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HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 2 (Cont'd)

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Rep. Osborne moved that the House adjourn.
Motion adopted.

HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 3

Thursday, February 1, 2024

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Bob Stewart, Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Manchester.

Good morning, New Hampshire House of Representatives. Good morning, Mister Speaker. Let us prepare our hearts for prayer. Let us be still for a moment to center our thoughts on God and the day ahead. Good morning God. It is with gratitude that we thank You for this day. Today and every day we seek Your guidance and direction. We listen for Your still small voice. We come before You this morning in prayer trusting that You will lead us in our work today. O God, settle us this morning so that we can approach the work that is set before us and help us to complete that which is on the agenda today. Together, may we forge forward with all the legislation presented today. Guide our discussions with each other. Help us to listen to each other and give each other the respect that we want in return. Creator God, when we listen to each other without competing conversations at the same time we are listening with our hearts for Your instructions. In this often-chaotic world, may we be the calm and the example for all to follow. Let us be an example for our constituents so they will respect our leadership and representation for those we serve. I pray and ask that You lay Your hands upon each member of this New Hampshire House because we are Your children, and You know each of us by name. As it is with our nation, The United States of America, let it be known that in the great state of New Hampshire: In God We Trust. We trust You God to be amongst us today. To guide us in our discernments on each piece of legislation presented. With Your guidance we serve not only our constituents faithfully, but we also serve You faithfully. Through our work today, give You, O God, the glory. Amen.

Representative Tom Dolan, member from Londonderry, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Tasha Lawson, a 9th grade student at Austin Preparatory School.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Booras, Linda Gould, Kate Murray, Nordgren, Piemonte, Polozov, Renzullo and Treleven, the day, illness.

Reps. Doucette, Verville and Vincent, the day, important business.

Reps. Maria Perez, Sanborn and Ward, the day, illness in the family.

Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien, the day, death in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Tanya, Jerry, Adria and Kaiya Lawson, Josefina Severinsen, Reagan Blais, and Nolan Richards, family and friends of the singer, guests of Rep. Kuttab. Bob Scolly and Paul Galasso, guests of Rep. Drago. Roy Dennehy, guest of Reps. Lynn and Kuttab. The Honorable Joyce Weston, former member from Plymouth, and Sally Widerstrom, guests of Reps. Bolton, Shurtleff and Weber.

COMMUNICATION

January 31, 2024

Mr., Paul Smith
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Paul:

Please be advised that the following representative-elect was sworn into office by the Governor and Executive Council on this day:

Coos County District No. 1

Sean C. Durkin, r, Northumberland (32 Rae Rd) 03584

Sincerely,
David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State

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Clerk of the House of Representatives
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Concord, NH 03301

Dear Paul:

Please be advised that the following representative-elect was sworn into office by the Governor and Executive Council on this day:

Coos County District No. 6

Michael P. Murphy, r, Gorham (4 Brookside Dr) 03581

Sincerely,
David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State

REFERRAL DECLINED

Rep. Weyler, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, under the provisions of House Rule 47 (f), declined the referral of **SB 249-FN**, establishing magistrates and relative to release of persons pending resolution of criminal charges.

MEMORIAL REMARKS

Representative Weber offered memorial remarks for the former Member from Hebron, the Honorable Suzanne Smith.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of the former member from Hebron, the Honorable Suzanne Smith.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Sweeney moved that the memorial remarks made by Rep. Weber be printed in the Permanent Journal. Motion was adopted.

MEMORIAL REMARKS

Representative Weber: Good morning, friends. These are memorial remarks on the passing of the Honorable Suzanne Smith. Suzanne served eight terms in the New Hampshire House from 2008 to 2022 representing Hebron, Holderness and Plymouth as a member of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture and then the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development where she served as both ranking member and Chair. In the words of the Honorable Joyce Weston who is here with us today, "Our wonderful Suzanne has died." That sentence says it all. Suzanne fought a long battle with cancer and her courage and grace were an inspiration to all of us. Suzanne was a professional homeopath and certified nutritionist, a former natural food market, bakery and deli owner. She met her beloved late husband, Dr. John Lloyd and her stepdaughters Aliza and Mika while living in Stowe, Vermont and they moved to Hebron, New Hampshire in 2002. She was a devoted wife, parent, sister, aunt and friend. She was co-chair of the Hebron Conservation Commission. She was a devoted friend of the Hebron town forest, where she was also a dedicated trail builder. She was a master birder and treasurer of the New Hampshire Audubon Pemi-Baker Chapter. Among her many interests and accomplishments, she was a conservationist, a paddler, a birder, a hiker, a wildlife tracker, a scuba diver, a singer, a dancer, an actor, a jewelry creator, an editor, a reader and a local library volunteer. She loved exploring the natural world. Not only the mountains of New Hampshire, where she had climbed all

the 4,000 footers, but also traveling throughout the United States and further abroad. She had a particular love for knowledge of New Hampshire's lakes and for her work to protect the quality of New Hampshire's lakes, both in the legislature and as a volunteer in the community. She was recognized in 2022 as the very first recipient of the Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for exemplary lake advocacy. A quote from the presentation of the award is, "Representative Smith is well respected amongst her peers on both sides of the aisle and recognizes that clean and healthy lakes are not a partisan issue. She demonstrates compassionate, collaborative leadership in the pursuit of proactive protective environmental legislation and has volunteered countless hours in this endeavor." Globally, she served on the Board of Homeopaths Without Borders as treasurer. She traveled to Haiti where she volunteered at a clinic for underserved persons and served as a mentor to new Haitian homeopaths. Once when there was a fundraiser here in the House, there was a lobster boat ride and several of us realized after a few days that we were all bidding on it and bidding against each other. We formed a consortium and six of us won a lobster boat ride with the Honorable David Borden from Newcastle. On a shining summer day, we went from Newcastle out to the Isle of Shoals, and we went to Star Island where we explored the island. When we were ready to go back to the boat, Suzanne leapt joyfully off the dock and swam back. She had so many things that she wanted to do that she didn't have time for all of them. She loved acting. She acted in the *Sound of Music*. Imagine our Suzanne as a nun. She would have loved to do more but there were only so many minutes in a day. She was a thoughtful, collaborative and effective legislator, a respected colleague and a friend to all of us. This is where we usually say rest in peace, but for Suzzane, I like to think of her leaping joyfully into her next adventure. Thank you.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rep. Osborne moved that the Consent Calendar with the relevant amendments as printed in the day's House Record be adopted.

CACR 20, relating to declaring independence from the United States of American. Providing that if the national debt reaches \$40 trillion, New Hampshire shall declare independence and proceed as a sovereign nation, removed by Reps. Gerhard, Tom Mannion, Granger, Hoell, Santonastaso, Diane Kelley, Hynes, Bailey, McCarter and Terry.

HR 20, reaffirming friendship between New Hampshire and Taiwan, encouraging the enhancement of bilateral trade relations, and supporting Taiwan's international participation, removed by Reps. Moffett, Hobson, Healey, Spillane, Gagne, Rollins, Tom Mannion, Lundgren, Edwards and Cambrils.

HB 1447-FN, relative to prohibiting certain smoke emitting devices on motor vehicles, removed by Reps. Parshall, Muns, McGhee, Cormen, Germana, Ploszaj, Caplan, Bay, Rung and Wendy Thomas.
Consent Calendar was adopted.

HB 1011-FN, relative to prohibiting male genital mutilation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill was requested to be found inexpedient to legislate by the prime sponsor due to the passage of legislation earlier this month that accomplished their goals. Additionally, this bill, as written, would have caused unintended religious consequences and would have been unworkable. Vote 17-0.

HB 1017, relative to duties of county sheriffs and the appointment of special deputy sheriffs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. A representative from the New Hampshire Sheriff's Association testified that all 10 county sheriffs were opposed to this legislation. They testified that as written, the bill did not take into account training or liability. They further testified that it was also unneeded as current New Hampshire law allows for law enforcement to request for assistance of the public when needed. The committee also felt that it would put New Hampshire law enforcement in a position where they would have to observe federal law enforcement agencies with the ostensible goal of protecting New Hampshire citizens from the violation of their civil rights but provided no mechanism for them to do so. The sheriff's association testified that they would not have the adequate staff needed to even provide observers and that even if they did, they would not be trained on federal law or have the understanding needed to know what was and what was not allowed under federal criminal procedure rules. The goal of protecting the rights of the citizens of New Hampshire is indeed laudable, but unworkable through this legislation. Vote 20-0.

HB 1022-FN, relative to decriminalizing certain acts between consenting adults. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee believes the bill seeks to decriminalize prostitution and claims to be a means of harm reduction amongst consenting adults, for the betterment of impoverished single mothers and children. The sponsor did not include sex workers in the decision to bring forth the bill and none appeared before the committee. A member of the committee spoke with several sex workers in Manchester, who were against the bill. In the past when this bill was brought forth the committee heard the testimony of several women who had been trafficked as young as the age of 11 years old and above, as well as the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV).

The New Hampshire Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force has developed a robust multidisciplinary response to human trafficking in our state, and the language in this bill will reduce protections for vulnerable individuals and create new pathways to exploitation. Each group felt that this bill would bring about unintended consequences by taking the eyes off those who are trafficked vs. willing participants. They were and continue to be against legalizing sex work in any form. According to authors and researchers Pollack, Weiss and Mathieu, legalized prostitution will inadvertently force sex work further into the shadows and expose children to exploitation. In fact, "One of the most concerning side effects of the legalization of prostitution, is the potential for human trafficking crimes to become easier for perpetrators to commit against children." No child should be subject to sex work life in their home or anywhere. Some would say we are the product of teachings of our environment. We urge you to prevent the influx of human trafficking into New Hampshire communities, protect our children and trafficked community by opposing this bill. Vote 20-0.

HB 1026-FN, relative to resisting arrest. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee felt that this bill if enacted as written, would cause grave danger to the public and law enforcement. Allowing citizens, their state of sobriety and knowledge of the law being unknown, to decide what is and what is not a legal arrest and then make the decision to physically resist it, is a recipe for disaster. Fully trained lawyers and judges with decades of legal training and experience argue over what constitutes a legitimate arrest. Letting citizens make that decision on their own, in the middle of the night, on the side of a road, while possibly being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, will lead to drastically more harm than good. Vote 20-0.

HB 1035, relative to limitations on extradition. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Loren Selig for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill intends to prohibit the extradition of an individual charged solely with violating a firearm licensing regulation of another state. The committee found that this would be a blatant violation of the United States Constitution. Specifically, Article IV, Section 2, Clause 2: "A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime." Vote 20-0.

HB 1064-FN, relative to penalties for violation of protective orders. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Jodi Newell for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would have removed the requirement for law enforcement to confiscate any firearms from an individual who is served a temporary protective order due to a demonstrable threat to another person. The committee was informed of the extraordinary circumstances that would lead to this measure being taken and the timely process for regaining possession of their firearms, as well as the alternative arrangements established in law that an individual may take should they not wish to have their firearms held by law enforcement. We agreed that this bill would unnecessarily risk harm to victims of domestic violence and are satisfied with the existing procedures. Vote 20-0.

HB 1073-FN, relative to repealing the prohibition on placement of simulated explosives. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Mark Proulx for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee found this was too far of a reach. It did not reasonably modify RSA 158:38-a relative to the crime of placing simulated explosives; it repealed it. We heard testimony that there are a lot of things taken into consideration before anyone is charged with this crime and there was no evidence that anyone had ever been charged with a violation of this statute for possessing a novelty item. The number one thing considered in a case under this law, is the intent of the person related to the possession or placement of simulated explosives. Such as, if it was done as a joke like a desktop grenade complaint department, or was it done to cause fear, chaos, or as an act of terrorism. If this law is repealed it will leave law enforcement without a tool to prevent and stop bad actors. Vote 20-0.

HB 1238-FN, requiring all municipal police department vehicles to bear municipal police license plates. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Dennis Mannion for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would require all municipal police vehicles to bear identifiable municipal police plates. This would essentially prohibit the use of undercover vehicles used by officers in high-risk operations to remain unidentifiable. This would create a risk to not only to the investigation but also to the safety of any police officer involved. The committee heard testimony that law enforcement agencies often utilize unmarked plates when conducting undercover investigations due to the potential for criminals to have someone who may work in a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) location or other place where they have access to vehicle registration information, check on vehicles for them. Vote 20-0.

HB 1404-FN, relative to criminal procedure and the right to a jury trial. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Jason Janvrin for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill has three elements. It would provide a right to trial by jury when the amount imposed in fines could be greater than \$20. Additionally, it would require any appeal from the circuit court have a jury trial, de novo. Lastly, it would allow a defendant to circumvent evidentiary rules of the court and laws passed by the legislature by allowing defendants to offer

any evidence and/or defense. The first part, providing a jury trial for fines greater than \$20, would be a huge leap from the current practice of only offering those with a potential of time in jail a jury trial. The committee, who has recently heard evidence that the court system is severely backlogged, believes this would clog the Superior Court and delay the justice system even more. As the court must follow constitutional mandates first and then laws, it must then by rule find ways to accommodate all within specified time periods. This necessitates some cases being pushed back at the expense of others. Second, requiring a trial by judge in Circuit Court that is appealable to the Superior Court, de novo, for a jury trial would be duplicious and, again, would further delays in an already overburdened system. Lastly, allowing any evidence for the defendant to be introduced without regard to rules of evidence, or existing law, would cause a conflict between laws banning certain defenses, and require more hearings. Another aspect of the bill would require a person wishing to appeal to pay \$500 and thus disallow the poor from taking advantage of it. The bill proposes that if a appellant were to prevail on appeal, then the state would have to pay them \$5,000 as well as attorney fees. This would incentivize appeals where there are not necessarily solid grounds to do so. The committee believes if the bill were to pass, that the New Hampshire criminal justice system would become an unworkable quagmire that would only benefit those with money and time to burn. Our court system is a place where people turned for justice and not a place where if you have the money, you can bet against the system. Vote 20-0.

HB 1438-FN, criminalizing interference with a whistleblower. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Karen Reid for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill, due to its vagueness, would have unintended consequences and is redundant, as there already exists a statute that addresses interfering with whistleblowers. This bill, as written, is too vague to accomplish its intended purpose. It would make it a felony to assist law enforcement with the arrest of an individual who was deemed to be a whistleblower but does not specify if it would only apply for assisting law enforcement with an arrest related to the suspect's acts as a whistleblower, or for any arrest for any crime. As written, it would seem to convey blanket immunity on anyone who met the bill's definition of a whistleblower. Furthermore, it does not require that the person helping the police even be aware of the fact that the person in question is in fact a whistleblower. Most importantly, it does not specify who would make the determination that someone was a qualified whistleblower. Vote 20-0.

HB 1455-FN, relative to photography, audio recordings, and video recordings in public buildings and on public lands. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Jason Janvrin for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would force all branches of the state and federal governments to change their rules on video and audio recording in their respective facilities. Further, it would require the recording in any facility with concurrent jurisdiction in the state. That would include federal courts, military facilities, postal service facilities, and more. There are three coequal branches in the state government according to the New Hampshire Constitution and three coequal branches in the federal government according to the Constitution of the United States. Passing this bill would not be enforceable as it violates the New Hampshire Constitution and US Constitution by imposing legislative branch authority over that of the Judicial and Executive branches, where constitutional authority is left to those respective branches. The bill would further require any public servant violating its provisions to face a civil fine for the first violation and a criminal prosecution with possible time in jail for any subsequent violation. his usurps qualified immunity for those performing their official duties in accordance with the law. It is for these reasons that the committee recommends the House find the bill inexpedient to legislate. Vote 20-0.

HB 1535-FN, relative to prohibiting mandatory participation in digital identification systems. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Ray Newman for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The sponsor of this bill testified that the purpose of this bill is to prevent "National ID" which was "the way Nazi Germany took over the world." This bill prohibits mandatory participation in any type of digital identification. The bill provides that an individual may bring a civil action in the form of damages and relief. This bill is overly broad in the items that cannot be digitized, for example name, address, date of birth, gender, etc. This prohibition would affect driver's licenses, birth certificates, credit cards, and most other business functions. The penalties that can be assessed for civil actions are also excessive in that they are described as "no more than \$10,000 and no more than \$1,000 per day until the deficiency is corrected." Because of the deficiencies in the bill. the committee recommends that this bill should be found inexpedient to legislate. Vote 20-0.

HB 1587-FN, relative to the installation of video surveillance equipment in special education school buses. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. At the request of the prime sponsor, the committee recommends this bill inexpedient to legislate. The sponsor gave testimony that after investigation and discussions with relevant stakeholders the bill was unneeded at this time. Vote 20-0.

HB 1599-FN, relative to the use of artificial intelligence for personal defense. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. David Meuse for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would legalize the use and deployment of autonomous robots and other devices capable of operating and making decisions independently of human con-

trol for personal self-defense and property protection purposes. The committee heard testimony that artificial intelligence can respond faster and more efficiently to threats than human beings and that the Department of Defense is now engaged in an arms race to develop these devices. However, New Hampshire State Police testified in opposition to the bill because of concerns that establishing a right to allow the use of an autonomous device capable of independently making a decision to harm a human being would remove any direct sense of ownership and culpability in use of force or deprivation of rights. While there may come a time in the future when it is both safe and reasonable for private owners to deploy autonomous defense devices, the consensus of the committee was that the potential for unintended consequences is far too great to permit the private use and deployment of these devices at this time. Vote 20-0.

HB 1619-FN, relative to the status of convicted persons. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jonathan Stone for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After hearing witness testimony, it is the opinion of the committee that this bill, as written, attempts to create new definitions, in addition to redefining existing ones that are in conflict with current New Hampshire RSAs. This bill also attempts to circumvent NH RSA 651:5 for the purpose of restoration of rights through the existing judicial annulment process. An example under the proposed language of this bill, "V. "Final discharge" means the release of a prisoner from incarceration, or upon application to the governor as outlined in RSA 607-A:5, II. Any person who is on probation or parole shall be considered to be finally discharged for the purposes of this chapter." An offender who is released on parole and probation are still under sentence and are considered out on "conditional release." Currently, those individuals have terms of incarceration and if they have a sustained violation are often returned to incarceration for a period of time. The mere suggestion of returning firearms to individuals who are felons, and those who are on probation or parole and who have not completed their respected sentences defeats the entire purpose of ensuring the safety of the public, victims, and law enforcement. The New Hampshire Department of Corrections testified in opposition to this bill. A subcommittee was held, the sponsor did not appear, nor did anyone from the public speak on this bill. Vote 20-0.

HB 1008, relative to the authority of the commissioner of the department of education to grant extensions for the filing of school expenditure reports. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill provides the Commissioner of Education authority to grant extensions to the filing date of school expenditures in regard to the annual DOE 25 report. Most reports are filed within a timely manner; however, there are times within cooperative school districts that contain multiple districts and municipalities complicates and delay tax rate setting, accounting for expenditures, and accurately arriving at fund balances. The commissioner can grant 30 days for each extension. This bill has been requested by the Department of Education. Vote 14-0.

HB 1009, relative to the submission of annual town reports to the commissioner of the department of education. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Luneau for Education. This bill removes the requirement that towns submit copies of their annual town report to the Department of Education. The department testified that they do not need hard copies of these reports and can access them in digital format. This bill is a request of the Department of Education. Vote 14-0.

HB 1019, relative to the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Hope Damon for Education. This bill was requested by the Department of Education and the Concord Superintendent of Schools for the purpose of changing one word, "sections" to "chapters," so New Hampshire statute language aligns with federal code. Vote 17-0.

HB 1160, relative to school assessments of statewide academic areas. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. Statute requires that the statewide assessment program include the academic subject areas of reading and language arts, mathematics, and science. This bill identifies the subject "government" as a required critical area of study; and states that it is the responsibility of the local school board to ensure the subjects of history, government, civics, and economics which are not included in the statewide assessment program remain the purview of the local school board. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the school board to use local assessments that are aligned with state academic standards and local required competencies to assess student learning in these subject areas. Vote 16-1.

HB 1163, relative to review of public school minimum standards by the legislative oversight commission. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill requires the Legislative Oversight Committee to review and make recommendations relating to minimum standards for public school approval under consideration by the State Board of Education. Within New Hampshire statute, the state establishes minimum standards for public school approval and the academic standards for the delivery of educational services at the local level. The Legislative Oversight Committee currently has responsibility to review and make recommendations related to academic standards but has no oversight of the minimum standards for public school approval. This bill expands legislative oversight to the minimum standards of public schools which also include the programs and substantive educational content

of an adequate education. Administrative rule Ed 306 does reference these programs and academic standards within. It is important that legislative oversight have responsibility for review and to make recommendations regarding rule making that includes academic standards found in RSA 193-E:2-a. Vote 16-0.

HB 1164, relative to criminal records checks of teacher credentialing applicants. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill extends the validity of a criminal records check of a first-time teacher credentialing applicant from three to four years. Upon entering a higher education teacher preparation program, students are required to obtain a criminal records background check in the first freshman year. The total cost of this check is slightly more than \$140. This check is good through the third year of the teacher preparation program; consequently, the teacher candidate is required to have a second criminal background check prior to participating in the required senior year student teacher program in the senior year. By extending the initial check to a duration of four years, the second check as required for the student teaching experience is eliminated. Vote 16-0.

HB 1167, relative to the math learning communities program. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. The Math Learning Communities Program is an on-going partnership between the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) and New Hampshire high schools. It includes two high school math courses designed to support mastery of math competencies that enables an entering college first-year student to meet college level math requirements without needing developmental instruction. The second and more advanced of the two courses taught in high school may be taken for dual high school and college credit. For those 11th and 12th grade students who have not grasped various concepts or elements of Algebra 1, the program provides needed instructional support leading to documented success. Money to support all aspects of the program have previously been included in HB 2. This bill has been submitted as the original mathematics placement assessment, the Next Generation Accuplacer Assessment, is no longer used, and has been replaced by another mathematics assessment to include recommendation of a teacher or guidance counselor and parent. Vote 13-0.

HB 1626-FN-A, relative to the repeal of certain designated funds and relative to the apportionment of dog license fees. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill has one element related to the purview of Environment and Agriculture: changing the amount of money going from dog license fees into two dedicated funds. The bill reduces the amount per license going into the spay and neuter fund by \$0.25 and increases the amount going into the Veterinary Pathology Lab by \$0.25. There is no change to the cost of dog licenses or to the portion of the license fee that goes to the municipality. The committee feels that this change is appropriate because the success of the spay and neuter program has reduced the number of animals needing to be treated, and the Veterinary Pathology Lab needs more funding because they are increasing the level of service they provide to the state. Any question of fund repeals will be handled by the second committee. Vote 18-0. The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 1233, relative to animal chiropractors. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Sherry Gould for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill is identical to HB 258 which was proposed in 2023 and passed the House last year after a subcommittee worked with stakeholders to amend it to fit the New Hampshire way. Unfortunate circumstances prevented having anyone introduce the bill in the Senate, which lead to its unfortunate demise. We are assured it will be presented in the Senate if the bill passes the House again. Vote 14-0.

HB 1546-FN, relative to government purchasing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Sherry Gould for Executive Departments and Administration. The committee felt that this bill presented too many challenges for procurement officials to determine policies of the companies' offering products or services. Additionally, the committee agrees that there exists laws against discrimination and discriminatory practice and there are already mechanisms to enforce those existing laws. Vote 14-1.

HB 1278-FN, relative to qualifying medical conditions for purposes of therapeutic cannabis. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mark McLean for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill adds the broad category of debilitating or terminal medical conditions to the list of qualifying conditions for the certification of the use of therapeutic cannabis. Implementing such a broad qualifying category, while retaining the explicit qualifiers already in law, will effectively create a two-tiered approach to certifying patients. Providers with limited knowledge of the therapeutic use of cannabis could continue to refer to the existing list of explicit qualifiers, while providers with greater knowledge of cannabis use could use the new broad category to act with greater discretion. The bill provides safeguards for minors, by not allowing application of this new category to anyone under the age of 21. The bill has the full support of the Therapeutic Cannabis Medical Oversight Board. Vote 20-0.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 1612-FN, relative to requiring the department of health and human services to conduct surveys and assess concentrations of certain radioactive materials. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Concerns over radiation levels, particularly near Seabrook, are of interest to the state, its residents, and vacationers. This bill proposes to develop a state-run network of radiation sensors at great cost, however there are already radiation monitors in the 10-mile zone around the Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant. The private, non-profit organization which operates these real-time sensors is already working with the Massachusetts government to provide updates and is in the process of determining how they can offer similar services to our state. At this time, it makes sense for this non-profit to begin to work with our state agencies in order to determine if this cooperation can be accomplished through normal departmental efforts or if legislative action will be needed in the future. Therefore, the committee believes this bill is unnecessary at this time. Vote 20-0.

HB 1003-FN, relative to name changes for inmates, parolees, and convicted violent felons. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Katelyn Kuttat for Judiciary. This bill requires that if a person convicted of a violent felony or a crime against a child, requests a name change, the person must notify the initial prosecuting district. They must also make a compelling showing to the probate court that a name change is necessary. As amended, it also requires that the initial prosecuting jurisdiction shall make a reasonable effort to provide notice to the victim of the offense, or the victim's next of kin if the victim has died. It gives the victim or victim's next of kin the opportunity to express his or her views regarding the offense and need for the name change. The committee heard testimony from a woman who was sexually assaulted by her therapist. The woman later learned that the therapist had changed his name, after being convicted of a fatal DUI (driving under the influence of drugs or liquor), involving a child. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (0205h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Probate Court; Change of Name. Amend RSA 547:3-i, II to read as follows:

II. Before the probate court may grant a change of name for a person who is incarcerated, or on probation or parole, or for a person who is required, pursuant to RSA 651-B, to register as a sexual offender or an offender against children and who is no longer subject to supervision by the department of corrections, ***or for a person convicted of a violent felony or a crime against a child***, the petitioner shall make a compelling showing that a name change is necessary. For a person who is incarcerated, or on probation or parole, the petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition, pursuant to RSA 547:29, on the department of corrections ***and to the initial prosecuting jurisdiction***. For a person who is required to register as a sexual offender or an offender against children and who is no longer subject to supervision by the department of corrections, the petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition, pursuant to RSA 547:29, on the department of safety ***and to the initial prosecuting jurisdiction***. ***As used in this section, a "crime against a child" means an offense against a child, as defined by RSA 651-B:1, VII. As used in this section, a "violent felony" means any of the following offenses: capital murder pursuant to RSA 630:1, first degree murder pursuant to RSA 630:1-a, second degree murder pursuant to RSA 630:1-b, manslaughter pursuant to RSA 630:2, class A felony negligent homicide pursuant to RSA 630:3, first degree assault pursuant to RSA 631:1, second degree assault pursuant to RSA 631:2, aggravated felonious sexual assault or felonious sexual assault pursuant to RSA 632-A, kidnapping or criminal restraint pursuant to RSA 633, class A felony arson pursuant to RSA 634:1, robbery pursuant to RSA 636, or trafficking in persons pursuant to RSA 633:7. For a person who was convicted of a violent felony or a crime against a child, the petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition, pursuant to RSA 547:29, on the initial prosecuting jurisdiction.*** Upon ruling on the petition, the probate court shall issue a copy of its order to the department of corrections ***and the initial prosecuting jurisdiction*** or, if the petitioner is no longer subject to the supervision of the department of corrections, to the department of safety ***and to the initial prosecuting jurisdiction***.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 New Paragraph; Probate Court; Change of Name. Amend RSA 547:3-i by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. Before the probate court may grant a change of name pursuant to paragraph II, the initial prosecuting jurisdiction shall make a reasonable effort to provide notice to the victim of the offense, or the victim's next of kin if the victim has died. The victim or victim's next of kin may appear personally to address the judge, or by counsel, or may provide a written statement to reasonably express his or her views concerning the offense, the person responsible, and the need for denying a name change. The judge may consider the statements of the victim or next of kin made pursuant to this section when making a decision to grant a name change.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the individuals who are subject to notice requirements and a showing of a compelling reason before he or she will be permitted to change his or her name to include those convicted of certain violent felonies or crimes against children. This bill also requires that notice be provided to the initial prosecuting jurisdiction of both the petition and the probate court's order. The bill further provides a process for providing notice to and receiving input from victims or their representatives.

HB 1004, relative to repealing the judicial conduct commission. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bob Lynn for Judiciary. This bill is purely a matter of statutory cleanup. The bill repeals the legislatively created Judicial Conduct Commission, a statute which the New Hampshire Supreme Court held unconstitutional as a violation of the separation of powers in 2004. The Judicial Conduct Committee, a body created by Supreme Court Rule, has existed for many years, contains legislative representation, and is responsible for hearing and deciding claims of misconduct made against judges. Vote 18-0.

HB 1251, relative to law enforcement officials appearing in court as an attorney. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bob Lynn for Judiciary. This bill would have allowed law enforcement officers who are attorneys to represent private parties in civil proceedings in a county other than the one in which they primarily exercise police authority. At the request of the prime sponsor, the committee voted unanimously to recommend this bill Inexpedient to Legislate because of significant questions as to the propriety of such proposed representation and concerns over potential unintended consequences. Vote 13-0.

HB 1274-FN, relative to judicial administration. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Bob Lynn for Judiciary. This is a judicial cleanup bill that is designed to update statutory law to reflect changes in judicial practice, other statutory law changes, and to provide greater efficiency in court operations. As amended, it changes the composition of the Judicial Council; updates the procedure for bringing arrested persons before a court to reflect the repeal of the “felonies first” process in the superior court; provides for the appointment of contract or assigned counsel for indigent defendants in certain cases where the interests of justice are served by doing so even though the public defender might be available to represent the defendant; and corrects an oversight in last year’s budget by increasing from \$75,000 to \$100,000 the Supreme Court’s authority to transfer funds among accounting units of its budget without approval of the fiscal committee. The latter change will have no effect on the judicial branch budget. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (0224h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 2 and renumbering the original sections 3 and 4 to read as 2 and 3, respectively.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

4 Appropriations; Transfer of Appropriations, Judicial Branch. Amend RSA 9:17-d to read as follows:

9:17-d Transfer of Appropriations, Judicial Branch. The supreme court may transfer funds for any specific purposes to funds for other purposes in the general appropriations for any accounting unit within the judicial branch, provided that any transfer of [~~\$75,000~~] **\$100,000** or more shall require prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, and provided that no funds may be transferred in violation of the provisions of RSA 9:17-a or any other restriction provided by law. The judicial branch shall certify such transfers to the commissioner of administrative services. The certification shall state that the transfers are necessary to efficiently carry out the functions of the courts and that the legislative fiscal committee has approved the transfers. The provisions of this section shall not supersede the provisions of RSA 99:4 and RSA 9:17-a.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to various statutes as requested by the judicial council:

1. This bill amends the requirements for who can serve on the judicial council.
2. This bill amends the requirements for when a person is arrested with or without a warrant.
3. This bill authorizes the courts to appoint contract or other qualified attorneys in the first instance, provides for the repeal of this provision, and requires a report to be issued on the fiscal impact of this provision.
4. This bill raises the threshold amount to trigger the requirement of approval of the fiscal committee of the general court for the supreme court to transfer appropriated funds.

HB 1489-FN, relative to town and school ballot recount appeals. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marjorie Smith for Judiciary. The bill provided for the winning party to be reimbursed for court costs and attorney’s fees after a successful appeal of a ballot recount decision in a municipal election. While the committee was sympathetic to the situation in which the sponsor found herself, the committee concluded that it was not appropriate in this case to change from the generally established position in the American court system that parties are generally responsible for their own attorney’s fees. Vote 19-0.

HB 1541-FN, relative to conditions for an abortion performed after viability or 15 weeks gestation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Eric Turer for Judiciary. This bill attempts to place onerous and medically unwarranted requirements on any abortion performed after 15 weeks “post fertilization” or when “viable” – whichever is earlier. The meaning of these two terms is not defined in the bill and they are not medical terms used in association with dating a pregnancy or defining any benchmark in fetal development. The requirements specify that the procedure must be done in a hospital having a neonatal intensive care unit, and that it be attended by two physicians. Such requirements would be costly and burdensome, and would greatly limit the availability of the procedure, with

no clinical benefit. The bill further specifies a range of steps to be taken for the “viable unborn child” resulting from an abortion, which is inconsistent with the purpose of an abortion procedure. These include provision of medical care for a fetus that has virtually no chance of surviving, against the parents’ wishes regarding how these difficult final moments will be spent; the issuance of vital records documents; and making the fetus a ward of the state if it is unwanted by the parents. Such rules would be impossible to interpret or implement and would be costly and cause grave harm to women, families, and our medical community. Vote 19-1.

HB 1707-FN, relative to liability for the cost of PFAS blood testing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marjorie Smith for Judiciary. The committee heard testimony from the prime sponsor who reiterated the justifiable concern about exposure to PFAS chemicals. However, the prime sponsor also noted that scientific knowledge and judicial proceedings are evolving, and her recommendation is that the bill be voted Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 13-0.

HB 1710-FN, relative to civil actions regarding the prohibited use of synthetic media. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bob Lynn for Judiciary. This bill proposed to create a cause of action for the distribution of misleading synthetic media. At the request of the prime sponsor, the committee voted unanimously to recommend this bill Inexpedient to Legislative because there are a number of problems with it, and it is not ready for prime time at this point. Vote 11-0.

HB 1060, relative to establishing a geologic resources committee. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill was requested by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to enable an existing advisory committee under their auspices, the Geologic Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC), to operate in alignment with RSA 21-G:11 by incorporating GRAC into statute. GRAC reviews and approves New Hampshire’s mapping plan, which includes surficial and detailed bedrock mapping. Additionally, GRAC fulfills federal requirements for the review and approval of grant proposals for federal geologic mapping program funding. This mapping provides NHDES, researchers and other stakeholders with information important for resource management, natural hazard mitigation, municipal planning, disaster management, and other purposes. The committee voted to recommend Ought to Pass so GRAC can be established in New Hampshire statute and continue fulfilling its duties. Vote 16-0.

HB 1401-FN, relative to the transfer of Silver Lake Park in the town of Hollis. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. The intent of this bill was to address the long-term, chronic environmental conditions at Silver Lake by returning ownership of Silver Lake State Park to the Town of Hollis. Since the bill’s filing, the state has engaged with the Town of Hollis and its conservation commission to initiate a watershed management plan to identify mitigation projects to improve water quality. The sponsor believes this process needs to proceed before an ownership transfer is considered and recommended this bill be Inexpedient to Legislate. The committee agreed and voted unanimously to support the Inexpedient to Legislate recommendation. Vote 11-0.

HB 1047, relative to establishing a committee to study the effectiveness of state outreach to residents without computer access. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for Science, Technology and Energy. Originally introduced as a legislative study committee, this bill as amended, requires the Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Department of Business and Economic Development to investigate the impact and effectiveness of communications outreach by New Hampshire state agencies on economic and health care initiatives and opportunities impacting residents who lack a computer, tablet, smart phone or other electronic device capable of providing access to Internet content, emails, or text messages and to submit their report to the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, House Clerk, the Governor, and the State Library by November 1, 2024. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (0099h)

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the effectiveness of state outreach to residents without computer, tablet, smartphone, or other electronic device access.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Investigation.

I. The department of health and human services, in conjunction with the department of business and economic affairs, shall conduct an investigation to determine whether residents who lack a computer, tablet, smartphone, or other electronic device capable of providing access to Internet content, emails, or text messages, are able to access critical state outreach information.

II. The department commissioners, or their designees from both departments, shall jointly conduct the investigation. The investigators may contact other departments or agencies to gather data, to seek technical support, or ascertain other information in furtherance of this investigation.

2 Duties. The investigators shall determine the impact and effectiveness of communications outreach by state agencies on economic and health care initiatives impacting residents who lack a computer, tablet, smartphone, or other electronic device capable of providing access to Internet content, emails, and text messages, including:

I. Estimating the size of this population and how or if it differs across different regions of the state.

II. Identifying how agencies have approached, planned, and executed communication outreach to these audiences in the past.

III. Assessing the results of efforts and lessons learned from agency successes and failures described under paragraph II.

IV. Identifying the financial costs of key failures and substandard results to the state and to members of the impacted population.

V. Examining best practices used by other states or entities trying to reach similar audiences with similar information.

3 Report. The departments shall issue a joint report on their findings and recommendations, to the speaker of the house or representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2024.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services and department of business and economic development to investigate and submit a legislative report regarding the effectiveness of state outreach to residents without computer, tablet, smartphone, or other electronic device access.

HB 1289, establishing a commission to study the replacement of the peaker plant in Bow with a clean energy baseload generator and storage. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stephen Kennedy for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill concerns the future of the site of the Merrimack Generating Station in Bow, New Hampshire. There are two coal-fired units at Bow, Unit 1 built in 1960 with 113.6 MW capacity and Unit 2 built in 1968 with 345.6 MW capacity. A \$457 million scrubber was installed at Merrimack in 2012 to remove most of its mercury emissions. However, in the latest forward capacity auction for 2026-7, bids from Merrimack Station to burn coal to produce electricity did not clear, and this could lead to an eventual plant closure beyond 2026. The sponsor would like to see the creation of a commission to study the replacement of the plant with a clean energy baseload generator and storage. The committee expressed concern for the residents of Bow, from both environmental and financial viewpoints, as the plant is one of Bow's biggest sources of property tax. There was also sympathy expressed for the idea of a study commission, including input from the residents of Bow, but given the uncertainty regarding the plant's potential closure, and the short period of time that would be available for the commission's work, it was thought that this step was premature at this time. Vote 19-0.

HB 1617-FN, relative to energy procurement agreements for default service. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. JD Bernardy for Science, Technology and Energy. This recommendation commits the Science, Technology and Energy Committee to study the process of setting default service rates. The concerns to be studied include enhancing price stability and lessening the impact of rate hikes caused by spikes in natural gas prices, as these magnify the risk premium in rates. The committee agreed to do this in a manner that would not create a straight jacket for the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) but rather allow them flexibility in assuring reasonable price stability. Vote 19-0.

HB 1627, relative to recodifying certain laws concerning railroads, transportation, and telecommunications. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. JD Bernardy for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill implements the recommendations of the study committee authorized by HB 219 in 2023. The study committee looked into the issue of recodifying certain statutes in Title XXXVIII, "Public Utilities" under XX, "Transportation", or Title XII, "Safety." These statutes relate to railroads, which the Public Utilities Commission no longer regulates. The bill simply directs that the enumerated RSAs be moved and renumbered as necessary. Vote 19-0.

CACR 20, relating to declaring independence from the United States of America. Providing that if the national debt reaches \$40 trillion, New Hampshire shall declare independence and proceed as a sovereign nation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Amanda Toll for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution relates to New Hampshire declaring independence from the United States of America (USA) if the national debt reaches \$40 trillion. New Hampshire would then declare independence and proceed as a sovereign nation. Most of our constituents— regardless of political party—do not view seceding from the USA as a solution to any of the struggles that we face. Quite to the contrary, while the USA is imperfect, all committee members believe in the nation's potential to remain a healthy, vibrant democracy, where the government can help advance equality, freedom, and enhance the overall quality of life for all citizens. Vote 20-0.

HB 1130, establishing a commission to study the economic, legal, and sociological aspects of New Hampshire exerting its sovereign state rights. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Linda Massimilla for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This bill would establish a New Hampshire secession study commission. It was a sister measure to CACR 20 which would require secession if a national debt ceiling was exceeded. As with CACR 20, this bill was seen as counterproductive to New Hampshire's best interests while also requiring expenditure of time and resources to look into an option that very few citizens were interested in pursuing. Vote 20-0.

HB 1355-FN, relative to the New Hampshire National Guard recruitment and reenlistment incentive program. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda Massimilla for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. After hearing testimony from the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services as well as from various military organizations and National Guard officials regarding the difficulty of retaining guardsman, the committee unanimously voted to support an enhanced reenlistment bonus to better retain crucial mid-career, non-commissioned officers as part of a stronger recruitment and retention policy. Vote 20-0.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HCR 10, urging Congress to increase federal funding for special education services to reduce property taxes in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda Massimilla for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This concurrent resolution simply urges Congress to fulfill the 40% special education funding obligation created by the 1975 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. If the federal government could better honor this commitment, then funding pressures experienced by New Hampshire school communities could be alleviated. Vote 20-0.

HB 1031-FN, relative to motor vehicle certificate of title exemptions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Sellers for Transportation. This bill would have eliminated required titles for motor vehicles older than 10 years. Vehicles this age can still be worth tens of thousands of dollars. A title is the only recognized proof of ownership. A registration is not. The proof of ownership is valuable, and may be required, in cases of theft and fraud, as well as when securing financing. Vote 17-0.

HB 1032-FN, relative to certificate of title exemptions for vehicles 20 or more years old. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. This bill changes the time period for exempting vehicles from the certificate of title requirement from a fixed date of "before the year 2000" to a floating period of "when the manufacturer's model year is 20 or more years old." As vehicles age and lose value, retaining and tracking a title becomes unnecessary. Vote 17-0.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO SUSPEND HOUSE RULES

Reps. Osborne and Wilhelm moved that House Rules be so far suspended as to permit drafting and late introduction of a bill relating to a pilot program for integrative pain care.

Rep. Nagel spoke in favor.

Motion adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.

REGULAR CALENDAR

HB 1199-FN-A, relative to services of the office of the child advocate for youth experiencing homelessness and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Patrick Long for Children and Family Law. With current concentration on adult homelessness, this bill is specific to youth experiencing homelessness. Testimony revealed an increase since 2019. The Office of the Child Advocate is the best fit for collecting data and addressing recommendations to the legislature. Vote 12-0.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Mark Pearson moved that **HB 1199-FN-A**, relative to services of the office of the child advocate for youth experiencing homelessness and making an appropriation therefor, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 188 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Motion was adopted and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1588-FN, relative to court jurisdiction over persons receiving special education. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Gaby Grossman for Children and Family Law. This legislation amends the child protection and juvenile justice statutes (RSA 169 B, C, and D) to align with the recent changes in statute increasing the age limit of special education services from 21 to 22 years of age. This bill would allow youth involved in the child protective and juvenile justice system to have their special education needs served until 22 years of age (the current age limit under RSA 186-C). Vote 12-0.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Committee report was adopted, and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1598-FN-A, relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments and veterans benefits for children in foster care. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lorie Ball for the Majority of Children and Family Law. Having heard testimony from Rep. Wallner, a representative from New Hampshire Legal Assistance, the Director of DCYF, and the DHHS Legislative Liaison, the majority of the committee agree changes need to be made regarding who manages the funds children received from Social Security (SS) and/or veterans benefits programs. The SS Program Operations Manual System (POMS) states: "After identifying a prospective payee applicant(s), you must review and evaluate each applicant to determine the most suitable payee for a beneficiary . . . When the beneficiary is a minor child, select the most suitable payee from this chart of preferred payees." The chart states the first preference is a natural or adoptive parent who has custody or a legal guardian and then moves through a series of preferences, ranging from non-custodial natural or adoptive parent to a relative, with or without custody, to a close friend without custody. The seventh preference is a social service agency or custodial institution. Currently, New Hampshire bypasses the order of preference as described in the chart and routinely withholds funds to pay for foster care. This places the child and their family who are hoping for reunification at a severe disadvantage. When families lose the expected income, they need to maintain their household while waiting for reunification, the families often fall into default and lose their housing. Furthermore, children who lost their parent(s) due to death, may leave the foster care system impoverished with no resources and minimal assistance. Social Security funds received in the name of a child for their benefit are currently placed in the New Hampshire general fund. We believe the funds these children receive from Social Security should be placed in trust for them, and then given to them when they exit the foster care system. Vote 12-1.

Rep. David Bickford for the Minority of Children and Family Law. This bill changes the use of Social Security payments for children in foster care. The funds would be placed in a trust and given to the child upon the age of majority instead. The funds from Social Security are meant to be used for offsetting the costs of raising children. The state would have to make up the loss of funds.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Majority committee report was adopted, and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1237-FN, relative to the use of unmarked or stealth police vehicles for traffic enforcement. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jonathan Stone for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After hearing witness testimony, it is the opinion of the majority that this bill as written is discriminatory in nature against municipalities, as it would only restrict unmarked, or stealth police vehicles by municipalities for traffic law enforcement yet allow the State Police to keep them. The New Hampshire State Police currently have the largest fleet of unmarked and stealth vehicles. This bill impedes local control and would limit towns and cities from using a viable tool for police officers to enforce traffic laws, thus impacting public safety on our roads. Furthermore, banning the use of certain vehicles by municipalities would require them to spend money to modify their existing vehicles and hence constitute an unfunded mandate. Municipalities operate on limited budgets and no evidence was presented that the state provides funding for purchasing vehicles, often towns and city police officers utilize unmarked vehicles for all law enforcement roles in their respective communities depending on their operational needs. The goal of the traffic law is voluntary compliance in addition to accountability for offenders to modify aggressive driving behavior. In 2022 the State of New Hampshire had 148 motor vehicle related deaths, in 2023 there were a reported 118 motor vehicle related deaths. Law Enforcement spoke in opposition to the bill and testified to the value of using unmarked vehicles to protect the public. Vote 12-8.

Rep. Alissandra Murray for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The minority of the committee agreed that marked police vehicles would increase both public trust in our local police departments and public safety in our communities. There are numerous studies which show that highly visible law enforcement reduces crime rates. While an unmarked patrol car can write more traffic tickets, having marked patrol cars can prevent folks from committing acts which could lead to tickets being issued. If the goal is to have less crime and fewer violations, marked police vehicles should be used in traffic patrol.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Alissandra Murray spoke against.

Rep. Stone spoke in favor.

Rep. Hynes requested a roll call; not sufficiently seconded.

On a division vote, with 162 members having voted in the affirmative, and 213 in the negative, the majority committee report failed.

Rep. Alissandra Murray moved the minority committee report of Ought to Pass and offered floor amendment (0345h).

Floor Amendment (0345h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Chapter; Police Vehicles. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 105-D the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 105-E**POLICE VEHICLES****105-E:1 Vehicles Used for Traffic Enforcement.**

I. Any municipal police vehicle purchased on or after January 1, 2025 shall be clearly marked and labeled identifying it as a police vehicle before it may be used by a police officer performing traffic law enforcement. For purposes of this section, stealth or ghost lettering, wherein the markings are not clearly visible, shall be insufficient to permit the vehicle's usage in traffic law enforcement.

II. Nothing in this section should be construed to prohibit the use of unmarked vehicles or vehicles with stealth or ghost lettering for any purpose other than traffic law enforcement.

III. A law enforcement officer operating an unmarked vehicle or a vehicle with stealth or ghost lettering in compliance with paragraph I may effect a traffic stop of a vehicle if the officer develops reasonable suspicion, based on personal observations, that a driver is committing an offense of reckless driving in violation of RSA 265:79 or driving or operating under the influence of drugs or liquor in violation of RSA 265-A, or in any other case where there is an emergency that the officer reasonably believes to be an immediate threat to public safety.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a requirement that any police vehicle purchased after January 1, 2025 must be clearly marked and labeled as a police vehicle in order for it to be used in traffic law enforcement, subject to certain exceptions.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (0345h).

Alissandra Murray spoke in favor.

Floor amendment (0345h) was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the minority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Minority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Michael Cahill moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 192-184, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment on **HB 396**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

The question being adoption of the motion to reconsider.

Rep. Michael Cahill spoke in favor.

Rep. Lynn spoke against.

Rep. Seth King requested a roll call; not sufficiently seconded.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 190 in the negative, the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1372-FN, relative to prohibiting torture. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Terry Roy for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill seeks to make illegal, that which is already illegal. The sponsor made the point that torture is only illegal under federal law if it occurs outside of the United States. The point is well taken. There is however a good reason for that. Torture, in every conceivable manner is already illegal in the U.S. under the myriad of criminal laws that we have here, that may not exist or that may not be uniformly enforced in other countries. Take "water boarding" for example. This would be illegal under our assault and battery, kidnapping and, depending on why it was being done, potentially blackmail or other charges. This bill, while well intentioned, is not needed in the state and the majority of the committee believes that there are ample laws under which the government can charge a citizen accused of any manner of torture and that to pass such a law would send the message to the public that we did not feel that they were adequately protected under our current laws, which is wrong, or worse; that we felt that there was a credible reason to believe that such behavior might be currently occurring here or may occur here and go unpunished. Vote 17-3.

Rep. Jonah Wheeler for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill makes torture a felonious crime in the state. This legislation makes New Hampshire law uniform with federal code. As the sponsor illuminated during his introduction of the bill to the committee; when there is ambiguity between state and federal law, the door is left open for immunity to those violating the ambiguous statutes. There is no claim that New Hampshire has any cases of torture, this legislation was brought forward as an effort to ensure clarity in the law when it comes to this heinous crime. With the rise of authoritarianism worldwide, this measure

preempts any attempt by a hypothetical despot, of any ideology, to torture. Many of the crimes that would be considered torture are already covered under existing assault statutes. However, assault is not often a felonious crime and there exists a worry that someone who did engage in torture of another would be able to avoid justice due to the lack of clarity on the torture statute. The minority of the committee feels that torture should be clarified in the criminal code, and that it should be a felony to ensure the harsh penalty that one engaged in this horrific crime should incur.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.
Rep. Hynes requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Muns, Chris
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Raynolds, Ned
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Bean, Harry

Bordes, Mike

Ploszaj, Tom

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino

Costable, Michael

Smith, Jonathan

CHESHIRE

Filiault, Shaun

Germana, Nicholas

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Durkin, Sean

King, Seth

GRAFTON

Coulon, Matthew

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Lekas, Alicia
Corcoran, Travis
Hynes, Dan
Prout, Andrew

Murray, Alissandra
Cushman, Leah
McGough, Tim
Lekas, Tony

Ammon, Keith
Ford, Damond
Noble, Kristin
Mannion, Tom

Chretien, Jacqueline
Darby, Will
Pauer, Diane
Wheeler, Jonah

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Hoell, J.R.

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Gallager, Eric
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and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1068, relative to establishing a blood lead level testing requirement for children entering day care and public schools. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill is the same as HB 342, which passed the House last year. The proposed statutory change is purely educational in nature. For children under the age of six entering daycare or school, the bill adds to an existing health form a space for the results of at least one lead test, if any tests have been performed. If no lead testing result is supplied, the school or daycare will provide the parent or guardian with a statement that, under existing statutes, lead testing is required unless an existing exception applies. The parent or guardian will also be given materials explaining the importance of lead testing. The bill contains no new mandate for parents or guardians, not does it bar entry to day care or school if a result is not provided. Lead testing is important because if left untreated, lead poisoning can lead to impairments which make learning more difficult for the child and increases special education costs for the taxpayers. Early treatment cannot only enhance the child's life, but also reduce future special education costs. The earlier the treatment occurs, the greater the benefit.

Rep. Lucy Weber

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill made it through the House, the Senate and then to the governor last year as HB 342-FN and was then vetoed. The governor's veto message stated, "This bill raises the threshold for children who enroll in New Hampshire's public schools and is an unnecessary barrier to entry." The finance committee also reported, "This bill represents a violation of Article 28-a of the New Hampshire constitution to the extent the public school system is expected to serve as an enforcement to New Hampshire's parental obligations..." It should also be noted that state law already requires blood level testing in children under the age of six. This bill is being pitched as a "checkbox," but the same potential, unintentional consequences as mentioned last year still exist. One unintentional consequence mentioned last year involves our aging housing inventory full of lead paint as a source. Without properly supporting our homeowners through financial means, we are not addressing future lead poisoning and therefore creating a shortage of affordable housing when housing is a major concern in today's economy. Half of the committee supports ITL, so that a better bill can be submitted next year to address financial needs during a budget year.

Rep. Bill King

Rep. Weber moved Ought to Pass and spoke in favor.

Rep. Bill King spoke against.

Rep. Rung requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
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Burroughs, Anita

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McAleer, Chris

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Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
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Tatro, Bruce

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Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

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O'Hara, Travis
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Trottier, Douglas

Bordes, Mike
McCarter, Nikki
Beaudoin, Richard
Varney, Peter

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Smart, Lisa

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Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

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Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

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Berezhny, Lex
Ladd, Rick

Brown, Carroll
Rochefort, David

Coulon, Matthew
Sellers, John

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Simon, Matthew

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and the motion of Ought to Pass failed.

CLERK'S NOTE

The Speaker voted to break the tie, pursuant to House Rule 23, the motion failed.
Rep. Bill King moved Inexpedient to Legislate.
Motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1520-FN-A, establishing a family assistance car ownership pilot program in the department of health and human services. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill will create a pilot car acquisition program for adult recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). Lack of transportation has been identified by the DHHS Benefits Cliff Effect Working Group as a major obstacle to successful employment. Prior to 2017, New Hampshire had a robust car acquisition program through Good News Garage which proved successful in moving families

off of state benefits and into successful employment and self-sufficiency. The state's investment in that program resulted in significant savings in terms of cash benefits not being provided. Recipients of this program will be carefully screened to ensure sustained success. They will have fully participated in the New Hampshire Employment Program in order to develop proficiency in financial literacy, employment readiness, and all things automobile related. Due to the inflationary nature of the used car market this program will start as a pilot. This will allow data to be collected about its efficacy in order to guide further efforts.

Rep. Joe Schapiro

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill would establish a pilot program in which the state would partner with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to purchase, refurbish, and transfer ownership of used vehicles to certain TANF recipients. It would appropriate \$220,000 to be matched by federal funds. The Department of Health and Human Services assumes the overhead for vendors to be 10%, leaving approximately \$396,000 for vehicle purchases at an estimated \$20,000 per vehicle, resulting in approximately twenty vehicles in the program. The estimated cost for each used vehicle is high, and even if a recipient can get off TANF, due to receiving a vehicle, it cannot be established that the \$20,000 the state invested in the vehicle would be offset by the decrease in future benefits for that recipient, which is one of the principal arguments in favor of the bill. Additionally, there are logistical issues with the bill concerning continuing maintenance for the vehicle. With used cars, there is always a likelihood of unforeseen mechanical issues that can result in a vehicle becoming inoperable and requiring extensive costs for repair. There is also a limited ability to detect and prevent fraud, as a recipient who takes ownership of a vehicle through this program could turn around and sell it. It is not clear that this program is a wise investment for the state. Due to the many logistical issues, it presents for government that is charged with the careful handling of taxpayer money, programs like this are best left to private charities and donations.

Rep. Leah Cushman

Rep. Schapiro moved Ought to Pass and spoke in favor.

Rep. Cushman spoke against.

On a division vote, with 184 members having voted in the affirmative, and 193 in the negative, the motion failed.

Rep. Cushman moved Inexpedient to Legislate.

Motion was adopted.

(Rep. Steven Smith in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

CACR 23, relating to the right to abortion. Providing that all persons shall have the right to abortion prior to 24 weeks. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This CACR establishes in New Hampshire the right to abortion prior to 24 weeks. Twenty-four weeks was chosen to reflect the recent decision to include that timeline in New Hampshire law. For many years the New Hampshire government followed a practice rooted in classic libertarian philosophy – that personal privacy was paramount, and that the government should not intrude in the private lives of the state's citizens. Decisions about abortions were made by the woman, and those she chose to include, including her family, her doctor and anyone else. Supporting the constitutional commitment to the separation of church and state, government honored the rights of individuals to make their own decisions without regard to any lawmaker's religious beliefs. After the United States Supreme Court determined that matters relating to abortion no longer would be protected under the United States Constitution and directed that such decisions were up to the states, New Hampshire faced a new challenge – to respect our historical libertarian philosophy while accepting the direction of the US Supreme Court. In our small state, we have a House of Representatives many times larger than that of any other state. We believe that government should be as close as possible to the people. Each member of the House represents roughly 3,400 people. We try in every way to have the people and not the government make decisions affecting their private lives. The supporters of this resolution recognize the importance of the right of individuals to control their own bodies. Equality and self-determination are inseparable from reproductive autonomy. Instead of relying on a representative body to make such personal decisions, in keeping with New Hampshire's commitment to limited government, we ask the New Hampshire legislature to let the people decide their own future. That is why we support a constitutional amendment that, in order to be added to our beloved constitution, must be supported by 60% of the legislature, rather than a simple majority, and then 66% 2/3 of New Hampshire voters.

Rep. Marjorie Smith

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This proposed resolution would establish that "[e]very individual has a fundamental right to abortion" and that "[t]he state cannot prohibit, restrict, delay, or penalize this right prior to 24 weeks unless it is justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means." The resolution further provides: "After 24 weeks, the state may not prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgment of an attending physician, is necessary." The committee

members opposing the CACR do so primarily for three reasons. First, there is no need for such an amendment because reproductive/abortion rights are not in any way under threat in New Hampshire. The Fetal Life Protection Act (FLPA), enacted in 2021 and amended in 2022, allows unrestricted access to abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy, and provides for exceptions to the post-24-week prohibition in cases of fatal fetal abnormalities or where continuation of the pregnancy threatens to result in serious risks to the life or health of the mother. The FLPA, as it now stands, enjoys widespread public support. Second, the CACR is entirely unspecific in terms of exactly what “necessary” means and would enshrine this vague standard in the state constitution for abortions after 24 weeks. “Necessary” could allow an abortion to be performed right up until birth simply because a woman desired to do so, and a doctor was willing to say her desire should be honored. Third, the term “every individual” is ambiguous. The committee heard testimony questioning if this term could be interpreted to mean that someone besides the pregnant individual, such as the father, could demand an abortion because he didn’t want the woman he impregnated to have his baby.

Rep. Katelyn Kuttab

Rep. Marjorie Smith moved Ought to Pass and spoke in favor.

Rep. Toll spoke in favor.

Rep. Kuttab spoke against.

Rep. Telerski requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the motion failed lacking the necessary 3/5ths vote.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1002, relative to fees for records under the right-to-know law. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttab for the Majority of Judiciary. As amended, this bill allows public bodies to charge up to \$25 per hour for right to know requests that take municipal or state employees more than 10 hours to process and respond to. Part 1, Article 8 of the New Hampshire Constitution specifically states that governmental records “shall not be unreasonably restriction.” However, the current terms of the right to know law do nothing to define what is reasonable. This bill seeks to help provide that balance.

The majority of the committee felt that it is unfair to have taxpayers subsidize one company’s large request or one person’s crusade. The committee heard testimony that the more extensive requests tend to be large scale email requests, which require an attorney to review and make redactions, and are very costly. On many occasions, requestors then did not even come to pick up the records. This is not only not cost effective for public bodies, but a complete waste of taxpayer dollars, which could be much better spent. The Attorney General’s office is in support of the bill and believes it provides proper balance to create greater efficiency in the processing of requests, while helping to deter requests which are overly broad and impede governmental business. Approximately 37 other states have provisions in their open government laws that allow governmental entities to charge for staff time to research, collect, redact, and process records requests with various exceptions or limitations as to when costs may be imposed. This bill falls well within the mainstream of such legislation, and the majority does not believe there is any serious question as to its constitutionality. Vote 12-8. Rep. Louise Andrus for the Minority of Judiciary. The New Hampshire Constitution, Part I, Article 8 states, “[a]ll power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them.” RSA 91-A, also known as the right to know law, establishes a person’s right of access to the records of public bodies and public agencies. This bill, in the view of the minority of the committee, may be unconstitutional. This bill basically takes away the people’s constitutional ability to ensure that government is transparent. This bill discriminates against people that cannot afford to pay up to a \$25 an hour charge for records if it takes a governmental employee over 10 hours to obtain requested information. RSA 91-A already addresses fees. There was no substantial supporting data that this bill is a necessity, and that our 234 municipalities or our school districts or any other public body or agency are overwhelmed or overloaded or swamped with requests for records. The testimony on “substantial size requests” suggested that many such requests came from commercial entities rather than individuals.

Majority Amendment (0197h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraph; Fees for Records. Amend RSA 91-A:4 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. A reasonable charge may be made for employee, contractor, or attorney time in excess of 10 hours to make the record available to the requestor, including time to search, retrieve, duplicate, redact, and otherwise make the record available for the requestor; provided that no charge may be made for time spent with the requestor to review the records. Hourly costs shall not exceed \$25 per hour, and no costs shall be charged for

requests under 10 hours. Prior to charging any fees, the public body or agency shall create a policy so that practices are transparent, uniform, and consistent. Multiple requests from any person or entity to the same public body within a 30 day time period shall be considered one request. If a party believes the estimated number of hours or cost to make the records available is unreasonable, the party may file a complaint with the ombudsman pursuant to RSA 91-A:7-b for a determination of whether the estimate is reasonable. Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Reps. William Dolan and Andrus spoke against.

Reps. O'Brien and Lynn spoke in favor.

Rep. Tim Cahill requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

The House recessed at 12:15 p.m.

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The House reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1005-FN, relative to judicial training. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Richard Tripp for Judiciary. This bill provides for the establishment of a judicial training requirement for both new and current judges. It also creates the position of judicial training coordinator whose role is the creation of orientation and continuing education training under the direction of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The impetus for this bill was the Special Family Court Committee which identified concerns from people whose court experience was not uniform between judges due to differences in the application of law. It is believed these differences were due in part to a lack of training and that the institution of an annual continuing education requirement will expand the expertise of all judges and their ability to uniformly apply the law. Vote 18-1.

Amendment (0193h)

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 490-K:2 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

490-K:2 Initial Judicial Training Requirements.

Any person who holds the position of judge in this state, and all nonjudicial employees of the judicial branch with a hire date on or after July 1, 2025, shall complete a judicial orientation and training program within 3 months of hire, as directed by the chief justice of the supreme court. The minimum initial training for judges shall be as follows:

Amend RSA 490-K:3 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

490-K:3 Judicial Continuing Education Requirements.

Any person who holds the position of judge, court administrator, clerk, or director of the administrative office of the court in this state, shall be required to complete continuing education as the chief justice of the supreme court directs:

I. Justices of the supreme court shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year.

II. Justices of the superior court shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education approved by the chief justice of the superior court each year.

III. All superior court clerks shall complete a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education approved by the chief justice of the superior court each year.

IV. All circuit court judges shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education approved by the administrative judge of the circuit court each year.

V. All circuit court clerks shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education approved by the administrative judge of the circuit court each year.

VI. The director of the administrative office of the courts shall complete a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education approved by the chief justice of the supreme court each year.

Committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Committee report was adopted, and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1248-FN, relative to restrictions on access to abortion. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Zoe Manos for Judiciary. This proposed 15-day abortion ban is extreme. Most women don't know they're pregnant within 15 days. Pregnancy tests are not reliable at 15 days. This bill amounts to outlawing abortion in New Hampshire, forcing women to go out of state and delaying care. There is no reason to believe that the people of New Hampshire support this bill. Vote 19-1.

MOTON TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Filiault moved that **HB 1248-FN**, relative to restrictions on access to abortion, be Indefinitely Postponed.
Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Muirhead, Russell

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ROCKINGHAM

Ford, Oliver

STRAFFORD

Granger, Michael

and the motion was adopted.

Reps. Muirhead and Woodcock voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1230, relative to establishing a committee to examine weatherization initiatives for homes in New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Harrington for the Majority of Science, Technology and Energy. Much of the committee thought this bill was unnecessary. There are already several long-term existing programs that deal with weatherization of homes in New Hampshire. The U.S. and New Hampshire Departments of Energy have an ongoing program (Weatherization Assistance Program, or WAP), which has recently received a large amount of federal funding via the Inflation Reduction Act that will increase WAP expenditures from \$2 million per year to \$5.6 million yearly over the next five years. Additionally, NH Saves, a \$80 million per year program funded by ratepayers, has been supporting weatherization since 2003. Vote 14-6.

Rep. Tony Caplan for the Minority of Science, Technology and Energy. The minority of the committee felt that the information on weatherization of housing in New Hampshire would be of great benefit for planning purposes and lead to more efficient and equitable use of energy resources and ultimately lower demand for imported fuels upon which the state relies. For these reasons, the minority supported the study to address greater data collection on New Hampshire housing stock and its weatherization needs.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Caplan spoke against.

Rep. Harrington spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 240 members having voted in the affirmative, and 133 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1398, relative to utility recovery of costs associated with net energy metering. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Michael Vose for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill sought to extend the net metering cost recovery mechanism (called stranded cost recovery) used by the state's largest utility to New Hampshire's other regulated utilities. This extension was envisioned to provide trackability and transparency to net metering costs and to ensure that all customers paid those charges, not just default service customers. The committee amended the bill to specify that the mechanism could be any non-bypassable charge if that charge appeared on a customer's bill. But the amended bill stalemated 10-10. Subsequent deliberations centered around testimony that purported to claim that alternative energy suppliers and aggregators would be competitively disadvantaged by the bill's passage. But this alleged disadvantage exists today because regulated utilities contest the notion that load settlement for net metering costs should include wholesale load reductions and/or avoided transmission costs. Utilities believe such reductions cannot be captured with current ISO-NE load settlement protocols and metering. State regulators are currently engaged in this complicated debate, so the committee ultimately decided that the bill and its subject matter be deferred for more study and future resolution. Vote 20-0.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Refer for Interim Study.

Committee report was adopted.

HB 1499, establishing a committee to study the civilian clean energy, community resilience, and conservation corps **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Vose for Science, Technology and Energy. Study committees in the second year of a biennium face severe time constraints but the committee nevertheless decided to approve this study designed to plan the creation of a New Hampshire version of several national service programs under the umbrella of the federal government's Americorps. Volunteer NH, a 501(c)3 organization, provides local support for such programs. The study group of members of the General Court will define what a corps of conservation and community resilience volunteers might seek to accomplish as well as develop ways to sustainably recruit members. The committee amendment added to the duties of the study committee a requirement to perform rigorous cost/benefit analyses of such programs and specified that its funding must come from private sources and partnerships. Vote 18-2.

Amendment (0102h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Duties. The duties of the committee shall be to:

I. Define a new civilian national service program or programs, designed to meet local needs by deploying low-cost, reliable, clean energy; implementing energy-efficient solutions to help families save money on their energy bills; rebuilding coastal wetlands to protect coastal communities from storm surges and flooding;

managing forests to prevent wildfires; protecting public lands and waters for future generations; enhancing agricultural systems to protect natural resources and conserve water during droughts; and ensuring that all Granite Staters live in healthy, thriving communities.

II. Perform and publish rigorous projected cost/benefit analyses of all programs using an accepted methodology, for example:

(a) Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR), which compares the present value of benefits to the present value of costs. It is calculated by dividing the total benefits by the total costs. Formula: $BCR = \text{Present Value of Benefits} / \text{Present Value of Costs}$ Consideration: A BCR greater than 1 indicates that the benefits exceed the costs.

(b) Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA), which compares the costs of achieving a specific outcome or benefit. It is often used in situations where outcomes are difficult to quantify in monetary terms. The goal shall be to identify the most cost-effective option for achieving a particular objective.

III. Seek all private and nonprofit grants available to aid in its administration, and determine how to fund programs without the use of taxpayer or ratepayer funds.

IV. Seek partnerships with organizations such as Clean Energy NH, the Sierra Club, the Conservation Law Foundation, Granite Outdoor Alliance, Nature Conservancy, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, and Future Farmers of America in furtherance of proposed programs.

V. Identify nonprofit sector organizations to oversee effective implementation of the overall program and community-based projects including: (a) Uniform data collection, reporting, and oversight; (b) Uniform grant applications and packages; and (c) Funding levels and types of projects for local organizations.

VI. Build partnerships with institutions of postsecondary education to provide post-service pathways to affordable degrees, credentials, and certifications.

VII. Build partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit employers to provide skills-based workforce training and curriculum and post-service pathways, including apprenticeships.

VIII. Develop a sustainable member recruitment strategy that does not interfere with state business economic interests.

Committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

CACR 13, relating to slavery and involuntary servitude. Providing that slavery and involuntary servitude shall be prohibited in the state of New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Amanda Toll for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. Slavery and involuntary servitude are morally repugnant and a stain on our nation's history. Ensuring that the state and its businesses do not economically benefit from incarceration is in line with our commitment to advancing freedom and justice for all. Concerns about the possible impact of this measure on Department of Corrections (DOC) policies were alleviated by a supportive letter from DOC Commissioner Helen Hanks. Vote 20-0.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Bernardy offered floor amendment (0385h).

Floor Amendment (0385h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after the resolving clause with the following:

I. That the first part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 2-b the following new article:

[Art.] 2-c [Slavery and Involuntary Servitude Prohibited.] Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the state of New Hampshire, or any place subject to its jurisdiction.

II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2024.

III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to insert in their warrants for the said 2024 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2024 session of the general court shall be approved.

IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

"Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 2-b a new article to read as follows:

[Art.] 2-c [Slavery and Involuntary Servitude Prohibited.] Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the state of New Hampshire, or any place subject to its jurisdiction."

V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no oval is marked, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 2024 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

VII. Voters' Guide.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, the New Hampshire constitution does not explicitly prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude.

IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the New Hampshire constitution will prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (0385h).

Rep. Bernardy spoke in favor.

Rep. Wheeler spoke against.

Rep. Bouldin requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 168 - NAYS 201

YEAS - 168

BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
Nagel, David
Smart, Lisa

Comtois, Barbara
O'Hara, Travis
Terry, Paul

Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Trottier, Douglas

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
Smith, Jonathan

Cordelli, Glenn
McConkey, Mark

Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Qualey, James

Rhodes, Jennifer

Thackston, Dick

Nutting, Zachary

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Ladd, Rick

Brown, Carroll
Rocheffort, David

Coulon, Matthew
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

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Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Lewicke, John
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Seidel, Sheila
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
PANEK, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sirois, Shane
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Infantine, William
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Lekas, Tony

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Leavitt, John
Seaworth, Brian

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Mason, James
See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Hoell, J.R.
Boyd, Stephen
Wood, Clayton

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
Melvin, Charles
Porcelli, Susan
Roy, Terry
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Edwards, Jess
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lynn, Bob
Milz, David
Potucek, John
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
True, Chris
MacDonald, Wayne

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Emerick, Tracy
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Pearson, Mark
Ford, Oliver
Pratt, Kevin
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Tudor, Paul
Wallace, Scott

Mannion, Dennis
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Cahill, Tim
Vandecasteele, Susan

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Pitre, Joseph

Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Potenza, Kelley

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

NAYS - 201**BELKNAP**

Bordes, Mike
St. Clair, Charlie

Coker, Matthew

Huot, David

McCarter, Nikki

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
McAleer, Chris

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Costable, Michael

Paige, David

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Hunt, John
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Jones, Philip
Santonastaso, Matthew

Harvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Monteil, Renee
Schapiro, Joe

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Murphy, James
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Beaulieu, Jane
Calabro, Karen
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Morton, Jennifer
O'Brien, Michael
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Murphy, Nancy
Pedersen, Michael
Raymond, Heather
Seibert, Christine
Mannion, Tom
Dolan, William

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Ming, Ben
Noble, Kristin
Petrigno, Peter
Rombeau, Catherine
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
Bradley, Amy
Ford, Damond
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Mooney, Maureen
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson
Ebel, Karen
Hall, Muriel
MacKay, James
Richards, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary Jane

Brennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Hicks, Matthew
McWilliams, Rebecca
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina
Wolf, Dan

Caplan, Tony
Gerhard, Jason
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve

Carey, Lorrie
Gibbs, Merryl
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy

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McBeath, Rebecca
O'Neil, Candice
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
Maggiore, Jim
McDonnell, Valerie
Phillips, Emily
Read, Ellen
Weyler, Kenneth

Edgar, Michael
Guthrie, Joseph
Lundgren, David
Malloy, Dennis
Meuse, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Simpson, Alexis
Yokela, Josh

Gilman, Julie
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Muns, Chris
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

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Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Phinney, Brandon

Bixby, Peter
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Southworth, Thomas

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Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and floor amendment (0385h) failed.

The question now being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.
Rep. Bouldin requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Ulery, Jordan
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Tellerski, Laura
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Carey, Lorrie
Gerhard, Jason
Hill, Gregory
MacKay, James
Myler, Mel
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Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Carol
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Gibbs, Merryl
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Mason, James
Payeur, Stephanie
Gould, Sherry
Seaworth, Brian
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
Cambriels, Jose
Ebel, Karen
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Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Ball, Lorie
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Emerick, Tracy
Grote, Jaci
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Khan, Aboul
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McMahon, Charles
Muns, Chris
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Read, Ellen
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Turer, Eric
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
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Conlin, Bill
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Kenney, Cam
Smith, Marjorie
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Southworth, Thomas

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Tanner, Linda

Sullivan, Brian
Merchant, Gary
Spilsbury, Walter

Cloutier, John
Palmer, William
Stapleton, Walter

Damon, Hope
Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

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BELKNAP

Ploszaj, Tom

Smart, Lisa

GRAFTON

MERRIMACK

ROCKINGHAM

True, Chris

and the committee report was adopted by the necessary three-fifths vote and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Heath Howard moved that the debate on **CACR 13**, relating to slavery and involuntary servitude. Providing that slavery and involuntary servitude shall be prohibited in the state of New Hampshire, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON CACR 13

Speaker Packard: Rep. Bernardy offers floor amendment (0385h). It's in your seat pockets. The Chair recognizes Rep. Bernardy.

Representative Bernardy: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise to support this amendment. Let me just read it for you. It's very simple. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for a crime whereas the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the State of New Hampshire or any other place subject to its jurisdiction. Now, you may recall that this language is identical to the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution, except substituting New Hampshire for United States. Adopting this identical language and having this hearing on this bill helps tie us to the historical precedent of all the past cases where this issue is litigated. Most particularly the issue of involuntary servitude. I would just like to digress for one moment to talk about the 13th Amendment and how it was passed. In the Senate, the vote was 38-6. All the Republicans and only 2 Democrats voted for it. In the House, the vote was 119-56. All the Republicans and 14 Democrats voted for it. I'm hoping that we'll have a broader bipartisan response to this particular version. It was submitted for ratification on the 1st of February, 159 years ago today. It's the only amendment that was signed by the President. President Lincoln signed it before he sent it out. New Hampshire was the 23rd of the 27 states required to ratify it. It makes sense to adopt this because it is parallel language to the U.S. Constitutional Amendment and that, again, carries in all the history of all litigation and all the hearing that have been conducted on this subject. If we just adopt the current version that has been proposed, we are starting as if it was from ground zero. Now, you may ask why would we want to do that. You know, we all know, the Claremont case was decided by the meaning of the word 'charity' written in our constitution from 1784. Excuse me, 'cherish' not charity. So, what we see is evidence that historical precedent, historical language is looked at by the courts when they examine the meaning of a particular law or constitutional amendment. Most importantly, the issue of involuntary servitude was raised in the Dobbs decision. Pregnancy being carried to full term was proposed to be involuntary servitude. The court rejected that finding. We bring that history into our decision today if we adopt the full language as it is proposed in this amendment. That same logic of having pregnancy being considered involuntary servitude in my mind is similar to saying parents are involuntary servants to their children until the age of 18. This is just not logical, yet it is out there, and it is a case that people are talking about bringing forward. So, I urge bipartisan passage of this amendment. I'd like to see everyone vote for elimination of banning of both slavery and involuntary servitude in New Hampshire. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: Does the member yield to questions? The member does not yield. The Chair recognizes Rep. Wheeler.

Representative Wheeler: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Colleagues, 159 years ago to the day, we had the debate in the United States Congress around the issue of slavery. 159 years ago, to the day, January 31st 1965. I think it is prescient that we are here today discussing this same debate, having this same debate that they had in 1965. The debate before us is whether or not to approve this amendment and I'd like to speak for a second about that. The State-Federal Relations Committee approved the language of the original bill 20-0 and there were some concerns brought up by the Chairman around prisons and what the position of Commissioner, the Commissioner of our prisons and what their position would be about this legislation. They came and offered a letter of support of the bill as it stood originally and that was because Commissioner Hanks, the Commissioner of our prisons and ourselves understand that slavery is a moral wrong. It's an excuse for something that doesn't exist anymore and folks, this is a tough issue and all of us here, you know, think, I think some of us might think this issue has already been solved. But I would like to pause at that. The hearing on this bill happened on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and I think that was another one of the coincidences in this bill which point to support. There are 1.1 million people in the United States right now who are classified as being enslaved, enslaved in either sexual servitude or forced labor, human trafficked. At one point, 1 million people is the estimate of how many people right now in the United States are enslaved and that's why there are days like Human Trafficking Awareness Day. That's why we care so much about human trafficking because this has been recognized as an issue that is a moral wrong. So, the amendment before us here today would reauthorize the same language that's currently in the United States Constitution 13th amendment. The problem with that language is it leaves there an excuse for slavery and, in my opinion, as someone as a student of history, there should not be any exemption for slavery. Slavery in any form is wrong and Commissioner Hanks agrees with that, the 20 members of the committee agreed with that. When you have an issue where the Liberty Alliance and leftwing activists are together on the same issue and then you have some centralists in the same, who are on the same issue, I think that's an issue worth support because people on all sides of the aisle, wherever you fall on the economic spectrum or the social spectrum agree that servitude, involuntary servitude for another is a moral wrong. As we stand here, 159 years

ago to the day of when the Congress of the United States debated this amendment. As I stand under Abraham Lincoln who helped pass this amendment and saved our Union in that moment. As I sit in my seat as someone who would not have been allowed in this building not that long ago, within some of our lifetimes here, I think for me this is one of those, this is legislation that is clear to support. I understand the concerns that were brought forward and I have to say that legislative intent is an important thing. The legislative intent of the committee had nothing to do with the other things that were brought up by my friend as the other dais. The legislative intent of the committee had to do with abolishing slavery once and for all. So, this didn't have to do with abortion. This didn't have to do with any other issue other than slavery and I think trying to dilute it by bringing up those other issues does this legislation a disservice. So, my friends and colleagues, I would ask you again just as the United States Congress did 159 years ago to vote against this amendment and vote for the bill as Ought to Pass because slavery is a moral wrong. All of us in the building understand that and there is no exception to that. So, thank you very much. Mister Speaker, I appreciate the time you have lent me today, colleagues.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Bouldin has requested a roll call. It is sufficiently seconded. Members will take their seats. This will be a roll call vote. The question before us is on the amendment itself. The amendment is (0385h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Bernardy for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Bernardy: If I know by adopting this amendment. If I know by adopting this amendment, we are adopting a parallel amendment to that of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which has served us well for 159 years, would I now press the green button?

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. DiLorenzo for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative DiLorenzo: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that no committee has ever reviewed or considered this amendment, and no public hearing has occurred. And if I know that the committee passed the underlying bill 20-0 in unanimous participant support, I mean bipartisan support. If I know that the Department of Corrections supports the bill as is and that no one spoke against this bill during the public hearing, then would I now press the red button to oppose the unreviewed, eleventh-hour amendment so we can proceed to pass the approved language? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is the Bernardy floor amendment (0385h). This is a roll call vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 168 voting Yea, 201 voting Nay, the amendment fails. We are now on to Ought to Pass on CACR 13. I have been informed that there is no debate on the bill. Rep. Bouldin has requested a roll call, and it has been sufficiently seconded. Members will take their seats. The motion before us is Ought to Pass on CACR 13. This is a roll call vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 366 voting Yea, 5 voting Nay, the committee report was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1179-FN, relative to state park system fees for retired members of the armed forces. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Michael Moffett for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This bill allows military retirees and spouses to have day-use access to the New Hampshire State Park System without being charged entrance fees, provided said retirees can show valid military identification. This legislation emulates that of other states seeking to honor the service of veterans. The financial impact projects to be minimal in terms of loss of entrance fee revenue, a loss which would be somewhat offset by veterans who otherwise might not visit these areas now bringing other fee-paying friends and family members with them to our state parks. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0192h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Fees for Park System. Amend RSA 216-A:3-g, V to read as follows:

V.(a) Upon presentation of military identification, any active member of the armed forces who meets the minimum requirements for satisfactory membership, **or any retired member of the armed forces, or any spouse or unmarried surviving spouse of a retired member of the armed forces** as defined in federal regulations, shall not be charged a fee for admission to day-use areas of the state park system **provided that retired members of the armed forces and spouses or unmarried surviving spouses of a retired member of the armed forces provides proof of New Hampshire residency.** In this section, "armed forces" means armed forces as defined in RSA 21:50, II and includes active, **retired**, and reserve members of the New Hampshire national guard.

~~[(b) Any New Hampshire national guard member who retired in pay grade E6 or below shall not be charged a fee for day-use admission to the state park system.]~~

~~[(c) (b) Any fees for the use of enterprise activities as described in paragraph II of this section shall be charged.~~ Committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Committee report was adopted, and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 1338, relative to New Hampshire's enforcement of the Military Selective Service Act. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda Massimilla for the Majority of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. One of the concerns brought up in committee was that a conscientious objector (C.O.) box could mislead applicants into thinking that this alone would be sufficient to attain C.O. status, when in fact achieving that status involves a detailed process with required documentation. Vote 14-6.

Rep. Tom Mannion for the Minority of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The minority of the committee supports this bill as an acknowledgment that conscription is immoral and a threat to liberty. If a global conflict arises that requires the next generation to take up arms and enlist to fight, it is our belief that volunteers will rise to the occasion should the cause be just. Current foreign entanglements and military operations around the globe do not pass this threshold and are likely the cause for diminishing recruitment numbers. We do not believe that state resources should be allocated to enforce a new draft and that non-cooperation will send a message to Washington, D.C. that diplomacy should win out.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Tom Mannion spoke against.

Rep. Massimilla spoke in favor.

Rep. Lloyd requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Nagel, David
Trottier, Douglas

Coker, Matthew
O'Hara, Travis

Dumais, Russell
Smart, Lisa

Huot, David
St. Clair, Charlie

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Paige, David
Woodcock, Stephen

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Eaton, Daniel
Qualey, James
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Rhodes, Jennifer
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Hunt, John
Schapiro, Joe

Fox, Dru
Monteil, Renee
Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Ouellet, Mike

Cascadden, Corinne
Tierney, James

Murphy, Michael

Noël, Henry

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Almy, Susan
Brown, Carroll
Greeson, Jeffrey
Ladd, Rick
Muirhead, Russell
Stringham, Jerry

Baldwin, Heather
Cormen, Thomas
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Lovett, Peter
Sellers, John
Sykes, George

Berezhny, Lex
Fellows, Sallie
Hoyt, Tommy
Massimilla, Linda
Simon, Matthew

Bolton, Bill
Fracht, David
Murphy, James
Morse, Corinne
Stavis, Laurel

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Bradley, Amy
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Fedolfi, Jim
Goley, Jeffrey
Hamer, Heidi
Herbert, Christopher
Smith, Juliet
Lascelles, Richard
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Mooney, Maureen
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Plett, Fred
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Telerski, Laura
Veilleux, Daniel

Abare, Kimberly
Beauchemin, Paige
Calabro, Karen
Creighton, Jim
Dutzy, Sherry
Freitas, Mary
Gorski, Ted
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Infantine, William
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jennifer
O'Brien, Michael
Post, Lisa
Raymond, Heather
Seidel, Sheila
Tellez, Trinidad
Dolan, William

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Colcombe, Riché
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Griffin, Gerald
Gregg, Alicia
Healey, Robert
Jack, Martin
Kenny, Catherine
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Murphy, Nancy
Pedersen, Michael
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Spier, Carry
Ulery, Jordan
Wherry, Robert

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Bouchard, Donald
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Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Gagne, Larry
Grill, Jessica
Heath, Mary
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Ming, Ben
Notter, Jeanine
Petrigno, Peter
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

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Hall, Muriel
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Payeur, Stephanie
Schuett, Dianne
Shurtleff, Steve
Wolf, Dan

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

Reps. Sherry Gould and Toll voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

HR 21, affirming the New Hampshire militia. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Christal Lloyd for the Majority of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. Although we recognize the constitutional right to have an organized state militia independent of Washington, D.C.—as was reflected in testimony—the New Hampshire National Guard largely already acts in this capacity for our state. The majority felt that more details, direction, and planning would be necessary within the legislation itself before any additional discussion could advance concerning a separate state militia. Vote 13-7.

Rep. Tom Mannion for the Minority of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The minority supports the simple resolution that reaffirms what the New Hampshire Constitution outlines in Articles 24 and 25, as well as the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution, that a well-trained militia is the proper, natural, and sure defense of a state. RSA Chapter 111 defines the State Guard as consisting of a voluntary force of able-bodied citizens that are not currently enlisted in any other military force of the United States or by the State of New Hampshire. In the current United States military paradigm where National Guard units are federalized and sent off to foreign countries for conflict, leaving us exposed at home, it is important to remember that each and every one of the able-bodied men and women of the Granite State should maintain a level of readiness in the event of invasion or violent uprising. We are the last line of defense against catastrophe.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Belcher spoke against.

Rep. Seibert spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 226 members having voted in the affirmative, and 138 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1391-FN, allowing new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Matthew Coker for the Majority of Transportation. This is a common-sense bill that allows new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase. For example, the author was born in March, so if I bought a vehicle in February of 2024, I would need to get my vehicle inspected in March of 2026. New vehicles traditionally come with a warranty, and if you've ever bought a new vehicle, you know the dealership is in constant contact about bringing your vehicle in at regular intervals to maintain your warranty. This gives consumers a strong incentive to protect their investment and maintain their vehicle, making vehicle inspections on this small class of vehicles redundant and unnecessary. In a governmental accountability report on vehicle inspections, it was concluded that there were no studies that could draw a correlation between vehicle inspections and a reduction in crashes. The report looked even further, noting that only 2% of accidents were caused by component failures, and thus, more resources for further study were not a priority. This report is on all cars, so the effect of this bill, given its focus on new cars, would be even less. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) takes no position on this bill, and though changing our inspection program will affect our emissions testing, given that this segment of vehicles is the most environmentally friendly group, the actual effect on emissions will be negligible. Vote 12-5.

Rep. George Sykes for the Minority of Transportation. The bill as written fails to answer questions concerning Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements and greenhouse gases; concerns about high mileage vehicles such as rental cars, and people who commute long distances. While there have been some complaints about the inspection process, the New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has made progress to address them, but there was no data presented to the committee about the number of complaints versus the number of inspections. There have been no completed studies about the connection between crashes and safety inspections nor any data about the seriousness of those crashes.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Reps. Coker and Gorski spoke in favor.

Rep. Sykes spoke against.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Damon, Hope
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
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Sykes, George

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Rocheport, David

Bolton, Bill
Murphy, James
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

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Beaulieu, Jane
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Hamer, Heidi
Judy, Jean
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Proulx, Mark
Seibert, Christine
Dolan, William

Bouchard, Donald
Ford, Damond
Davis, Fred
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Juris, Louis
Murray, Megan
Ming, Ben
Newman, Ray
Staub, Kathy
Wheeler, Jonah

Bradley, Amy
Darby, Will
Fedolfi, Jim
Herbert, Christopher
Lanza, Judi
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Gallager, Eric
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Milz, David
Rafter, Hal

Edgar, Michael
Knab, Allison
McDonnell, Valerie
Muns, Chris
Read, Ellen

Gilman, Julie
Lundgren, David
Melvin, Charles
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Selig, Loren

Bixby, Peter
Smith, Geoffrey
Levesque, Cassandra
Southworth, Thomas

Rich, Cecilia
Grassie, Chuck
Smith, Marjorie

Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
Schmidt, Peter

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Tanner, Linda

Cloutier, John

Merchant, Gary

Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted, and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. Wilhelm voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

CACR 20, relating to declaring independence from the United States of America. Providing that if the national debt reaches \$40 trillion, New Hampshire shall declare independence and proceed as a sovereign nation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Amanda Toll for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution relates to New Hampshire declaring independence from the United States of America (USA) if the national debt reaches \$40 trillion. New Hampshire would then declare independence and proceed as a sovereign nation. Most of our constituents— regardless of political party—do not view seceding from the USA as a solution to any of the struggles that we face. Quite to the contrary, while the USA is imperfect, all committee members believe in the nation's potential to remain a healthy, vibrant democracy, where the government can help advance equality, freedom, and enhance the overall quality of life for all citizens. Vote 20-0.

MOTON TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **CACR 20**, relating to declaring independence from the United States of America. Providing that if the national debt reaches \$40 trillion, New Hampshire shall declare independence and proceed as a sovereign nation, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Howard requested a roll call; not sufficiently seconded.

On a division vote, with 341 members having voted in the affirmative, and 24 in the negative, the motion was adopted by the necessary three-fifths vote.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONT'D

HR 20, reaffirming friendship between New Hampshire and Taiwan, encouraging the enhancement of bilateral trade relations, and supporting Taiwan's international participation. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution simply seeks to reaffirm the longstanding friendship and mutually beneficial relationship between the United States, including New Hampshire, and the Republic of China (ROC), or Taiwan. New Hampshire does about a quarter-billion dollars' worth of business with Taiwan, and companies like Timberland depend on a continuing and positive trade environment. Our already positive relationship could be further enhanced with license reciprocity and more people-to-people exchanges. Our relationship with Taiwan is complicated by the fact that we discontinued full diplomatic relations with the ROC in 1979 when we recognized the Communist Peoples Republic of China (PRC). However, trade and cultural exchanges have continued unabated with Taiwan since 1979. And American policy has been to oppose any violent military action or invasion of Taiwan by the PRC, which has emerged as a prominent geopolitical threat to our country, our allies, and to the cause of freedom. The Communist PRC needs to know that the forces of freedom will stand firm until such time as the PRC evolves into a more pluralistic entity. Supposedly, when the PRC absorbed Hong Kong in 1997, it was going to respect the free traditions that marked Hong Kong's experience as a crown colony. Unfortunately, they reneged on their agreements and stamped out free expression there. The Hong Kong lessons are quite evident to Taiwan. So, for now Taiwan needs and deserves support as it seeks to maintain its island of freedom. This resolution affirms our support for that democracy. One can be sure that our communist adversaries are paying attention. Resolutions like this serve notice that citizen-legislators, here and elsewhere, are aware of the importance of East Asia and that we support Taiwan and democracy. Vote 19-0.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Wallace spoke in favor and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
McCarter, Nikki
Beaudoin, Richard
Trottier, Douglas

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Nagel, David
Smart, Lisa

Bordes, Mike
Huot, David
O'Hara, Travis
St. Clair, Charlie

Coker, Matthew
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Ploszaj, Tom
Terry, Paul

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Cordelli, Glenn
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
Costable, Michael
Smith, Jonathan
Woodcock, Stephen

Buco, Thomas
Crawford, Karel
McConkey, Mark

Burroughs, Anita
Paige, David
Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Qualey, James
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Rhodes, Jennifer
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Santonastaso, Matthew
Nutting, Zachary

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

Cascadden, Corinne
Noël, Henry

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Kelley, Eamon
King, Seth

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Almy, Susan
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Fracht, David
Murphy, James
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Sullivan, Jared
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Simon, Matthew

Berezhny, Lex
Coulon, Matthew
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Ladd, Rick
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

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Lekas, Alicia
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Bouchard, Donald
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Cornell, Patricia
Kelley, Diane
Dutzy, Sherry
Fedolfi, Jim
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Lewicke, John
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Mooney, Maureen
Notter, Jeanine
Pauer, Diane
Post, Lisa
Newman, Ray
Rung, Rosemarie
Sheehan, Vanessa
Lekas, Tony
Ulery, Jordan
Thomas, Wendy

Murray, Alistandra
Ammon, Keith
Beauchemin, Paige
Bouldin, Amanda
Colcombe, Riché
Creighton, Jim
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Freitas, Mary
Gorski, Ted
Healey, Robert
Judy, Jean
Kofalt, Jim
Leapley, Nicole
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
McGough, Tim
Morton, Jennifer
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Pedersen, Michael
Preece, David
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Sirois, Shane
Telerski, Laura
Vail, Suzanne
Wherry, Robert

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Boyd, Bill
Berry, Ross
Bradley, Amy
Cole, Brian
Cushman, Leah
Devine, Shelley
Erf, Keith
Griffin, Gerald
Grill, Jessica
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Foxy, Loren
LeClerc, Daniel
Long, Patrick
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Petrigno, Peter
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Ming, Ben
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Plett, Fred
Prout, Andrew
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Seidel, Sheila
Staub, Kathy
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Dolan, William

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Brennan, Angela
Carey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
Lane, Connie
Mason, James
Payeur, Stephanie
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve
Wolf, Dan

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Carol
McGuire, Dan
Hicks, Matthew
Leavitt, John
McWilliams, Rebecca
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
Cambilis, Jose
Ebel, Karen
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Moffett, Michael
Roesener, James
Schuett, Dianne
Walsh, Thomas

Aylward, Deborah
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MacKay, James
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See, Alvin
Wallner, Mary Jane

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Donnelly, Tanya
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Grossman, Gaby
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Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Cahill, Michael
Malloy, Dennis
McMahon, Charles
Muns, Chris
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Read, Ellen

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Emerick, Tracy
Grote, Jaci
Haskins, Linda
Janvrin, Jason
Knab, Allison
Love, David
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Melvin, Charles
O'Neil, Candice
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Quaratiello, Arlene
Roy, Terry

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Foote, Charles
Hamblet, Joan
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Kuttat, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
Pearson, Mark
McBeath, Rebecca
Meuse, David
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Rafter, Hal
Pearson, Stephen

Brouillard, Jacob
DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Edgar, Michael
Gilman, Julie
Harb, Robert
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Maggiore, Jim
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Raynolds, Ned
Simpson, Alexis

Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Tudor, Paul
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Spillane, James
Cahill, Tim
Turer, Eric
MacDonald, Wayne

Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vallone, Mark
Wallace, Scott

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Southworth, Thomas

Bickford, David
Conlin, Bill
Granger, Michael
Horrigan, Timothy
Turcotte, Len
Newton, Clifford
Pitre, Joseph
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Connor, James
Grassie, Chuck
Howland, Allan
LaMontagne, Jessica
Schmidt, Peter
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Spilsbury, Walter

Cloutier, John
Palmer, William
Stapleton, Walter

Damon, Hope
Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

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Hunt, John

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Kennedy, Stephen

Mannion, Tom

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Gerhard, Jason

Schultz, Kristina

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Ankarberg, Aidan

and the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1447-FN, relative to prohibiting certain smoke emitting devices on motor vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Charles Foote for Transportation. This bill is referred to as the “rolling coal” bill. The committee heard testimony that this proposed legislation already exists under federal regulation within the Clean Air Act. Enacting this bill is redundant and would be difficult to enforce. Vote 17-0.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Parshall spoke against.

Rep. Thomas Walsh spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 308 members having voted in the affirmative, and 46 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Osborne offered the following: **RESOLVED**, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of bills be by title only and resolutions by caption only and that all bills ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of bills be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time, and when the House adjourns today it be to meet, Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

SB 249-FN, establishing magistrates and relative to release of persons pending resolution of criminal charges.

HB 1008, relative to the authority of the commissioner of the department of education to grant extensions for the filing of school expenditure reports.

HB 1009, relative to the submission of annual town reports to the commissioner of the department of education.

HB 1019, relative to the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

HB 1160, relative to school assessments of statewide academic areas.

HB 1163, relative to review of public school minimum standards by the legislative oversight commission.

HB 1164, relative to criminal records checks of teacher credentialing applicants.

HB 1167, relative to the math learning communities program.

HB 1233, relative to animal chiropractors.

HB 1003-FN, relative to name changes for inmates, parolees, and convicted violent felons.

HB 1004, relative to repealing the judicial conduct commission.

HB 1274-FN, relative to judicial administration.

HB 1060, relative to establishing a geologic resources committee.

HB 1047, relative to the effectiveness of state outreach to residents without computer, tablet, smartphone, or other electronic device access.

HB 1627, relative to recodifying certain laws concerning railroads, transportation, and telecommunications.

HCR 10, urging Congress to increase federal funding for special education services to reduce property taxes in New Hampshire.

HB 1237-FN, relative to the use of unmarked or stealth police vehicles for traffic enforcement.

HB 396, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

HB 1499, establishing a committee to study the civilian clean energy, community resilience, and conservation corps.

CACR 13, relating to slavery and involuntary servitude. Providing that slavery and involuntary servitude shall be prohibited in the state of New Hampshire.

HR 20, reaffirming friendship between New Hampshire and Taiwan, encouraging the enhancement of bilateral trade relations, and supporting Taiwan's international participation.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Bill Boyd requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding recognition and congratulations to Representatives Jonah Wheeler and Valerie McDonnell and addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Weber moved that the remarks made by Rep. Bill Boyd during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS

Representative Bill Boyd: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, to you and my esteemed colleagues of the New Hampshire General Court, I rise, and I ask that my remarks be accepted for Unanimous Consent. Today is my 55th trip around the sun and I stand to commend two of our colleagues today whose trips around the sun have not yet been as frequent as mine. I am proud to have attended a ceremony this morning at the Secretary of State's Office where Secretary David Scanlan presented the John Lewis Youth Leadership Award to two of our colleagues, the gentlelady from Salem, the Honorable Valerie McDonnell and the gentleman from Peterborough, the Honorable Jonathan Wheeler. By evidence of the standing ovation, I think we all can agree that we are very proud of these young citizen legislators who are the epitome of what this esteemed award stands for, young leaders with a passion for social justice and civic education and a desire to improve the quality of life in their local communities. Both of my colleagues have demonstrated that here in New Hampshire. As Representatives, our first responsibility is to the constituents that we represent. They are the heartbeat of our communities, and they deserve the opportunity to have their voices heard here in Concord. These young representatives have made this their cornerstone of civic duty. We all applaud them for their continued service and leadership for their respective towns of Peterborough and Salem, to the Granite State and to this historic body. So, to Representative McDonnell and Representative Wheeler, for being an inspiration and role model to our youth looking to get involved and helping to make a difference, to embodying and embracing the ideals of civil rights icon John Lewis in your civic duties, I thank you and commend you for receiving this esteemed honor. To my esteemed colleagues and Mister Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to speak.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Osborne moved that the House stand in recess for the purposes of the introduction of bills, enrolled bill amendments, enrolled bill reports, vacate motions and receiving messages.

Motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 3:35 p.m.

RECESS