



Squirrel Triggers Power Outage at Vermont Statehouse

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Electricity to the Vermont Statehouse was cut off for a while, and the reason is a little squirrely. Officials say a squirrel got into an electrical transformer outside the Statehouse late Thursday morning, triggering a short that caused a power outage in the building.

A generator kicked on and the building operated on reduced power for about a half hour while a Green Mountain Power crew completed repairs.

In some Statehouse rooms, lights flickered like a strobe for a time.

A doctor's testimony via phone to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee was abruptly cut off.

The squirrel did not survive.