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HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 3 (Cont'd)

Thursday, January 9, 2025

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

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

Prayer was offered by the Member from Exeter, Representative Alexis Simpson.

Let us take a moment to bring our hearts together. Let's take a deep breath together. Let us pray. Eternal One, we give You thanks for bringing us all to this space together. We know we all come with other people and other communities on our minds, and we ask You to hold all those dear that we are praying for and thinking of this morning as we do our work together. We pray that in all that we do today, we would remember the sacred in each of us when we are speaking together, and we pray that our work will be efficient today so that we may be safe in our travels home. Please protect all of those who are working to keep the roads safe for us and who are making the food for us today and who are keeping our homes warm for us today. May You be present in our time, in our speeches, in our conversations, in our thoughts and in our votes. We all say together, Amen.

Representative Ricky Devoid, member from Boscawen, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Melissa Elsmann of Concord.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Berch, Bill Boyd, Cahill, Cormen, Gregg, Haskins, Manohar, Miner, Parshall, Wayne Pearson, Presa, Sofikitis, Jared Sullivan, Tenczar and Varney, the day, illness.

Reps. Aylward, Bay, Bolton, William Dolan, England, Louis, Lundgren, Mandelbaum, Payeur, Southworth and Suiter, the day, important business.

Reps. Grossman, Howland and Jeudy, the day, illness in the family.

Reps. Bucu and Weber, the day, death in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ann Marie and John Piantedosi, guest of Rep. Devoid. Anthony Henry and Thomas Hosey, guests of Rep. Thibault. Brenda Malone, guest of Rep. Proulx.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Consent Calendar was adopted.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW

HB 476-FN, relative to restrictions on elective abortion, removed by Reps. Heath Howard, Wade, de Vries, Seibert, Wendy Thomas, Selig, Beauchemin, Sorensen, Parshall and DeRoy.

The question being adoption of the motion to withdraw.

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

On a division vote, with 335 members having voted in the affirmative, and 18 in the negative, the motion to withdraw was adopted.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Kuttab moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a Division vote of 335-18, the House adopted the motion to withdraw on **HB 476-FN**, relative to restrictions on elective abortion.

The question being adoption of the motion to reconsider.

Rep. Kuttab requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 15 - NAYS 340**YEAS - 15
BELKNAP**

Comtois, Barbara

Nagel, David

CHESHIRE

Rhodes, Jennifer

GRAFTON

Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGHBudathoki, Suraj
Notter, JeanineKelley, Diane
Sirois, Shane

Daniels, Gary

Elberger, Susan

ROCKINGHAM

Kuttab, Katelyn

Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine

STRAFFORD

DeRoy, Susan

Potenza, Kelley

Turcotte, Len

**NAYS - 340
BELKNAP**Aldrich, Glen
Coker, Matthew
Lunney, Matthew
Terry, PaulBean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Toner, TravisBogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Minor, Sheri
Trottier, DouglasBordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
St. Clair, Charlie**CARROLL**Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Smith, Jonathan
Taylor, BrianBelcher, Mike
Paige, David
McAleer, Chris
Woodcock, StephenBurroughs, Anita
Hamblen, Joseph
Peternel, KatyCordelli, Glenn
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard**CHESHIRE**Ames, Dick
Murphy, Denis
Jacobs, Samantha
Germana, Nicholas
Qualey, JamesHarvey, Cathryn
Faulkner, Barry
Jones, Philip
Nalevanko, Rich
Thackston, DickFox, Dru
Gruber, James
Karasinski, Sly
Newell, JodiGermana, Dylan
Hunt, John
Mattson, Rita
O'Rorke, Terri**COOS**Davis, Arnold
Morency, PeteDurkin, Sean
Ouellet, MikeKorzen, Lori
Tierney, JamesMurphy, Michael
Valerino, Brian**GRAFTON**Almy, Susan
Berezchny, Lex
Franz, Linda
Lucas, Janet
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, GeorgeBaldwin, Heather
Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
McFarlane, Donald
Spahr, TerryBarton, Joseph
Fellows, Sallie
Ladd, Rick
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, LaurelBeaulier, Calvin
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry**HILLSBOROUGH**Murray, Alissandra
Beauchemin, Paige
Booras, Efstathia
Colcombe, Riché
Darby, Will
Dumont, Dillon
Fedolfi, JimAlexander, Joe
Bergeron, Dan
Bouchard, Donald
Cole, Brian
Dargie, Paul
Dupont, Pierre
Flanagan, JackAmmon, Keith
Berry, Ross
Chourasia, Manoj
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Erf, Keith
Foss, LilyBarbour, Liz
Boehm, Ralph
Chretien, Suzanne
Creighton, James
Drew, Matt
Davis, Fred
Griffin, Gerald

Gagne, Larry
Gould, Linda
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lascalles, Richard
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
McLean, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Paquette, Kathleen
Post, Lisa
Newman, Ray
Rombeau, Catherine
Schneller, John
Sheehan, Vanessa
Swanson, Dale
Mannion, Tom
Warden, Mark

Georges, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kenny, Catherine
Kofalt, Jim
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Murphy, Mary
Miles, Julie
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Preece, David
Raymond, Heather
Rung, Rosemarie
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Telerski, Laura
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Giasson, Henry
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Foxy, Loren
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
Mazur, Lisa
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Peeples, Raymond
Proulx, Mark
Reinfurt, Sherri
Ryan, Linda
Seibert, Christine
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Veilleux, Daniel
Wherry, Robert

Gorski, Ted
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kesselring, Steven
Labrie, Brian
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Morton, Jonathan
Panek, Sandra
Petrigno, Peter
Prout, Andrew
Rice, Kimberly
Newman, Sue
Seidel, Sheila
Staub, Kathy
Mannion, Tim
Thomas, Wendy
Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriis, Jose
Devoid, Ricky
Gibbs, Merryl
Lane, Connie
MacKay, James
Newsom, James
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Snodgrass, Jim
Wallner, Mary Jane

Aures, Cyril
Caplan, Tony
Kelly, Eileen
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Leavitt, John
Mehegan, Peter
Pitaro, Matthew
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kris
Soucy, Timothy
Wood, Clayton

Bricchi, Tracy
Colby, Eleana
Ebel, Karen
Hicks, Matthew
Luneau, David
Moffett, Michael
Plante, Raymond
Boyd, Stephen
Seaworth, Brian
Walsh, Thomas
Woods, Gary

McGuire, Carol
McGuire, Dan
Gallager, Eric
Hill, Gregory
Hall, Muriel
Morse, Bryan
Polozov, Yury
Sargent, Gregory
See, Alvin
Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Bridle, Nicholas
de Vries, Erica
Doucette, Fred
Edwards, Jess
Grote, Jaci
Janigian, John
Knab, Allison
Love, David
Manos, Zoe
McMahon, Charles
Muns, Chris
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Pearson, Stephen
Simpson, Alexis
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael
Weyler, Kenneth

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeSimone, Debra
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Guthrie, Joseph
Murray, Kate
Walsh, Lilli
Pearson, Mark
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Raynolds, Ned
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sorensen, Carrie
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne
Wilson, Vicki

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
DeVito, Sayra
Dunn, Ron
Ford, Mary
Guzofski, James
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Maggiore, Jim
McDonnell, Valerie
Meuse, David
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Read, Ellen
Scherr, Buzz
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Turer, Eric
Ward, Gerald

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Donnelly, Tanya
Edgar, Michael
Gilman, Julie
Harb, Robert
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
Malloy, Dennis
McGrath, Linda
Milz, David
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Roy, Terry
Selby, Donald
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Weinstein, Toni

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Johnson, Erik
Levesque, Cassandra
Hall, Robley
Walker, David

Bixby, Peter
DeLemus, Susan
Howard, Heath
Kaczynski, Thomas
Smith, Marjorie
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Harrington, Michael
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Selig, Loren

Burton, Wayne
Smith, Geoffrey
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth
Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael
Spilsbury, Walter

Cloutier, John
Grant, George
Palmer, William

Damon, Hope
Hemingway, Wayne
Rollins, Skip

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Smith, Steven

and the motion failed.

Reps. Elberger and Budathoki voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

Rep. Matt Sabourin dit Choiniere voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

HB 178, relative to foster parent representation of foster children with disabilities. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mark Pearson for Children and Family Law. This bill does one simple thing; it removes a sentence inserted incorrectly at a place the bill identifies but inserted correctly later. There is absolutely no change in policy. Vote 15-0.

HB 204, relative to criteria for reporting child support delinquencies to federal agencies. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Debra DeSimone for Children and Family Law. This bill comes to Children and Family Law another time because in a prior session, an amendment was added in the other body which caused the House to non-concur. This bill is written to correct a reporting issue between state and federal child support agencies. The federal arrearage standard is \$2,500.00 before punishment which could include the loss of passport. Yet, people have been reported for as little as \$6.00. Numerous people have been adversely affected by this issue by the denial of passport renewal. Vote 14-0.

HB 478, establishing a foster care oversight subcommittee within the oversight commission on children's services. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Petrigno for Children and Family Law. This bill originated as a result of SB 566 (Ch. 20, Laws of 2024), which formed a study committee on foster families and the foster care system. The committee met throughout the summer and heard testimony from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), as well as from current and former foster parents. Despite improvements to address concerns, foster parents who testified reported feelings of isolation, loneliness, that children's needs are not being met, that they lack support, dysfunction within the agency, and problems with the courts. A permanent foster care subcommittee within the Oversight Commission on Children's Services would continue to hear the needs DCYF. Vote 15-0.

HB 116, relative to reporting requirements for public academies. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lisa Freeman for Education Policy and Administration. Being there are only two public academies in the state that receive tuitioned students from their local towns and given that they receive no direct state adequacy but tuition from sending towns that have negotiated contracts without state input, the committee believes the public academies and sending towns and districts bear the responsibility of resolving reporting issues. Vote 17-0.

HB 355, relative to the membership of the solid waste working group. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. The Solid Waste Working Group was formed to assist the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Division in the development of creative, effective solutions to the state's solid waste management challenges and to review and make recommendations on a wide range of solid waste plan goals and projects. Membership encompasses numerous stakeholders from the solid waste management community in the state. The original sunset for the group is November of 2026. This bill extends that sunset for an additional 5 years (to 2031) and replaces the representative from the Northeast Recycling Council, which no longer wants to participate, with a representative from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, which feels that it can provide valuable perspective to working group discussions. Vote 15-0.

HB 85-FN, relative to temporary licensure for student respiratory therapists. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill creates a temporary license for student respiratory therapists so that they can be employed using the skills they have learned so far while they are still in school. It was requested by the Hospital Association, who wants to employ these students, and not opposed in committee. The committee amendment simply provides consistent terminology throughout the statute. Vote 13-0.

Amendment (0037h)

Amend RSA 326-E:3-a, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. A student who has obtained a temporary student license and who is employed in a healthcare setting may render respiratory care services only under the supervision of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for a limited period of time. The scope of practice of the student respiratory therapist is limited to those activities for which there is documented evidence of competency and under conditions specified by rule, pursuant to RSA 541-A.

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Respiratory Care Practice; Responsibilities of the Respiratory Care Practitioner. Amend RSA 326-E:8, III to read as follows:

III. Each licensee shall provide his or her employer with a copy of his or her license, conditional license, **temporary student license**, current renewal verification or proof of reinstatement of license. This copy shall be available for public review upon request. The employer shall maintain a list of all persons providing respiratory care at his or her facility for review by the executive director upon request.

HB 134, relative to the state building code. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill updates the state building code to include the 2023 electrical code, as amended by the building code review board, and incorporates other code amendments approved since the last ratification in May. The main such amendment is the limit on air changes mandated by SB 373 last year. This bill was supported by the building code review board and the electricians and had no opposition in committee. Vote 13-0.

HB 144-FN, relative to the practice of dental hygiene. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, which was at the request of the Board of Dental Examiners, corrects what the board considers a deficiency in their statute between hygienists who administer nitrous oxide and those who administer local anesthesia. The statute requires special education and examination to obtain a permit to administer nitrous oxide, but the statute appears to include the administration of local anesthesia in the practice of dental hygiene without any further education or permission from the board. The committee agrees with their position and the bill clarifies the training and the need to pass an examination. Vote 12-0.

HB 216-FN, relative to workers' compensation and creditable service towards retirement. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill changes the current policy which limits the length of worker's comp time that is creditable towards pension service to one year. The limit is eliminated so that individuals with serious on the job injuries, who need recovery in excess of a year, do not experience a deduction in service time, requiring them to work longer to achieve full benefit into the New Hampshire Retirement System. Without this bill, state workers that are seriously injured on the job and require months of care or rehabilitation in excess of a year, have that time credited towards their pension service. Vote 13-0.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 267, relative to animal chiropractors. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Patrick Long for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would allow animal chiropractic practice by individuals with degrees in veterinary medicine or chiropractic who have completed a nationally recognized animal chiropractic program, as determined by the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification, without requiring them to meet veterinary licensure requirements. The bill has successfully addressed the objections addressed in the prior Governor's veto, by clarifying the training requirements to ensure that only qualified individuals would be allowed to provide this care. Vote 13-0.

HB 63, relative to the use of nasal spray to treat anaphylaxis. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Susan DeLemus for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Essentially, this bill provides for allowing schools, camps and other venues to have this new way of administering epinephrine on hand, just like Epipens. Epinephrine is used to treat anaphylactic shock in someone who is having a life-threatening episode due to an allergic reaction. It uses the same delivery system as Narcan, is small, easy to use, is easily stored and has an excellent shelf life. It is called Neffy® - (epinephrine nasal spray) - a new FDA-approved treatment. Above all it saves lives. Every member of the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs enthusiastically and unanimously voted yea. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0067h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 7 with the following:

8 Dealing In or Possessing Prescription Drugs. Amend RSA 318:42, VII-a(b) to read as follows:

(b) The possession and administration of epinephrine for the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis by licensed practical nurses or registered nurses employed or contracted by public school systems or by licensed campus medical professionals in postsecondary educational institutions or independent schools. ***A pharmacist may dispense epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal spray pursuant to a prescription issued in the name of a school, postsecondary institution, or independent school. A school, under the direction of the school nurse, may maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal spray for use in accordance with RSA 200:44-b and RSA 200-N:5.***

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

HB 98, relative to professional limited liability company (PLLC) assistant manager status. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Marjorie Smith for Judiciary. This bill amends the law to permit a single-member professional limited liability company (PLLC) to designate an assistant manager, who is not a qualified person, to manage the PLLC for certain purposes in case of the death, incapacity or disqualification of the manager. Vote 13-0.

HB 69, requiring businesses to use the federal E-Verify system of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark Warden for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority of the committee believes that the federally provided E-Verify system for determining an employment candidate's eligibility to work in

New Hampshire is an unnecessary mandate on our state's employers. Testimony in committee indicated that non-typical and identical names could trip up the system and identify an eligible candidate as ineligible. Correcting an error is often a lengthy process reliant on a federal agency and would prevent an individual from working for that time period. The majority of the committee feels that the current I-9 process for determining eligibility is effective and sufficiently accurate. Vote 19-0.

HB 353, relative to hearing protection for employees of nightclubs and music venues. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark MacKenzie for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill aimed to establish a comprehensive hearing protection program for employees working in music venues, who are regularly exposed to high-decibel sounds, potentially leading to hearing loss over time. During the research and public testimony phase, it was found that while there is a recognized need for such protection, the state cannot pass legislation regulating private sector employees. Thus, any legislation would have to be limited to the public sector. Given the bill's narrow scope and the limited number of public sector music venues, the recommended course of action is to collaborate with the New Hampshire Department of Labor. The objective would be to develop rules that build on the existing hearing protection standards in Section 1400 of the department rules and expand the scope using National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and OSHA programs as guidelines. As a result, the committee unanimously recommends that the bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 19-0.

HB 84, allowing municipalities to collect fees for certain recreational vehicles located on campground properties. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John MacDonald for Municipal and County Government. This bill would authorize municipalities to impose a fee, not to exceed \$200, on all campground owners for each recreational vehicle at the campground. The \$200 fee would exempt the recreational vehicle owners from paying the required property tax. Current law requires that the campground owner provide the assessing official with the name and address of a recreational vehicle owner that does not have a valid registration, a current number plate and in addition exceeds a width of eight feet and six inches. The assessor then assesses the recreational vehicle for the purpose of issuing a property tax bill. The committee realizes that this change would put an undue burden on the campground owner making them collect the \$200 from the recreational vehicle owner. The collecting of taxes is the role of the local government and not one for a private citizen on behalf of the government. The owner of a recreational vehicle at a campground would create an unfair tax advantage by being charged only \$200. While the owner of a recreational vehicle located on owned, leased or rented land would be paying the required full property tax amount. If a recreational vehicle owner is unhappy with their property taxes, they can choose to register their recreational vehicle and display a current number plate. This would exempt them from the current required property tax. Recreational vehicle owners currently maintain the same appeal rights concerning their property tax bill as any other property owner. Vote 18-0.

HB 86-FN-L, increasing the cost of service for notice of civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs to the rate for certified mail. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Denis Murphy for Municipal and County Government. This bill proposes that cities and towns be allowed to collect actual postal costs associated with serving civil forfeiture notices for unlicensed dogs. The committee recommends an amendment. When postal rates increase, cities and towns can raise their fees accordingly without needing to amend the RSA for a rate increase. The fee will match the postal rate if they deliver notices in person. This measure will enable cities and towns to pursue unlicensed dogs without suffering financial losses due to rising postal rates that exceed the fees they can charge for civil forfeitures. Currently, some towns refrain from issuing these civil forfeitures because clerks do not want to incur losses related to postal costs. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (0036h)

Amend RSA 466:14 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

466:14 Warrants; Proceedings. The town or city clerk shall annually, between June 1 and June 20, present to the local governing body a list of those owners of dogs that have failed to license or not renewed their dog licenses pursuant to RSA 466:1. The local governing body shall, within 20 days from June 20, issue a warrant to a local official authorized to issue a civil forfeiture for each unlicensed dog. The warrant may also authorize a local law enforcement officer to seize any unlicensed dog. The civil forfeiture may be sent by certified mail, or delivered in hand, or left at the abode of the dog owner. The cost of service shall not exceed *the United States postal service rate of certified mail with return receipt at the time of mailing. The same cost of service for the United States postal service rate of certified mail with return receipt shall apply for delivery of such notice in-hand or left at the abode of the dog owner* [~~\$7 and~~]. *The cost of service, in any case,* may be recovered by the city or town in addition to the amount of the civil forfeiture. If the unlicensed dog is seized, it shall be held in a town or city holding facility for a period of 7 days, after which time full title to the

dog shall pass to the facility, unless the owner of the dog has, before the expiration of the period, caused the dog to be licensed. The owner shall pay the facility a necessary and reasonable sum per day, as agreed upon by the governing body of the town or city and the facility, for each day the dog has been kept and maintained by the facility, plus any necessary veterinary fees incurred by the facility for the benefit of the dog. Before a local law enforcement officer seizes any unlicensed dog, a written warning shall be given to the dog owner.

HB 99, relative to a waiver from property taxes for disabled veterans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Diane Pauer for Municipal and County Government. The bill, as referred to the committee, increases the maximum optional tax credit under RSA 72:35 I-a from \$4,000 to 100% of the property tax. The bill is a re-filing of 2024 HB 1258-L, which was recommended Inexpedient to Legislate, 19-0, by the committee. The committee acknowledges that specifying a percentage for tax credits and exemptions is unworkable and unable to be administered. Furthermore, the bill as written has the potential to significantly shift the local property tax burden from a class of taxpayers to all other taxpayers if 100% of the property tax were adopted by a municipality. The bill, as amended, clarifies eligibility criteria and increases the maximum optional tax credit under RSA 72:35 I-a, the optional tax credit for service-connected total disability. First, language is added to align the optional tax credit with the eligibility criteria of permanent and total disability specified under RSA 72:35 I, the standard yearly tax credit for service-connected total disability. Second, the maximum allowed optional tax credit is increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000 adjusting for inflation based on the CPI-U index. In January 2019, this maximum had been increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Third, the amended bill language states that adoption of the optional tax credit under RSA 72:35 I-a shall replace the 72:28 Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit, 72:28-b All Veterans' Tax Credit, 72:28-c Optional Tax Credit for Combat Service, and 72:36-a Certain Disabled Veterans in its entirety and shall not be in addition to. This provision prevents the "stacking" of other tax credits for which a veteran may qualify potentially resulting in a negative property tax bill. The committee unanimously supports these reasonable changes to the bill in support of veterans, who have a service-connected disability, and their surviving spouses, in manner that is both fair and balanced for all taxpayers in a municipality. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (0045h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability. Amend RSA 72:35, I-a to read as follows:

I-a. The optional tax credit for service-connected **permanent and** total disability, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$701 up to ~~[\$4,000]~~ **\$5,000**. The optional tax credit for service-connected **permanent and** total disability shall replace the ~~[standard]~~ tax ~~[credit]~~ **credits pursuant to RSA 72:28, 72:28-b, 72:28-c, and 72:36-a** in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

HB 101, relative to exempting certain elderly homeowners from paying property taxes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill proposes to exempt all New Hampshire homeowners 72 and older from paying property taxes. The requirement for said exemption is that the homeowner has lived in New Hampshire for 10 consecutive years, but there is no provision for length of residence in the municipality granting the exemption. While the committee heard testimony from the prime sponsor as to a minimum amount of time necessary to be domiciled in a municipality, the text of the bill is unclear on this matter, which is a critical flaw since decisions on elderly tax exemptions are made at the municipal level. Further, according to the US Census Bureau, 40.7% of homeowners in New Hampshire are 65 and older. This bill, while enabling, could open municipalities and the state to a massive outflow of revenue should towns adopt its provisions. Many towns already have exemptions from property taxes for elderly citizens and have had them for decades. They are means-tested, their formulas regularly examined, and, in many cases, exemption levels are raised to provide relief for cost-burdened seniors. This bill contains no means testing, so that a person 72 or older who is still working and has substantial income and assets could, in towns that adopt its provisions, owe nothing in property taxes. Other taxpayers would inevitably have to cover the shortfall. Vote 18-0.

HB 627, relative to permitting the public utilities commission to approve new providers for the Lifeline program. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Vose for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks to allow the public utilities commission (PUC) to designate cell phone carriers to offer federal Lifeline services to New Hampshire residents. These services include access to online telemedicine and accessibility services for the handicapped, online learning opportunities and job search capability, and better access to first responders and 911 services. Currently, only 8% of New Hampshire residents have access to these services. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC), which has jurisdiction over the provision of these services unless taken over by the state, has not acted to take any action to expand this service since 2011. This bill allows New Hampshire to join 45 other states in the US that have reclaimed the authority from the FCC to designate cell carriers to offer this service. Traditional cell carriers do not provide this service, but several smaller providers would likely offer this service once designated by the PUC. Vote 18-0.

HB 105-FN, creating a new conservation license plate and directing the additional fee to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matthew Coker for Transportation. This bill creates the "Love NH Lakes" license plate. Proceeds collected from the plate, minus production and administrative costs, will go toward the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund. Cyanobacteria poses not only an environmental threat but also an economic threat to our state. We should encourage every opportunity to fund the fight against this bacteria while also raising public awareness of the issue. Vote 15-1.

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

HB 258, establishing a study commission to determine the readiness of the New Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gregory Hill for Transportation. The committee saw a number of unanswered questions with this legislation. A number of people were to be included in this large commission but there was no indication of who would be eligible to be appointed or who would do the appointing. That represents a major flaw in the bill and more work is needed with future legislation. Vote 16-0.

HB 326-FN, prohibiting the operation of antique passenger vehicles, model year 1968 or older, on state or local highways for more than 20 miles unless the vehicle is fitted or retrofitted with seat or safety belts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for Transportation. Implementation of this bill would mandate irreversible modifications to antique vehicles which would adversely impact their appraised value by 30-50%. Enforcement would be impractical as there is no way to determine the distance driven without invasive police investigation beyond their legal scope of duty. Neighboring states do not have similar legislation which would cause legal liability on other residents coming to New Hampshire as a tourist or for vehicle shows. There is not a mandate on seat belt usage for passengers over the age of 18. This is unnecessary within our code of law. Vote 16-0.

HB 163, relative to state funds. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dennis Malloy for Ways and Means. This bill is a collaboration among the Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller. It updates the structure of the dedicated funds list in RSA 6:12. It provides better definitions of trusts and escrow accounts, which are also included with dedicated funds as accounts which do not escheat to the state's general fund but are held by the treasury. It places the definitions at the beginning of the chapter and repeals outdated fund references. It changes no funds but makes the fund list easier to use and expand as needed. The amendment fixes a broken link and clarifies the distinction of state-created dedicated funds established for purposes of the state, from trusts and escrow bearing responsibility to external creators. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (0086h)

Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) Moneys received by the state treasurer, as provided in RSA 6:11, shall be accounted for in the state's accounting system as general revenue of the state, with the exception of the following dedicated funds or accounts:

(1)(a) Funds received pursuant to RSA 6:12-c, which shall be maintained under the terms of the referenced trust or permanent or endowment fund.

(1)(b) Funds received pursuant to RSA 6:12-d, which shall be maintained under the terms of the referenced custodial or escrow account.

(1)(c) Any dedicated fund or account not included in RSA 6:12-c or 6:12-d.

TO BE WITHDRAWN

HB 234-FN, relative to the statewide education property tax and excess revenue from games of chance.

HB 523-FN, relative to the office of child advocate's oversight of restraint and seclusion reports.

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HB 511-FN, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, after hearing from witnesses and reviewing evidence, came to the unanimous conclusion that this bill ought to pass with amendment. The bill prohibits so-called sanctuary city policies that would enjoin local law enforcement from contacting and cooperating with federal immigration authorities regarding someone in their custody. The original bill as written, called for broad cooperation and assistance with federal authorities, mandating that local law enforcement use their best efforts to assist with federal immigration activities. The committee amendment narrows the scope of the bill to prohibit sanctuary policies and limiting immigration questions, notifications, and cooperation to only persons in custody for having allegedly violated New Hampshire criminal law. The amendment prohibits New Hampshire state and local law enforcement

from inquiring about anyone's immigration status who is not already in custody. The Attorney General is responsible for enforcement of this law and may bring suit against any entity responsible for requiring a sanctuary policy or otherwise violating the law. The court may enjoin such policies and behaviors and may bring contempt proceedings against any entity who failed to comply with their order. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0079h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Chapter; Anti-Sanctuary Act. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 106-O the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 106-P ANTI-SANCTUARY ACT

106-P:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Federal immigration agency" means the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Homeland Security, a division within such an agency, including United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and United States Customs and Border Protection, any successor agency, and any other federal agency charged with the enforcement of immigration law.

II. "Immigration detainer" means a facially sufficient written or electronic request issued by a federal immigration agency using that agency's official form to request that another law enforcement agency detain a person based on probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law, including detainers issued pursuant to 8 U.S.C. sections 1226 and 1357 along with a warrant described in subparagraph (c). For the purpose of this section, an immigration detainer shall be deemed facially sufficient if:

(a) The federal immigration agency's official form is complete and indicates on its face that the federal immigration official has probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law; or

(b) The federal immigration agency's official form is incomplete and fails to indicate on its face that the federal immigration official has probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law, but is supported by an affidavit, order, or other official documentation that indicates that the federal immigration agency has probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law; and

(c) The federal immigration agency supplies with its detention request a Form I-200 Warrant for Arrest of Alien or a Form I- 205 Warrant of Removal/Deportation or a successor warrant or other warrant authorized by federal law.

III. "Inmate" means a person in the custody of a law enforcement agency.

IV. "Law enforcement agency" means an agency in this state charged with enforcement of state, county, municipal, or federal laws or with managing custody of detained persons in this state and includes municipal police departments, sheriff's offices, state police departments, state university and college police departments, county correctional agencies, and the department of corrections.

V. "Local governmental entity" means any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state.

VI. "Sanctuary policy" means a law, policy, practice, procedure, or custom adopted or allowed by a state entity or local governmental entity which prohibits or impedes a law enforcement agency from complying with 8 U.S.C. section 1373 or which prohibits or impedes a law enforcement agency from communicating or cooperating with a federal immigration agency so as to limit such law enforcement agency in, or prohibit the agency from:

(a) Complying with an immigration detainer;

(b) Complying with a request from a federal immigration agency to notify the agency before the release of an inmate or detainee in the custody of the law enforcement agency;

(c) Providing a federal immigration agency access to an inmate for interview;

(d) Participating in any program or agreement authorized under section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. section 1357; or

(e) Providing a federal immigration agency with an inmate's incarceration status or release date.

VII. "State entity" means any county, city, municipality, town, village, village district, special district, or other political subdivision of this state, including law enforcement agencies. The term shall include officials, officers, representatives, agents, and employees.

106-P:2 Prohibition of Sanctuary Policies.

No state government entity, local government entity, or law enforcement agency shall knowingly enact, issue, adopt, promulgate, enforce, permit, endorse, maintain, or have in effect any sanctuary policy.

106-P:3 Cooperation with Federal Immigration Authorities.

I. A law enforcement agency shall to the extent possible and their ability to safely do so, comply with immigration detainers for an inmate discovered during the investigation of a violation of New Hampshire law. Unless otherwise authorized by law, no New Hampshire law enforcement agency shall investigate or take part in investigations related to an inmate's citizenship status, unless it is subsequent to an alleged violation of

New Hampshire law. No agency shall have an explicit or implied blanket policy against honoring immigration detainers for inmates. Any agency refusing to honor an immigration detainer for an inmate shall report each such refusal to the attorney general in a time, form, and manner to be prescribed by him or his designee.

II. Except as otherwise expressly prohibited by federal law, a state entity, local governmental entity, or law enforcement agency, or an employee, an agent, or a representative of the entity or agency, may not prohibit or in any way restrict a law enforcement agency from taking any of the following actions with respect to information regarding an inmate's immigration status:

(a) Sending the information to or requesting, receiving, or reviewing the information from a federal immigration agency for the purposes of this chapter.

(b) Recording and maintaining the information for purposes of this chapter.

(c) Exchanging the information with a federal immigration agency or another state entity, local governmental entity, or law enforcement agency for purposes of this chapter.

(d) Using the information to comply with an immigration detainer.

(e) Using the information to confirm the identity of a person who is detained by a law enforcement agency.

III. This section does not apply to any alien unlawfully present in the United States if he or she is or has been a necessary witness or victim of a crime of domestic violence, rape, sexual exploitation, sexual assault, murder, manslaughter, assault, battery, human trafficking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, involuntary servitude, fraud in foreign labor contracting, blackmail, extortion, or witness tampering, unless an immigration detainer is on file for the person and the nature of the reason for the detainer is that the person is wanted for involvement in a similar crime to those listed, or the person is wanted for reasons related to terrorism, or the person is noted as being dangerous on the detainer, or the totality of the circumstances would lead a reasonable officer to conclude that the person's release would put the public in danger. In any such case, the agency shall work with the federal immigration authorities to help ensure the availability of the person to participate in the prosecution of the state crime.

106-P:4 Enforcement.

I. Any executive or administrative state, county, or municipal officer who violates his or her duties under this chapter may be subject to action by the attorney general, who may file suit against a local governmental entity or local law enforcement agency in a court of competent jurisdiction for declaratory or injunctive relief for a violation of this chapter.

II. If a local governmental entity or local law enforcement agency violates this chapter, the court shall enjoin the unlawful sanctuary policy. The court has continuing jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter and may enforce its orders with the initiation of contempt proceedings as provided by law.

III. An order approving a consent decree or granting an injunction shall include written findings of fact that describe with specificity the existence and nature of the sanctuary policy that violates this chapter.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires law enforcement agencies to comply with immigration detainers of inmates if safe to do so and prohibits state and local government entities from adopting sanctuary policies to prohibit or impede the enforcement of federal immigration law.

II. Prohibits New Hampshire law enforcement agencies from investigating an inmate's citizenship status unless subsequent to an alleged violation of New Hampshire law or pursuant to an authorization by law.

III. Prohibits blanket policies against compliance with immigration detainers for inmates and prohibits any government entity or law enforcement agency from restricting the use and transmission of inmate immigration information used in compliance with the chapter.

IV. Provides exceptions for certain witnesses to or victims of crime.

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 356 members having voted in the affirmative, and 0 in the negative, the committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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DiSilvestro, Linda
Elberger, Susan
Flanagan, Jack
Georges, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kenny, Catherine
Kofalt, Jim
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Murphy, Mary
Miles, Julie
Noble, Kristin
Paquette, Kathleen
Post, Lisa
Newman, Ray
Rombeau, Catherine
Schneller, John
Sheehan, Vanessa
Swanson, Dale
Mannion, Tom
Warden, Mark

Alexander, Joe
Bergeron, Dan
Budathoki, Suraj
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Drew, Matt
Erf, Keith
Foss, Lily
Giasson, Henry
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Foxy, Loren
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
Mazur, Lisa
Mooney, Maureen
Notter, Jeanine
Pauer, Diane
Preece, David
Raymond, Heather
Rung, Rosemarie
Scully, Kevin
Sirois, Shane
Telerski, Laura
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Ammon, Keith
Berry, Ross
Chourasia, Manoj
Corcoran, Travis
Daniels, Gary
Dumont, Dillon
Davis, Fred
Griffin, Gerald
Gorski, Ted
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kesseling, Steven
Labrie, Brian
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Morton, Jonathan
Ohm, Bill
Peeples, Raymond
Proulx, Mark
Reinfurt, Sherri
Ryan, Linda
Seibert, Christine
Slottje, Jeremy
Tellez, Trinidad
Veilleux, Daniel
Wherry, Robert

Barbour, Liz
Boehm, Ralph
Chretien, Suzanne
Cornell, Patricia
Dargie, Paul
Dupont, Pierre
Fedolfi, Jim
Gagne, Larry
Gould, Linda
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lascelles, Richard
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
McLean, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Panek, Sandra
Petrigno, Peter
Prout, Andrew
Rice, Kimberly
Newman, Sue
Seidel, Sheila
Spier, Carry
Mannion, Tim
Thomas, Wendy
Wilhelm, Matthew

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Devoid, Ricky
Gibbs, Merryl
Lane, Connie
MacKay, James
Newsom, James
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Snodgrass, Jim
Wallner, Mary Jane

Aures, Cyril
Caplan, Tony
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Roesener, James
Schultz, Kris
Soucy, Timothy
Wood, Clayton

Bricchi, Tracy
Colby, Eleana
Ebel, Karen
Hicks, Matthew
Luneau, David
Moffett, Michael
Plante, Raymond
Boyd, Stephen
Seaworth, Brian
Walsh, Thomas
Woods, Gary

McGuire, Carol
McGuire, Dan
Gallager, Eric
Hill, Gregory
Hall, Muriel
Morse, Bryan
Polozov, Yury
Sargent, Gregory
See, Alvin
Thibault, James

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Balboni, Peggy
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Doucette, Fred
 Edwards, Jess
 Guthrie, Joseph
 Murray, Kate
 Kuttub, Katelyn
 Love, David
 Manos, Zoe
 McMahon, Charles
 Muns, Chris
 Brown, Pam
 Potucek, John
 Pearson, Stephen
 Simpson, Alexis
 Summers, James
 Tripp, Richard
 Vose, Michael
 Weyler, Kenneth

Drago, Mike
 Foote, Charles
 Guzowski, James
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 Walsh, Lilli
 Pearson, Mark
 Markell, Jay
 Melvin, Charles
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 Perez, Kristine
 Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
 Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
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 Sweeney, Joe
 Tudor, Paul
 MacDonald, Wayne
 Wilson, Vicki

Dunn, Ron
 Ford, Mary
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 Layon, Erica
 Maggiore, Jim
 McDonnell, Valerie
 Meuse, David
 Nelson, Jodi
 Popovici-Muller, Daniel
 Reynolds, Ned
 Scherr, Buzz
 Soti, Julius
 Sytek, John
 Turer, Eric
 Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
 Grote, Jaci
 Janigian, John
 Knab, Allison
 Litchfield, Melissa
 Malloy, Dennis
 McGrath, Linda
 Milz, David
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 Palmer, William

Damon, Hope
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 Rollins, Skip

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and the committee report was adopted.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 71-FN, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Nadeau for the Majority of Education Policy and Administration. The majority supports the Ought to Pass motion on this bill. The reason being that our learning institutions were specifically erected to gather students and faculty to educate and gain knowledge to shape their future. Using our facilities for housing of non-vetted, non-inoculated migrants who did not go through the legal system opens up the idea of threats not only to our students, but faculty, as well as the public. The thought of illegal drugs, weapons, viruses, and disease is a threat to those who frequent these facilities. All public buildings should be free of threats, real or implied. This bill is proactive as opposed to reactive. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Peggy Balboni for the Minority of Education Policy and Administration. This bill would prevent public academic institutions from potentially offering shelter to those in need, even if their buildings are empty and not providing services to students, by threatening to withhold state financial assistance to those that do. The minority believes this is an unnecessary and hostile attempt to solve a problem in our state that does not exist. There are no hoards of people (undocumented or otherwise) currently in need of emergency shelters, nor does the state anticipate a need by proposing such a solution. According to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, the terminology in this bill is vague, meaning that it would apply to all non-citizens of the US, including permanent residents, green card holders, and persons with refugee status. Further, passage of this bill would violate civil rights laws, federal grant rules, and could result in the loss of \$12-\$18 million dollars of federal funds per year! The Governor has warned that revenues are down, and we have no budget surplus to make up the difference. This legislation is fiscally irresponsible and could unfairly burden our local communities with higher taxes to make up for the loss of federal revenue.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.
 Rep. Balboni spoke against.
 Rep. Harvey-Bolia spoke in favor.
 Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 129-FN, relative to the definition of the term “evidence-based” within public education. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Margaret Drye for the Majority of Education Policy and Administration. “Evidence-based” is a term often used to describe and evaluate methods of teaching. This bill proposes defining the term “evidence-based” within public education as relying solely on objective science to steer education and excluding subjective data sets, such as surveys. It requires that methods be reproducible in well-defined studies and able to be independently confirmed. It further requires, for transparency purposes, that school districts make available the science on which they are relying. This requirement does not apply to curriculum, nor does it place any burden on teachers, who are purposely exempted and given a free hand. It only applies to institutions, such as the Department of Education, when adopting teaching methods. This bill does not dictate what specific teaching methods are adopted but only requires that consideration be limited to those methods that have demonstrated effectiveness in studies. Good science can help produce good results. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Loren Selig for the Minority of Education Policy and Administration. The minority of the committee disagrees with the majority of the committee for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: 1. This bill would unnecessarily add a definition in state law for evidence-based practices that conflicts with widely accepted definitions. In particular, the phrase “without regard to peer review” would lower the standards which schools use to evaluate practices they implement and could exempt some of the already utilized prevention programming used in schools; 2. The proposed definition is overly narrow and impractical. It excludes essential sources of educational data, such as surveys, self-reported data, and subjective measurements like reports of student progress. These data sources are crucial for understanding and addressing student needs, engagement, and outcomes as well as adapting material to specific student needs; 3. There are significant administrative and financial burdens. The fiscal note highlights the substantial administrative and financial impact of this bill, including: the need for new personnel at the state level to evaluate and implement these requirements; and indeterminable increases in local district expenditures for reviewing and revising teaching methods, educator training, policies, and curriculum. This unfunded mandate would strain local school districts, many of which already face resource constraints. The costs of compliance—new materials, training, and administrative oversight—would detract from direct investments in student learning.

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

Rep. Selig spoke against.

Rep. Drye spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 203 members having voted in the affirmative, and 155 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 67-FN-A, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Robert Wherry for Election Law. This bill moves from the current pilot agreement (ending July 2025) to a permanent agreement with the Secretary of State’s office for the use of Accessible Voting Systems in local elections. Prior to this agreement, Accessible Voting Systems were in place only for state elections with a federal office on the ballot. These systems had not been made available at polling locations for local elections. As a result, except for a couple of communities that have their own Accessible Voting Systems, individuals with disabilities were not universally afforded equal opportunities to vote privately and independently in local elections. Failure to provide Accessible Voting Systems is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations. Some New Hampshire communities have been sued for their failure to suitably provide Accessible Voting Systems during elections. The new agreement is to begin in July 2025, but with a minimal number of (city) elections in the Fall of 2025, timely compliance with the proposed permanent agreement should not be unduly burdensome. Vote 17-0.

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

Committee report was adopted.

Rep. Harvey-Bolia declared a conflict of interest and did not participate.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ross Berry for the Majority of Election Law. This bill addresses concerning actions by some public employees who have found ways to circumvent the existing prohibition on electioneering while performing their official duties. Recent examples include filming children in public schools to promote school warrant articles and distributing overtly biased candidate surveys through official taxpayer-funded mediums such as websites. The majority believes such actions undermine public trust in the neutrality of government employees and their

role in the electoral process. The amended bill reinforces the expectation that public employees, when acting in their official capacity, must remain impartial in matters related to elections. It expands the definition of electioneering specifically for public employees to include activities that subtly or overtly influence electoral outcomes. Additionally, the bill clarifies the existing law by creating specific safe harbors for legitimate, unbiased political activities, such as voter registration drives or the publication of election notices. The majority of the committee believes this bill strengthens the legislature's original intent by closing loopholes, ensuring neutrality in public service, and preserving the integrity of the election process. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Russell Muirhead for the Minority of Election Law. This bill expands the scope of the prohibition on electioneering by public employees by adding specific examples of prohibited acts of electioneering and by expanding the legal definition of electioneering from "acts specifically designed to influence the vote" (RSA659:44) to also include any act "having the effect of influencing the vote," regardless of its design or intention. The minority opposes the bill for three reasons. First, to include any act "having the effect of influencing the vote of a voter" is overly broad and threatens to encompass a range of actions that are protected by the right to free speech. Second, the scope of such an overly broad statute may invite politically motivated prosecutions. Last, the example in section III (c) – which includes surveys that are expressly political – may have the effect of unintentionally outlawing the sort of public opinion research conducted by the UNH Survey Center. In sum, while the minority affirms the intention and spirit of this bill, we oppose it because of its overly broad language.

Majority Amendment (0029h)

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

1 Electioneering by Public Employees. RSA 659:44-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

659:44-a Electioneering by Public Employees.

I. No public employee shall electioneer while in the performance of his or her official duties. For purposes of this section, "public employee" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 273-A:1, IX; except that, notwithstanding RSA 273-A:1, IX(b), a person appointed to office by the chief executive or legislative body of the public employer shall be included in the definition of public employee.

II. No public employee shall use any government property or equipment, including, but not limited to, telephones, facsimile machines, vehicles, and computers, for electioneering.

III. For the purposes of this section, "electioneer" means to act in any way designed or having the effect of influencing the vote of a voter on any question or office, including but not limited to:

(a) Distributing or displaying campaign materials for a campaign during an officially declared election period in an unbiased manner.

(b) Making public statements in favor of or against any candidate, political party, or measure.

(c) Organizing or conducting surveys, forums, or events that are expressly or primarily political.

(d) Using official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the vote of a voter.

IV. Nothing in this section shall prohibit:

(a) Lawful participation by candidates, political parties, or private groups in public parades, fairs, festivals, or similar events, including the display of campaign materials or the solicitation of voter support, provided such participation is conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and does not intentionally favor one candidate, party, or measure over another.

(b) The use of public spaces or facilities by private individuals, groups, or organizations for lawful political activities, provided such use is not facilitated or promoted by public employees beyond standard administrative support necessary for access and use of the space and follows any relevant ordinance or law where applicable.

(c) Public employees engaging in strictly neutral voter registration drives or activities limited to general election awareness, such as announcing election dates or polling locations, without any reference to or discussion of candidates, parties, or measures, and provided such activities are authorized by law.

(d) Public employees providing factual information derived directly from official filing forms or other legally required public documents regarding candidates who have officially filed for office, provided such information is presented in an impartial and neutral manner without additional commentary, analysis, or inference.

V. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Berry offered floor amendment (0274h).

Floor Amendment (0274h)

Amend RSA 659:44-a, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (d) the following new subparagraph:

(e) Public universities, colleges, or institutions of higher education conducting public opinion polls or surveys.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (0274h).
 Floor amendment (0274h) was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
 Rep. Muirhead spoke against.
 Rep. Berry spoke in favor.
 Majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 60, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dick Thackston for the Majority of Housing. The goal of the Housing Committee, in light of the current housing crisis in New Hampshire, is to stabilize the housing market by increasing affordability and availability. Increased investment in rental properties will be a requirement of achieving these goals under any scenario. This bill restores the nature and sanctity of contract law to the leasing of residential property in New Hampshire. The current judicial decree makes an exception to contract law never contemplated by the legislature and vacates one of the basic tenants of New Hampshire's Statutes of Fraud as it relates to contracts between parties. Passage of this bill will improve individuals' and entities' willingness to invest and maintain residential real estate by eliminating what can potentially, under current judicial decree, create an unintentional life estate. The bill, as drafted, provides significant clear public benefit. Vote 10-7.

Rep. David Paige for the Minority of Housing. The minority is sympathetic to the significant challenges small landlords face navigating New Hampshire's current eviction law and supports exploring bipartisan solutions. However, this particular bill offers the wrong solution at the worst possible time. From 2022 to 2023, New Hampshire experienced a 52% increase in homelessness—the highest rate of increase in homelessness of any state in the nation. In testimony, numerous organizations, including New Hampshire Housing and the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness, stated unequivocally that passage of this bill will drive additional families into homelessness in our state, and aging adults and people with disabilities will be particularly vulnerable should this bill pass. The New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association additionally noted that they believe passage of this bill will drive up local welfare caseloads and lead to increased costs to taxpayers. While the minority is eager to work with landlords to find other solutions to their challenges, passage of this bill in our current housing market would serve only to further inflame our state's escalating homelessness crisis.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.
 Rep. Read offered floor amendment (0254h).

Floor Amendment (0254h)

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

AN ACT relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the lease term.

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

1 New Paragraph; Termination of Tenancy; Expiration of Term. Amend RSA 540:2 by inserting after subparagraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. For any 12-month period in which the rental vacancy rate for the state is 5 percent or higher, the expiration of a written lease of not less than 12 months shall constitute good cause for eviction, provided that the landlord has first given the tenant a 6-month period of month-to-month tenancy and then written notice of at least 60 days that the lease will not be renewed and that the tenant shall vacate the rental property at the end of the lease term. The vacancy rate shall be determined annually by the New Hampshire housing finance authority as part of its Annual Residential Rental Cost Survey Report, and the 12-month period during which the expiration of the lease constitutes good cause for eviction shall begin on January 1 of the year immediately following publication of the vacancy rate. Any tenant required to vacate the rental property at the end of the lease term under this paragraph shall have such record sealed.

2 New Subparagraph; Termination of Tenancy; Expiration of Term. Amend RSA 540:2, II by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph:

(i) For a lease with an original term of 12 months or longer, or for a lease with a term of less than 12 months but renewed for a total period of 12 months or longer, the expiration of the lease term, provided the landlord gives the tenant written notice at least 60 days in advance of the lease term's termination date, stating that the lease will not be renewed and that the tenant must vacate the rental property at the end of the lease term.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adds the expiration of the term of the lease if over 12 months as grounds for an eviction.

II. Establishes that if the rental vacancy rate is 5 percent or higher for any 12-month period, a 12-month lease expiration with 60 days written notice from the landlord constitutes good cause if the landlord gives the tenant a 6-month period of month-to-month tenancy first.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (0254h).

Rep. Read spoke in favor.

Rep. Alexander spoke against.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Beauchemin, Paige
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Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
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Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
Elberger, Susan
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Davis, Fred
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
McGhee, Kat
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

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Woods, Gary

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Malloy, Dennis
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Weinstein, Toni

de Vries, Erica
Murray, Kate
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

Edgar, Michael
Knab, Allison
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Vallone, Mark

Gilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
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Corcoran, Travis
DiSilvestro, Linda
Erf, Keith
Gagne, Larry
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Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Warden, Mark

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Drew, Matt
Fedolfi, Jim
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
MacKenzie, Mark
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Wherry, Robert

Barbour, Liz
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dumont, Dillon
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim

Bergeron, Dan
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Dupont, Pierre
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Panek, Sandra
Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

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Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Newsom, James
Boyd, Stephen
Soucy, Timothy

Aures, Cyril
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Pitaro, Matthew
Sargent, Gregory
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Plante, Raymond
Seaworth, Brian
Thibault, James

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Polozov, Yury
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

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Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Guzowski, James
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Doucette, Fred
Foote, Charles
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Love, David
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
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Selby, Donald
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MacDonald, Wayne

Bridle, Nicholas
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Turcotte, Len

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Aron, Michael

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and floor amendment (0254h) failed.

Rep. Schmidt declared a conflict of interest and did not participate.

Rep. Long recused himself from the vote and did not participate.

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

Rep. David Paige offered floor amendment (0251h).

Floor Amendment (0251h)

Amend RSA 540:2, II(i) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(i) Within any 12-month period for which the rental vacancy rate for the state is 2.5 percent or higher, the expiration of a lease of not less than 6 months shall constitute good cause for eviction, provided that the landlord has given the tenant written notice at least 60 days in advance of the termination date of the lease term that the lease will not be renewed and that the tenant must vacate the rental property at the end of the lease term. The vacancy rate shall be determined annually by the New Hampshire housing finance authority as part of its Annual Residential Rental Cost Survey Report, and the 12-month period during which the expiration of the lease constitutes good cause for eviction shall begin on January 1 of the year immediately following publication of the vacancy rate.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (0251h).

Rep. David Paige spoke in favor.

Rep. Alexander spoke against.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
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Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
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Drago, Mike
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Janigian, John
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Layon, Erica
 Maggiore, Jim
 McMahon, Charles
 Nelson, Jodi
 Popovici-Muller, Daniel
 Roy, Terry
 Soti, Julius
 Sytek, John
 Vandecasteele, Susan
 Weyler, Kenneth

Litchfield, Melissa
 Markell, Jay
 Melvin, Charles
 Osborne, Jason
 Porcelli, Susan
 Pearson, Stephen
 Spillane, James
 Dolan, Tom
 Verville, Kevin
 Wilson, Vicki

Love, David
 McDonnell, Valerie
 Milz, David
 Brown, Pam
 Potucek, John
 Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
 Summers, James
 Tripp, Richard
 Vose, Michael

Pearson, Mark
 McGrath, Linda
 Nadeau, Brian
 Perez, Kristine
 Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
 Selby, Donald
 Sweeney, Joe
 Tudor, Paul
 MacDonald, Wayne

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
 DeRoy, Susan
 Kaczynski, Thomas
 Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
 Farrington, Samuel
 Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
 Granger, Michael
 Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
 Harrington, Michael
 Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
 Aron, Michael

Grant, George
 Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
 Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
 Spillsbury, Walter

and floor amendment (0251h) failed.

Rep. Schmidt declared a conflict of interest and did not participate.

Rep. Long recused himself from the vote and did not participate.

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

Rep. Alexander spoke in favor.

Rep. David Paige spoke against and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
 Coker, Matthew
 Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
 Minor, Sheri
 Trotter, Douglas

Bean, Harry
 Comtois, Barbara
 Lunney, Matthew
 St. Clair, Charlie

Bogert, Steven
 Dumais, Russell
 Nagel, David
 Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
 Freeman, Lisa
 Ploszaj, Tom
 Toner, Travis

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 Hamblen, Joseph
 Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
 MacDonald, John
 Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
 Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
 Peternel, Katy

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Germana, Dylan
 Mattson, Rita
 Thackston, Dick

Murphy, Denis
 Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
 Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
 Rhodes, Jennifer

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Davis, Arnold
 Morency, Pete
 Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
 Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
 King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
 Tierney, James

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Barton, Joseph
 Franz, Linda
 Spahr, Terry

Beaulier, Calvin
 Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
 McFarlane, Donald

Belobrk, Marie Louise
 Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
 Boehm, Ralph
 Creighton, James
 Drew, Matt
 Flanagan, Jack
 Gorski, Ted
 Kofalt, Jim
 Murphy, Mary
 Mooney, Maureen
 Notter, Jeanine
 Pauer, Diane

Ammon, Keith
 Colcombe, Riché
 Kelley, Diane
 Dumont, Dillon
 Griffin, Gerald
 Gould, Linda
 Labrie, Brian
 Mazur, Lisa
 Morton, Jonathan
 Ohm, Bill
 Peeples, Raymond

Barbour, Liz
 Cole, Brian
 Daniels, Gary
 Dupont, Pierre
 Gagne, Larry
 Kenny, Catherine
 Lascelles, Richard
 McLean, Mark
 Murphy, Nancy
 Panek, Sandra
 Pettrigno, Peter

Berry, Ross
 Corcoran, Travis
 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Erf, Keith
 Giasson, Henry
 Kesselring, Steven
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Miles, Julie
 Noble, Kristin
 Paquette, Kathleen
 Post, Lisa

Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Prout, Andrew
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Warden, Mark

Reinfurt, Sherri
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
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Paige, David

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Ames, Dick
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Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

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Almy, Susan
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Oppel, Thomas
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Baldwin, Heather
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen

Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Fracht, David
Muirhead, Russell
Stringham, Jerry

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Murray, Alissandra
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Raymond, Heather
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Fedolfi, Jim
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
McGhee, Kat
Rombeau, Catherine
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Foxx, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
Preece, David
Ryan, Linda
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Booras, Efsthathia
Chretien, Suzanne
Elberger, Susan
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

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Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

Edgar, Michael
Knab, Allison
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

Gilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, Toni

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Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
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Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Wade, Alice

Smith, Geoffrey
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Wall, Janet

Howard, Heath
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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

Rep. Schmidt declared a conflict of interest and did not participate.

Rep. Long recused himself from the vote and did not participate.

HB 399, establishing a commission to study the New Hampshire zoning enabling act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Paige for Housing. 2025 marks the centennial anniversary of the New Hampshire Zoning Enabling Act, offering the legislature a unique opportunity to reflect on one hundred years of zoning evolution in our state and explore paths forward. This bill, amended to ensure bipartisan representation on the commission, will establish a body whose findings both parties can trust as fair and nonpartisan, providing invaluable insights to guide future legislation and address the housing needs of Granite Staters. The work of the commission will take place entirely within the current biennium, and the bill contains a sunset provision effective in November 2026. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0023h)

Amend RSA 674:16-b, I(a) through (g) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house.

(b) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house.

(c) Two members of the senate, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate.

(d) One designee from the judicial branch, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

(e) Two national housing policy experts, appointed jointly by the speaker of the house and the minority leader of the house.

(f) One member representing municipal governments, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate.

(g) One member of the public, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate.

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

Committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

HB 444, relative to a tenant's right to notification prior to the sale of a multi-family home. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dick Thackston for the Majority of Housing. The goal of the Housing Committee, in light of the current housing crisis in New Hampshire, is to stabilize the housing market by increasing affordability and availability. Increased investment in rental properties will be a requirement of achieving these goals under any scenario. This bill requires the owner of restricted multi-family residential property to provide tenants with notice of sale of the property and an opportunity to make an offer to purchase the property, while effectively barring all other purchasers. This bill represents a significant impediment to the free flow of commerce and transfer of real property. While it would be restraints on the sale of residential property, it would in

all likelihood decrease the willingness of individuals and entities to invest in residential properties in New Hampshire while in all likelihood not significantly improve the situation for tenants who are looking to own a home. Further, this bill represents significant potential unintended consequences related to both estate and tax planning for individuals and entities that currently own residential investments. Passage of this bill will impede individuals' and entities' willingness in invest and maintain residential real estate by eliminating or complicating real estate transactions with no appreciable public benefit. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Matthew Hicks for the Minority of Housing. This bill with the proposed minority amendment would provide 45 days' written notice to renters of restricted multi-family residential property of any offer for the sale or transfer of the property. By providing notice, each tenant would have the opportunity to make an offer on the property. The intent is to provide opportunities for renters of restricted multi-family residential properties to own property and also not be notified of the sale of their building until after it is finalized.

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

Rep. Hicks spoke against.

Rep. Thackston spoke in favor.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Coker, Matthew
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Minor, Sheri

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Lunney, Matthew
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Nagel, David
Toner, Travis

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Morton, Jonathan
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Sheehan, Vanessa
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Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Dupont, Pierre
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
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Sirois, Shane
Warden, Mark

Berry, Ross
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DiSilvestro, Linda
Erf, Keith
Gagne, Larry
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Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
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 Harrington, Michael
 Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
 Aron, Judy
 Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
 Aron, Michael

Grant, George
 Rollins, Skip

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 Smith, Steven

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BELKNAP**

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
 Faulkner, Barry
 Germana, Nicholas

Harvey, Cathryn
 Gruber, James
 Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
 Jacobs, Samantha
 O'Rorke, Terri

Germana, Dylan
 Jones, Philip

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
 Hakken-Phillips, Mary
 Rockmore, Ellen

Baldwin, Heather
 Lovett, Peter
 Stavis, Laurel

Fellows, Sallie
 Lucas, Janet
 Sykes, George

Fracht, David
 Oppel, Thomas

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
 Bouchard, Donald
 Cornell, Patricia
 Davis, Fred
 Grund, Stephanie
 Herbert, Christopher
 Kluger, Lee Ann
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 Petrigno, Peter
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Seibert, Christine
 Telerski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
 Budathoki, Suraj
 Darby, Will
 Foss, Lily
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jack, Martin
 Foxx, Loren
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Preece, David
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Spier, Carry
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wheeler, Jonah

Bergeron, Dan
 Chourasia, Manoj
 Dargie, Paul
 Georges, Mary
 Hartnett, Tim
 Juris, Louis
 Leapley, Nicole
 Long, Patrick
 McGhee, Kat
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Staub, Kathy
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Booras, Efsthia
 Chretien, Suzanne
 Elberger, Susan
 Grill, Jessica
 Hegner, Karen
 Kerwin, Erin
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 Murphy, Nancy
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Swanson, Dale
 Veilleux, Daniel

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Bricchi, Tracy
 Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Newsom, James
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Caplan, Tony
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 Luneau, David
 Richards, Beth
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Turer, Eric

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Miller, Seth
Wall, Janet

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Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 623-FN, relative to prohibiting corporations from purchasing single-family homes for a certain amount of time. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Brian Cole for the Majority of Housing. The language in the current form is not workable and problematic given the broad way it was written. This bill would prohibit corporations from purchasing single family or multi-family homes for 90 days. The definition of “any non-natural person” refers to all forms of legal entities including LLCs and nonprofits, which makes it too far reaching. This legislation, if enacted, would also slow the rate at which property transacted, most notably of which would encourage the property owner to wait an additional 90 days for a more lucrative offer to be given. The legislation would also enact the penalty of escheating the land to the municipality if the law is violated. The bill also did not provide an appropriation for the implementation of this legislation on any government level, including what would happen when a property is escheated to a municipality. Vote 10-8.

Rep. David Paige for the Minority of Housing. This bill addresses the emerging trend of large corporate investors purchasing single family homes. According to a recent report by the United States Government Accountability Office, this trend has likely contributed to increases in home prices and rents over recent years. During testimony, sponsors recounted stories of multiple young Granite State families seeking to purchase their first home who were repeatedly outbid by large corporate investors. The minority agrees with the majority that the bill, as introduced, requires additional work and amendment due to various technical issues. However, the minority believes that the problem raised by the sponsors deserves further consideration by this body and supports passage of the bill with a forthcoming floor amendment converting it into a study bill.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Alissandra Murray moved that **HB 623-FN**, relative to prohibiting corporations from purchasing single-family homes for a certain amount of time, be laid on the table.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Newman, Sue
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Herbert, Christopher
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Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
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and the motion failed.

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

Rep. Alissandra Murray spoke against.

Rep. Cole spoke in favor.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Jacobs, Samantha
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Stavis, Laurel

Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Sykes, George

Fracht, David
Oppel, Thomas

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Cornell, Patricia
Davis, Fred
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
McGhee, Kat
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
Murphy, Nancy
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Swanson, Dale
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Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Petrigno, Peter
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Booras, Efsthathia
Chretien, Suzanne
Elberger, Susan
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

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Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Schultz, Kris

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Gallager, Eric
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Edgar, Michael
Knab, Allison
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
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Bixby, Peter
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, Peter

Burton, Wayne
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren

Smith, Geoffrey
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
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Miller, Seth
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Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted.

The House recessed at 11:50 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REFERRAL DECLINED

Rep. Janigian, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, under the provisions of House Rule 47 (f), declined the referral of **HB 105-FN**, creating a new conservation license plate and directing the additional fee to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 164-FN, relative to local records retention. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joe Alexander for Judiciary. This bill will create a state repository and fund a local records officer position in the Division of State Archives in the Secretary of State's office to provide a database for municipal records. This optional program will give municipalities the option of transitioning their municipal records to electronic files while providing a place within the municipality for the public to access those records for free. The Judiciary Committee believes that this will reduce costs over time for municipalities while giving the public an easier way to access records. Vote 13-0.

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

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 78, requiring a person to have a domicile in the district from which they serve as county commissioner. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Linda Franz for the Majority of Municipal and County Government. This bill clarifies requirements for all county offices and adds the requirement that all county commissioners in Strafford County must be an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the county district for which he or she was elected to represent and shall cease to represent such county district immediately upon moving from the district, ceasing to be qualified. This will apply to the 2026 general election of county commissioners. Under current law, Strafford County does not have this requirement. Presently, Strafford County has a county commissioner who was elected in 2024 and does not reside in his district. His constituency and term of office will not be affected by this change. This bill basically fixes an oversight in the current law that was created in 2024 when county commissioner districts in Strafford County were established and how the commissioners are to be elected. Vote 13-5.

Rep. Jim Maggiore for the Minority of Municipal and County Government. New Hampshire RSA 655:9 explains the domicile requirements for a person if they seek the office of county commissioner in 9 of the 10 counties in the state. RSA 655:9 has been unamended since 1979. This bill, as introduced, would have simply added Strafford County to the list of counties. There is consensus on the policy committee that adding Strafford County into statute is logical. The amendment to this bill adds a new definition of "inhabitant" of the county as well as qualifiers for said inhabitant. The minority of the committee believe the amendment to the bill is unnecessary and could create confusion about where and when a candidate for county commissioner must be domiciled when elected. For these reasons, the minority opposes the Ought to Pass with Amendment motion.

Majority Amendment (0034h)

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

1 County Commissioner Domicile Requirement. Amend RSA 655:9 to read as follows:

655:9 County Officers. To hold the office of county commissioner, sheriff, county attorney, county treasurer, register of deeds, or register of probate, a person ~~[must have a domicile in the county for which he]~~ ***shall be, at the time of his or her election, an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the county from which he or she is chosen.*** In addition, to hold the office of county commissioner ~~[in the counties of Rockingham, Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, Coos, and Carroll, a person must have a domicile in the district from which he is elected at the time of his election]~~ ***a person shall be an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the district from which he or she may be chosen to represent and shall cease to represent such district immediately on his or her ceasing to be qualified as aforesaid.***

2 Application; Strafford County. The changes in qualifications for Strafford county commissioner established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of commissioners presently in office. The commissioner qualifications established by this act shall be in effect for the purpose of electing commissioners at the 2026 state general election, or for any vacancy in a commissioner district for any reason prior to the 2026 state general election.

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

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Rep. Horrigan spoke against.

Rep. Pauer spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 325 members having voted in the affirmative, and 30 in the negative, the majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

HB 110, authorizing counties to establish revolving fund accounts. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John MacDonald for the Majority of Municipal and County Government. This bill would allow, by a vote of the county delegation, to establish a county public safety revolving fund for the provision of public safety services by county employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety service in connection with special events, construction details and other public safety purposes deemed appropriate by the sheriff. Any revenue received from the extra activities or services supported by the fund shall be used to replenish the fund. In the event the revolving fund exceeds the original appropriation used to establish the fund the excess shall be deposited into the county general fund. The county delegation may place limitations on expenditures from the public safety revolving fund. No money from the fund may be appropriated for anything that the delegation has specifically rejected. The county treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. The county commissioners shall be responsible for dispersing payments from the fund. The majority of the committee believes that public safety revolving funds have been extremely successful with municipalities and sees no reason why the same success could not be achieved within our counties. Vote 11-7.

Rep. Stephanie Grund for the Minority of Municipal and County Government. This bill would establish a revolving fund that is approved by the county delegation but is unclear as to how the excess funds would be deposited into either the revolving fund or the general fund. When this fund is established, it would require seed money that has no process defined as to where it comes from or how established. When the money is put into this revolving fund, it may no longer become recognized revenue, and it is unclear as to the effect of budgeting for the revolving fund. Also, the bill states that the county treasurer shall pay out the money upon order of the county commissioners with no recognition of approval of transfer of funds from an executive board or delegation. While the minority of the committee recognizes the difficulty in budgeting for the area of safety, we believe this bill is not written with enough details to ensure the full integrity of the funds.

Majority Amendment (0057h)

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

1 New Section; County Public Safety Revolving Funds. Amend RSA 23 by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

23:23 County Public Safety Revolving Funds.

I. A county may, by vote of the county delegation, establish a county public safety revolving fund for the provision of public safety services by county employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects, or for any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the county sheriff.

II. If a county establishes a county public safety revolving fund for the purposes identified in paragraph I, it shall deposit into the fund all or any part of the revenues from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund to replenish the fund to the original appropriated amount. The county shall deposit any other revenues approved by the county delegation into the revolving fund, provided that funds in excess of the original appropriated amount shall be deposited into the general fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year. The county treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the county commissioners. Such funds shall be expended only for the purposes for which the fund was created.

III. The county delegation may, at the time it establishes a county public safety revolving fund or at any time thereafter, place limitations on expenditures from the fund including, but not limited to, restrictions on the types of items or services that may be purchased from the fund. No amount may be expended from a revolving fund established hereunder for any item or service for which an appropriation has been specifically rejected by the county delegation during the same year.

IV. The provisions of this section shall not preclude the establishment of a county public safety revolving fund for any other purpose authorized by law.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes county governments to establish a public safety revolving fund for the provision of public safety services by county employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons or for any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the county.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Grund spoke against.

Rep. John MacDonald spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 182 members having voted in the affirmative, and 175 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 95-FN, requiring the New Hampshire electric co-op regularly file a certificate of deregulation with the public utilities commission. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeanine Notter for the Majority of Science, Technology and Energy. The majority recommends this bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is a member-owned, not-for-profit utility. It operates as a democracy. The owners of the utility are the users of the utility. NHEC members already have the power to choose whether to be regulated. This bill would mandate the NHEC regularly file a certificate of deregulation with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The PUC opposes the bill. They are at capacity. If this bill were to become law, and the cooperative failed to file a certificate of deregulation, this bill would make the NHEC subject to regulation by the PUC. The PUC, in turn, would have to hire additional staff to meet this obligation, at an estimated cost of \$605,500. All ratepayers would be absorbing this cost. The majority finds it unnecessary and costly. Vote 15-3.

Rep. Wendy Thomas for the Minority of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill effectively underscores the importance of transparency, accountability, and adaptability within the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative

(NHEC). Requiring a certificate of deregulation to be filed every three years is not an arbitrary or punitive measure; rather, it ensures that the cooperative remains responsive to its members and the evolving energy landscape. Given that the last filing occurred 24 years ago, this proposal highlights the need for consistent communication between NHEC leadership and its member-owners. Regular filings encourage the cooperative to evaluate whether deregulation continues to serve its members' best interests and align with market dynamics, technological advancements, and energy trends. Furthermore, this process strengthens democratic participation by giving members a platform to voice their perspectives on the cooperative's direction. Ultimately, this bill aligns with the cooperative's mission by advocating for a practice that fosters long-term planning, operational efficiency, and member trust—ensuring the continued provision of reliable and affordable electricity.

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

Majority committee report was adopted.

HB 106, establishing a commission to determine the monetary costs of climate damage to the state of New Hampshire and the best means of recouping such costs. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for the Majority of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill is based on a questionable premise. It assumes the use of fossil fuels will cause billions of dollars of damage to the state and that the state is obligated to seek remedies, including legal action, against fossil fuel companies. It further puts into statute that, despite every effort to rapidly transition to alternate energy, damages will still be incurred. Additionally, it states the costs to address climate damages would need to be paid for without undue burden to private citizens or the state's economy. The commission would study the damages caused by fossil fuels and the best ways to recoup the costs of those damages from fossil fuel companies. During testimony, the committee heard from experts distinguished in their field of environmental toxicology and climate research, from the Conservation Law Foundation, and from the public. Expert testimony presented examples suggesting climate models were varied and dependent on time frames, questionable assumptions on the cause and effect of certain emissions long term, and uncertainty if any current and expensive efforts to reduce those emissions would have the effects desired. One testifier questioned "what damages had occurred." Another lamented how any emissions could be attributed to fossil fuel companies versus natural causes. The majority acknowledges that the state has done much to curtail harmful emissions and a recent presentation by the Department of Environmental Services showed the state's air quality has been excellent for many years. All testimony revealed an agreement that weather is changing, evidenced by the lack of snow, shorter growing seasons, more frequent unusual weather patterns, and other trends. Yet, testimony indicated an IPCC report could not attribute any of the severe weather patterns to atmospheric CO₂. Furthermore, IPCC has stated that the scenario most used for climate predictions and trends is RPC 8.5, which has been shown to be flawed and unlikely. Most of the committee found there were pros and cons as to the causes of recent weather variations and that many predictions made in the past have yet to materialize and future predictions are speculative. Additionally, the state has no control over any harmful emissions traveling from other states or Canada which would present an entirely different set of issues should this bill pass. Yet, the bill's solution was to form a commission to study assumed future damages and place total blame on one class of business. When asked how effective the commission would be, one expert replied that it would not be effective. The majority found that to put predictions and assumptions into statute, and to form a commission based on such, would be speculative at best, could result in expensive lawsuits by affected companies, and not provide any useful information or practical solutions. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Tony Caplan for the Minority of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill intends to take a fiscally responsible look at financial estimates for climate related damage that science tells us our state can expect with great certainty in the coming years. This damage includes increased extreme precipitation events, increased extent and duration of coastal flooding, increases in extreme heat days, etc. In addition, the commission created by the bill would be charged with recommending the most equitable and feasible means of paying for the resilience and adaptation work dealing with coming climate damage in our towns and regions.

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

Rep. Doug Thomas spoke in favor.

Rep. Caplan spoke against and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Panek, Sandra
Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Selby, Donald
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
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Mannion, Dennis
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Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Love, David
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
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Thomas, Douglas
Doucette, Fred
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Walsh, Lilli
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
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Bridle, Nicholas
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Ford, Mary
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Layon, Erica
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
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Vose, Michael

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

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BELKNAP**

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIREAmes, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, NicholasHarvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, JodiFox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, TerriGermana, Dylan
Jones, Philip**GRAFTON**Almy, Susan
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, JerryBaldwin, Heather
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, GeorgeFellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, TerryFracht, David
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel**HILLSBOROUGH**Murray, Alissandra
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
Murphy, Nancy
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, DanielBeauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Petrigno, Peter
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Tellerski, Laura
Thomas, WendyBergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, JonahBooras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew**MERRIMACK**Bricchi, Tracy
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary JaneCaplan, Tony
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Woods, GaryColby, Eleana
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, JimKelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
Grote, Jaci
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Tonide Vries, Erica
Murray, Kate
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Turer, EricEdgar, Michael
Knab, Allison
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Vallone, MarkGilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald**STRAFFORD**Bixby, Peter
Horriggan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, PeterBurton, Wayne
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, LorenSmith, Geoffrey
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Wade, AliceHoward, Heath
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth
Wall, Janet**SULLIVAN**

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 189, defining “clean energy” and the department of energy’s 10-year state energy strategy to include new technology small-scale nuclear energy, renewable energy, and fuel diversity; and, removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for the Majority of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks to include nuclear in the definition of clean energy. As amended, it adds the definition of clean energy to the Statutory Construction chapter and defines clean energy as “low-greenhouse gas emitting sources, nuclear, and other renewable sources.” It updates the state energy strategy to include clean energy and fuel diversity. It also eliminates a reference to the defunct energy efficiency and sustainable energy board. The “low-greenhouse gas emitting” reference accommodates blue hydrogen and wind turbines, both of which require or emit some small amount of greenhouse gases. Vote 11-7.

Rep. Kat McGhee for the Minority of Science, Technology and Energy. The bill, as amended, seeks to place a definition of clean energy into the statutory construction that could include non-clean energy sources and

create confusion. Committee discussion raised the question of whether adopting a widely accepted definition of clean energy would accomplish the goal of adding nuclear power as a clean energy source. Unfortunately, the amendment passed in committee uses a non-standard definition of 'clean energy' that does nothing to clarify what the state means by the term. There will be a floor amendment to offer the House the chance to adopt a more widely recognized definition of clean energy.

Majority Amendment (0105h)

Amend RSA 21:55 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

21:55 Clean Energy. "Clean energy" means low-greenhouse gas emitting sources, including nuclear and other renewable sources.

Amend RSA 12-P:7-a, I(c) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) [~~Renewable energy~~] **Clean energy** and fuel diversity.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines "clean energy" to mean small-scale nuclear energy and renewable energy, and makes it part of the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy.

This bill also removes reference to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. McGhee offered floor amendment (0246h).

Floor Amendment (0246h)

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

AN ACT defining "clean energy" and including it in the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy; and, removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

Amend RSA 21:55 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

21:55 Clean Energy. "Clean energy" means energy sources that do not release pollutants or greenhouse gases during use.

Amend RSA 12-P:7-a, I(c) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) [~~Renewable energy~~] **Clean energy** and fuel diversity.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines "clean energy" to mean energy sources that do not release pollutants or greenhouse gases during use, and makes it part of the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy.

This bill also removes reference to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (0246h).

Rep. Vose spoke against and yielded to questions.

(Rep. Steven Smith in the Chair)

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

YEAS 150 - NAYS 204

YEAS - 150

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Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
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Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Staub, Kathy
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Wilhelm, Matthew

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Wallner, Mary Jane

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Turer, Eric
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Meuse, David
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Simpson, Alexis
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Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
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Burton, Wayne
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren

Smith, Geoffrey
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Wade, Alice

Howard, Heath
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

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BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Lunney, Matthew
Terry, Paul

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Nagel, David
Toner, Travis

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Ploszaj, Tom

Coker, Matthew
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Minor, Sheri

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Hamblen, Joseph
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
McFarlane, Donald

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa

McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Morton, Jonathan
Panek, Sandra
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Polozov, Yury
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Cambrils, Jose
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Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
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Dunn, Ron
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Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
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Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
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Kuttab, Katelyn
Love, David
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Bernardy, JD
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Doucette, Fred
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Walsh, Lilli
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

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Bailey, Glenn
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Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
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DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

and floor amendment (0246h) failed.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Doug Thomas spoke in favor.

Rep. McGhee spoke against and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 206 - NAYS 148

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BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Lunney, Matthew
Terry, Paul

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Nagel, David
Toner, Travis

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Ploszaj, Tom

Coker, Matthew
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Minor, Sheri

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Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

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Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
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Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Barbour, Liz
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Bergeron, Dan
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Seidel, Sheila
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Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
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St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

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Jacobs, Samantha
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Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Fracht, David
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

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Murray, Aissandra	Beauchemin, Paige	Booras, Efstathia	Bouchard, Donald
Budathoki, Suraj	Chourasia, Manoj	Chretien, Suzanne	Cornell, Patricia
Darby, Will	Dargie, Paul	DiSilvestro, Linda	Elberger, Susan
Davis, Fred	Foss, Lily	Georges, Mary	Grill, Jessica
Grund, Stephanie	Harriott-Gathright, Linda	Hartnett, Tim	Hegner, Karen
Herbert, Christopher	Jack, Martin	Juris, Louis	Kerwin, Erin
Kluger, Lee Ann	Foxx, Loren	Leapley, Nicole	LeClerc, Daniel
Leishman, Peter	Lloyd, Christal	Long, Patrick	Howard, Molly
Murray, Megan	MacKenzie, Mark	McGhee, Kat	Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter	Preece, David	Newman, Ray	Raymond, Heather
Rombeau, Catherine	Rung, Rosemarie	Ryan, Linda	Newman, Sue
Seibert, Christine	Spier, Carry	Staub, Kathy	Swanson, Dale
Telerski, Laura	Tellez, Trinidad	Vail, Suzanne	Veilleux, Daniel
Thomas, Wendy	Wheeler, Jonah	Wilhelm, Matthew	

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy	Caplan, Tony	Colby, Eleana	Kelly, Eileen
Ebel, Karen	Gallager, Eric	Gibbs, Merryl	Hicks, Matthew
Lane, Connie	Luneau, David	Hall, Muriel	MacKay, James
Newsom, James	Richards, Beth	Roesener, James	Sargent, Gregory
Schamberg, Thomas	Schultz, Kris	Snodgrass, Jim	Soucy, Timothy
Wallner, Mary Jane	Woods, Gary		

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Balboni, Peggy	de Vries, Erica	Edgar, Michael	Gilman, Julie
Grote, Jaci	Murray, Kate	Knab, Allison	Maggiore, Jim
Malloy, Dennis	Manos, Zoe	Meuse, David	Muns, Chris
Raynolds, Ned	Read, Ellen	Scherr, Buzz	Simpson, Alexis
Sorensen, Carrie	Turer, Eric	Vallone, Mark	Ward, Gerald
Weinstein, Toni			

STRAFFORD

Bixby, Peter	Burton, Wayne	Smith, Geoffrey	Howard, Heath
Horrigan, Timothy	Johnson, Erik	LaMontagne, Jessica	Larochelle, John
Levesque, Cassandra	Smith, Marjorie	Malone, Amy	Miller, Seth
Schmidt, Peter	Selig, Loren	Wade, Alice	Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian	Cloutier, John	Damon, Hope	Palmer, William
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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 306, establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeanine Notter for the Majority of Science, Technology and Energy. The issue of carbon pricing is an issue that comes up every term. This year's bill asks for a commission that would recommend further legislation, which would advocate for a carbon tax. This issue has already been studied and deemed detrimental to our state's economy. To quote the New England Convenience Stores and Energy Markets Association, "Every cent that is charged through this plan will get pushed down the various supply chains and ultimately end up hitting our citizens in the wallet. It will affect everyone who drives a car, heats their home or business, anyone doing a construction project of any kind, anyone who buys groceries, or eats out in a restaurant and on and on and on. This tax will touch everyone in the state multiple times each and every day." New Hampshire is among the states in the US with the lowest carbon emissions, with less than .0029%. Carbon taxes are opposed by 60% of the US population, which explains why such a tax has never garnered support in the US Congress. There are no national carbon pricing mechanisms currently before Congress, and none are likely in the next four years. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Wendy Thomas for the Minority of Science, Technology and Energy. Carbon pricing is a vital tool for addressing climate change while fostering economic growth. By assigning a monetary cost to greenhouse gas emissions, it incentivizes cleaner energy use and innovation while ensuring polluters bear the costs of environmental damage. Countries and states adopting carbon pricing mechanisms have seen benefits like reduced emissions, cleaner air, and healthier communities, all while maintaining economic competitiveness. For New Hampshire, passing this bill offers the opportunity to assess the potential impacts of carbon pricing on local industries and energy markets, ensuring that future policies are fair, effective, and tailored to the state's unique economic and environmental landscape. This bill positions New Hampshire to remain proactive and prepared as regional, national, and global economies increasingly adopt carbon pricing. A comprehensive study would identify strategies to protect industries like agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing while

capitalizing on opportunities for growth in renewable energy and clean technology. Additionally, it ensures consumer protection by analyzing ways to mitigate cost burdens and support economic resilience. As climate disruption and energy market volatility grow, understanding the implications of carbon pricing allows New Hampshire to safeguard its residents, support local businesses, and transition toward a sustainable, competitive economy. Passing this bill is a forward-thinking step to protect the state's future.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Osborne moved that **HB 306**, establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment, be laid on the table.

Motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 526-FN, establishing a climate change and damage division in the department of environmental services. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeanine Notter for the Majority of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks to expand the government with the creation of a new climate change and damage division within the Department of Environmental Services. The premise is based on climate damage that has not yet been seen in New Hampshire. Testimony was offered that storms and droughts from recent years provide evidence of such damage. However, when compared to storms from years past, a different story emerges. For example, the blizzard of 1978, the high temperature records for 26 states recorded in the 1930's (the dust bowl era), and the greatest river floods in New Hampshire occurring in the 1930's and 1950's. Climate change is a contentious issue on which scientists do not all agree. Creating a whole new division within a state department based on one interpretation of predicted future outcomes does not seem to mirror the will of most of the voters this term. In addition, the bill creates at least one new position within state government but appropriates no funding for the position. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Wendy Thomas for the Minority of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill is a forward-thinking and vital step for New Hampshire to tackle the growing impacts of climate change. Establishing the Division of Climate Change and Damage within the Department of Environmental Services ensures that the state will take a proactive, data-driven approach to climate adaptation and resilience. By focusing on areas such as climate vulnerability assessments, adaptation planning, and community preparedness, the division will help safeguard New Hampshire's infrastructure, economy, and natural resources from the increasing frequency of climate-related events. Moreover, it fosters a science-based approach to climate action, empowering the state to develop effective policies and respond to evolving climate conditions. The bill also emphasizes the importance of public engagement, creating opportunities for citizens, businesses, and organizations to work collaboratively on climate solutions. Through funding and grants management, it will further support sustainable practices across the state, offering resources to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Overall, this legislation ensures New Hampshire is equipped to face the challenges of climate change while positioning the state as a leader in climate resilience and sustainability.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Osborne moved that **HB 526-FN**, establishing a climate change and damage division in the department of environmental services, be laid on the table.

Rep. Wendy Thomas requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 133-FN, modifying the new resident drivers' license transfer requirements, specifying when the division of motor vehicles shall send violation notices, and appropriating funds to the division for technological upgrades required for legal compliance. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Ted Gorski for the Majority of Transportation. This bill requires new residents to transfer their out of state driver's licenses to a New Hampshire driver's license. Individuals will have 60 days to transfer their out of state licenses to a New Hampshire license. After the 60-day threshold, the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will send the required notice reminding individuals of their obligation to transfer their driver's license to New Hampshire or submit a form explaining why they do not plan to do so. Overall, this bill will allow information to be shared between the Secretary of State and the DMV. The current Secretary of State supported the language of the bill. Vote 9-7.

Rep. Seth Miller for the Minority of Transportation. This bill purports to address a problem that does not exist, proposes a solution without any enforcement power, and comes with a significant cost without providing funding. The number of people who are residents in the state without changing their license is limited, and their presence does not present any hardships to the state. Their identity and qualifications to operate motor vehicles remain confirmed by their existing license. Moreover, there is no enforcement process defined in the proposed law. While there is discussion that some enforcement details may follow in a second bill, it is inappropriate to create additional regulatory work lacking certainty that it will ever be used. Finally, the proposed legislation imposes unfunded new costs to the Department of Safety. As we face reduced revenue forecasts it is incumbent upon us to act responsibly with the funds of the state. This bill does not meet that standard.

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

Rep. Miller spoke against.

Rep. Prout spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 140-FN, establishing a voluntary “blue envelope” program for drivers with autism spectrum disorders. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for Transportation. The establishment of a “blue envelope” program would allow for persons with described disorders to elect to put their documents in a blue envelope affixed to their drivers’ side visor. The envelope would contain documents related to driving, and guidance on effective communication in order for law enforcement to have an early understanding of communication practices that will best de-escalate or would be less likely to trigger an unfavorable response. The amendment expanded the program from autism spectrum disorder to also be available to persons with trauma and stress related disorders. Expanding on this program would prevent additional bills replicating the program in the future and was accepted by the bill sponsors. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0129h)

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

AN ACT establishing a voluntary “blue envelope” program for drivers with autism spectrum disorders and trauma and stressor-related disorders.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Blue Envelope Program for Drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Amend RSA 265 by inserting after section 3-b the following new section:

265:3-c Blue Envelope Program for Drivers with Autism Spectrum and Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders.

I. There is hereby established the Blue Envelope Program to enhance and facilitate communication between members of law enforcement and drivers with autism spectrum and trauma and stressor-related disorders.

II. The division of motor vehicles, in consultation with the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum and trauma and stressor-related disorders, shall design and make available at no cost blue envelopes that:

(a) Provide written information and guidance on the outside of the envelopes regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with an autism spectrum or trauma and stressor-related disorder;

(b) Provide a designated space for written emergency contact information; and

(c) Are capable of holding a person’s driver’s license, vehicle registration, and any relevant information from a health care provider, should the driver, or, if the driver is a minor, the parent or guardian, choose to include it.

III. Upon request by a person with an autism spectrum or trauma and stressor-related disorder, or if such person is a minor, the person’s parent or guardian, accompanied by proof of such disorder, the division shall provide a blue envelope designed pursuant to this section to such person, parent or guardian.

IV. The guidance on the outside of the blue envelope shall include an instruction to attach the envelope to the driver’s visor on the side facing the driver in the down position for easy and safe access.

V. The commissioner of safety may adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, relative to:

(a) Content and format of the blue envelopes necessary under paragraph II of this section.

(b) Acceptable forms of proof of an autism spectrum or trauma and stressor-related disorders to obtain a blue envelope and the handling of confidential medical information.

(c) Requirements for blue envelope attachment to the visor.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a program, named the blue envelope program, where a motor vehicle driver with an autism spectrum disorder or trauma and stressor-related disorder may carry and present to law enforcement a blue envelope containing written information and guidance on effective communication with the driver.

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

Committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

HB 259, relative to increasing the number of handicap license plates and placards the department of motor vehicles may issue to individuals. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matthew Pitaro for Transportation. This bill allows for individuals with walking disabilities to obtain a handicap license plate for each vehicle that they own. This bill does not alter the current limit of handicap placards. It is common for individuals with walking disabilities to own multiple vehicles. Under current law, an individual with a walking disability can only obtain one handicap plate. Our handicap plates are tied to a vehicle’s registration. An individual with a handicap should be able to obtain a handicap plate for every vehicle in which they own, register, and drive. Vote 13-3.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.
Committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 83-FN, increasing the minimum age for sports betting. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Fred Doucette for the Majority of Ways and Means. This bill would increase the minimum age for sports betting from 18 to 21 years of age. The majority of the Committee on Ways and Means believes this is a platform or gaming model that should not be singled out for this change. At present, New Hampshire Lottery and all its offerings and charitable gaming allows for anyone 18 years of age to participate. The majority felt this was an issue that could be addressed in the upcoming commission on charitable gaming. Vote 11-7.
Rep. Thomas Schamberg for the Minority of Ways and Means. The intent of this bill is to increase the minimum age to 21 for placing a sports wager in New Hampshire. Overall, 88% of sports betting takes place on cell phones. In New Hampshire, one must be 21 to buy alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, including vapes, because both are habit forming and addictive. In FY 24, state revenue from sports betting was \$33,654,911. The revenue attributable to those aged 18 to 20 in FY 2024 was estimated to be \$639,443. By changing the age requirements and using the FY 24 sports wagering revenue as a guide for those under 21, the state would see a decrease of \$320,000 in FY 26 and \$640,000 in FY 27 and thereafter. This step of increasing the age to 21 for sports betting in New Hampshire would have a low fiscal impact on state revenue and allow more informed gambling decisions as one ages toward 21.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Nicholas Germana moved that **HB 83-FN**, increasing the minimum age for sports betting, be laid on the table.

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

On a division vote, with 147 members having voted in the affirmative, and 207 in the negative, the motion failed.

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

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Osborne moved that **HB 83-FN**, increasing the minimum age for sports betting, be Indefinitely Postponed.

Rep. Osborne requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Lunney, Matthew
Toner, Travis

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Minor, Sheri

Coker, Matthew
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Terry, Paul

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Avellani, Lino
Hamblen, Joseph
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
Pernel, Katy

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Murphy, Denis
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Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

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Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
McFarlane, Donald

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Berry, Ross
Creighton, James
Drew, Matt
Erf, Keith
Gagne, Larry
Grill, Jessica

Alexander, Joe
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dumont, Dillon
Flanagan, Jack
Giasson, Henry
Kenny, Catherine

Ammon, Keith
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Dupont, Pierre
Foss, Lily
Gorski, Ted
Kesselring, Steven

Barbour, Liz
Corcoran, Travis
DiSilvestro, Linda
Elberger, Susan
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Kofalt, Jim

Labrie, Brian
Howard, Molly
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Lascelles, Richard
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wheeler, Jonah

Leishman, Peter
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
PANEK, Sandra
Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom
Wherry, Robert

Long, Patrick
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Andrus, Louise
Colby, Eleana
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Soucy, Timothy
Woods, Gary

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Pitaro, Matthew
Schultz, Kris
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
Seaworth, Brian
Thibault, James

Cambrils, Jose
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

MERRIMACK

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Packard, Sherman
Potucek, John
Selby, Donald
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Love, David
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Perez, Kristine
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wilson, Vicki

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Doucette, Fred
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Walsh, Lilli
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

ROCKINGHAM

Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

STRAFFORD

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

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Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rourke, Terri

Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Baldwin, Heather
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Fracht, David
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

HILLSBOROUGH

Beauchemin, Paige
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Georges, Mary
Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin

Bergeron, Dan
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann

Boehm, Ralph
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Foxx, Loren

Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
Davis, Fred
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole

LeClerc, Daniel
McGhee, Kat
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne

Lloyd, Christal
Murphy, Nancy
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Murray, Megan
Petrigno, Peter
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

MacKenzie, Mark
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Snodgrass, Jim

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Roesener, James
Wallner, Mary Jane

Kelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Sargent, Gregory

Ebel, Karen
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Newsom, James
Schamberg, Thomas

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Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Verville, Kevin

de Vries, Erica
Murray, Kate
Manos, Zoe
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Knab, Allison
Markell, Jay
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric
Weinstein, Toni

Gilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Vallone, Mark

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Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
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Burton, Wayne
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren

Smith, Geoffrey
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Wade, Alice

Howard, Heath
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the motion was adopted.

HB 328, establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Fred Doucette for Ways and Means. This bill, as amended, establishes a Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission for a period of 10 years. The Committee on Ways and Means agrees that, with the changing nature of our charitable gaming model in New Hampshire, there is need for ongoing oversight and direction to implement the most effective and equitable distribution of gaming revenues to both the state and, most importantly, the charities that benefit. The committee also acknowledges there are a multitude of facets that this commission may need to address in relation to gaming regulations, fees, and potential revenue sources. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (0069h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Racing and Charitable Gaming; Study Commission Established. RSA 284:6-c is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

284:6-c Study Commission Established. There is established a charitable gaming oversight commission.

I. Seven voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority party appointed by the president of the senate and one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(b) Five members of the house of representatives, 3 of whom shall be members of the majority party appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 2 of whom shall be members of the minority party, appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives. One of the members so appointed by the speaker shall be a member of the house ways and means committee.

II.(a) Eight non-voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) Four New Hampshire citizens with no financial interest in charitable gaming and no governing board responsibilities for charitable gaming entities shall be selected as follows: one shall be appointed by the president of the senate; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house; and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house.

(2) Two New Hampshire citizens shall be appointed by the governor, provided that one shall be representative of gaming operators and one shall be representative of charities participating in charitable gaming.

(3) The executive director of the lottery commission, or designee.

(4) The attorney general, or designee.

(b) Non-voting members shall have no vote in commission matters but shall be eligible to participate in all other commission proceedings.

III. Voting and non-voting members of the commission shall serve until replaced by their respective appointing authority, until no longer meeting the conditions on which their original appointment was based, or until resignation.

IV. Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

V. The commission shall oversee the implementation of charitable gaming laws, including historical horse race gaming, shall consider the issues identified in the November 1, 2024, final report of the commission to study the effect of recent changes made to charitable gaming laws, including the newly authorized historical horse races established in 2023, 79:583, and shall make from time to time such recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to charitable gaming law and rules as it deems necessary and appropriate, including priority consideration of:

(a) Changes needed to address problem gambling.

(b) Changes needed to restructure or modify systems for allocating and overseeing the use of funds granted to the state and to charities and gaming operators participating in games of chance and in historical horse race gaming.

(c) Changes needed to prevent undue concentration or proliferation of gaming locations, facilities, and ownership, including a municipal option to opt into or out of components of charitable gaming.

(d) Changes that would enable the use of so-called slot machines instead of or in addition to historical horse racing machines.

(e) In its consideration of the allocation and use of charitable gaming funds and of the risk of undue economic concentration of gaming facilities and locations, the commission shall recommend any changes it deems needed to ensure compliance with Part 2, Article 6-b, of the New Hampshire Constitution relating to the use of lottery funds and Part 2, Article 83, of the New Hampshire Constitution relating to prohibiting monopolies and requiring free and fair competition.

VI. The voting members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the voting members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VII. The commission shall submit a report on or before November 30, 2025, and on or before November 30 each year thereafter, to the general court including findings, recommendations, and any corrective or technical improvements that charitable gaming may require.

VIII. The commission shall be administratively attached to the lottery commission.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 4:

3 Appropriation; Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission. The sum of \$100,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is appropriated to the lottery commission to support the work of the charitable gaming oversight commission established pursuant to RSA 284:6-c. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Such funds shall be nonlapsing.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the membership and duties of the charitable gaming oversight commission, extends it by 10 years, and makes an appropriation to the lottery commission to support the work of the commission.

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

Committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

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 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Motion was adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

HB 178, relative to foster parent representation of foster children with disabilities.

HB 204, relative to criteria for reporting child support delinquencies to federal agencies.

HB 478, establishing a foster care oversight subcommittee within the oversight commission on children's services.

HB 355, relative to the membership of the solid waste working group.

HB 85-FN, relative to temporary licensure for student respiratory therapists.

HB 134, relative to the state building code.

HB 144-FN, relative to the practice of dental hygiene.

HB 267, relative to animal chiropractors.

HB 63, relative to the use of nasal spray to treat anaphylaxis.

HB 98, relative to professional limited liability company (PLLC) assistant manager status.

HB 86-FN-L, increasing the cost of service for notice of civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs to the rate for certified mail.

HB 99, relative to a waiver from property taxes for disabled veterans.

HB 627, relative to permitting the public utilities commission to approve new providers for the Lifeline program.

HB 163, relative to state funds.

HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees.

HB 60, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.

HB 399, establishing a commission to study the New Hampshire zoning enabling act.

HB 105-FN, creating a new conservation license plate and directing the additional fee to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.

HB 78, requiring a person to have a domicile in the district from which they serve as county commissioner.

HB 110, authorizing counties to establish revolving fund accounts.

HB 189, defining “clean energy” and the department of energy’s 10-year state energy strategy to include new technology small-scale nuclear energy, renewable energy, and fuel diversity; and, removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

HB 140-FN, establishing a voluntary “blue envelope” program for drivers with autism spectrum disorders and trauma and stressor-related disorders.

HB 259, relative to increasing the number of handicap license plates and placards the department of motor vehicles may issue to individuals.

HB 328-FN, establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Damon requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding online testimony and addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Nicholas Germana moved that the remarks made by Rep. Damon during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

Objection was made by Rep. Aures.

The question being adoption of the motion to print remarks.

Rep. Damon requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Rollins, Skip

and the motion was adopted, and the remarks will be printed in the Permanent Journal.

REMARKS

Representative Damon: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues. I am Representative Hope Damon, serving the 9 communities of Sullivan District 8. I intend these remarks to serve as a reminder of our obligation to hear constituents. Comments were made two weeks ago by my committee chair suggesting that online testimonies are of less interest and value to our work than in person presentations. The observation was made that organizations can efficiently recruit many voters to participate online and that somehow meant those folks opinions are of less merit. These remarks continue to be disturbing. Many voters have expressed considerable distress to me and other members since then. To quote one writer, “That testimony comes from real Granite Staters – working people, parents, caregivers and others who simply cannot drop everything to drive to Concord in the middle of a workday. Public input should not be limited to those with the privilege of flexible schedules or the ability to travel. Many New Hampshire residents are balancing jobs, family responsibilities, and other commitments that make in-person attendance impractical. To suggest that their voices matter less just because they cannot physically be in the room is both dismissive and undemocratic. Your own constituents, like so many across the state, rely on online testimony as one of the few accessible ways to engage with their government. Dismissing their input does them a disservice and undermines the very idea of representative democracy.” I want to assure the public that many, hopefully most, New Hampshire elected officials do pay attention to constituent communications, regardless of how they are shared. We welcome your participation in our legislative work using any approach that works for you. We respect the challenges and busyness of your daily life and know it is not always practical to travel to Concord to speak personally. Transparency in government is extremely important. To that end, I ask each of my colleagues to routinely report online testimony numbers in committee executive session before voting. We are here as representatives of our constituents and none of us should ever forget that! Thank you.

RECESS MOTION

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

The House recessed at 2:35 p.m.

RECESS