



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 2010
22nd MEETING OF 2009-2010 SENATE

CALL TO ORDER: 7:13
START TIME:

ROLL CALL

FINANCE: Senator Tran excused
STUDENT ACTIVITIES: all present
COLA: all present
CODEEE: all present
STUDENT ACTION: Senator Church excused
PR: all present
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Senator Henley excused

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of February 9th Approved

PUBLIC FORUM:

Speaker Ellis: As everyone is a where, we have quite few people on Public forum and Public agenda. Tonight's public forum will include questions and answer, fielded to the two Senators. Tim Ash and Peter Shumlin. Please be mindful of your questions, ask appropriate questions, and follow up questions will most likely not be allowed, so please ask appropriate questions. First up on Public forum is Jay Taylor of the Boulder Society, please limit yourself to 5 minutes.

Jay Taylor of The Boulder Society: I talking to you about Winter Carnival, which the Boulder Society has been planning all fall. Starting Tuesday of next week through Sunday event will be held. First with a Rail jam Tuesday night sponsored by Ski Rack. Wednesday will be a chili cook off and Gingerbread making workshop for little kids. Thursday there will be an Accapela Concert, with all three Accapla Groups, after Hillel is after a jewish rap concert in the Davis center, Ben and Jerrys will be giving out free samples after our accapla show. Friday there will be making snowmen making with Dream, and a men's hockey game where SGA will be doing its scarf giveaway . Saturday there will be an adventure race at Bolton, hosted by the outing club, racquetball intramural tournament all day and dodge-ball tournament, and sledding in the evening. Sunday, there is the judging for snow sculptures that will be located throughout

Burlington, and mens basketball game at noon, and hockey, were boulder will be giving away tee-shirts. There are two events that the SGA can enter, they are team events, the Chili cook off and the snow-sculpture are open to club involvement. The main reason I am here, is that you all connected to other organization, so that we might create a tradition that lasts in addition to our only real tradition the naked bike ride. Please get involved in the, go to UVM.edu/boulder, or [UVM.edu/ Winter Carnival](http://UVM.edu/WinterCarnival).

Speaker Ellis: Are there any Questions for Jay? Seeing none, thank you for coming in. Next up will be limited to 30 minutes, included questions and answers, with that I would like to invite up Peter Shumlin, the Vermont Senate President Pro Tem, and Tim Ash Vermont State senator

Vermont Legislative Senator, Tim Ash:

To let you know having Peter Shumlin here today, of all days, is a special occasion. Peoples ears a buzzing from Peter's action at the State House this past afternoon, he got together people of the senate so that we can vote whether or not to relicense VT Yankee next Wednesday or sometime next week. This will likely be the one of the single most important vote for most Vermont senators. This speaks to our energy future, how much everybody in the state of Vermont will pay for energy bill, it will decide how we will cope with the toxins and other problems of the Nuclear Plant as well as its decommissioning. To those who belief we need a new clean energy future, and to move away from leaky old nuclear energy, his leadership today will be a siren call for action, as we move forward to a different energy future. One of my finest moments in the Senate was voting for marriage equality, many people were hoping they would never have to vote on such subject, because of the felt uncomfortable discussing this issue due to the nasty nature of such a subject. Many of us believe that this is a fundamental civil right. Peter decided that the time had come to take strong actions, to make sure everyone in our community were treated as equals, when it came to Marriage. He called out to fellow senators to voice their opinions about where they stood on the issue. With his leadership, the vote surprised everyone with a vote of 26 to 4. It was the first time in the history of the Untied States that the legislator went forth on their own accord, and not forced upon to do so at the accommodation of the courts of law. I wanted to introduce Peter Shumlin, so that people all over the state can know that he took the time see what students think. With that I would like to introduce Peter Shumlin, Senate President and Candidate for Governor.

Peter Shumlin, Senate President and Candidate for Governor:

Give it up for Tim Ash, who is doing an excellent job, vote him back, and thanks to you Jay Taylor. Thanks to wait your doing in this legislative body. I understand that you are about to vote on a question as to whether or not Vermont Yankee should renewed its license. As to why I am running for Gov, I was born and raised in Vermont in Windom County, what is called the Banana Belt in the South East corner. I had similar experience as a lot of UVMers, I grew up here, lived on in a farmhouse. My parent converted over the barn into a small business called Putney Student Travel. I went away to college, as some Vermont do, we hate to leave, but we think it's a good time to do it. When I graduated from Weylsan, I wanted nothing more than to move back here, make a good living and raise a family, and live in the place I love, more then anywhere else on earth. The problem we have today in Vermont is that

not enough Vermonters can have the kind of experience that I have. If I am elected Governor, which I intend to be, I intend to make job creation for you and your friends a priority of my administration. Under the Dobbie-Douglas team, we currently have the highest unemployment rate in 30 years, Vermonters graduating from UVM cannot find a job. We are depending on an old energy system, their energy policy is let's always do what we've always done, because what we always do is what we should always do, so they are relicensing VT Yankee and cut deal with Hydra-Quebec, and continue to watch our jobs get shipped to India and China. We need a new approach in this state, I have been needing a payroll, and have been creating jobs since I was 23 years old. And can tell you right now, as sure as I am standing before you, there will be a huge money to be made in the country as we move away from oil, and to alternative energy technologies. It is not just about hydro, it's about transforming how we lead our lives, it's about how you travel day to day, how you produce your food, how we construct our buildings, this will touch everything that we do. Your role and frankly UVM's role in that transformation, will help to determine our success or failure to that future. I have the leadership experience to help get tough things done in Montpelier. I just want to say a word about what Tim just said, politicians constantly say they can get things done, but the proof is in the pudding. I get things done. I was incredibly proud when Obama was elected. As a kid, I didn't think coming from Vermont the whitest state in the nation, that I would the day when I would see Barak Obama become President of the United States. On that same day I watched gay and lesbian citizens of America, have their rights taken away, declare their love for each other for the rest of their lives, simple because they're the last minority group left in America, where politicians from Barak Obama to Brain Dobbie, can discriminate against publicly because their numbers will go up in the polls, and I said there is something wrong here, that a politician can hide behind the black cloaked judges robe. As Tim mentioned, we pushed forth with the legislator to stand up for democracy and for civil rights, we can put an end to discrimination. If we do the right thing in Vermont other states will follow, and we can do away with discrimination. We passed the bill, the house followed, the Governor vetoed, we over-rode it, and then New Hampshire and Maine followed. We can do great things in Vermont, we just need great leadership, and IF I am Governor, I promise will work every day, 24/7 to create great jobs, and provide great leadership, to make Vermont the great state it once was.

Senator Altendorfer: Thank you so much for coming, I have a question about the legislative process. Can a bill that was vetoed last session, can it be reintroduced this legislative session?

Peter Shumlin: Technically you aren't allowed to enter a bill with exactly the same language. You are not allowed to enter a bill that has the same language. If the language was changed it could be introduced. What bill did you have in mind?

Senator Altendorfer: The decommissioning bill of Vermont Yankee.

Let's talk about VT Yankee, as why the Decommissioning bill hasn't been passed. Why your vote here is so important to us, in the outcome it makes a difference. I was born and raised in the country that hosts Vermont Yankee, that the deal for Vermonters was simple. The legislator voted back in the 1960s was simple, run it to 2012, and that all the high level nuclear waste would be put to a federal depository and it would be turned to a Green-Field. Fast forward 20 years what's the choice today and

why I sit different. It's since been transferred to energy Louisiana, has lied to us about the state of the plants pipes, what they transport and where they go. They haven't told us the truth under oath. They claim to offer us cheap power, but they haven't. The deal they have offered us goes like this, they have offered us power at six point one cent per kilowatt hours, which is 50 % then what we pay today, instead of being 33% of Vermont's juice, it would be 11 % of our power, at 50 % more than we were paying now. The decommission fund is 600 million dollars short, assuming there are no contamination in the soil around the plant. If so it will cost an additional billion to clean up. We passed two bill requiring them, to clean up. Governor Douglas as vetoed these bills twice. Next, they are currently leaving town, they are going to do to us what Wall street did to the world economy, they want to spin us off to Nexus, the Wall Street solution, they would go to meeting, and own our plant as well as 5 other plants they purchased for 725 million and paid off a long time ago, that would be sold to us, at the closing they take 3.5 billion dollars, and the shareholders leave happy, and leave town. Vermont is left with Six old nuclear power plants, of which one is ours, after Nexus. They then have to issue junk bonds in case something goes wrong. We have 4.7 billion dollar indebted company. One silo is leaking Tritium into the ground water at a rate so fast and we can't find the whole source of to where its leaking. Currently leaking into the Connecticut river, those of you in Connecticut, Mass and NY, our Tritium and Colbalt60 is now yours. Whether it's in VT interest to operate this for another X years, I don't think we should.

Senator Chair Wilkinson Rye: You mention Job growth and I was wondering if you were a where about the state bank of North Dakota, being one of the few state banks that doesn't have a budget deficit, and one of the few states that has job growth, would you support the creation of the state bank of Vermont? The profits of North Dakota enrich their share holders.

Peter Shumlin: I think it's intriguing and I would support it. ND doesn't use the profits to enrich the state, they enrich the stockholders. But it is interesting idea.

Senator Filstein: I heard you on the radio yesterday, in terms of the decommission fund, and about the 1 billion for the leak, how did this come to be based on a promise and not a contract? It seems this should have already been covered. It seems the Vermonters will be stuck with the bill.

Peter Shumlin: When energy Louisiana bought the plant from GM Power the fight was about who was going to get the largest in the decommission fund, as to who was going to get the extra. The point is that we are on the precipice of making a truly important decision, Energy Louisiana are going to say that if you shut this down we'll moth ball that plant for 60 years. When you bought the plant you promised us that in 20 or 10 years that the decommissioning fund would be so full of money, that we wouldn't know what to do with it, if you think we'll take you're a guarantee to run it another 60 years, you can get me once twice but the third time we get you.

Senator Chair Cafarelli: UVM produces students and the state produces jobs, so my question is how can UVM continue to provide students at this high level, when the state has level-funded or continues to cuts funds from UVM.

Peter Shumlin: If I am elected Governor, I will reduced your tuition and provide money for you to go to college. Here is the bad news 168 million g of the state budget, and well as some from the speaker

budgets otherwise. We can be hopeful about this, I told Fogel that the most important issue is climate change, because we have the only population, that is involved in SGA and will hopefully continue to be involved in such associations about the creation of better, environmental codes. You realize that we need to change the current way run. Huge money will be made in our country as we get off our addiction to oil. Al Gore left the white house worth 2 million, he may be worth upwards of 200 million. He has invested in companies attempting to save the planet. If UVM was to be the first university if we offered a degree about climate changes, we'd be the silicon valley of the east coast. Take the Rubenstein school, take the issue of meteorology, science and business make it into one degree and create a degree, we'll bring in a 'Sarah Gates' that will seek to figure out how to make clean energy. Are Vermont and UVM smart enough to partner for this, if I am governor, we will.

Senator Church: I don't think I have heard a politician about creating several jobs, I here that you're excited about green jobs, as well as agriculture and education. Just to through some ideas out there do you see the next wave being in tech in energy, big business or entrepreneurship, and how will you go about creating more jobs.

Peter Shumlin: Tech, renewable energy, efficiency, huge revolution coming. Agriculture to. The days are going to be soon gone when we import a gallon of milk from Wisconsin to NE and tomatoes from chili, it won't happen, we'll grow local. Things don't grow without water, the Union Concerned Scientist, we will have Jerseys climate. In 20 to 40 we will have the mid Atlantic states climate. The kind of life we live will change. Maple trees, maple syrup and skiing will fair poorly. But well have 20% more precipitation, and greater droughts. We will harness this and be the bread basket for the northeast. There is a huge bright agricultural future and I will help lead it.

Senator Glynne: How will the state afford to do this? If we are in a deficit and continue to cut funds, where is the money coming from? Is that a promise or will that happen?

Peter Shumlin: I can't promise about things I only hope, but I can promise I will bring these issues to the vote. The vision is important, and we have been lacking it over the last eight years has been lacking. I will give it my best, I came out from a barn in Putney, I wanted to make a million by the time I was 32, I found that was easier than I thought it would be, and I want more to be able to do this.

Speaker Ellis, is there any question left?

Peter Shumlin: When do you vote on Vermont Yankee? Do the right thing, we need you, I will close by saying this there is no state better then Vermont. We have the best democracy to in the country, because our democracy is affordable, we need you to be involved in the political process, preferably in Vermont, our government is only as good as the people who serve. Join up, start up, Run, get involved, make a difference, and help make this sate the best in the country

Speaker Ellis: At the time we will have a another part of public forum, I would love to invite up Ed Adrrian.

Ed Adrian, Burlington City Counselor Ward One: Its hard to follow the pros, but bear with me. I represent Ward One that accompanies main and east campus, east of Willard and North of Pearl the, east av. area, and by Winooski. Thank you for the opportunity to speak, I was elected to four terms as an SGA senator, I haven't moved to far physical, I have lived in this area. Glynne can pass out my contact info. I'm here to tell you the way things are, and to find commonality between the students and year round residences. I see one in the House from New Jersey. Me too. I am disappointed that we'll have the climate of New Jersey, hopefully we can do something about that. I came in '88 graduated in '92 with Political Science and Philosophy double major, took a year off, and went to Portland Oregon, then went on to Vermont Law School, and graduated with, Joint Degree in Environmental Law and Policy And a Law Degree. UVM is fantastic, a school in a dynamic city. As important as climate change, and Vermont Yankee are, the ability and freedom on campus are what the city council deals with. I would like to thank Speaker Ellis, chair Glynne for coming to numerous city council meetings. We may disagree on issues sometime, but it's good to agree to disagree, senator Michel and Maciewicz thank you for helping me out. I am, happy to field questions about anything in our realm.

Senator Maciewicz: What can you tell me more about Burlington Telecom? As a student I don't know enough about it, there trying to refinance their debt? Where does the city council come on this?

Adrian: Burlington Telecom is a municipal service to provide internet telephone and cable to the city of Burlington. Most people will tell you they love it, and they want it to not come from their taxes. The administration put 17 million in the budget without proper route. At what point do we stop supporting it because it is too expensive, how do we support an great idea built on a false promise? The ends never justify the means, we needs open and transparent government. It's wrong to get from point A to B without being truly and open to your constituents.

Speaker Ellis: Questions

Senator Glynne: How can the University do more to get the Students more involved in the city?

Adrian: You have been doing a good job of late, as far as my time, the COLA committee did a great job. Gail Schepnod who finds commonality between the University and the town, another great job. Meet your neighbors, when livening off campus, if you taken the time to meet them that will take the time to resolve issues with you rather than call the cops. You can't blame them for wanting a certain quality of life. When living off campus take that first step, it goes along way. The folks we live next to, we taken that approach and have had few problems. I live in Ward 1 because of the student dichotomy in the city. Whatever it is that isn't offered on campus you want that because that's where you see yourself down the road. It's about finding that balance and accommodation. You drive down the suburbs its boring, but in Burlington where students and us middle-agers are living its great fun and vibrant, were I want to be and think you do to.

Speaker Ellis: About 10 minutes left.

Senator Michel: Thank you for coming here so often you have been here three or four times. I have to question the legitimacy between the pro-flow of students councilor to city council. It is a balance when

it comes to the city council when it comes to the University getting student to stay on campus. What is your ideal of how the campus structure looks, where do you come on this stuff?

Adrian: That gets back to it being a balance, Having a dry campus is not productive to town-down relations. I drank before and after I was a student on campus. Before I started the age was 18. Alcohol, is a huge factor, having a dry campus pushes the problems with booze off campus and doesn't educate responsible use. I have as you know been an advocate for building more student housing on campus. Do I want seniors to live on campus or juniors, no, but the University is expanding and this will cause problems. I haven't been in the dorms, but I hear there are quads and triples in double rooms, is that fair. When I say I can find community, we need to address that. I am proud. The first quote is from Keisha Ram, "As a former student... I support Ed's reelection". I can sit up here and do a song and dance, and say that every should be off campus, but that not my style. When I talk to year-round residence, I tell them don't call the police right away, introduce yourself when new students move in. Build mutual respect, and work together. I want to be in a community where there are people of multiple generations.

Senator Buswell: I have criticism, of our current student body. What the biggest difference you see now than from when you were a student here? Is it a generational shift?

Adrian: Did you say you had criticisms?

Senator Buswell: I did, but I want to know what yours are?

Adrian: I think that things have improved. The community coalition has helped, full-time resident reaching out to students, back in my day things were more rowdy, things have improved. Getting back to what Michel said I don't hang out on campus, and not much things on campus, but I think the physical plant is an improvement. I know that people like to live in Burlington, is about being young and living in a town in a big student population, that allows you to integrate new ideas in your life. When you ossify, and become set in your ways, it's not as interesting, when students bring new ideas and are passionate, it's exciting, as long as it's not violent it's fun.

Speaker Ellis: Thank you for coming,

Speaker Elli: I would like to bring up James Billman, limited to 5 minutes

James Billman: Thank you for everyone else who has spoken so far. I am honored to be speaking tonight, as many of you are my most articulate and eloquent peers, I have a strong feeling of duty to help the world and environment. When I joined UVM power shift leadership core, I found myself swept into the movement. The inspiration of environmental movement came from the awakening the dreamers symposium, many of you are here now. Those from the symposium believe in bliss and unrest, which is positive content in how we shape the earth. Before engaging in this symposium, I wasn't able to articulate this, but had that feeling. I get a strong and good feeling as I am involved in the environmental issues. I will not take a long time about VT Yankee, but my feeling is that it's a bad deal in every which way. If it will be relicensed it will have a bad problem, and I have a bad feeling and do not like that

elementary students go near this plant, there is nothing good about this. We have talked about nexus, so I won't take more time with that, but as we all talked about them misleading us, and the decommission fund, we talked about the waste and economics problems. The last thing I came to say is that VT Yankee came into form 72, why are we using tech from a past generations, and are trying to move onto newer technologies, why are we using old one. The advancements are there. The real reason I am here is help create sustainable and just change . We are meant to be a green university.

Speaker Ellis: Thank you any questions

Senator Doran: Thank you for speaking to us today

Senator Buswell: We sometimes wondered where was our student support thank you for showing us it does exist.

James Billman: Thank you.

Speaker Ellis: Anyone else to speak on public forum? Seeing none we move onto any emergency business? Seeing none we move onto any old business.

Senator Chair Chevrier: Bill recognizing the Alpine ski team

She's proceeds to read the Bill.

This club has absolutely one of the best constitutions I have seen, and I Would like to introduce

Harrison Keys, Adam Dorady, And Ellise McGoain. We are the acting executive officer for Alpine Ski club. Coming to UVM, a lot of us were a lot of races in High School, and we wanted to extend this to our peers, we are trying to provide and opportunity, so that we may provide a opportunity to compete in competitive and non competitive race throughout the state of Vermont. There is no club that offers, competitive alpine. The ski and Snowboard, freestyle ski, Nordic ski, and snowboard teams, don't offer us this option. That why we want to pursue this as a club. We compete in a Bolton nightly, every Thursday. Most aren't experienced racers, and this a good opportunity for us to learn more about alpine racing.

Adam: We will compete in US ski and snowboard races, and they cost money to attend, but they are at national level with recognition. And could open the club for collegiate levels of completion.

Keys: We have met every Tuesday night at the Davis Center. We have competed at three Bolton Races. Our upcoming events include several more Bolton races, ending on March 18, a race a Pico on the 27.

Adams: The entrance for the nightly was 1500 Everyone pitches in, the drivers who are our carpool drivers. As the USFA racer, we will have slalom and GS races, there will be additional cost for gate and tuning equipment.

Keys: We currently charge dues, which is turned over for registration. We have ideas of fundraising such as sponsorship, ski tuning and bake sales. In terms of access, for a wide variety of UVM student we

require that they are able to ski at an intermediate level, we can't offer our service to those who aren't able to compete at that level. It's a very expensive sport, and eventually we hope we can help our members by paying for entry fees and gas. In terms of sustainability, carpools are a big thing, we carpool to every race every Thursday night. We encourage ski and snowboard club buses on the weekends, as well as a lift serve for the mountains. Thank you, if there are any questions.

Senator Wilkinson-Rye: Would you be training beyond the Bolton night races,

Key: I have talked with both Bolton and Jay, most the time has been taken, as for right now, I spoke with Eric A of Bolton, hopefully by the end of the season, or next race we'll set a time.

Senator Altendorfer: How have you been liking the Olympics?

McGoain: A lot of the ski event have been postponed.

Chevrier, I haven't gotten a slew of looks and notes, Clubs have to be open to everyone. I have gotten confused looks that there is a about this. There is a difference between competitive and performing members. I could technically be a member, but they don't have obligation to sign me up.

Speaker Ellis, Any other Questions? Thank you for coming. The Bill moves to a vote.

The Alpine Ski Team passes.

Senator Maciewicz: Bill supporting the Decommissioning Of VT Yankee for 2012. Resolution supporting the closing of VT Yankee.

reading the bill....

I won't speak much more about this. This is culmination between SGA members and those of members of campus, and can see that we are heading to clean renewable energy future, and VT Yankee will never be a part of that future. We have proposed this to be sent to every state legislator to show where the youth of the state lie.

Senator Michel: Friendly amendment to change the believes in the first be it resolved to holds.

Senator Chair Maciewicz: Accepted

Senator Buswell: We've seen considerable dialogue considering the support of the resolution, you owe us the reason why you would vote this negatively, if you intend to.

Senator Altendorfer: Friendly Amendment, for there to be the Second to last be it resolved, to replace that to 'be it further resolved that the University of Vermont SGA encourages that the state legislator passes a bill similar to h436 and bill that was recently vetoed to ensure that Energy Louisiana and future company under the VT service board ..."

Senator Chair Maciewicz: Accepted.

Senator Chair Glynne: Buswell, I will give you my response. I appreciate the dialogue. I want to do a bit of fact sharing of my own, I'm not going to that they didn't lie or Tritium leaking isn't bad, I am also going to tell you some of the facts. What could happen as opposed to what will. How many people will lose their jobs as result of the plant shutting down,

Senator Buswell: 600

Speaker Ellis: Out of order

Senator Glynne: I Will answer my own questions. 670 to be exact, according to AFLCIO. 1288 jobs total will be cut, including info structure, physical appointment, doctors, with an average payroll of 93.3 million dollars 73,000 per employee, how much does VT Yankee actual pay the state? Currently with payroll they pay about 77 million disposable income to the state. 7.67 million goes to the general fund, 5 million goes to the educational fund. How many will actually be affected? I understand the health issues regarding the plant. The reality, going back to my frame work, is what could happen, people could get sick, people could die, but if we decommission this plant families will not be able to pay for their children's food, or find new jobs. Vermont has the lowest employment rate and people won't be able to find alternative jobs. I am not saying it shouldn't be shut down altogether, but it may be too soon to shut this down. Without a contractual agreement they promised they were going to bring jobs to Vermont and yet we're losing jobs and were at a deficit, people could be affected, but when its decommission, people will be affected. People will lose jobs, and children won't be able to be fed. I am, voting no because of this.

Senator Chair Maciewicz: If focused the same amount of resources behind alternative energy we can find more than 600 new jobs. Vermont itself is one of the biggest employers. If the VT taxes payers are burden to clean up this, because it wasn't fought for the clean up, we would lose 3.5 billion dollar in hole to create new jobs. I will yield the floor McDonald

Senator McDonald: About only 200 of who live in Vermont, more people will be employed in decommissioning the plant then are there now. Vermont Yankee pays very little taxes, and renewable energy will pay more taxes.

Senator Michel: The federal nuclear regulatory committee has it that the any corporation has to set up a fund to adequately decommission.

Senator McDonald: Friendly amendment, in the stanza that was changed, in addition to decommissioning and shutdown cost, add green-fielding cost.

Senator Chair Maciewicz: Accepted

Senator Simmons: I like to encourage the Senate to take into consideration, Often times we feel the criticism is that if not VT Yankee what else? If not VT Yankee we think that it'll just be sustainable green energy, but we cannot just assume this to be true. It may or may not lead to jobs in another sector. It may led to the benefit of clean green tech, there a lot a ways we get power and a lot of them a pretty dirty.

Senator Frye: I will quickly responded to that, we gotta start somewhere, It would be a relapse if we didn't. I think that populace does support shutting it down in most causes, and the Vermont Yankee could fight it. I think there is real potential to increase. The point I want to make is that this plant is pretty old. The safety standards would never pass inspection today. If not know, then when, is it going to end? Glynne mentioned he supports it shutdown eventual, but we have to say when this will happen, and be practical.

Senator Buswell: Just to comment and please correct me , and hope speaker Ellis will call you out of line if need be. It may be the oldest GE boiling water reactor in the country, Chair Glynne calling to soon is probably an ethical contradiction, its probably to late. I would agree with Michel has said, Obama administration, has put money aside, it's a dangerous power plant that needs to be decommissioned. It's not just about replacing it with other energy source, although that too is important. A bit about the unemployment rate, might we also envision some sort of society, where the info structure were its not only encourage the way so that someone may be able to volunteer there time in ways that contributes the unemployed. When people aren't working, we have those that could be doing great things, we don't always have to be using as capitalist economy, what kind of future is that?

Speaker Ellis: I would like to remind the Senate, please speak up. And keep in mind that when we speak we aren't attacking other opinions or the facts they bring up.

Senator Chair Cafarelli: We are hopefully going to shut down VT Yankee and have this buffer time of pulling energy from other resources while we get renewable energy. I was always taught that we don't quit a job if you don't have another. We can't decommission when we don't have what we need. What's to say that after 4 years we don't have what we need. Issues such as this, and ill tie it back to the water bottle ban, as a body we're often one sided in our opinions. There are always the same few oppositions, that is what of our weaknesses, That you are going to vote in just one fashion. We could vote and pass it and not be here for an hour.

Senator Chair Maciewicz: To respond to that, we purposely didn't touch on the larger issue of nuclear energy, whether you support nuclear energy, it s a separate issue. It poses huge problems when it goes wrong, you shouldn't support it when it's in the hands of those people are liars. When they don't tell the truth to those who hired you, they shouldn't be trusted with this responsibility. People who hide the truth from the families and communities all over VT shouldn't be trusted with this responsibility.

Senator A. Adams: What is green-building, I awesome H436 is the bill.

Senator McDonald: Green-building is bringing the site back to the way it was before, you are allowed a minimal amount of radiation at former nuclear sites.

Senator Altendorfer: H436 was original passed in house and Senate. The corporation that currently owns the plant plans to create a spinoff company, they would go bankrupt due to junk bonds and force the taxpayers to field the decommission cost. The house sought to create any company that was under the service of the Public Service Board, so that this worst case secondary would not take place.

Two week ago I was in the committee room of the House of National Resources Committee, and they had testimony of the public service board of VT. It was very interesting, the chair ask a question. Seeing that the longest running nuclear power plant went on for 47 year, and the longest went on for 40 plus and some months. He recommended that the plant went on for another 20. This is supposed to be person that could come up with a response as why the characteristics are different, what are the different characteristics as to why the plant is different? I have full faith that the NRC has the knowledge. One is know depending on another agency, The reason that VT created this was that they could do this own their own. Take this in consideration, we shouldn't continue this for another, all for a world record.

Senator Michel: Obama administration promised 56 billion dollar in loan grantees, is that for new or old nuclear projects?

Senator Maciewicz: I believe that is forth both, and the admin just approve d the newest to be built in Georgia,

Senator Frye: A lot of people here and on campus are passionate about this, I wouldn't support this bill If I didn't feel that way. I want that to be on record.

Senator McDonald: A new power creation could provide 30% by 2012. To close VT Yankee asap would be to create market incentives to move faster for 2012. When VT Yankee goes offline, the state VT would just buy power from the NE grid.

Senator Maciewicz: We debated the VT Yankee issue last year and it didn't pass then to keep it open, arguing that there is student sentiment are behind it to be open, I haven't seen them,

Senator Wilkinson-Rye: call to question

Speaker Ellis: To vote to call to question, for clarification, a vote to called to question.

Vote Passes. Senator Chair Maciewicz please read the bill.

Senator Chair Maciewicz: Reading the Bill with friendly amendments

Speaker Ellis: With that being said all those in favor of the Resolution please raise your hand.

The bill Passes. Any other old business

OLD BUSINESS

Senator Chair Chevrier, to read the Bill derecognize the Biomedical engineering club.

It is put to a vote, it passes

Speaker Ellis: Any new Business for next week?

Senator Buswell: We table the bill recognizing the Figure Skating Club till next week.

Senator Chair Chevrier: Bill recognizing Colleges against Cancer.

Senator Chair Glynn: Resolution to establish the Student Neighborhood initiative, and the Marchanae bill is still tabled

Speaker Ellis: There will be no executive reports tonight, they will be emailed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE- SEN. CAFARELLI: Last week of budgets, just chilling, were waiting for questions, we that c to a passing b-!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES- SEN. CHEVRIER: I already emailed my report but Kate Ash want me to pass it around

COLA- SEN. GLYNNE: The proposal for the grant will hopefully be sent out tomorrow.

CODEEE- SEN. MACIEWICZ: I will email my report and continue the tradition

STUDENT ACTION- SEN. WILKINSON-RAY: I was asked last week about the comprehensive fee, I will email that out along with the report.

PR- SEN. RIFKEN: I guess ill email stuff out to, kinda peer pressured into this. I'm not going be peer pressured. Elections packets are out, people are interested in running in pres or VP then contact me and the election committee should check there emails. Senate elections will come later. PR thing, tee-shirts are order, please come pay me.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS- SEN. BURNS: I am emailing my report.

SENATORIAL FORUM:

Senator Chair Glynn: I not sure if you looked around, Shumlin left, didn't he say he'd stay around? Promises my ass , Senator Buswell I took no offense, the truth should get out, and fact checking is a healthy discussion. When burns read the meeting with TRI, an issue with TRI is that some dept are going to be left out, its implied that they are not to funding their peers, and those programs that are to be the bread winners, a lot of the degree those not, and are pretty vocal, and there strong sentiment that the professors don't like this. We should look into this.

Senator Chair Maciewicz: Thank you for voting, it feels good. I wanted to give a shout out to all who gave out feedback. There as a lot of good feedback and highly interactive process, it was a resolution we should all be proud of. Thank you

Senator Kerschner: I emailed you all and have gotten a strong positive response. And have got a good response from Tim Ash, Dave Zuckerman and Keisha Ram.

Senator Chair Wilkinson-Rye: The planning a student vision meeting will be tomorrow at 3 and Friday at 5 and will be elsewhere from the SGA office. I hope a lot will come and well go over this with an open

mind. The friendly exchange between Buswell and Glynne, speaker asked us to not go toward opinions and facts, and this is done, there isn't much to look into.

Speaker Ellis: It wasn't meant to limit debate.

Senator Buswell: I'm sorry if that came across as a mean spirited thing. I wanted to hear from both side, I was more taken back by what you said.

Senator Frye: About today public forum, it felt better to here form more people about more events, it's a better use of our time. We went to the Alana breakfast last Friday, it was really cool, every Friday from 9 to 11, and its a good place to get out for networking, and breakfast.

Senator Hannaford: Mike I'm glad you brought up the TRIS, if COLA or you want to personal work with TRIs, I'm down to dig dirt with that. It's a difficult conversation to have, among the faculty. Last Wednesday budget forum, when we brought up the issue with Richard Kate, he brought out the stalk he wakes up at 4:30 and battle over the issue, and doesn't sleep at night, we posed the question where are we going to get the money to supplement our tuition? The idea that UVM is going to bring in funding that were going to get tuition has to do with were going to get TRI. Its defiantly a big plan to bring in a lot of private money and I agree that it will be an issue on private university. Bring another sphere of debate that is private money is not the way to go about it

Senator Chair Chevrier: In one night we accomplished something we couldn't do last year. This was a much more factual argument and debate, and last year the votes were not well informed. Next Monday in Gormly at 5 pm will be the first force task neighborhood meeting, this will be the booster for getting behind the initiatives that people are forming. Get excited come with ideas, and please come with more.

Senator Frye: Is that to be same time and place every week?

Senator Chair Chevrier: That will be most likely be every other week to start.

Senator Simmons: Thank you to Glynne for the information in opposition to the bill, we don't learn as much when we don't. If you have info contradicting the flow that this body has, I would appreciate hearing it.

Senator Greenwald: I really need to step down from the senate. I didn't realize how I was trying to do much and have unsustainable time at home. It's in the best interests.

Heartfelt Applause

Senator Church: We will miss, you. Three thing I want to say about the VT Yankee resolution doesn't start here, most of the NE grid is coal, and I'm not down for that. In terms of what Frye said I appreciate brevity, and I want to point out that were a lot more questions for Shumlin, and having m ore time would allows for more time, He did not answer my question or Glynne's at all, not having time follow up doesn't allow for adequate information. He was into the alternative sources of review so that UVM

would produce patients and sell them and online education, and anyone who want to subsidize, research is not the way to go about this. They get grants but this doesn't fully cover the research, the Med school, came up with huge amounts from the general fund, we should really consider if online education, research, and patent to sell to private is where we really want to take our ed.

Senator Rifken: Thank you for the hard work for the bill.

Senator Tepper: We have been granted space for a banner that can hang permanently, about displaying what legislation we pass on each week, this would be a good way to be in their face. Sunday at 4 we will meet at the galaxy space, I have vision of giant scroll, come with ideas to help out.

Senator Filstein: How much did we raise?

Senator Greenwald: 918 dollars

Senator Chair Wilkinson Rye: On the subject of the Haiti rave, I heard that they wanted to do it again. All those who said here here, who want to organize it?

Senator Chair Burns: If the Haiti rave had made you new found love for trance come find me.

Senator Buswell: This is one of my biggest stimulants being here, I like hearing everyone talk and I don't want to here condense answers, I like hearing all of you talk, and please keep this going.

Senator A. Adams: Student life was impressed how safe the rave was.

Senator Chair Chevrier: Can we get the numbers from Jeremiah about the Haiti coffee money, where is it and has it been deposited? From the Rave as well

Senator Church: 600 in profits, over 1000 total. I don't know about the rave. But the Coffee money has been deposited.

Senator Chair Chevrier: Give us slideshow!

Senator Vivas: the last of meeting 2009 I said I wanted to hear more people talk, and many are stepping up to the plate, and many are going up front and being involved, this mean you're really being involved and I want to congratulate you on that.

Senator Rifken: The cynic article about the resolution about the Marchane family, saying that Senator Vivas is a girl.

Speaker Ellis: Anything Else?

SENATORIAL COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Doran: Vagina Monologues last week of February and first of March.

Senator Waldvogel: I'm trying to start an amnesty international club, there will be conversations with three different professors, it's a way for students to come and find out how to get into social justice. Come see me.

Senator O'Brian: Next Friday in ballroom the Black Student Union is putting on a fashion show. All the proceeds are going to Haiti, and the Encore organization. Friday the 26 in Grand Maple.

Senator Simmons: Bike users group next Thursday, we are trying to set up a student run bike shop on campus, and make maintenance free for students and faculty and make a bike share. We need help, we'd love to have you. Billings Thursday at 7.

Senator Chair Chevrier: I took out a pact for running for President, I want to explain to you why you should vote for me, so please come talk to me, and give me your feedback.

Senator John-Freso: Basically real quick unrelated to Senate, myself and another student started a website, UVM ski ride, if you want to a carpool to the slopes,, sign up as a rider or driver, and when you're going, and it will connect you with heavily complicated algorithms, to save money and get to the mountain uvmskiride.co.cc Website grand opening on February 19th.

Senator Chair Glynne: Two things I'm a huge Olympic fan and winter Olympic fan fan, US took a 3 to 0 win over Switzerland, come over watch the games! At the last debate, Ellis and I, debated a motion about repelling public nudity laws. We were the only team to take our clothes off, and it was awesome. In the morning we were yelled at that every time a motion to repel nudity laws, a Vermont team takes their clothes off, because we can!

Senator Chair Maciewicz: I also have a packet to go for VP,

Senator Hannaford: Hey, the glitter house performance was a success, the short list of lost items, my roommate asked to bring in, one cell phone, one green, red and black jacket, three pairs of tights, flower thong, G-string and booty shorts, small case with handcuffs, small etc etc and other lost items,

Speaker Ellis: Going back to Montpelier on Thursday. Next Thursday Hadad Hadhash, is coming, it's free, all should come, right before my birthday, and I can't wait to go home I want a cup of tea!

ROLL CALL:

FINANCE:	Senator Tram Excused
STUDENT ACTIVITIES:	all present
COLA:	Senator Shushereba Excused
CODEEE:	Senator Church Excused
STUDENT ACTION:	Senator Monteforte Excused
PR:	Senator Henley Excused
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:	all present

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