Maude Barlow

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Links to VPA's bills of interest:

As passed House:

H.863 AN ACT RELATING TO CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SMART GROWTH DEVELOPMENT [In Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee]

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/house/H-863.HTM>

H.669 Downtown Program designation renewals 3yrs to 5yrs - passed House – in Senate

EDH&GA <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-669.htm>

Pending:

S.304 Groundwater protection; groundwater withdrawal [On Senate Calendar for 3rd reading]

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

H.685 Environmental Enforcement Bill [In House Appropriations]

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/calendar/hc080317.htm>

Ordered to Lie (tabled):

H.549 Riparian Buffer bill - [in House Fish, Water & Wildlife Committee]

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/calendar/hc080326.htm>

As introduced – but not making ‘crossover’ :

S.267 Potential traffic impact - notice to potential interested parties - SNR&E

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-267.htm>

S.268 – Act 250 Criterion 9B - SNR&E

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-268.htm>

S.287 -State planning coordination bill - SNR&E

<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 -SNR&E

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-300.htm>

S.317 – Chapter 117 Technical Corrections SNR&E

<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 -SEDH&GA

<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 - HNR&E

<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 – HGov Ops

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-594.htm>

H.694 AN ACT RELATING TO ALLOWING MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DECISIONS TO BE MADE BY MAJORITY VOTE, A QUORUM BEING PRESENT – HGov Ops

<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 - HNR&E

<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 - HNR&E

<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 -H Ways+Means

<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. - **In House Judiciary**

<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 - In H F,W&WR

<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 - In H F,W&WR

<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 – HGov Ops

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

H.821 TAX INCENTIVE FINANCING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -H Ways+Means

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

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