### Programs & Issues List The Radio Vermont Group

1st Quarter 2016 Jan 1 thru Mar 31

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category. Issue 1: Legislature Back in Session

Issue 2: VT Sen. Bernie Sanders runs for President

Issue 3: Waterbury Municipal Offices to Re-open (Irene Follow-up)

Issue 4: ACT 46 - School Consolidation & Cost of Education

Issue 5: State Health Exchange – Problems Continue

Issue 6: (Possible unanticipated breaking issues)

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TAX BILL 3/17/16 LK / EH



VERMONT LAWMAKERS ARE TAKING THEIR FIRST LOOK AT THE TAX BILL FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS THE STORY.

(EH0317) 1:30 Q: YEAR'S BUDGET

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MARIJUANA

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V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS MORE....

(EH0222) 1:08 Q: JANUARY 2018

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Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with final House vote. Will be updated.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont House has passed a Senate version of a paid sick leave bill and sent it to Gov. Peter Shumlin, who supports it.

The House voted 81-64 on Wednesday to concur in Senate changes to a bill the House first passed last spring. The Senate changes make the measure somewhat more business-friendly.

The measure calls for employers to provide workers three paid sick days a year for the first two years the law would be in effect and five thereafter. It does not cover employees working fewer than 18 hours a week or 21 weeks a year.

Supporters called the bill an economic justice measure. Critics said it would make life harder for owners of small businesses.

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AP-VT--Vermont-Paid Sick Leave, 128
Paid sick leave bill passes Vermont Senate



The Vermont Senate has passed a bill calling for paid sick leave for workers, after deciding against exempting employers with fewer than five workers.

(LK0210)

The Senate action Wednesday came on legislation passed earlier in the House. It remains to be seen whether the House will go along with Senate changes, or if the bill will have to go to a conference committee.

The Senate made the bill somewhat more business-friendly. It said workers will accrue an hour of paid leave for each 52 hours worked, versus the House-passed requirement that the worker put in 40 hours to earn an hour of leave.

The Senate narrowly rejected an amendment calling for employers with fewer than five workers to be exempted from the requirement that they offer paid sick leave.

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INVOLUNTARY MEDS

2/9/16

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GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN IS SUGGESTING A CHANGE TO THE STATE'S INVOLUNTARY MEDICATION PROPOSAL.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS THE STORY...

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SIX MONTHS AFTER A SOCIAL WORKER WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN BARRE, LAWMAKERS ARE CONSIDERING A BILL THAT WOULD HEIGHTEN PENALTIES FOR ASSAULTING SOCIAL WORKERS.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS DETAILS.

(EH0203) 1:03 Q: OF THREATS

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D-U-I BILL

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THE STATE IS CONSIDERING A BILL THAT WOULD CHANGE THE WAY D-U-I CASES ARE HANDLED IN VERMONT.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS MORE.

(EH0201)

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BC-VT--Marijuana Legalization, 125 BOB-WELCH-27-JAN-2016



MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Gov. Peter Shumlin and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee have announced legislation "to cautiously and deliberately" legalize recreational marijuana in Vermont.

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DEMOCRATIC Sen. Richard Sears said YESTERDAY that the bill would remove the civil penalties for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana for those over 21 but also provide for enhanced penalties for people over 21 who furnish alcohol or marijuana to minors.

Shumlin said YESTERDAY that the bill meets criteria he outlined in his State of the State address, including strengthening law enforcement capacity to respond to drugged drivers and keeping marijuana out of the hands of children.

Revenue from a special tax would be used to help pay for drug addiction programs and to add more state troopers.

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BC-VT--Vermont Budget, 130



Vermont's Governor is calling for an Increase in fees on doctors and mutual funds to fix the budget deficit.

MORE FROM RADIOVERMONT'S LEE KITTELL...

(LK0121)

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BEGINS WITH ACTUALITY

Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin is calling for an expanded health care provider tax that will include independent doctors and dentists and a doubling of fees on companies selling mutual funds to support \$30 million in new revenues in his fiscal 2017 budget.

Shumlin on Thursday outlined a spending plan that calls for nearly \$10 million for 35 additional staffers in the Department for Children and Families, and narrows Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women.

Overall, he's calling for \$1.53 billion in general fund spending, just over 3 percent higher than in the current fiscal year.

Another spending increase is for security at state buildings following the August killing of child protection worker Lara Sobel. Shumlin wants \$1 million from the general fund and \$1 million from the capital fund for that.

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PAID SICK LEAVE BILL 1/19/16----LK / EM



A PAID SICK LEAVE BILL IS POISED TO MAKE ITS WAY THROUGH THE VERMONT SENATE. V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS THE STORY.

(ERIN0119) 1:20 Q: THIS BILL

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POT LEGALIZATION

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TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SPOKE AGAINST LEGALIZING MARIJUANA BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS THAT....

(EH0112) 1:15 Q: CONVERSATION

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BC-VT--Vermont-Governor's Address, 2nd Ld-Writethru, 152 Shumlin calls for limiting access to prescription opiates



Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin delivered his sixth and final state of the state address Thursday.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS A RECAP.

(EH0107) :55 Q: BUSINESS LEADERS

Shumlin also IS calling for a new education program for young adults and divesting the state's investment portfolio of coal companies and ExxonMobil.

He singled out ExxonMobil and said the state should study divesting from all fossil fuels.

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BC-VT--Vermont-Budget-Rebates, 130
Vermont budget writers helped by lower-than-expected rebates



Legislative budget writers grappling with shortfalls this year and next are getting a little bit of relief from the state's homeowner and renter tax rebate programs.

(LK0101)

The programs provide income sensitivity to Vermont property taxes by providing taxpayers payments from the state when property taxes take too big a bite out of income.

As the Legislature prepares its annual mid-year budget adjustment bill, administration officials say they've had to make nearly \$3 million less than expected in homeowner rebates, and another \$450,000 less in rebates to renters.

It's part of the answer to a \$38 million budget gap lawmakers are trying to close for the current fiscal year.

Tax Commissioner Mary Peterson says adjustments in projected costs of the rebate programs are common, and are influenced by municipal tax rates.

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BC-VT--Vermont-Budget, 1st Ld-Writethru,128 Vermont lawmakers debate \$24 million fee bill



The Vermont House has advanced a \$24 million fee bill, most of which will come from a 150 percent increase in the fees securities companies pay to sell mutual funds.

(LK0323)

While the mutual fund fee will raise more than \$18 million of the \$24 million, more debate was focused on a \$15 dollar increase in Vermont's marriage license fee - from \$45 to \$60.

Rep. Joey Purvis, a Colchester Republican, argued that with New Hampshire's marriage license fee at \$45 that would turn the Granite State into the "new Las Vegas," with Vermont couples heading east to get married.

He also questioned the plan to use the new money to support a state antidomestic violence program. He maintained that signals that the state expects marriages to be violent.

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Sanders, O'Malley criticize immigration raids at Iowa forum

AP Photo IAAH114

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By CATHERINE LUCEY

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Democratic presidential hopefuls Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley are using a liberal forum in Iowa to rail against holiday-season raids seeking Central American immigrants for deportation.

Speaking to about 1,000 people at a Des Moines church on Saturday, Sanders said that while he works with President Barack Obama, he doesn't agree with him on his policy toward deportation. And O'Malley bemoans the timing of the raids, stating that "Jesus himself was a refugee child."

Both candidates have previously criticized the raids that became public when. The Washington Post published a story about the plans just before Christmas. The White House has defended the policies.

Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton did not attend the Iowa forum.

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#### Bernie Sanders

Bernie Sanders says the West is putting him on path to me improbable success in the Democratic presidential race with victories in Alaska and Washington state today.

#### bernie0326a

Though Hillary Clinton remains in a far stronger position to capture the nomination, Sanders told a spirited rally in Madison, Wisconsin: "We knew things were going to improve as we headed West."

Sanders also implored his cheering Wisconsin supporters to turn out in the state's April 5 Democratic contest and advance him on a "path toward victory."

#### bernie0326c

He says he knew from the start of his campaign that he'd struggle in the Deep South but his fortunes would improve as the campaign went West.

2016-ELECTION-DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES

UPDATE: Sanders picks up chunk of delegates

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bernie Sanders' big win in Washington state means he stands to receive a majority of the state's delegates. But the exact tally may not be known for several weeks.

With 101 delegates at stake, Washington is the biggest prize of Saturday's three Democratic state caucuses.

Thirty-four of the Washington delegates are awarded on a statewide basis. Sanders will win at least 18 of those, and Hillary Clinton will receive at least five.

The remaining 67 delegates are awarded based on vote results in the state's congressional districts. Those delegates will be awarded at a later date, when the state Democratic Party releases the vote shares by congressional district.

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VERMONT SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS WON WHAT IS CALLED THE DEMOCRATS ABROAD PRIMARY.

V-T DIGGER'S JASPER CRAVEN HAS MORE...

(JC0321) :43 Q: OVER SANDERS

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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Bernie Sanders rallies supporters in Maine ahead of caucuses
AP Photo MERB111, MERB110, MERB108, MERB109, MERB107, MERB105, MERB101
Eds: APNewsNow. Links photos. With AP Photos.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders says he can win in Maine "if there's a large turnout."

Sanders rallied a capacity crowd at Portland's State Theater on Wednesday, telling supporters that pundits once thought of him as a "fringe" candidate and Hillary Clinton as the "inevitable nominee." He told supporters, "Guess what? She's not so inevitable today."

Sanders won his home state of Vermont, along with Colorado, Oklahoma and Minnesota, in Super Tuesday voting.

The Vermont senator has a strong following in Maine.

On Tuesday, there were so many people at the theater that several hundred people had to watch on TV monitors in an overflow space.

Maine's Democratic caucus will take place in more than 400 towns on Sunday, a day after the state's Republicans will hold their caucuses.

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TRUMP WINS VERMONT

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New York businessman Donald Trump is the winner of the Vermont Super Tuesday Republican primary.

(LK0301)

The race went late into the night with Trump eking out a narrow victory over Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

With 86 percent of Vermont's voting precincts reporting, Trump led Kasich by just under 2 percentage points.

Of the Republicans remaining in the race, Kasich is followed by Marco Rubio with just under 10 percent, Ted Cruz with 5 and Ben Carson with 2.

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Bernie-Sanders to cast Super Tuesday vote in Burlington Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders is going to be casting his Super Tuesday ballot in his home town of Burlington.

Sanders, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for president, is also planning a rally for Tuesday evening in Essex Junction.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is also on Vermont's Democratic primary ballot.

Donald Trump, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and John Kasich are among the names on the Republican ballot.

In addition to being the presidential primary, Tuesday is Town Meeting Day and Vermonters statewide will be deciding local town and school issues.

Secretary of State Jim Condos says he's expecting a high voter turnout.

Opening times for the polls varies by town, but all must be open by 10 a.m. Polls close at 7 p.m.

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WELCH BACKS BERNIE

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THE MASSIVE SUPPORT VERMONTERS ARE SHOWING FOR SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS FINALLY BEING REFLECTED BY ONE OF VERMONT'S ELECTED DEMOCRATS.

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MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - Sen. Bernie Sanders has taken a commanding victory in the New Hampshire Democratic primary over Hillary Clinton. Billionaire Donald Trump has had his first political victory, the GOP nomination from New Hampshire.

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The win comes after a narrow loss to Clinton in Iowa.

Sanders garnered a majority of support from men, women and independents and surged past Clinton in a state she won eight years ago against then-candidate Barack Obama.

THE VOTER TURNOUT WAS SO LARGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE TELEVISION HELICOPTERS WERE ABLE TO CATCH A STEADY STREAM OF HEADLIGHTS WHICH RESEMBLED BOSTON'S RUSH HOUR LATE INTO THE EVENING.

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TOWARDS THE END OF SANDERS' NEARLY HALF-HOUR LONG SPEECH TO SUPPORTERS.. SANDERS LOOKED BACK TO HIS PARENTS WHO EMIGRATED FROM POLAND

BERNIE0210D

His win will likely prompt rank-and-file Democrats - and some major campaign donors - to give his candidacy a second look as the race shifts to contests in Clinton-friendly states like Nevada and South Carolina.

MEANWHILE ON THE REPUBLICAN BALLOT, DONALD TRUMP COMES OUT THE WINNER AND THANKED NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Early exit polls showed he drew support from voters looking for an outsider and from those who made up their minds a while ago.

The win comes days after Trump's second-place finish in the lowa caucuses. Trump has used the unconventional tactic of using large, rambunctious rallies and sharp criticism of opponents.

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Sanders asked to drop American Legion emblem from campaign

AP Photo NHJM117

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The American Legion wrote in a letter to Sanders' Senate office that it did not have permission to use the emblem in his campaign fliers. Sanders' campaign didn't immediately return a request seeking comment.

The Associated Press

The American Legion has asked the campaign of Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders to "cease and desist" from using the organization's emblem in campaign fliers.

The American Legion wrote to Sanders' Senate office that it did not have permission to use the emblem in his campaign fliers.

Sanders' campaign didn't immediately return a request seeking comment.

The American Legion has twice complained to Sanders officials since Jan. 22 about the use of the emblem in campaign materials. A Feb. 1 letter from the American Legion obtained by The Associated Press warns that "any further communication about it will be through our trademark attorney in the appropriate forum."

An earlier report in a New Hampshire paper said that Sanders had used the images of pastors and veterans in his fliers.

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Sanders releasing new ad on Goldman Sachs' role in economy

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Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is releasing a tough new television ad critical of Goldman Sachs' role in the financial meltdown and its use of speaking fees to influence Washington.

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The 30-second ad airing Friday in the closing days before Monday's Iowa caucuses makes no mention of Hillary Clinton, who received more than \$600,000 in speaking fees from the Wall Street firm.

But it comes as Sanders has ramped up his criticism of Clinton's acceptance of speaking fees from Goldman and whether she would police Wall Street banks.

The ad will be airing in Iowa on Friday and says the nation's economy "works for Wall Street because it's rigged by Wall Street and that's the problem."

Clinton's campaign has accused Sanders of breaking his pledge not to run negative advertising.

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BC-VT--Irene-State Offices,95

Vermont to open Waterbury state offices after flood fixes

Eds: APNewsNow.

WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) - Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin and other officials are marking the reopening of the state office complex in Waterbury.

More than four years after flooding from Tropical Storm Irene left much of the state office complex in Waterbury unusable, Monday will mark the official reopening of the complex.

A handful of state workers returned to the complex earlier this year.

The \$125 million Waterbury construction project was the biggest state construction project in history.

The state employees who were in temporary locations since Irene are scheduled to return to the complex over the next several months.

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\*6140 AP-VT--Irene-State Offices, 1st-Ld-Writethru,122 Vermont marks opening of flood-fixed Waterbury state offices



Vermont officials are marking the reopening of the rebuilt state office complex in Waterbury, most of which was made unusable by flooding from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

(LK1214A)

A handful of state workers returned to the complex earlier this year, but Gov. Peter Shumlin and others marked the completion of the state office building. Agency of Human Services workers are due to start working in the complex next week. Eventually more than 1,000 state employees will be working in the complex.

The \$125 million Waterbury construction project was the biggest state construction project in history.

Shumlin says the rebuilt complex is also a symbol of the resiliency of Vermonters following Irene, the biggest natural disaster to hit Vermont in almost a century.

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The Waterbury Record reports that the upcoming school merger vote for the Washington West Supervisory Union, Act 46, is partly about money, but there's a lot more to it.

#### (CJ0331A)

The law, passed last year, is pushing the state's school districts into larger organizations with at least 900 students.

Districts that merge early will reap tax benefits, and those that wait could face penalties.

Residents of the six towns in Washington West will vote June 7 on a merger, and the first of four informational meetings took place last night.

Right now, it's complicated to share faculty among the schools because each has a separate budget. Waterbury and Duxbury have merged into a single district, but Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield and Warren are each individual school districts. Harwood, the regional school, is also a separate school district.

With one merged board comes one budget. All teachers would be covered by the same contract and would be able to move among schools with little difficulty.

Similarly, schools could pool resources such as microscopes or textbooks. Or even buildings.

And with a merged board comes more flexibility for teachers as well as administrators.

For Nease, that would mean two school board meetings a month instead of eight to 10. That would free up time for other projects, such as studying ways to revamp maintenance, facilities, food service and other aspects of school operations.

Reed McCracken, chairman of the Waterbury-Duxbury School Board, hopes residents will go to the informational meetings and educate themselves about Act 46 and the potential merger.

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THE VERMONT BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BLASTING THE LEGISLATURE'S EFFORTS TO FIX PROBLEMS WITH THE STATE'S EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA.

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(CV0322B) :29 Q: THE STATE

Marc at WCAF. Com.

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\*6140 AP-VT--Consolidating School Districts, 124 Vermont board recommends Act 46 merger study Eds: APNewsNow.



SOUTH ROYALTON, Vt. (AP) - A transition board formed for a Vermont supervisory union has recommended moving forward with a study that will explore how to reorganize the union's 10 school districts into three.

The Valley News reports (http://bit.ly/21veSZy ) the study would be the newly merged White River Valley Supervisory Union's next step toward complying with Act 46.

The state law is designed to encourage Vermont's school districts to look at merging with their neighbors for greater efficiency.

The board last week approved an Act 46 report in South Royalton recommending the study of the district mergers. Three study committees would separately investigate the possibility of merging governance boards according to the types schools in their districts.

The White River Valley Supervisory Union includes six Upper Valley communities.

Information from: Lebanon Valley News, http://www.vnews.com

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ACT 46 2/24/16 LK



THE MINORITY LEADER AT THE STATE HOUSE IN MONTPELIER IS WORKING TO KEEP THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION BILL KNOWN AS ACT 46 IN THE MINDS OF VOTERS AND LAWMAKERS.

REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE DON TURNER APPEARED AS A GUEST ON OPEN MIKE WITH MIKE SMITH AND EXPLAINED WHY HE BELIEVES THE BILL WILL LEAD TO A GREATER BURDEN ON VERMONT TAXPAYERS.

(DT0224)

1:03 QQ: This year

EXPECT

TURNER SAYS HE DOESN'T THE MAJORITY PARTY TO DO MUCH WORK ON THE FIX FOR ACT 46.

(DT0224A)

,35 Q school choice

MIKE WILL BE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM THE STATEHOUSE IN MONTPELIER FRIDAY MORNING.

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#### EDUCATION OVERSPENDING

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A NEW REPORT SUGGESTS THAT THE STATE OF VERMONT SPENDS MORE THAN IT NEEDS TO ON AN ADEQUATE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

WCAXTV'S CAT VIGLIENZONI (VIL' - YEN - ZO' - NEE) HAS MORE.

(CV0128A) :36 Q: OTHER STATE

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT WCAX DOT COM.

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HEALTH CARE - MONTPELIER 3/17/16 LK / MS



VERMONT LAWMAKERS ARE STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT.

AT THE STATEHOUSE TODAY ON OPEN MIKE WITH MIKE SMITH, REPUBLICAN CALEDONIA COUNTY SENATOR JOE BENNING DISCUSSED HIS FRUSTRATION WITH THE HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION...

ゴラ0318 (JB0320)

AND HOUSE SPEAKER SHAP SMITH EXPLAINED HOW THE STATE MAY DEAL WITH THE RAPID INCREASE IN COSTS FROM THE MEDICAID PROGRAM...

(SHAP0320)

THE ENTIRE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HEARD THROUGH THE PODCAST OF THE OPEN MIKE SHOW AT WDEVRADIO DOT COM.

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SUPREME COURT / HEALTH CARE

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THE SUPREME COURT VOTED 6 TO 2 TO REJECT THE STATE OF VERMONT'S EFFORTS TO COLLECT DATA FROM THE LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS THE STORY...

(ERIN0301) 1:30 Q: MARY PASS

THERE'S MORE ON THAT STORY AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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NINE OF VERMONT'S FOURTEEN HOSPITALS EXCEEDED THE AMOUNT OF SPENDING THAT THEY EXPECTED IN THE LATEST FISCAL YEAR.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS MORE.

(ERIN0223) 1:04 Q: HOSPITAL MORE

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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AP-VT--Vermont-Health Care, 1st Ld-Writethru, 120 Review of digital affairs could decide future of exchange

Vermont officials say they're hiring an outside consultant to conduct an extensive assessment that could help determine the fate of Vermont Health Connect.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS THE STORY.

(ERIN0218) :50

Q: FOUR MONTHS

Lawrence Miller, chief of health care reform for the governor, says the state plans to conduct an assessment as soon as it gets the exchange stabilized.

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AP-VT--Health Overhaul-Vermont, 127

Vermont officials outline bid for new health care system

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Gov. Peter Shumlin and other senior state officials are going ahead with plans to ask for changes to federal rules in order to create a new system for paying health care providers.

The state is asking for changes to federal Medicaid and Medicare rules to enable it to institute something called an "all-payer model." The aim is to get away from health providers being paid for individual visits and procedures, and instead give them a set budget with the goal of keeping a certain population healthy.

Shumlin and other officials say they think they can stop of health care costs outpacing growth in the general economy. They say set health care budgets make sense at a time when chronic disease treatment represents the bulk of health care.

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VHC - LEGISLATURE 1/25/16 LK / VTD

THE LEGISLATURE IS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS AFTER THE LATEST PROBLEMS WITH THE STATE'S HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE WEBSITE.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS THE STORY.

(ERIN0125) 1:09 Q: COMPLICATED

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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VHC BACKLOG BACK 1/20/16 LK

BACKLOGS IN CHANGE-OF-CIRCUMSTANCE ISSUES ARE ONCE AGAIN FRUSTRATING VERMONTERS WHO ARE FORCED TO DEAL WITH THE VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT SYSTEM.

(LK0120A)

V-P-R REPORTS THAT IN OCTOBER, GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOUTING THE END OF THE BACKLOG OF PEOPLE WAITING TO HAVE THEIR POLICY CHANGES ADDRESSED, CLAIMING THAT VERMONTERS WOULD NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH LONG WAITS AGAIN.

AS OF TUESDAY, HOWEVER, THE BACKLOG IS BACK UP TO ABOUT 3,000 CUSTOMERS.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, THE STATE'S LARGEST INSURANCE CARRIER, SAYS TECHNOLOGICAL SHORTCOMINGS AT VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT ARE THE REASON.

VERMONT'S CHIEF OF HEALTH CARE REFORM, LAWRENCE MILLER, CALLS THIS A ONE-TMIE PHENOMENOM, CLAIMING THAT A SYSTEM UPGRADE IS COMING THAT WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO WORK THROUGH THE LATEST BACKLOG QUICKLY.

THE STATE IS SPENDING ABOUT 45 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO OPERATE VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS COVERING ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THAT COST.