

POWER ALLEY - HOW THEY VOTED

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

THE BILL - H.611

An act relating to fiscal 2016 budget adjustments: For fiscal 2015, the state budget consisted of \$2.27 billion of state dollars, exclusive of federal dollars. State dollars are those that come out of the pockets of Vermonters and our visitors and include general, transportation, special, health care, tobacco and fish and wildlife funds. For the 2016 budget "as passed" (Act 58) by the legislature last session, such spending was increased to \$2.36 billion, or 3.8 percent. The entire Committee voted for Act 58 except Representatives Helm and Fagan, who were absent. Now H.611 is before the legislature to make mid-year budget adjustments. In substantial agreement with the Governor's recommendations, the House proposes to spend \$28.4 million more in state dollars in 2016 for a total increase over fiscal 2015 of \$114.7 million or 5.05 percent. As one can see, this proposal to increase 2016 spending has bi-partisan support among Committee members. On the House floor, Rep. Copeland-Hanzas, the House Majority Leader, voted in favor of the H.611 while Rep. Turner, the House Minority leader voted against the bill.

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Representative	How They Voted
Rep. Mitzi Johnson –Democrat Grand Isle-Chittenden	Yes
Rep. Peter Fagan – Republican Rutland - 5-1	Yes
Rep. Kathleen Keenan – Democrat Franklin -3-1	Yes
Rep. Robert Helm – Republican Rutland - 3	Yes
Rep. Martha Feltus – Republican Caledonia - 4	Yes
Rep. Mary Hooper – Democrat Washington - 4	Yes
Rep. Diane Lanpher – Democrat Addison - 3	Yes
Rep. Anne Theresa O'Brien – Democrat Chittenden - 1	Yes
Rep. Albert Pearce – Republican Franklin - 5	Yes
Rep. Catherine Toll – Democrat Caledonia - Washington	Yes
Rep. Mathew Trieber – Democrat Windham - 3	Absent

Contact: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/people/all/2016/House>