

# VERMONT COALITION FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS

*Happy New Year!!*

The 2017 Vermont Legislative Session  
Wednesday, January 4th 2017.

## **2017 House of Representatives Tentative Schedule . First Week of Session Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.** The House is called to order for the 73rd biennial session of the General Assembly by James C. Condos, Secretary of State.

- A. Devotions and Pledge of Allegiance
- B. The Secretary of State calls the roll of the members elect.
- C. Election of a Speaker
- D. Oath of office administered to Speaker by Secretary of State
- E. Election of the Clerk of the House
- F. Oath of office administered to Clerk
- G. Oath of office administered to members-elect by the Clerk
- H. Appointments announced by Clerk
- I. Oath of office administered to Assistant Clerks
- J. Adoption of House Resolutions (H.R. 1 will be the rules for the session)
- K. Committee appointed to inform Governor the House is organized for business
- L. Adoption of Joint Senate Resolutions
- M. Recess until 1:30 in the afternoon

### **Afternoon Session**

- A. Seating of new members
- B. Election of Canvassing Committee
- C. Oath of office administered to Canvassing Committee by the Clerk
- D. Adjourn until Thursday, January 5, 2017

### **Canvassing Committee meets with the Secretary of State at 3 P.M. in Room 11**

- E. Joint Assembly at 2:00 to hear the outgoing message of Governor Shumlin

## **Thursday, January 5, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.** Speaker calls the House to order

A. Devotions

B. Adoption of Resolutions if any

C. Announcements

D. Joint Assembly at **10:00 a.m.** to receive the report of the Canvassing Committee.

E. Recess until 1:25 p.m.

**1:30 p.m.** Joint Assembly for administering Oath of Office to Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General and hearing the Inaugural Address of the Governor  
Adjourn until Friday morning

## **Friday, January 6, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.** House called to order by Speaker

A. Devotions

B. Memorial Service

C. Adoption of Resolutions, if any, and announcements

D. Adjourn until Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

## **Homelessness Awareness Day & Memorial Vigil**

*January 5, 2017, 7:30 AM-2:00 PM*

**State House, 115 Stat Street, Montpelier, VT**

Every year in January concerned citizens and homeless service providers from across Vermont gather at the State House in Montpelier for a day to engage their representatives and to renew their commitment to end homelessness in our state.

The day will kick off early at 7:30am in the Card Room. People will be present all morning and into the afternoon to educate lawmakers about the work being done around the state, about which strategies are working, and what still needs to be done to help end homelessness in Vermont.

At 9:30pm be in the House Gallery to hear the reading of a resolution recognizing those experiencing homelessness and the work being done by homeless service

providers and advocates.

At Noon community members, elected officials, and advocates will take to the State House steps for the annual Memorial Vigil to remember our friends and neighbors who have died without homes, and to bring awareness of the struggles of those still searching for safe, affordable and secure housing.

**More information:** MaryEllen Mendl, Vermont 2-1-1, 802.861.0146, [Email](#), [Flyer](#) (2.63 MB; PDF). **Cost:** Free

*(Category: [Legislative Day](#). Added/revised: Dec 12, 2016.)*

**VCDR will publish Weekly Legislative Committee and Calendar Activity beginning next week when committee assignments are made and committee schedules, calendars and journals are published.**

**These weekly alerts will contain summaries of legislative activities, committee agendas, and House and Senate Calendar items that would be of interest to the disability community. The complete committee schedules will not be found here, but a link has been provided for the complete Legislative Committee agendas, the Legislative Calendar and Journal Page, and the New Legislative web-site.**

**You will find highlights of the week's Legislative activities for specific committees, public hearing notifications, and calendar activity of interest in this weekly report, as well as a listing and brief explanations of legislation introduced at the end of the committee schedules.**

**This Committee Schedule is generally published on Monday of each week, but is subject to change throughout the week. Please check the calendar online, on the Vermont Legislative web page for updates.**

**COMPLETE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE HOUSE AND SENATE:**

**<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/schedule/masterschedule.cfm>**

**\*\*\*COMMITTEE INFORMATION \*\*\***

**Committees continue to have their own web-pages, where you can find documents and written testimony as well as committee schedules.**

**LEGISLATIVE WEB PAGE: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/>**

**\*\* CALENDARS AND JOURNALS \*\***

House and Senate Pages: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/>  
You can find both House and Senate Calendars and Journals online.

**JOINT FISCAL PAGE:** <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/>

Additional Links: **\*\*VERMONT COALITION FOR DISABILITY  
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