

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

NONGERMANE AMENDMENT # 2026-1302s, relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee and relative to the annual proclamation of "New Hampshire Day at the Big E." to HB 1511, relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee.

Hearing Date: April 8, 2026

Time Opened: 10:54 a.m.

Time Closed: 11:03 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Gannon, Lang and Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill removes a representative of the Granite State Dairy Promotion from the agriculture in the classroom committee.

Sponsors:

Rep. Barbour
Rep. Comtois
Rep. Scully

Rep. J. Aron
Rep. N. Germana
Sen. Pearl

Rep. Bixby
Rep. Kenny

Who supports the amendment: Senator Howard Pearl, Representative Margaret Drye, Commissioner Shawn Jasper (NHDAMF)

Who opposes the amendment: None.

Who is neutral on the amendment: None.

Senator Pearl introduced the non-germane amendment.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Margaret Drye

- Representative Drye explained that the Big E is the fourth largest fair on the continent.
- Representative Drye explained that the only building the state of New Hampshire owns outside its borders is its building at the Big E.

- Representative Drye stated that this amendment helps recognize the importance of agriculture to New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and New England.
- Representative Drye further explained that the list of days to proclaim is a living and active list, and will help celebrate the Big E.

Senator Pearl clarified that it was a non-germane amendment both because it is a different part of statute and to make sure it is in line with Senate rules.

Shawn Jasper, *Commissioner*, Department of Agriculture

- Commissioner Jasper confirmed that the New Hampshire building at the Big E is the only one which is owned by the state outside the state.
- Commissioner Jasper assured the committee that the Agriculture Department would certainly not forget the Big E and will always bring it in front of the governor.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 14, 2026