July 22, 2020 – Late on Friday night, June 26, the legislature recessed for six weeks. They did so after appropriating $750,777,119 in Coronavirus Relief Fund monies for a variety of needs that includes local governmental operations. The legislature... Read more [1]

June 26, 2020. The pace of legislative activity was frenetic again this week as committees raced to get their bills finalized ahead of a six week recess – which can’t come soon enough for most of them, as well as the dedicated staff who work for... Read more [2]

June 19, 2020. It seems that every day since the State House closed its physical doors, a new mind-bending twist to the story that is governance in the COVID-19 pandemic era has taken shape. Click the link below to read the entire legislative... Read more [3]

June 12, 2020. On Monday, legislators received a bit of good news when the Joint Fiscal Office gave its revenue update. Deficit estimates have been reduced from May because revenue collections were stronger than anticipated. Click the link below to... Read more [4]

June 5, 2020. Today, the House Appropriations Committee introduced H.961, a “transitional” budget establishing appropriations for the first quarter of FY21 (July 1-Sept. 30). Click the link below to read the entire legislative report. Read more [5]

May 29, 2020. This week, the Senate Appropriations Committee took up a proposal from its committee chair that would appropriate funds from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to reimburse expenses incurred before December 30, 2020, by local... Read more [6]

May 22, 2020. It was another week of agonizing over deficits, budgets, and education funds in committees across both the House and Senate. In what has become a weekly event, the Joint Fiscal Office applied the most recent numbers to a forecast of... Read more [7]
May 15, 2020. On Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee explained H.953, a second budget adjustment bill, to the House. The legislation is necessary in light of the effects COVID-19 is having on the FY20 budget.

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May 8, 2020. The June 1 deadline for municipalities to remit Education Fund dollars to the state is fast approaching, but many towns will have less than the required funds on hand to do so. As a result of the tremendous economic dislocation the... Read more [9]

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May 1, 2020. There are many ramifications for cities and towns as they struggle to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic. Legislators are holding several different discussions to address the mounting crises cities and towns are facing.

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April 24, 2020. In the last few weeks, the Senate has passed several COVID-19-related bills. After more than a month of developing a protocol that addresses most representatives concerns, the House followed suit this week, taking their first remote... Read more [11]

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April 17, 2020. Governor Scott and his administration have been working overtime during the COVID 19 pandemic to ensure Vermonters’ safety. There is evidence that the data-driven and science-based approach to reducing exposure to the coronavirus is... Read more [12]


April 10, 2020. Sixteen Vermont senators physically returned to the State House on Wednesday to vote on a temporary Senate rules change to allow the body to vote remotely. The House already instituted a similar rule change two weeks ago, although it... Read more [13]

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April 3, 2020 – As we wrote in last week’s Report, the legislature has been busy figuring out how to operate in a largely remote manner. Last week, the House adopted several temporary rules that allow for remote voting by both the full House and by... Read more [14]


March 27, 2020 – This week, the legislature spent most of their time doing what many people around the world are also doing – adjusting to working remotely via tele- and video-conferencing, a situation that has become the new normal.

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March 20, 2020 – The first priority of VLCT’s Municipal Policy for the 2019-2020 legislative biennium
February 14, 2020 – Despite the threatening weather, dozens of intrepid local officials trekked to the State House on Thursday, Local Government Day, to discuss with their legislators some of the issues of the 2020 session that will affect their... Read more