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Dear Vermonter,

We are pleased to present the first edition of an **Annual Review of Legislative Action on Wildlife**. This edition covers the 2017-18 legislative session. It will 1) update you on current wildlife issues in the form of actual and proposed bills before the legislature, and 2) show where legislators, the governor and Department of Fish & Wildlife leadership stand on those issues. It will be yours to decide whether these parties are representing your interests.

Why the Review? The simple answer is that a lot of Vermonters care about wildlife (we rank second in the nation in our love of watching wildlife), and wildlife are facing a lot of challenges. Those include cultural shifts in attitudes towards animals, declining interest in hunting/trapping, global warming, habitat loss and development, increased human-animal interactions, pollution, declining agency revenue from traditional sources, and changes in conservation science. If we care about wildlife and wildlife is under threat, Vermonters will need to stay informed and take action.

In its 2016 Blue Ribbon report, the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, of which Vermont is a member, is pushing for “people from all walks of life” to be more involved. The Association is calling on state agencies “to transform their structures, operations and cultures ... to engage and serve broader constituencies.” We hope the Review contributes to that goal.

The Review will also help to prevent wildlife from getting lost in the tangle of environmental, conservation, political and commercial development issues of our times. Wildlife is essential to human and ecosystem health, and to the state’s cultural, aesthetic and economic identity, and so intrinsically valuable in itself, that we must give it dedicated attention.

Most important, if you care about the future of Vermont’s wildlife, give feedback to legislators, the governor, and department leadership. Vermont law makes wildlife a resource for all Vermonters, “The State, through the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, shall safeguard the fish, wildlife, and fur-bearing animals of the State for the people of the State...” (Title 10 V.S.A. \_\_ 4081). If you’re a Vermonter, that includes you.

Finally, a few words about the Vermont Wildlife Coalition. VWC began as a grassroots effort in 2016. Our mission is to ensure a vibrant and protected future for Vermont’s wild species through wildlife-centered public education and political action. Our ranks include scientists, wildlife watchers, hikers, farmers, hunters, birders, anglers, etc. All share an interest in humane, pro-wildlife policies.

To learn more, visit [www.vermontwildlifecoalition.org](http://www.vermontwildlifecoalition.org) and our Facebook page. Write to us at [info@vtwildlifecoalition.org](mailto:info@vtwildlifecoalition.org).

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## Government Organizations of Relevance:

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is the umbrella organization for the following Vermont departments:**

Fish & Wildlife  
Environmental Conservation  
Forests, Parks and Recreation

### **Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife**

- The Department of Fish & Wildlife's (DFW) official mission is to conserve Vermont's fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for all Vermonters to enjoy. DFW includes over 125 biologists, game wardens, educational coordinators and support staff in five divisions: Fisheries, Wildlife, Law Enforcement, Outreach and Administration. Traditionally oriented to hunting, trapping and fishing activities, DFW in present times finds itself also charged with search and rescue, fish restoration and conservation, human-wildlife conflict management, boating, snowmobile and ATV enforcement, public boat access, research and management of non-game and endangered/threatened wildlife in an era of global warming and invasive species, habitat protection and acquisition and public outreach and education. The Department works with the Agency of Natural Resources on endangered species listings and with the legislature on relevant legislation. It also manages about \$1 million dollars of "grants out" to municipalities, conservation organizations and colleges/universities. Additionally, DFW, partnering with the Fish & Wildlife Board, creates and oversees a host of state regulations and policies regarding hunting, trapping and fishing, and issues licenses related to these activities.

### **Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board**

- Within the Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW), the Fish & Wildlife Board (FWB) is the body that makes decisions about wildlife regulations and policies that pertain to fish and "game" animals. The board sets the annual antlerless deer and moose hunting permit allocations, for example, and it votes on proposals submitted to and by DFW. It also is meant to serve as a forum for the public to raise issues with the Department. The FWB, in short, gets to decide about a wide range of wildlife issues and create public policy. Staffed by volunteers (one per county) appointed by the governor to serve 6 year terms, the board has no explicit credentials, scientific or other, required for membership. In practice, virtually all FWB members have been drawn from the consumptive community, ie., hunters, trappers, anglers, taxidermists, etc. A powerful decision-making body with regard to Vermont wildlife, the FWB can choose to override DFW recommendations, and, essentially accountable only to itself, is not required to justify its decisions, individually or as a board, to the governor, the legislature or the public.

### **House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, & Wildlife (Room 47)**

- The House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife considers matters relating to conservation and development of the state's water resources; conservation and development of lands; land resources; land use; geology; fish and wildlife; natural habitats; air quality, environmental permitting; climate change; scenery; and solid waste and toxic

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substances management. Most bills (which if passed by the legislature, become law) that directly relate to Vermont fish and wildlife originate in this committee.

- Members (2017-2018 Session):
  - Rep. David L. Deen, Chair
  - Rep. Mary Sullivan, Vice Chair
  - Rep. Steve Beyor, Ranking Member
  - Rep. David Ainsworth
  - Rep. Paul Lefebvre
  - Rep. James McCullough
  - Rep. Carole Ode
  - Rep. Trevor Squirrel, Clerk
  - Rep. Thomas Terenzini

### **Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife (Room 8)**

- The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy has jurisdiction over matters relating to the conservation, development, and planning of the State's natural resources, including water quality, geology, forestry, parks and recreation, and fish and wildlife; community and regional planning and development; and the conservation and planning of sources of energy.
- Members (2017-2018 Session):
  - Sen. Christopher Bray, Chair
  - Sen. Brian Campion, Vice Chair
  - Sen. Mark A. MacDonald
  - Sen. John Rodgers
  - Sen. Christopher A. Pearson

### **Petitions of Relevance:**

**The following pro-wildlife petitions (which, if accepted, become regulation) were submitted by the public to the Fish & Wildlife Board in the past year:**

- Petition to oppose extension of the otter trapping season
  - Initiated by: Protect Our Wildlife VT in response to trappers' proposal to extend the season by a month.
  - Purpose: Protect otters during birthing and avoid unnecessary killing of otters.
  - DFW position: Opposed the petition.
  - Status: FWB voted against the petition.
- Petition to end the no-limit killing season on crows
  - Initiated by: Vermont Wildlife Coalition
  - Purpose: Protect crows from being used as target practice by hunters and to stop the wanton waste of this species.
  - DFW position: Opposed the petition.
  - Status: FWB voted against the petition.
- Petition to end the moose hunt until population numbers return to acceptable levels
  - Initiated by: Vermont Wildlife Coalition
  - Purpose: Moratorium on the moose hunt until a population much depleted by tick and brainworm infestations can recover.
  - DFW position: Supported a reduced hunt, but not a moratorium.

- Status: FWB didn't consider the petition until after it made its decision to proceed with a hunt. FWB effectively voted against the petition.
- Petition to end coyote killing competitions
  - Initiated by: Vermont Coyote Coexistence Coalition
  - Purpose: Protect coyotes from killing contests and stop wanton waste of this species.
  - DFW position: Opposed the petition, "We believe that our current management strategies are maintaining a wild population of coyotes and therefore minimizing human/wildlife conflicts while ensuring sustainable populations for future generations."
  - Status: The FWB did not vote on this petition. The legislature banned coyote killing competitions by passing H.636.
- Petition to establish a moratorium on fox killing to curb the spread of Lyme disease
  - Initiated by: Vermont resident
  - Purpose: Moratorium on sports hunting and trapping of foxes because foxes are a major predator of mice, major transmitters of Lyme-disease carrying ticks.
  - DFW position: Still an active petition.
  - Status: Still an active petition.

## Bills Of Relevance:

### **H. 262: An Act Relating to the Licensing of Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators**

- This bill states that persons engaged in nuisance wildlife control services (e.g. trapping nuisance animals) are required to obtain a permit from the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife. Any person who traps an animal in protection of property during the closed season must notify the commissioner within 84 hours of taking the animal and hold the pelt for inspection.
- No action was taken on H. 262 in this session. This bill is important because it would establish accountability for people who want to trap wildlife out of season.
- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/BILLS/H-0262/H-0262%20As%20Introduced.pdf>

### **H. 336: An Act Relating to the Membership of the Fish and Wildlife Board**

- This bill would establish a new Wildlife Management Advisory Board to advise the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife and the General Assembly on issues involving the protection, propagation, management, and conservation of all fish and wildlife in the State, not just those fish and game subject to fishing, hunting, and trapping. The bill would also rename the existing Fish and Wildlife Board as the Fish and Game Board. The bill also would require the appointment of six non-consumptive users of wildlife to the Fish and Game Board.
- H.336 attempted to address a fundamental concern, that the majority of Vermonters are not represented when it comes to management decisions about wildlife labelled "game." The bill proposed to give a voice to non-consumptive users of wildlife on the FWB. Currently, non-consumptives are essentially excluded from the FWB. Changing the word "wildlife" to "game" ends the insinuation that the Fish & Wildlife Board has always acted on the behalf of wildlife. The bill was not taken up for discussion by the committee.
- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/BILLS/H-0336/H-0336%20As%20Introduced.pdf>

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### **H. 590: An Act Relating to the Incidental Trapping of Fur-Bearing Animals or Other Wildlife**

- This bill proposes to introduce a number of restriction on trappers of wildlife, including the need to report incidental trappings or nuisance animal trappings, and release of domestic animal or any animal for which the season is closed. The bill also establishes more humane requirements for killing an animal that has been live-trapped.
- No action was taken on H. 590 in this session. This bill would have been an important step in establishing rights for wildlife and accountability for trappers.
- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/BILLS/H-0590/H-0590%20As%20Introduced.pdf>

### **H. 60: An Act Relating to the Hunting of Coyotes**

- The bill would require that the Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) recommend whether Vermont should adopt regulations for the hunting of coyotes, including whether a closed season should be established for coyotes. Currently, Vermont allows a 24/7/365 season on coyotes. Additionally, the bill states that the DFW must report on the population of coyotes in the state of Vermont, provide a scientific basis for current hunting practices, and summarize how Vermont and other states regulate the hunting of coyotes.
- No action was taken on H. 60 in this session. This bill would have been important because it would have given some form of agency to coyotes, forcing the DFW to gather updated and substantiated information about their populations and regulate coyote hunting with a defined season.  
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/BILLS/H-0060/H-0060%20As%20Introduced.pdf>
- One consequence of the bill was that in the 2016-17 session, the House Fish & Wildlife Committee required the DFW to compile a comprehensive report on coyotes in Vermont. The report was delivered to the committee in January 2018. Because of concern that the DFW's report would be incomplete and default to the status quo, an alternative report was produced and published simultaneously. Both reports can be viewed at [www.vermontwildlifecoalition.org](http://www.vermontwildlifecoalition.org).

### **H. 636: (Act 170): An Act Relating to Miscellaneous Fish and Wildlife Subjects**

- This bill addresses a variety of wildlife issues, ranging from ending coyote killing competitions to requiring trappers to report incidentally trapped domestic animals.
- Enacted on May 22, 2018. H. 636 is a particularly important bill because a) it makes Vermont the second state in the country to ban coyote killing competitions, and b) it requires documentation of the incidental trapping of dogs and cats and notification of their owners.
- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT170/ACT170%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

### **H.233: An Act Relating To Protecting Working Forests and Habitat**

- This bill establishes restrictions on the construction of subdivisions or developments, requiring that construction does not unnecessarily endanger habitat, wildlife species, or cause fragmentation of forest or habitat corridors necessary for wildlife.

- H. 233 has passed the House and is now sitting in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. This bill is important because it provides a much-needed incentive for private industries to consider the delicate balance of ecosystems during construction. It addresses a loophole that allows large developments to avoid Act 250 review, a 1970 law designed to mitigate the effects of development through an application process that addresses environmental and community impacts of projects. The loophole permits expanding forest fragmentation and the subdivision of forestland into smaller and smaller pieces and multiple ownerships. The result is significantly harmful to wildlife that need large blocks of forest habitat and movement corridors to survive. The bill would require that large developments be engineered to minimize forest fragmentation.
- <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/H.233>

### How Your Legislators Voted:

**Note: Legislative votes by individual legislators are not publicly recorded unless a legislator requests that a “roll call” be taken. This Review includes all of the final votes available, but information is limited. There are roll calls on record for the House on H.636 and H.233, but none for the Senate on either of these bills. Names below with no voting info are senators. If you are curious to know more about how your legislator has voted, contact their office for more information.**

**X - Voted against wildlife**

**A - Absent for vote**

**NA - Data not available**

**SOH - the Speaker of the House only votes when there is a tie or veto to override.**

**✓ - Voted for wildlife**

**✓✓ - Sponsor of wildlife**

### REPRESENTATIVES

First Name	Last Name	District	H. 233	H.262	H.220	H. 636	H.336	H.590	H.60
David	Ainsworth	Windsor-Orange-1	X			A			
Janet	Ancel	Washington-6	✓			✓			
Robert	Bancroft	Chittenden-8-3	X			X			
John	Bartholomew	Windsor-1	✓			✓			
Fred	Baser	Addison-4	X			✓			
Lynn	Batchelor	Orleans-1	X			X			
Scott	Beck	Caledonia-3	X			✓			
Paul	Belaski	Windsor-1	✓		✓ ✓	✓			

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Steve	Beyor	Franklin-5	X			✓			
Clement	Bissonnette	Chittenden-6-7	✓			✓			
Thomas	Bock	Windsor-3-1	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
William	Botzow	Bennington-1	A			✓			
Patrick	Brennan	Chittenden-9-2	X			X			
Timothy	Briglin	Windsor-Orange-2	✓			✓			
Cynthia	Browning	Bennington-4	✓		✓ ✓	A			
Jessica	Brumsted	Chittenden-5-2	✓		✓ ✓	A			
Susan	Buckholz	Windsor-4-1	✓			✓			
Thomas	Burditt	Rutland-2	X			X			
Mollie S.	Burke	Windham-2-2	✓			✓			
William	Canfield	Rutland-3	X			X			
Stephen	Carr	Rutland-6	✓			✓			
Robin	Chesnut-Tangerman	Rutland-Bennington	✓			✓			
Anmarie	Christensen	Windsor-2	✓			✓			
Kevin	Christie	Windsor-4-2	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Brian	Cina	Chittenden-6-4	✓			✓			
Selene	Colburn	Chittenden-6-4	✓			✓			
James	Condon	Chittenden-9-1	A			A			
Peter	Conlon	Addison-2	✓			✓			
Daniel	Connor	Franklin-6	X			✓			
Charles	Conquest	Orange-Caledonia	✓			✓			
Sarah	Copeland-Hanzas	Orange-2	✓			✓			
Timothy R.	Corcoran	Bennington-2-1	✓			✓			
Lawrence	Cupoli	Rutland-5-2	X			X			
Maureen	Dakin	Chittenden-9-2	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
David L.	Deen	Windham-4	✓		✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓		✓ ✓
Dennis J.	Devereux	Rutland-Windsor-2	X			X			

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Eileen	Dickinson	Franklin-3-2	X			X			
Anne B.	Donahue	Washington-1	✓			X			
Johannah	Donovan	Chittenden-6-5	✓			✓			
Elizabeth	Dunn	Chittenden-8-1	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Alice M.	Emmons	Windsor-3-2	✓			✓			
Peter J.	Fagan	Rutland-5-1	X			X			
Martha	Feltus	Caledonia-4	X			X			
Rachael	Fields	Bennington-2-1	✓			A			
Robert	Forguites	Windsor-3-2	✓			✓			
Robert	Frenier	Orange-1	X			X			
Douglas	Gage	Rutland-5-4	X			X			
Marianna	Gamache	Franklin-4	X			X			
John	Gannon	Windham-6	X			✓			
Marcia	Gardner	Chittenden-1	✓			✓			
Dylan	Giambatista	Chittenden-8-2	✓			✓			
Diana	Gonzalez	Chittenden-6-7	✓			A			
Maxine	Grad	Washington-7	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Rodney	Graham	Orange-1	X			X			
Adam	Greshin	Washington-7	✓			NA			
Sandy	Haas	Windsor-Rutland	✓			✓			
James	Harrison	Rutland-Windsor-1	X			✓			
Helen	Head	Chittenden-7-3	✓			✓			
Michael	Hebert	Windham-1	X			X			
Robert	Helm	Rutland-3	X			X			
Mark	Higley	Orleans-Lamoille	X			X			
Matthew	Hill	Lamoille-2	✓			✓			
Mary S.	Hooper	Washington-4	✓			✓			
Philip Jay	Hooper	Orange-Washington-Addison	✓			✓			

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Lori	Houghton	Chittenden-8-2	✓			✓			
Mary E.	Howard	Rutland-5-3	✓			✓			
Ron	Hubert	Chittenden-10	X			NA.			
Kimberly	Jessup	Washington-5	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Benjamin	Jickling	Orange-Washington-Addison	X			✓			
Mitzi	Johnson	Grand Isle-Chittenden	SOH			SOH			
Ben W.	Joseph	Grand Isle-Chittenden	X		✓ ✓	✓			
Bernard	Juskiewicz	Lamoille-3	X			X			
Brian	Keefe	Bennington-4	X			X			
Kathleen C.	Keenan	Franklin-3-1	✓			A			
Charles	Kimbell	Windsor-5	✓			✓			
Warren F.	Kitzmiller	Washington-4	✓			✓			
Jill	Krowinski	Chittenden-6-3	✓			✓			
Robert	LaClair	Washington-2	X			X			
Martin	LaLonde	Chittenden-7-1	✓			✓			
Diane	Lanpher	Addison-3	✓			✓			
Richard	Lawrence	Caledonia-4	X			X			
Paul	Lefebvre	Essex-Caledonia-Orleans	X			✓			
Patti J.	Lewis	Washington-1	X			X			
William J.	Lippert	Chittenden-4-2	✓			✓			
Emily	Long	Windham-5	✓			✓			
Gabrielle	Lucke	Windsor-4-2			✓ ✓	✓			
Terence	Macaig	Chittenden-2	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Michael	Marcotte	Orleans-2	A			X			
Marcia	Martel	Caledonia-1	A			X			
James	Masland	Windsor-Orange-2	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Christopher	Mattos	Chittenden-10	NA			X			
Curtis	McCormack	Chittenden-6-3	✓ ✓			✓			

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Patricia	McCoy	Rutland-1	X			X			
James	McCullough	Chittenden-2	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	
Francis	McFaun	Washington-2	X			X			
Alice	Miller	Bennington-3	✓			✓			
Ruqaiyah	Morris	Bennington-2-2	✓			A			
Mary A.	Morrissey	Bennington-2-2	X			X			
Michael	Mrowicki	Windham-4	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Barbara	Murphy	Franklin-2	✓			X			
Linda K.	Myers	Chittenden-8-1	X			X			
Gary	Nolan	Lamoille-Washington	X			X			
Terry	Norris	Addison-Rutland	X			X			
Daniel	Noyes	Lamoille-2	✓			X			
Jean	O'Sullivan	Chittenden-6-2	✓			A			
Oliver	Olsen	Windham-Bennington-Windsor	X			NA			
Carol	Ode	Chittenden-6-1	✓			✓			
Kelly	Pajala	Windham-Bennington-Windsor	NA			✓			
Corey	Parent	Franklin-3-1	X			X			
Carolyn W.	Partridge	Windham-3	A			✓			
Albert	Pearce	Franklin-5	X			X			
Paul N.	Poirier	Washington-3	X			A			
David	Potter	Rutland-2	✓			✓			
Ann	Pugh	Chittenden-7-2	✓			✓			
Constance	Quimby	Essex-Caledonia	X			X			
Barbara	Rachelson	Chittenden-6-6	✓			✓			
Edward	Read	Washington-7	NA			✓			
Carl	Rosenquist	Franklin-1	X			X			
Brian K.	Savage	Franklin-4	X			X			

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Robin	Scheu	Addison-1	✓			✓			
Heidi E.	Scheuermann	Lamoille-1	X			✓			
David	Sharpe	Addison-4	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Charles	Shaw	Rutland-6	X			✓			
Amy	Sheldon	Addison-1	✓ ✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Laura	Sibilia	Windham-Bennington	X			✓			
Brian	Smith	Orleans-1	X			X			
Harvey	Smith	Addison-5	X			✓			
Trevor	Squirrel	Chittenden-3	✓ ✓			✓			
Thomas	Stevens	Washington-Chittenden	✓			✓			
Vicki	Strong	Orleans-Caledonia	X			✓			
Valerie A.	Stuart	Windham-2-1	✓			✓			
Linda Joy	Sullivan	Bennington-Rutland	X			✓			
Mary	Sullivan	Chittenden-6-5	✓ ✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Curt	Taylor	Chittenden-9-1	✓			✓			
Thomas	Terenzini	Rutland-4	A			X			
George W.	Till	Chittenden-3	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Tristan	Toleno	Windham-2-3	✓			✓			
Catherine	Toll	Caledonia-Washington	✓			✓			
Maida	Townsend	Chittenden-7-4	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Matthew	Trieber	Windham-3	✓			✓			
Joseph	Troiano	Caledonia-2	✓			✓			
Donald	Turner	Chittenden-10	X			X			
Warren	Van Wyck	Addison-3	X			X			
Gary	Viens	Orleans-2	X			X			
Tommy	Walz	Washington-3	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Kathryn	Webb	Chittenden-5-1	✓		✓ ✓	✓			
Cynthia	Weed	Franklin-7	✓		✓ ✓	✓			

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Janssen	Willhoit	Caledonia-3	X			✓			
Theresa	Wood	Washington-Chittenden	✓ ✓			✓			
Kurt	Wright	Chittenden-6-1	X			✓			
David	Yacovone	Lamoille-Washington	✓			✓			
Michael	Yantachka	Chittenden-4-1	✓		✓ ✓	✓		✓ ✓	
Samuel	Young	Orleans-Caledonia	✓			✓			

## SENATORS

Tim	Ashe	Chittenden District							
Claire	Aire	Addison District							
Becca	Balint	Windham District							
Philip	Baruth	Chittenden District							
Joe	Benning	Caledonia District							
Carolyn Whitney	Branagan	Franklin District							
Christopher	Bray	Addison District							
Randy	Brock	Franklin District							
Francis K.	Brooks	Washington District							
Brian	Campion	Bennington District							
Alison	Clarkson	Windsor District							
Brian	Collamore	Rutland District							
Ann	Cummings	Washington District							
Peg	Flores	Rutland District							
Debbie	Ingram	Chittenden District							
Jane	Kitchel	Caledonia District							
Virginia	Lyons	Chittenden District							
Mark A.	MacDonald	Orange District							
Dick	Mazza	Grand Isle District							
Dick	McCormack	Windsor District							
Alice W.	Nitka	Windsor District							

Christopher A.	Pearson	Chittenden District							
Anthony	Pollina	Washington District							
John	Rodgers	Essex-Orleans District							
Dick	Sears	Bennington District							
Michael	Sirotkin	Chittenden District							
David	Soucy	Rutland District							
Robert	Starr	Essex-Orleans District							
Richard	Westman	Lamoille District							
Jeanette K.	White	Windham District							

### Amendments to H.636:

Several amendments to H.636 were introduced that would have:

- 1) removed key passages of the bill and/or
- 2) attached language on unrelated subject matter that was intended to prevent or hinder passage of the bill.

These amendments were offered by Senator John Rodgers, and Representatives Brian Smith and Robert Helm.

You can read about these amendments in the legislative record (pp. 441, 1285-86, 1417) at <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/search/2018?> Be sure to choose "2017-18 Session" (not the 2018 Special Session) from the dropdown in the upper right, then Roll Calls for H.636.

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## NOTES

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