

# House Calendar

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Thursday, January 26, 2012

24th DAY OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION

House Convenes at 1:00 P.M.

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**Favorable with Amendment**

**H. 59**

An act relating to unfair housing practices

**Rep. Stevens of Waterbury**, for the Committee on **General, Housing and Military Affairs**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. § 4503 is amended to read:

§ 4503. UNFAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person:

\* \* \*

(12) To discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of housing because of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, disability, the presence of one or more minor children, or receipt of public assistance, or, except as otherwise provided by law, the fact that the housing contains affordable housing units for families or individuals with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income.

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Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. § 4412 is amended to read:

§ 4412. REQUIRED PROVISIONS AND PROHIBITED EFFECTS

Notwithstanding any existing bylaw, the following land development provisions shall apply in every municipality:

(1) Equal treatment of housing and required provisions for affordable housing.

(A) No bylaw, nor its application by an appropriate municipal panel under this chapter, shall have the effect of excluding housing that meets the needs of the population as determined in the housing element of its municipal plan as required under subdivision 4382(a)(10) of this title, or discriminating in the permitting of housing as specified in 9 V.S.A. § 4503.

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**( Committee Vote: 8-0-0)**

**ACTION CALENDAR**  
**Favorable with amendment**  
**H. 449**

An act relating to the designation of brook trout and walleye pike as the state fish of Vermont

**Rep. Lewis of Derby**, for the Committee on **Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources**, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. FINDINGS

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) there are two fish in Vermont that are high quality, handsome game fish.

(2) these fish are representative of Vermont's reputation for clean water and fine fishing.

(3) these two fish symbolize both the icy cold mountain streams and the warmer lakes within the state, and the fine fishing available in both.

(4) the designation of these two fish is in recognition of the students of Cornwall Elementary School, whose efforts resulted in a Joint Resolution, approved by the General Assembly, May 3, 1978 (J.R.S. 41), designating the two state fish.

Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 501 is amended to read:

§ 501. ~~{Omitted.}~~ STATE FISH

The state cold water fish shall be the brook trout (*salvelinus fontinalis*) and the state warm water fish shall be the walleye pike (*sander vitreus*).

Sec. 2 EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect upon passage.

**( Committee Vote: 9-0-0)**

**Favorable**

**H. 552**

An act relating to payment of workers' compensation benefits by electronic payroll card

**Rep. Ralston of Middlebury**, for the Committee on **Commerce and Economic Development**, recommends the bill ought to pass.

( **Committee Vote: 10-0-1**)

**Consent Calendar**

**Concurrent Resolutions**

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar.

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## **Information Notice**

### **Deadline for Introducing Bills**

Pursuant to Rule 40(b) of the Rules and Orders of the Vermont House of Representatives, during the second year of the biennium, except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no member may introduce a bill into the House drafted in standard form after the last day of January. Bills may be introduced in Short Form until the second Friday after Town Meeting Day.

In order to meet this deadline all sign out sheets must be submitted to the Legislative Council no later than the close of business on Friday, January 27, 2012. Requests for short form bills may be made until Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Pursuant to Rule 40(c) during the second year of the biennium, except with the prior consent of the Committee on Rules, no committee, except the Committees on Appropriations, Ways and Means or Government Operations, may introduce a bill drafted in standard form after the last day of March. The Committees on Appropriations, Ways and Means bills may be drafted in standard form at any time, and Government Operations bills, pertaining to city or town charter changes, may be drafted in standard form at any time.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Joint Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 state budget on Vermont Interactive Television House and Senate Committees on Appropriations**

**Monday, February 13, 2011, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.** – The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations will hold a joint public hearing on Vermont Interactive Television (V.I.T.) to give Vermonters throughout the state an opportunity to express their views about the state budget for fiscal year 2013. All 14 V.I.T. sites will be available for the hearing: Bennington, Brattleboro, Castleton, Johnson, Lyndonville, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, White River Junction and Williston. V.I.T.'s web site has an up-to-date location listing, including driving directions, addresses and telephone numbers, <http://www.vitlink.org/>.

The Governor's budget proposal can be viewed at the Department of Finance's website: [http://finance.vermont.gov/state\\_budget/rec](http://finance.vermont.gov/state_budget/rec). For information about the format of this event or to submit written testimony, call the House Appropriations Committee office at 802/828-5767 or email [tutton@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:tutton@leg.state.vt.us). Requests for interpreters should be made to the office by 12:00 noon on Monday, January 30, 2011.

## NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY

**Thursday, February 16, 2012 - 10:30 A.M.** - Election of two (2) trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

Candidates for the positions of trustee must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** not later than Thursday, February 9, 2012, by 5:00 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.