

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Senator Daniel Innis
For the Committee

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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

SB 503, relative to the use of spruce-pine-fir lumber.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

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This bill would promote the use of New Hampshire-grown spruce-pine-fir (SPF) lumber by specifying that SPF lumber shall include spruce-pine-fir-south (SPFS) lumber within the New Hampshire building code. SPFS and SPF are the same species, and they grow in a substantially similar climate zone in northern New England and Canada. This bill would not impact existing safety standards or prohibit the use of Canadian graded SPF. The Committee Amendment clarified current practice when timber is graded in the state and specified that licensed architects and engineers should consider and provide alternative options for construction using SPFS.