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HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 14 (Cont'd)

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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

HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 15

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Jonathan Hopkins, Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord.

We pray today for wisdom, and justice for the New Hampshire House of Representatives that just laws are enacted, that these laws may be eminently useful to the people they serve, by encouraging due respect for virtue; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. May the light of divine wisdom direct the deliberations of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty. May all our fellow citizens throughout the State of New Hampshire be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of the law; that we may be preserved in union. Amen.

Representative Jeanine Notter, member from Merrimack, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Kayleigh MacFarland of Merrimack.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

Speaker Packard offered remarks on Memorial Day and addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Weber moved that the remarks made by Speaker Packard be printed in the Permanent Journal.
Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

I'm going to take a real moment of personal privilege. I'd like to touch on Memorial Day just a little bit. There are two flags flowing up here that I think some of you have seen on my desk. Those two flags were flown over the grave of an American soldier at the cemetery in France, an American cemetery in France. I was there a few years ago and I'd like to take this time to honor all those brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation, especially those of our beloved Granite State. I also had the privilege of putting a set of flags on a young soldier's grave from New Hampshire who was killed December 25, 1944. Today we pause to reflect on our heroes who gave everything that we may live free. Many carry the memories with us and honor them, not just in words, but a continued commitment to the values that they fought to protect. Let us remember. Let us be grateful. Let us never forget. Will all those who served our country in the service please stand up. Thank you to those who have served and thank you to everyone that might serve in the future. This is the future of our country, and we must never forget. That's why those flags mean so much to me and I hope they mean something to you. The way they do it over there is they put the flags out and then they take them back. Those were presented when I left. They were flown over the grave of an American soldier. Thank you.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Karasinski, Paquette, Prudhomme-O'Brien and Richards, the day, illness.

Reps. Coker, Grund, Johnson, Leavitt, Mandelbaum, Tim Mannion, McLean, Minor, Ouellet, Payeur, Read, Trottier, Ulery and Woodcock, the day, important business.

Reps. Bouchard, Louis and Post, the day, illness in the family.

Rep. Lilli Walsh, the day, death in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Owen Lewandowski, student from Windham High School and Erick Reid Pierce, student from the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School, Pages for the day.

Andy Reinfurt, and Don and Sherry Nielson, guests of Rep. Reinfurt. Jennifer Bricchi, sister of Rep. Bricchi. Riley Ward, guest of Rep. Gilman. Fourth grade students from Northwood Elementary School, guests of Rep. Tudor. The winners of the New Hampshire PBS Granite Challenge, students from Merrimack High School, accompanied by their principal and coaches, guests of the Merrimack Delegation.

SENATE MESSAGE**REQUESTS CONCURRENCE WITH AMENDMENT**

HB 551-FN, repealing the license to sell pistols and revolvers and limiting liability for certain design features of firearms. (Amendment printed SJ 5/8/25)

Rep. Roy moved that the House concur and spoke in favor.

Rep. Meuse spoke against.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 200 - NAYS 161**YEAS - 200****BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Varney, Peter

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Hamblen, Joseph
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Qualey, James

Hunt, John
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

Nalevanko, Rich

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete

Durkin, Sean
King, Seth

Korzen, Lori
Tierney, James

Murphy, Michael
Valerino, Brian

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
McFarlane, Donald

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Reinfurt, Sherri
Seidel, Sheila
Suiter, John
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Presa, Adam
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Morton, Jonathan
Panek, Sandra
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto

Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Schamberg, Thomas
Thibault, James

Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
See, Alvin

Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Walsh, Thomas

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Foote, Charles
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Ford, Mary
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Roy, Terry
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Guthrie, Joseph
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
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, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

NAYS - 161 BELKNAP

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Taylor, Brian

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Booras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Ebel, Karen

Caplan, Tony
Gallager, Eric

Colby, Eleana
Gibbs, Merryl

Kelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew

Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Soucy, Timothy

Luneau, David
Roesener, James
Wallner, Mary Jane

Hall, Muriel
Sargent, Gregory
Woods, Gary

MacKay, James
Snodgrass, Jim

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Manos, Zoe
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

Cahill, Michael
Grote, Jaci
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, Toni

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Turer, Eric

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
England, Myles
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

Bay, Luz
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Southworth, Thomas

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth
Stone, John

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the motion was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

SB 30, proclaiming the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire, removed by Reps. Layon, Tom Mannion, DeRoy, Litchfield, McFarlane, Wherry, Sabourin dit Choiniere, Polozov, Harvey-Bolia and Thibault.

SB 170, relative to development and related requirements in cities, towns, and municipalities, removed by Reps. Rung, McGhee, Horrigan, Wendy Thomas, Bill Boyd, Ball, Bordes, Andrus, Pam Brown and Gorski.

SB 174, prohibiting planning boards from considering the number of bedrooms a given unit or development has during the hearing and approval process, removed by Reps. Kuttab, Panek, Bordes, Rice, Bill Boyd, Boehm, Porcelli, Perez, Andrus and Ball.

SB 188-FN, allowing independent permitting and inspections, and allowing local governments to authorize licensed engineers and architects to perform building code inspections, removed by Reps. DeLemus, Colcombe, DeRoy, Gorski, Hill, Turcotte, Walker, Kaczynski, Flanagan and Dennis Mannion.

SB 291, relative to the religious use of land property tax exemption, removed by Reps. McGrath, Mattson, Granger, Sirois, Diane Kelley, Denis Murphy, Sabourin dit Choiniere, Turcotte, Colcombe and Comtois. Consent Calendar was adopted.

SB 269, removing references to matrimonial age and time waivers in the vital records act. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Mark Pearson for Children and Family Law. This bill was at the request of the Secretary of State. It crafts no new policy but simply brings the language of RSA 5-C:41, III and RSA 5-C:42, VIII into conformity with other parts of the law. Vote 14-1.

SB 98-FN, extending the donations to regional career and technical education center programs. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Raymond Peeples for Education Funding. This bill just makes sense. By extending the donation date from year 2026 to 2031, it allows for public, private, or industry donations to help advance the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. It is simply a win for the success of these valuable workforce education programs. Vote 18-0.

SB 195, relative to the composition and duties of the New Hampshire advisory council on career and technical education. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education Funding. As amended, this bill changes the composition and duties of the Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education (CTE). This council is responsible for studying and making recommendations to the legislature. Membership on the council has been expanded to include four representatives of skilled trades or businesses related to CTE programming. Among redefined duties, the council shall annually assess business and industry needs to include labor market data, industry trends, and long-term forecasting of industry outlook to better align CTE with present and future workforce demand. The council shall also support renovation and construction policy and procedures that address barriers restricting access and delivery of career technical education to all interested students. Vote 17-1.

Amendment (1930h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education. RSA 188-E:10-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

188-E:10-b Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education.

I. There is established an advisory council on career and technical education (CTE). Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the council shall be as follows:

(a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The state director of career and technical education.

(d) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.

(e) The chancellor of the community college system, or designee.

(f) Three CTE directors, one member of a school board, and one SAU administrator, appointed by the commissioner of education.

(g) A representative of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.

(h) Four representatives of skilled trades or businesses related to CTE programs, appointed by the commissioner of education.

(i) A high school counselor from a sending school district, appointed by the president of the New Hampshire School Counselor Association.

II. Legislative members of the council shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the council.

III. Members of the advisory council appointed under subparagraphs I(f)-(i) shall serve for terms of 3 years and may be reappointed for 2 additional terms. Terms shall be staggered across all membership, ensuring stability for the council.

IV. The council shall study career and technical education (CTE), and make recommendations regarding the statewide CTE program, including:

(a) Review access to and delivery of CTE programs, with a focus on recommending systemic and statewide solutions.

(b) Identify needs and barriers for the recruitment and retention of skilled CTE teachers.

(c) Annually assess business and industry needs, to include labor market data, industry trends, and long term forecasting of industry outlook to align CTE with workforce demand.

(d) Increase partnerships and collaborative projects between businesses, industry, skilled trades, CTE centers, the university system of New Hampshire, and the community college system of New Hampshire.

(e) Propose opportunities for needed technical assistance, legislation, or administrative rules that are student centered and enhance access.

(f) Support renovation and construction policy and procedures that address barriers restricting access to and delivery of career and technical education to all interest students.

(g) Compile annual metrics and goals on the following:

(1) The number and percentage of students completing a career pathway program of study.

(2) The number of dual enrollments, concurrent enrollments, extended learning opportunities, and work based learning enrollments.

(3) The number of industry recognized credentials awarded.

(4) The number of sending school and receiving school students by grade level attending the CTE center.

(5) A listing of career clusters and program courses offered at each career technical center.

(6) The annual per pupil tuition amount for sending districts to attend the CTE center.

V. The members of the advisory council shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The chair shall serve for no more than 2 years and the membership shall establish annual expectations of the council, meeting norms, and agendas at the first annual meeting. Meetings of the advisory council shall occur at least every other month and, if necessary, with greater frequency as determined by the council. Eight members of the council present shall constitute a quorum.

VI.(a) The advisory council shall file an annual report of its findings and recommendations with the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chairperson of the senate education and workforce development committee, the chairperson of the house education committee, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1.

(b) The annual report shall include the progress of the department of education, career and technical education centers, the community college system of New Hampshire, and the university system of New Hampshire toward establishing a structure for work-based learning credentials and the recommendations and topics of study required pursuant to paragraph IV.

SB 61-FN, relative to prescriptions for state prisoners paid for by the department of corrections. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill allows for the Department of Corrections to enter into purchasing agreements with drug manufacturers beneficial to the state. All rules of the pharmacy board apply. In testimony we learned that incarcerated people lose their Medicaid coverage while in prison making this bill helpful for the state's agency drug costs. Vote 13-0.

SB 202, relative to Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia training for first responders. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Susan DeLemus for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill would increase collaboration between the appropriate stakeholders regarding tools and education surrounding Alzheimer's disease and communication strategies that will aid our emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and those who are living with the disease. This legislation would add a representative from emergency medical services appointed by the governor to the Subcommittee on Alzheimer's and Other Related Dementia, which is a subcommittee of the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee. It would add the charge of examining the capacity of emergency medical services to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease to the subcommittee's work. This bill would also add a representative from the Alzheimer's Association to the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board. Vote 18-0.

SB 165, relative to the audit requirements for consumer cooperative associations. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Brian Cole for Housing. This bill raises the revenue thresholds that determine when a consumers' cooperative association must conduct an annual audit or financial review, helping to ease financial pressures on smaller resident-owned communities while preserving accountability. Under the updated law, associations with less than \$1,000,000 in annual revenue may use a three-member elected committee for internal reviews; those with revenue between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 may choose either a financial review or audit by an independent accountant; and only associations with over \$2,000,000 in revenue will be required to undergo a full audit. These changes modernize audit requirements that have not been updated in over 35 years and bring them in line with nonprofit standards, supporting affordable homeownership while maintaining responsible financial oversight. Vote 16-0.

SB 166, relative to notice required prior to sale of a manufactured housing unit located in a resident-owned community. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Calvin Beaulier for Housing. This bill gives a buyer of a manufactured housing unit in a resident owned community the right to obtain a copy of the community's bylaws, fee schedule, and financial statements. This bill puts manufactured housing on equal footing with condominiums which are already subject to similar disclosure requirements in the Condominium Act, specifically RSA 356-B:58. This bill increases transparency and fairness for buyers of existing manufactured housing and will assist sellers in gathering the information needed to market their property effectively for resale. Vote 16-0.

SB 281, prohibiting municipalities from denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Calvin Beaulier for Housing. This bill clarifies and modifies language in RSA 674:41, I(c) that already allows homes to be built along class VI roads under certain circumstances. Under this bill, provided that other building permit requirements are met, a municipality will issue a building permit provided the applicant signs and records a waiver with the county register of deeds which states that the municipality will not maintain the highway nor provide any services. The municipality will not accept responsibility for any losses or damages, and the applicant is solely responsible for any services. This bill also introduces a new requirement that the lot and all buildings thereon are insurable before any building permit is issued. This bill allows for property owners in rural areas to utilize land in harmony with the historic purpose of class VI roads without creating new liability for existing communities and creates a new standard to ensure that structures are insurable for the safety and general welfare of both property owners and communities statewide. Vote 17-0.

SB 282, relative to stairway requirements in certain residential buildings. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Joe Alexander for Housing. The Housing Committee believes that this bill, as amended, is a reasonable step forward in cutting costs for builders and opening up opportunities for more housing. This bill, as amended, would allow a four-story building, where allowed to be built, to have a single staircase. The committee consulted with the State Fire Marshal who supports this legislation and will work towards allowing single staircases in taller buildings in the future. The committee heard testimony that putting in additional staircases increases costs to builders that will eventually be passed on to property owners. The Fire Marshal testified that safety standards would not be compromised and is comfortable with this bill, as amended. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (1701h)

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

1 New Paragraph; Public Safety and Welfare; New Hampshire Building Code; State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:2 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

XII. Notwithstanding the adopted edition of the International Building Code in the state building code under RSA 155-A:1, IV, or any other provision of law to the contrary, residential buildings up to four floors above grade plane shall be allowed to have only one stairway under conditions established by the state building code review board.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows residential buildings up to 4 floors above grade plane to have only one stairway under conditions established by the state building code review board.

SB 283, relative to the calculation of floor-area-ratios under local building ordinances. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Erin Kerwin for Housing. This bill, as amended, will standardize how floor-area-ratios (FAR) are calculated. Currently, different cities/towns calculate FAR differently; some include below-grade areas while others exclude below-grade areas from the calculation. This bill excludes below-grade areas from the calculation. The committee amendment cleans up the original bill's language. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (1956h)

Amend RSA 674:78 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

674:78 Amendment to Zoning Regulations.

I. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, municipalities with floor-area-ratio (FAR) limitations shall exclude below-grade areas from the calculation of FAR for new construction projects.

II. Developers may utilize below-grade areas for purposes such as parking, storage, mechanical spaces, and additional facilities, without impacting the calculation of FAR for the building. Amend the bill by deleting RSA 674:79 as inserted by section 1 of the bill.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires municipalities to exclude below-grade areas from floor-area-ratio (FAR) calculations, but allows developers to utilize below-grade areas for certain purposes without impacting the calculation of FAR for the building.

SB 197, relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Alice Wade for Legislative Administration. As amended, this bill corrects some of the language contained in the statute and reflects better the current management and practices to maintain a nurse's office within the General Court. Specifically, the amendment makes clear that the General Court Chief Operating Officer shall have the authority to provide a nurse, either employed or contracted for the General Court. The new authority allows the responsibility to provide for nursing services to be removed from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Lastly, the amendment adds a reference to the scope of practice under RSA 326-B and permits DHHS to provide standing orders for medications requiring prescription for the employed or contracted nurse. Vote 10-0.

Amendment (1888h)

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

AN ACT relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by general court.

Amend RSA 125:13-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

125:13-a Health Service Room.

I. The ~~[legislative facilities committee]~~ **general court** shall equip and maintain a health service room in such location in the state house as may be assigned for such purpose. Said room shall be staffed by a licensed registered nurse employed **or contracted** by the ~~[legislative facilities committee]~~ **general court**, and the room shall be kept open ~~[at all times when the state house is open for business]~~ **as directed by the chief operating officer of the general court**. The expense of the health service room, including a contract nurse, shall be a charge upon the joint expenses appropriation to the general court. ~~[The department of health and human services may, in the event of the absence of the employed nurse, provide from its staff a licensed registered nurse on a temporary basis. The department of health and human services is further authorized, in the event the department cannot provide a licensed registered nurse, to negotiate a contract for the legislative facilities committee with a nursing service for the purpose of staffing the health service room in the event of an absence of the employed nurse. The daily coordination of the contract nurse shall be accomplished jointly with the house chief of staff and the department of health and human services. The commissioner]~~ **The chief medical officer** of the department of health and human services ~~[shall provide medical supervision for the employed nurse, for any temporarily assigned nurse and, if necessary, for any contracted nursing service]~~ **may**

provide standing orders for medications requiring a prescription for the employed or contracted nurse. The licensed registered nurse employed or contracted under this section shall act within the scope of his or her practice under RSA 326-B.

II. The chief medical officer of the department of health and human services, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, in issuing a standing order, shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability, or any professional disciplinary action, for any action authorized by this section or any outcome resulting from an action authorized by this section.

SB 12, relative to adding eligibility for a disability placard for certain veterans. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for Transportation. The current law authorizes a veteran who is 100% disabled to receive one free handicap veteran license plate or a handicap placard. The law authorizes a non-veteran to receive a placard and a license plate. This change would allow a disabled veteran to receive both a placard and a license plate the same as a non-veteran is currently able to receive. Allowing for the placard in addition to the plate would allow for a veteran to have a placard for use in rental vehicles or in the event that they need to be transported by a care giver. The committee agreed that this change would apply the same conditions to veterans that are already provided to the general population without having to reapply or seek out additional medical documents. Vote 15-0.

SB 40, relative to safe boater education certificates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matthew Coker for Transportation. This bill would amend RSA 270-D:13 to align the requirements for boater safety certificate qualifications with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) criteria. It would establish an online examination for individuals 18 years and older, approved by NASBLA, as part of the safe boater certificate qualification and would require the department of safety (DOS) to adopt rules related to this. The legislature unanimously passed similar legislation in 2022 which was signed by Governor Sununu, and this amended language was drafted in consultation with DOS to ensure rules can be drafted and the policy can be implemented. Currently there is nothing to prevent a New Hampshire resident from taking a NASBLA approved online exam from another state and use it to operate on our waters. This bill will allow New Hampshire citizens to learn New Hampshire specific laws. Vote 14-1.

SB 154-FN, relative to authorized organizations issuing multi-use decal plates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Erik Johnson for Transportation. This bill adds the Snow-Traveler Foundation to the list of authorized organizations permitted to issue multi-use decal plates. This will generate financial support and awareness of the foundation. The money will be used for new signage on trails and other initiatives to promote safety. Vote 14-0.

SB 156, allowing the division of motor vehicles to contract with a third-party vendor to facilitate the secure transfer of title applications and information. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for Transportation. This bill was requested by the department of safety. It will help modernize the title system by streamlining the title processing. In addition, it also protects the applicants' information. This bill will allow licensed dealers to submit title applications electronically which reduces processing times. Vote 15-0.

SB 271, relative to qualifications for issuing veteran license plates to include General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for Transportation. This legislation extends the use of veteran license plates to veterans who have been discharged under honorable conditions. A general under honorable conditions discharge is reserved for veterans who are administratively separated through non-punitive action such as pregnancy, single parent, refusal of vaccines policy changes, and previously, discharges for homosexuality or compassionate and hardship discharges. The committee agrees that these veterans, who are eligible for Veterans Administration (VA) support such as VA healthcare, home loans, educational stipends, and military funeral honors, shall be permitted to display a New Hampshire veteran license plate. Vote 15-0.

SB 273-FN, relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies involving a stopped or standing vehicle. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Karel Crawford for Transportation. This bill, known as "Sherrill's Law," is in honor of State Police Trooper Jesse Sherrill who was killed by an impaired driver on Interstate 95. It is reasonable to expect that when any vehicle is stopped along the side of a multi-lane, limited access, divided highway, there is a high likelihood of a person being in or adjacent to that vehicle. We value protecting first responders, including law enforcement, fire, emergency medical responders, public works, and vehicle recovery personnel, working adjacent to live traffic. Passing this bill allows the departments of safety and transportation to promote the change through highway safety public awareness campaigns. Vote 15-0.

REGULAR CALENDAR

SB 72-FN, establishing a parents' bill of rights in education. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Debra DeSimone for the Majority of Children and Family Law. This bill, as amended, clarifies the intent of the original bill by defining the purpose and reasoning in a very concise manner of exactly

what constitutes parental rights. The purpose of the bill, as amended, clearly affirms that parents have a fundamental liberty-interest to raise and care for their children. This bill further assists parents in raising their children by recording these rights in one single statute. Another purpose is to create and, in some cases, continue a congenial partnership with schools, doctors, therapists and any other adults who may have a productive role in the education and medical care of their children to become productive members of society. Finally, no children should ever be prescribed any medical procedures of medication without parental consent to protect all children from undue and unnecessary harm by parental knowledge and information provided concerning family history. This bill is necessary to continue to build a strong, healthy society. Vote 9-7.

Rep. Heather Raymond for the Minority of Children and Family Law. This bill, as amended, claims to protect the rights of parents in New Hampshire. While this is a laudable goal, the language of this amendment creates a number of insurmountable obstacles. In school settings, this bill creates a new requirement that school staff respond to “any and all” parental inquiries, regardless of their appropriateness, surveilling students’ romantic and personal relationships, and in effect undermining the Department of Education’s One Trusted Adult Program. It imposes penalties for teachers who would rather simply stick to focusing on teaching. It creates penalties for medical providers and requires written permission before doctors can treat children: currently parents can provide verbal consent for routine services like prescription refills and telehealth appointments, this bill will end that practice. Further, the amended bill would strip the rights of teenagers to access birth control or receive pre- and postnatal care without written parental permission. In states like Texas which now require parental permission for birth control, teen pregnancy rates have increased along with the rates of maternal and infant death. The bill makes no allowances for circumstances where the Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is involved with a family and does not align with other existing federal and state laws governing medical care and medical records. It also creates a new burden of evidence before teachers and doctors can even call DCYF which is in conflict with other statutes and the laws in all other states. The public response to this bill was overwhelmingly negative; opposing testimony outnumbered support by a 10 to 1 margin. There are several unworkable constitutional issues where this bill is likely to be challenged and cost the state money defending lawsuits destined to be lost. The minority strongly opposes the current language and encourages Inexpedient to Legislate.

Majority Amendment (1832h)

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

AN ACT establishing a parental bill of rights.

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

1 Declaration of Purpose.

I. The general court finds and affirms that parents have a fundamental liberty interest to raise and care for their minor children, as well as make decisions concerning their care and custody, and this fundamental liberty interest is protected under both the federal and New Hampshire constitutions.

II. The general court further finds that it is a child’s parents who have the responsibility, means, and resources to ensure that a child receives appropriate health care, social support, religious guidance, and moral inculcation to develop into happy and productive members of society.

III. Accordingly, the general court further finds that parents have the right to access, be notified of, and be provided with all information relating to these rights, and that it is necessary to establish a consistent mechanism for parents to be notified of information relating to the health, well-being, and educational progress of their minor children while those children are in the custody and control of a school or any other government entity.

2 New Chapter; Parental Bill of Rights. Amend RSA by inserting after 169-H the following new chapter.

CHAPTER 169-I

PARENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

169-I:1 Short Title. This chapter may be cited as the Parental Bill of Rights.

169-I:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. “Parent” means a person who is the legal natural or adoptive parent of a minor child. A legal guardian appointed pursuant to RSA 463:2, IV shall be deemed to be a parent for as long as guardianship is in force. The term “parent” shall not apply to a person whose rights to a child have been either voluntarily surrendered or involuntarily terminated pursuant to law.

II. “Parental rights and responsibilities” shall have the same meaning as care, custody, and control, and shall include parenting time, decision making, and residential responsibility pursuant to RSA 461-A:1, et seq. Parents for whom such rights to care, custody, or control of a child have been abridged, halted, modified, or suspended, shall have their rights restored upon a showing by a preponderance of the evidence that it is in the child’s best interest, and the child is returned to parental care.

III. “Minor” means an unemancipated person under the age of 18 years.

IV. "Compelling state interest" means the governmental interest in the welfare of a child which includes, but is not limited to, parental rights and responsibilities pursuant to RSA 461-A:1 or abuse or neglect pursuant to RSA 169-C:3.

V. "School" shall include, without limitation, any public school board, public school district, public school administrative unit, or public charter school.

VI. "School personnel" shall include any teacher, administrator, employee, or other individual acting in furtherance of or on behalf of any public school.

VII. "Infringement" for the purposes of this chapter includes, but is not limited to, knowingly concealing or withholding information required to be disclosed to a minor child's parent pursuant to this chapter or providing intentionally misleading or intentionally inaccurate responses.

169-I:3 Infringement of Parental Rights Prohibited. The state; any of its political subdivisions, including, without limitation, any school; any other governmental entity; or any other institution may not infringe on the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of his or her minor child without demonstrating that such action is necessary to achieve a compelling state interest, that such action is narrowly tailored, and that such interest is not otherwise served by less restrictive means.

169-I:4 Parental Rights.

I. All parental rights are reserved to the parent(s) of a minor child in this state without obstruction or interference from the state, any of its political subdivisions, including, without limitation, any school, any other governmental entity, or any other institution. These rights include, but are not limited to, the right:

(a) To direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training.

(b) To direct the education, including the right to choose to enroll the minor child in an assigned resident public school, a public charter school, a non-public school, including a religious school, a home education program, or any other state-based education program, as authorized by law, as an alternative to public education, as set forth in RSA 193:1 and RSA 194-F:1, et seq.

(c) To request that a minor child be enrolled in a public school other than the public school assigned to them by their residence to avoid a manifest educational hardship, as set forth in RSA 193:3.

(d) To enroll his or her minor child in gifted or special education programs if the child qualifies for such programs.

(e) To inquire of the school or school personnel and promptly receive accurate, truthful, and complete disclosure regarding any and all matters related to their minor child, unless an immediate answer cannot be provided when the initial request is made, in which case, the answer shall be provided no later than 10 business days after the request.

(f) To be informed of the school's policy regarding discipline policies and procedures, as set forth in RSA 193:13.

(g) To obtain access for a minor child to public curricular courses and co-curricular programs offered by the local school district where the student resides while choosing to enroll their child in a non-public, public chartered, home education, or any other state-based education program, as set forth in RSA 193:1-c and RSA 194-F:2, II(d).

(h) To inspect any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum within a reasonable period following a request, as set forth in 20 U.S.C. section 1232h(c)(1)(C).

(i) To opt out of health or sex education and any other objectionable material, as set forth in RSA 186:11, IX-b and IX-c.

(j) To be advised of and have the right to opt the minor child out of any nonacademic survey or questionnaire.

(k) To opt out of any district-level data collection relating to his or her minor child not required by federal or state law.

(l) To exempt their public-school minor child from participating in required statewide assessments in English, language arts, mathematics, and/or science, as set forth in RSA 193-C:6.

(m) To receive information regarding the level of achievement and academic growth of their minor child in the state academic assessments in English, language arts, mathematics, and/or science, as set forth in the Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. section 1112 (e)(1)(B)(i).

(n) To receive a school report card and be informed of his or her minor child's attendance requirements and compliance with such requirements.

(o) To access and review all education records relating to their minor child within 10 business days after the day the school receives a request for access, as set forth in RSA 189:66, IV and 34 C.F.R. 99.5.

(p) To consent in writing before the state or any of its political subdivisions, including, without limitation, any school; pursuant also to the provisions of RSA 3 189:68, III-V makes a video or voice recording, unless such recording is made during or as part of a court proceeding or part of a forensic interview in a criminal or other investigation by the bureau of child protective services or it is to be used solely for the purpose of a safety demonstration, including the maintenance of order and discipline in the common areas of a school or on student transportation vehicles.

(q) To be notified whenever seclusion or restraint has been used on their minor child as set forth in RSA 126-U:7.

(r) To be notified promptly if an employee of the state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution suspects that a criminal offense has been committed against his or her minor child, unless the incident has first been reported to law enforcement or the bureau of child protective services, and notifying the parent would impede the investigation.

(s) To be informed of, and provide consent to, any medical procedure or treatment to be performed on their minor child, except pursuant to RSA 132:34, RSA 141C:18, or for the provision of emergency medical treatment, including mental health treatment.

(t) To access and review all medical records of their minor child maintained by a school or school personnel, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

(u) To make health care decisions unless otherwise prohibited by law.

(v) To be physically present at any health care facility providing care pursuant to RSA 151:2.

(w) To consent in writing before a biometric scan is made, shared, or stored pursuant to RSA 189:65 and RSA 189:68.

(x) To consent in writing before any blood or deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is created, stored, or shared, except as required by law or pursuant to a court order.

(y) To exempt their minor child from immunizations if, in the opinion of a physician, the immunization is detrimental to the child's health or because of religious beliefs, as set forth in RSA 141-C:20-a and RSA 141-C:20-c.

II. Federal law provides for additional parent and family involvement for schools that are receiving Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C (migrant); Title III, Part A (EL) funds, including:

(a) The right to receive information, including student reports, in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand, as set forth in 20 U.S.C. sections 1112(e)(4); 1114(b)(4); 1116(e)(5); and 1116(f).

(b) Upon request of the parent, the right to receive information regarding state qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals providing services to their minor child, as set forth in 20 U.S.C. section 1112(e)(1)(A)(i-ii).

(c) The right to receive an annual local educational agency report card that includes information on such agency as a whole and each school served by the agency, as set forth in 20 U.S.C. section 1111(h)(2)(A-B)(i-iii).

169-I:5 School Board Notifications on Parental Rights.

I. Each school shall, in consultation with parents and school personnel, develop, adopt, and promulgate publicly a policy to promote parental involvement in the school. Such policy must include:

(a) A plan for parental participation in schools to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, school attendance, and discipline.

(b) A procedure for a parent to learn about his or her minor child's course of study, including the source of any supplemental education materials.

(c) Procedures for a parent to object to instructional materials and other materials used in the classroom. Such objections may be based on beliefs regarding morality, sex, and religion or the belief that such materials are harmful. For purposes of this section, the term "instructional materials" shall include, without limitation, all materials used in the classroom, including workbooks and worksheets, handouts, software, applications, and any digital media made available to students.

(d) Procedures for a parent to withdraw his or her child from any portion of the school district's health education program that relates to sex education or instruction in acquired immune deficiency syndrome education or any instruction regarding sexuality if the parent provides a written objection to his or her minor child's participation. Such procedures must provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so that he or she may withdraw his or her child from those portions of the course.

(e) Procedures for a parent to learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities offered at his or her minor child's school, including those that are extracurricular or part of the school curriculum.

(f) Procedures for a parent to learn about parental rights and responsibilities under law.

II. Each school board shall publish the Parental Bill of Rights as set forth in RSA 169-I:4, in their annual reports. Each school board shall also publish the Parental Bill of Rights on their website and in their school handbook or similarly intended publication.

III. A parent may request, in writing, from the district school superintendent, the information required under this section pursuant to RSA 91-A.

169-I:6 Parental Consent for Health Care Services.

I. Except as otherwise provided by law or a court order, a health care practitioner or an individual employed by such health care practitioner may not provide or solicit or arrange to provide health care services or prescribe medicinal drugs to a minor child without first obtaining written parental consent.

II. Except as otherwise provided by law or a court order, a health care provider shall not allow a medical procedure to be performed on a minor child in its facility without first obtaining written parental consent.

III. Any person who violates any section of this chapter may be subject to disciplinary action and any and all penalties as prescribed by law.

169-I:7 Exceptions.

I. Nothing in this chapter shall:

(a) Authorize a parent of a minor child in this state to engage in conduct that is unlawful or to abuse or neglect his or her minor child in violation of law.

(b) Prohibit a court of competent jurisdiction, law enforcement officer, or employees of a government agency that is responsible for child welfare from acting in their official capacity.

(c) Require disclosure of information provided to any counselor, school psychologist, school nurse, or other certified health care provider where the information provided was reasonably expected to be privileged.

169-I:8 Violations.

I. No school or school personnel shall infringe upon any of the parental rights set forth in RSA 169-I:4, unless the infringement is supported by clear and convincing evidence and is narrowly tailored to address the compelling state interest.

II. Any violation of the provisions of this chapter are subject to liability for damages caused by said violation and courts may fashion such remedies as justice requires.

169-I:9 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.

169-I:10 Applicability. No provision of this chapter is meant to restrain or interfere with any state or local law enforcement agency investigations of criminal violations of New Hampshire law by a minor.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Steven Smith moved that **SB 72-FN**, establishing a parents' bill of rights in education, be made a Special Order for the Session on June 5 in its regular place in the calendar.

Motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 267-FN, relative to the penalty for engaging in prostitution as a patron. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Roy for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The bill simply adds a \$500 fine for anyone convicted of soliciting prostitution. The majority disagrees that prostitution is a commercial exchange between consenting adults and therefor unworthy of a fine. Nothing could be further from the truth. We heard testimony from both former sex workers and those who helped them to change their lives. They told us that it was never consensual. They were either being trafficked and had no choice but engage in prostitution or face violence, or they were addicted to controlled substances and needed to engage in sex work to meet their addiction needs. The utopian free sex trade envisioned by some may exist somewhere in the world, but it is not New Hampshire. The women we heard from told us stories of violence, rape, drug addiction, and even death. It is not too much to ask the men caught using these women for their own sexual gratification to have to contribute \$500 to help offset the expense to the taxpayers of cleaning up the human tragedy the sex trade causes. Vote 14-2.

Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill attempts to find and increase the penalty for patrons of sex workers. What this bill is not is a trafficking bill. We heard much testimony about trafficking; however, this bill is specific to holding a patron only accountable. The danger in doing so, may push the sex workers into hiding again. Again, this is not a trafficking bill. We heard from an attorney at the state level, who is a policy analyst. Her breakdown of this bill certainly changed views of the intent, versus what was being presented. The bill concerns escalating consensual work, that's not a trafficking issue. We should not adopt a bill that punishes consensual sex, and/or agreements between consenting adults. This bill does not affect the sex offender registry. Patrons are not listed on the registry. In terms of the fines, the funds should support the general fund not a trafficking fund, again it has nothing to do with trafficking, and we have severe penalties for trafficking as we should.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Harrington moved that **SB 267-FN**, relative to the penalty for engaging in prostitution as a patron, be laid on the table.

Rep. Kuttub requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen	Dumais, Russell	Toner, Travis	Varney, Peter
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CARROLL

Avellani, Lino	Cordelli, Glenn	Hamblen, Joseph	Smith, Jonathan
McAleer, Chris			

CHESHIRE

Faulkner, Barry	Germana, Nicholas	Nalevanko, Rich	Qualey, James
Weber, Lucy			

COOS

Davis, Arnold	King, Seth	Tierney, James
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GRAFTON

Beaulier, Calvin	Berezhny, Lex	Bjelobrk, Marie Louise	Sullivan, Jared
Ladd, Rick	McFarlane, Donald	Sellers, John	

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alistandra	Alexander, Joe	Ammon, Keith	Barbour, Liz
Berry, Ross	Boehm, Ralph	Colcombe, Riché	Cole, Brian
Corcoran, Travis	Creighton, James	Kelley, Diane	Drew, Matt
Dumont, Dillon	Erf, Keith	Flanagan, Jack	Foss, Lily
Griffin, Gerald	Gould, Linda	Grill, Jessica	Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Hegner, Karen	Kofalt, Jim	Long, Patrick	Miles, Julie
Noble, Kristin	Ohm, Bill	Presa, Adam	Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa	Sirois, Shane	Slottje, Jeremy	Suiter, John
Mannion, Tom	Vail, Suzanne	Warden, Mark	Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

McGuire, Carol	McGuire, Dan	Gallager, Eric	Gonzalez, Ernesto
Hill, Gregory	Mehegan, Peter	Moffett, Michael	Morse, Bryan
Pitaro, Matthew	Polozov, Yury	Roesener, James	Schamberg, Thomas
Seaworth, Brian	See, Alvin	Walsh, Thomas	

ROCKINGHAM

Bernardy, JD	Thomas, Douglas	Guthrie, Joseph	Harb, Robert
Love, David	Melvin, Charles	Milz, David	Osborne, Jason
Brown, Pam	Perez, Kristine	Popovici-Muller, Daniel	Scherr, Buzz
Soti, Julius	Tudor, Paul	Turer, Eric	Vandecasteele, Susan
Verville, Kevin	Vose, Michael	Weyler, Kenneth	Wilson, Vicki

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan	Bailey, Glenn	DeDe-Poulin, Denise	DeLemus, Susan
DeRoy, Susan	Howard, Heath	Harrington, Michael	Kaczynski, Thomas
Larochelle, John	Smith, Marjorie	Hall, Robley	Wade, Alice
Walker, David			

SULLIVAN

Grant, George	Spilsbury, Walter
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Bean, Harry	Bogert, Steven	Bordes, Mike	Comtois, Barbara
Freeman, Lisa	Harvey-Bolia, Juliet	Nagel, David	Ploszaj, Tom
St. Clair, Charlie	Terry, Paul		

CARROLL

Belcher, Mike	Burroughs, Anita	Crawford, Karel	Paige, David
MacDonald, John	Peternel, Katy	Brown, Richard	Taylor, Brian

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick	Berch, Paul	Harvey, Cathryn	Germana, Dylan
Murphy, Denis	Gruber, James	Hunt, John	Jacobs, Samantha
Jones, Philip	Mattson, Rita	Newell, Jodi	O'Rorke, Terri
Parshall, Lucius	Rhodes, Jennifer	Thackston, Dick	

COOS

Durkin, Sean
Valerino, Brian

Korzen, Lori

Murphy, Michael

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

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

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

Barton, Joseph
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Franz, Linda
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

HILLSBOROUGH

Boyd, Bill
Budathoki, Suraj
Daniels, Gary
Dupont, Pierre
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
Murphy, Mary
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Rice, Kimberly
Newman, Sue
Seibert, Christine
Staub, Kathy
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Giasson, Henry
Herbert, Christopher
Kenny, Catherine
Foxy, Loren
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Mazur, Lisa
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Seidel, Sheila
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
Dargie, Paul
Davis, Fred
Gorski, Ted
Jack, Martin
Kerwin, Erin
Labrie, Brian
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
McGhee, Kat
Notter, Jeanine
Plamondon, Marc
Raymond, Heather
Rung, Rosemarie
Schneller, John
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Booras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Gagne, Larry
Gregg, Alicia
Judy, Jean
Kesselring, Steven
Lascelles, Richard
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Mooney, Maureen
PANEK, Sandra
Preece, David
Reinfurt, Sherri
Ryan, Linda
Scully, Kevin
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Snodgrass, Jim
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
Caplan, Tony
Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Plante, Raymond
Soucy, Timothy
Woods, Gary

Aylward, Deborah
Colby, Eleana
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Bricchi, Tracy
Devoid, Ricky
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Sargent, Gregory
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Bryer, Scott
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Gilman, Julie
Janigian, John
Knab, Allison
Litchfield, Melissa
Maggiore, Jim
McDonnell, Valerie
Muns, Chris
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
Weinstein, Toni

Ball, Lorie
Cahill, Michael
DeVito, Sayra
Edgar, Michael
Grote, Jaci
Murray, Kate
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lynn, Bob
Malloy, Dennis
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Raynolds, Ned
Selby, Donald
Summers, James
Vallone, Mark

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Guzowski, James
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Miner, Laurence
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Roy, Terry
Simpson, Alexis
Sweeney, Joe
MacDonald, Wayne

Bridle, Nicholas
de Vries, Erica
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Haskins, Linda
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Markell, Jay
Meuse, David
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Sorensen, Carrie
Sytek, John
Ward, Gerald

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
England, Myles
Granger, Michael
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, Peter
Turcotte, Len

Bixby, Peter
Farrington, Samuel
Horriggan, Timothy
Malone, Amy
Selig, Loren
Wall, Janet

Burnham, Claudine
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Miller, Seth
Southworth, Thomas

Burton, Wayne
Gilmore, Gary
LaMontagne, Jessica
Potenza, Kelley
Stone, John

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Girard, Dale
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
Hemingway, Wayne
Rollins, Skip

Damon, Hope
Aron, Judy
Smith, Steven

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

and the motion failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.
Rep. Rhodes offered floor amendment (2330h).

Floor Amendment (2330h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original sections 3 and 4 to read as 4 and 5, respectively:

3 Prostitution and Related Offenses; Cross-Reference Amended. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 645:2, II to read as follows:

II. A person is guilty of a class B felony if such person violates the provisions of subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), **or** (e) [~~or (f)~~] of paragraph I **or the provision of paragraph I-a** and the violation:

The question being adoption of floor amendment (2330h).

Rep. Rhodes spoke in favor.

Floor amendment (2330h) was adopted.

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

YEAS 292 - NAYS 72**YEAS - 292****BELKNAP**

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Newell, Jodi
Rhodes, Jennifer

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O'Rorke, Terri
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Fox, Dru
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Nalevanko, Rich
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Korzen, Lori
Valerino, Brian

Murphy, Michael

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Almy, Susan
Cormen, Thomas
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Baldwin, Heather
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Barton, Joseph
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Franz, Linda
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

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Boyd, Bill
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Flanagan, Jack
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Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan

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Colcombe, Riché
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Labrie, Brian
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McGhee, Kat
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Darby, Will
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Gregg, Alicia
Judy, Jean
Kesselring, Steven
Lascelles, Richard
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine

Berry, Ross
Chourasia, Manoj
Creighton, James
Dargie, Paul
Davis, Fred
Giasson, Henry
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Kluger, Lee Ann
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Murphy, Mary
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Panek, Sandra

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 Tenczar, Jeffrey
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 Rice, Kimberly
 Newman, Sue
 Seibert, Christine
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Swanson, Dale
 Veilleux, Daniel
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Plamondon, Marc
 Newman, Ray
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Salvi, Santosh
 Seidel, Sheila
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 Telerski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

Preece, David
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 Rung, Rosemarie
 Schneller, John
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 Staub, Kathy
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wheeler, Jonah

Aures, Cyril
 Caplan, Tony
 Ebel, Karen
 Hill, Gregory
 MacKay, James
 Newsom, James
 Schamberg, Thomas
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 Gibbs, Merryl
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 Mehegan, Peter
 Pitaro, Matthew
 Snodgrass, Jim
 Wallner, Mary Jane

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Bricchi, Tracy
 Devoid, Ricky
 Gonzalez, Ernesto
 Luneau, David
 Moffett, Michael
 Boyd, Stephen
 Soucy, Timothy
 Wood, Clayton

Cambrils, Jose
 Kelly, Eileen
 Hicks, Matthew
 Hall, Muriel
 Morse, Bryan
 Sargent, Gregory
 Walsh, Thomas
 Woods, Gary

Balboni, Peggy
 Bridle, Nicholas
 Thomas, Douglas
 Donnelly, Tanya
 Foote, Charles
 Guthrie, Joseph
 Janigian, John
 Knab, Allison
 Litchfield, Melissa
 Pearson, Mark
 Markell, Jay
 Meuse, David
 Nelson, Jodi
 Potucek, John
 Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
 Sweeney, Joe
 MacDonald, Wayne

Ball, Lorie
 Bryer, Scott
 de Vries, Erica
 Drago, Mike
 Ford, Mary
 Guzowski, James
 Murray, Kate
 Kuttub, Katelyn
 Love, David
 Maggiore, Jim
 McDonnell, Valerie
 Milz, David
 Brown, Pam
 Reynolds, Ned
 Simpson, Alexis
 Tripp, Richard
 Ward, Gerald

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 Gilman, Julie
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 Miner, Laurence
 Lynn, Bob
 Malloy, Dennis
 McGrath, Linda
 Muns, Chris
 Perez, Kristine
 Roy, Terry
 Spillane, James
 Vallone, Mark
 Weinstein, Toni

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 Porcelli, Susan
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 Summers, James
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 Wilson, Vicki

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 Gilmore, Gary
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 Granger, Michael
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 Turcotte, Len

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 Horrigan, Timothy
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 Selig, Loren
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 Girard, Dale
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Cloutier, John
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 Palmer, William

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Weber, Lucy

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Bolton, Bill

Ladd, Rick

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Murray, Alissandra
 Cole, Brian

Alexander, Joe
 Corcoran, Travis

Ammon, Keith
 Drew, Matt

Barbour, Liz
 Dumont, Dillon

Erf, Keith
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Noble, Kristin
Mannion, Tom

Foss, Lily
Hegner, Karen
Ohm, Bill
Vail, Suzanne

Griffin, Gerald
Kofalt, Jim
Prout, Andrew
Warden, Mark

Grill, Jessica
Long, Patrick
Slottje, Jeremy

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
Polozov, Yury

McGuire, Dan
Roesener, James

Gallager, Eric
Seaworth, Brian

ROCKINGHAM

McMahon, Charles
Selby, Donald
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Osborne, Jason
Sorensen, Carrie
Turer, Eric

Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Soti, Julius
Vandecasteele, Susan

Scherr, Buzz
Sytek, John
Vose, Michael

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Ankarberg, Aidan
Howard, Heath
Smith, Marjorie

Bailey, Glenn
Harrington, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

DeLemus, Susan
Larochelle, John

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

SB 294-FN, relative to lab fees for career and technical education courses. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Raymond Peebles for the Majority of Education Funding. The Inexpedient to Legislate recommendation is based on the possibility of setting up an inequity in who is covering the cost of lab fees. It is clear that the language states that the “sending and regional schools to provide tuition, lab fees, and transportation for any student from a sending school who wishes to attend a CTE [Career and Technical Education] program.” It has no mention of the receiving school. Secondly, the Department of Education states local costs are indeterminable as “lab fees” are not defined. With the current lack of state funding in support of tuition and transportation, this additional cost would become an unfunded mandate. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Tracy Bricchi for the Minority of Education Funding. The minority of the committee believes the lab fees should be addressed in the memorandum of agreement between the sending schools and the Career and Technical Education (CTE) center. This will eliminate barriers for students who might struggle to pay these fees.

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

Rep. Ladd spoke in favor.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Luneau moved that **SB 294-FN**, relative to lab fees for career and technical education courses, be laid on the table.

Motion was adopted.

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SB 97-FN, relative to intra-district public school transfers. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for the Majority of Education Policy and Administration. This amended bill allows students to transfer between schools within the same school district. The superintendent can only consider if the requested school can accommodate the student in reviewing the transfer request. Since this is within the same district, there are no financial considerations. The bill also does include language from HB 68 which updates current law to state that parental requests to transfer to another school shall be approved by the superintendent unless other requirements are not met. This is another piece of parental rights legislation. HB 68 was passed by the House and re-referred in the Senate. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Megan Murray for the Minority of Education Policy and Administration. The minority of the committee feels that this bill has many uncertainties and recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Nothing in the bill sets a time limit on how many times an individual can request a move or placement to another school within a district. There is a pre-existing process in place for learners if alternate placements are being petitioned. Additionally, it may become increasingly difficult for districts to plan and budget or develop anticipated census numbers, plan for staff and support staff, in addition to new students moving into or leaving within an academic year. It was also unclear whether the use of the term “capacity” is referencing school-wide capacity or classroom capacity, and the bill, as amended by the other body, seems to go against the analysis of only permitting transfers within a resident district since it continually references “schools outside a district,” too. This seems to indicate a broader application of transfer requests beyond within a district.

Majority Amendment (1980h)

Amend RSA 193:3, I(c)-(j) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) Prior to or at such meeting, the parent or guardian shall make a specific request that the student be re-assigned by the school board to another public school, public academy, or an approved private school within the district or to a public school, public academy, or an approved private school in another district. ***If such request is made to reassign the student to another public school, public academy, or approved private school within the school district, the superintendent shall approve the request unless it fails to meet the requirements under this section.***

(d) At such meeting, the parent or guardian may present documents, witnesses, or other relevant evidence supporting the parent's belief that it is in the best interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment. The superintendent may present such information as he or she deems appropriate.

(e) ***In determining whether to authorize a request to transfer to another school within the district, the superintendent shall consider only whether the specifically requested school has the ability to accommodate the student based on existing school capacity.*** In determining whether it is in the best interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment ***to a school outside the district***, the superintendent shall consider the student's academic, physical, personal, or social needs.

(f) If the superintendent finds it is in the best of the interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment ***to a school outside the district, or finds the requested school in district has the ability to accommodate the student***, the superintendent shall initiate:

(1) A change of assignment within the student's current assigned school;

(2) The student's transfer to another public school or public academy within the district of residence; or

(3) The student's transfer to a public school, public academy, or an approved private school in another district.

(g) If a student is reassigned [~~as a result of a best interest determination~~] to a public school or public academy ***outside the district of residence***, the superintendents or administrators involved in the reassignment shall jointly establish a tuition rate for such student. Some or all of the tuition may be waived by the superintendent of the receiving district for good cause shown or pursuant to school board policy of the receiving district. The school board of the student's district of residence shall approve the payment of tuition upon the superintendent's finding that ***it*** is in the best interest of the student to be reassigned. Transportation shall be the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

(h) If the student is reassigned as the result of a best interest determination to an approved private school, the private school may charge tuition to the parent or may enter into an agreement for payment of tuition with the school district in which the child resides.

(i) If the superintendent does not find that it is in the best interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment ***to a school outside the district, or finds that the requested school in district is unable to accommodate the student***, the parent or guardian may request a hearing with the school board of residence to determine if the student is experiencing a manifest educational hardship under paragraph II.

(j) The school board of each school district shall adopt a policy addressing instances in which there are more requests to transfer to a school than there is ability to accommodate students based on [~~teacher-to-student ratio and~~] existing school capacity pursuant to subparagraph (e).

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 193 members having voted in the affirmative, and 164 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.

Rep. Megan Murray spoke against.

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

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Aldrich, Glen
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom

Bean, Harry
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

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Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Varney, Peter

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Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
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Murphy, Denis
Qualey, James

Hunt, John
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

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Davis, Arnold
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Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
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St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

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Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
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Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

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Scherr, Buzz
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de Vries, Erica
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Paige, Mark
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Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Haskins, Linda
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

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Ankarberg, Aidan
England, Myles
Horriggan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

Bay, Luz
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Southworth, Thomas

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth
Stone, John

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Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

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

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Osborne moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 200-181, the House adopted the motion to concur with Senate amendment on **HB 551-FN**, repealing the license to sell pistols and revolvers and limiting liability for certain design features of firearms. Rep. Osborne spoke against.

On a division vote, with 161 members having voted in the affirmative, and 204 in the negative, the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 102-FN, making informational materials regarding type 1 diabetes available on the department of education website. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kristin Noble for the Majority of Education Policy and Administration. This bill would require the Department of Education (DOE) to work with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to

develop or identify existing informational materials on type 1 diabetes that would be provided on the DOE website. This information would include a description of type 1 diabetes, risk factors, and warning signs and a recommendation for parents to consult with their child's primary care provider if their child is displaying warning signs. School districts will make the department's website known to parents. The more people who understand the warning signs for type 1 diabetes, the better; it can only help. New Hampshire is ranked 7th in the country for cases of type 1 diabetes in children. Vote 13-5.

Rep. Bryan Morse for the Minority of Education Policy and Administration. The minority believes that this bill, allowing type 1 diabetes information to be put on the Department of Education website, would be better placed on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website than the Department of Education website. Individuals will not look at the DOE website when they are trying to find information regarding their children. They will, however, think to go to DHHS. The minority also are concerned about schools providing medical services in schools.

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

Rep. Balboni spoke in favor.

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

SB 37, relative to residential care and health facility licensing. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matt Drew for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill takes a voluntary quality assurance program from RSA 151:5-c, makes it mandatory, and then applies it to everything licensed under RSA 151:2 which is essentially every health care facility in the state. This is a vast expansion of state power, and there is no funding attached to fund the additional investigations this would inevitably require. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Gary Woods for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill updates how residential and health facilities are investigated for complaints of non-compliance with current licensing requirements and how such complaints are noticed to the public. The bill covers entities outside the hospital setting which have arisen through the fragmentation of medical services such as dialysis units, infusion centers, and others. This bill helps ensure the same standard of care and scrutiny in these entities as was present when they were within the walls of a larger facility. This bill also recognizes the aging population in many of these facilities by requiring continued education to incorporate dementia care. The minority feels this bill creates the responses necessary in a continually changing medical environment and recommends that the bill Ought to Pass.

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

Rep. Woods spoke against.

Rep. Drew spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 195 members having voted in the affirmative, and 164 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

SB 119-FN, relative to Medicaid pharmaceutical services. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda McGrath for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The amendment adds language relating to standing orders for Ivermectin, allowing a pharmacy to partner with a prescriber to fill a prescription for Ivermectin via a standing order. There have been tremendous efforts to block doctors from prescribing and pharmacists from filling this medication. Doctors have even lost their medical license for prescribing Ivermectin. This will be totally voluntary for all health care providers who wish to participate. The amendment also deletes section three of the original bill authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services' Chief Medical Officer to issue standing orders only for Medicaid patients on a myriad of over the counter items. This would put an undue burden on pharmacies with no compensation for consulting with these patients, which would have normally been done at their doctor's office. The remaining section of the original bill is a cost saving measure allowing the pharmacist to dispense brand name medications to Medicaid patients if the cost is lower than the generic medication. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Lucy Weber for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. As it came to us from the Senate, this was a simple, common-sense cost-saving bill. Currently, our statutes require pharmacies to fill prescriptions for Medicaid using generic equivalents of name-brand drugs unless the prescriber specifically requires the brand name. However, there are times when the brand name drug is actually less expensive than the generic, so this bill allows the department of health and human services to add the brand name drug to its preferred drug list when that results in cost savings. The bill was estimated to save the state \$9 million or more per year. The bill also allowed the state's chief medical officer to issue standing orders for over-the-counter medications, medical supplies and lab tests for Medicaid recipients to achieve cost savings and greater access. Part of the amendment recommended by the majority removed the section of the bill governing over-the-counter medications and supplies. The minority opposes this because it makes the bill less efficient and less cost-effective.

The amendment recommended by the majority also is a non-germane amendment pertaining to Ivermectin, which allows any physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant to issue a standing order authorizing the dispensing of Ivermectin without a prescription. The minority objects to these changes on a number of grounds. First, the minority objects to the attachment of this policy to an otherwise unrelated statute, believing that the amendment should be presented to the body as a separate measure which would pass or fall on its own merits. Second, the minority believes it is unwise to authorize such a broad standing order for one specific medication, which essentially transforms a prescription medication into an over-the-counter medication outside of the normal rigorous authorization procedures. Currently, prescription medications are only available by standing order in extremely limited situations, when authorized by the chief medical officer of the state. They are limited to smoking cessation medication, Narcan, and EpiPens. The last two treatments are for the reversal of opioid overdose and anaphylactic shock, respectively — both conditions which are potentially fatal within minutes. Consider the chaos when the manufacturers of the thousands of other medications on the market propose similar standing orders for their medications. Third, Ivermectin is an effective medication used for the treatment of internal parasites, specifically worms, and in that capacity has been proven safe and has saved countless lives world-wide. However, there are no properly designed scientific studies that document its effectiveness in the treatment of COVID. Nor is there any documentation of its effectiveness in the treatment of cancer, as was claimed in testimony. Finally, those with prescribing authority may use any medication off-label, and we were told that advertisements have been heard offering such a prescribing service to all, so this standing order is completely unnecessary.

Majority Amendment (1867h)

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

AN ACT relative to Medicaid pharmaceutical services and relative to standing orders for Ivermectin.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 New Section; Pharmacists and Pharmacies; Ivermectin; Dispensing. Amend RSA 318 by inserting after section 47-m the following new section:

318:47-n Ivermectin; Dispensing.

I. In this section, “standing order” means a written and signed prescription authored by one or more physicians licensed under RSA 329:12, one or more advanced practice registered nurses licensed under RSA 326-B:18, or one or more physician assistants licensed under RSA 328-D. Such standing order shall allow the pharmacist licensed under RSA 318:18 to dispense Ivermectin under the delegated prescriptive authority of the physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, specify a screening protocol for each patient, specify a requirement to document screening performed and the prescription in the patient’s medical record, and include a plan for referring for evaluation and treatment of adverse events; provided that the standing order shall not be used if the patient is pregnant or under 18 years of age. Any such prescription shall be regarded as being issued for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of professional practice.

II. Licensed pharmacists following standing orders may dispense Ivermectin to persons in this state without a prior prescription. Pharmacies may charge a fee for consultation with the patient.

III. A pharmacist, pharmacy, physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or a medical facility that employs a pharmacist, physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, issuing or following standing orders shall be prohibited from seeking personal financial benefit by participating in any incentive-based program or accepting any inducement that influences or encourages therapeutic or product changes or the ordering of tests or services.

IV. A pharmacist, physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant shall be held to the same standard of care as when prescribing and dispensing any other medication.

V. The pharmacist shall provide each recipient of Ivermectin pursuant to this section with an information sheet written in plain language, which shall include, but is not limited to, potential adverse effects, drug interactions, Food and Drug Administration-approved indications for Ivermectin use, the importance of follow-up care, and health care referral information.

VI. The board of medicine shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take disciplinary action against a physician or physician assistant based on a pharmacist’s failure to follow standing orders provided the provisions of this section are satisfied. The board of nursing shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take disciplinary action against an advanced practice registered nurse based on a pharmacist’s failure to follow standing orders provided the provisions of this section are satisfied. The board of pharmacy shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take disciplinary action against a pharmacist who follows standing orders based on a defect in those standing orders provided the provisions of this section are satisfied.

4 New Section; Physicians and Surgeons; Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section 31-b the following new section:

329:31-c Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. The board of medicine shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take disciplinary action against a physician based on a pharmacist’s failure to follow standing orders provided the provisions of RSA 318:47-n are satisfied.

5 New Section; Nurse Practice Act; Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. Amend RSA 326-B by inserting after section 37 the following new section:

326-B:37-a Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. The board of nursing shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take disciplinary action against an advanced practice registered nurse based on a pharmacist's failure to follow standing orders provided the provisions of RSA 318:47-n are satisfied.

6 New Section; Pharmacists and Pharmacies; Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. Amend RSA 318 by inserting after section 16-f the following new section:

318:16-g Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. The board of pharmacy shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take disciplinary action against a pharmacist who follows standing orders based on a defect in those standing orders provided the provisions of RSA 318:47-n are satisfied.

7 New Section; Physician Assistants; Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. Amend RSA 328-D by inserting after section 6-a the following new section:

328-D:6-b Prescription and Administration of Ivermectin. The board of medicine shall not deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take disciplinary action against a physician assistant based on a pharmacist's failure to follow standing orders provided the provisions of RSA 318:47-n are satisfied.

8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Directs pharmacists to dispense brand name drugs to Medicaid beneficiaries when the brand name drug is on the department of health and human services preferred drug list.

II. Allows a pharmacist to follow a standing order from a physician, physician assistant, or advance practice registered nurse to dispense Ivermectin without a prior prescription.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Rep. McGrath spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

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

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Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

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Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Long, Patrick
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Presa, Adam
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

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Soti, Julius
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Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

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Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
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McDonnell, Valerie
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Selby, Donald
Sweeney, Joe
Vose, Michael

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Walker, David

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Larochelle, John

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Potenza, Kelley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

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Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
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Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
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Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
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Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne

Booras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
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Wallner, Mary Jane

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Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Scherr, Buzz
Turer, Eric

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Pearson, Mark
Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis
Vallone, Mark

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie
Ward, Gerald

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England, Myles
Horrigan, Timothy
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren
Wall, Janet

Bay, Luz
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Malone, Amy
Southworth, Thomas

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Stone, John

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

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Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and 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.

SB 130-FN, establishing a commission to study delivery models for emergency medical services in the state of New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Wayne MacDonald for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill would establish a commission to study delivery models for emergency medical services in New Hampshire. Commissions are a popular means of approaching various issues and may have been effective at one time. All of them are created with the best of intentions and for important reasons. This particular one would seek to deal with ambulance rates. However, there is currently an abundance of commissions and many of them do not serve the purpose for which they were created. Rather than consider if an already existing commission can serve a particular need, the action is often to make a new one. As a result of this, the leadership of both legislative bodies struggle to find members of their respective chambers who are willing to serve on this large group of bodies and, once members agree, some fail to participate actively, due their already busy schedules. Additionally, although this is a Senate bill, it places the onus on the first-named House member to call the first meeting. Finally, there is another House committee which has a bill that can address the issue of ambulance rates better. For these reasons, the majority recommends this bill be voted Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Trinidad Tellez for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill addresses an important need to understand emergency medical services delivery in New Hampshire through a commission to complete a comprehensive assessment of emergency medical service delivery models throughout the state, identify common problems and their possible solutions, and understand what role, if any, the state should play in this area. Emergency medical services are critical for the health and safety of all the people of New Hampshire. Yet some services in the North Country have already been lost, and there are more at threat for a variety of reasons. Additionally, the financing of emergency medical services is an acute and complex issue, with inadequacy of funding for ground ambulance services in the state. A commission would provide a comprehensive look at emergency medical services delivery and barriers to the provision of needed services, would provide an opportunity to identify some solutions to common problems being seen – recognizing that what may work in one area of the state may not work in another, resulting in recommendations to support and build sustainable emergency medical systems in New Hampshire.

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

Rep. Tellez spoke against.

Rep. Wayne MacDonald spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 184 members having voted in the affirmative, and 178 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

SB 243-FN, relative to the child care scholarship program. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Wayne MacDonald for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. There is no question that child care is an important part of the New Hampshire economy. Parents need this valuable service in order to work. However, this bill would require an appropriation of nearly \$400,000.00 for the development of an eligibility pilot program and an application processes study. This is a challenging feature, in what is clearly a difficult state budget period. This bill would also weaken the reporting requirement for child care providers, by mandating hourly attendance of scholarship children (those on state assistance for child care) be reported only quarterly and not with each billing cycle. Looser billing standards have the potential of leading to overpayments and even fraud. The majority therefore recommends this legislation be found Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Jessica LaMontagne for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Affordable child care is vital to New Hampshire's economy and is unaffordable for most. The child care scholarship program helps fund child care for families most burdened by the cost – those earning up to 85% of the state median income. The federal government matches every dollar the state spends on it. Parents with reliable child care miss fewer workdays and are better able to provide for their families. Child care providers who participate in the child care scholarship program find the requirements to report hourly attendance are cumbersome. This bill streamlines the documentation process to make it more efficient for the provider and ensure that such reporting is consistent with federal reporting requirements. The bill also implements prospective payments to providers – the way most people pay for child care or tuition, up front. This helps providers who have high up-front liability and payroll costs. A second part of the bill creates a pilot program of presumptive eligibility for the child care scholarship program. We heard testimony about the challenges faced by participants who may have both job and child care lined up yet must wait to start until the scholarship application is processed. This sometimes costs parents who are ready to go back to work either the job or their slot in the daycare while waiting for the scholarship approval. The improvements to the program in this bill would make more providers want to participate. We should be supporting this effective program for the benefit of employers and families in New Hampshire and answering the strong bipartisan call on us to address the child care crisis in the state.

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

Rep. Beauchemin spoke against.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Wayne MacDonald moved that **SB 243-FN**, relative to the child care scholarship program, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 277 members having voted in the affirmative, and 83 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 257, establishing a committee to study state guidelines for Medicaid eligibility determinations. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Matt Drew for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Facilitating the application and qualification process for those who need Medicaid is important. The issue with this bill, however, is the approach by which this need will be addressed. There are many study committees and similar groups which have already been created, and which don't fulfill their stated purpose. The history of such an approach has proven ineffective. If such a committee is warranted, then its purpose should be assigned to a group that already exists. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Lucy Weber for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill establishes a four-member legislative committee to study how Medicaid eligibility is determined. Currently, New Hampshire uses a method shared by ten other states. Thirty-nine other states use a different method of determining eligibility. The bill requires the study of the different methods of determining eligibility, especially the amount of time it takes to make a determination under each of the methods and the impact that each would have on recipients and on county budgets. This conversation is vitally important in light of the ongoing aging of New Hampshire and the need to plan for its effects on our nursing home populations and the county nursing homes in particular. The amendment simply removes a second, somewhat unrelated charge to the committee which was to study the purposes of the New Hampshire system of care for healthy aging. The minority deems this additional charge unnecessary.

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

Rep. Weber spoke against.

Rep. Drew spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 199 members having voted in the affirmative, and 164 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

SB 148-FN, prohibiting those convicted of murder from financially profiting from the death of the victim. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Zoe Manos for Judiciary. This bill has two purposes. The first is to preclude a person found responsible for murder in a court of law, in either a criminal or civil trial, from inheriting from his or her victim, in the instance of murder in the first degree or in the second degree if committed knowingly. The bill gives the probate court, or another court of competent jurisdiction, the authority to determine whether the murderer shall be disinherited from the victim's estate and whether legal or equitable remedies are necessary to afford appropriate relief to the plaintiff. The bill also provides that the plaintiff must notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) at the time of initiating a civil action under this bill, so that the DOJ can intervene in the civil proceeding, if it chooses for the limited purposes of ensuring that nothing that happens in the civil case will improperly affect a criminal prosecution of the murderer. The second purpose of the bill is to preclude a person found responsible for murder in a court of law, in either a criminal or civil trial, from profiting from his or her murder, in the instance of murder in the first degree or in the second degree if committed knowingly. The bill allows the victim to file a civil action in the probate court, or another court of competent jurisdiction, to recover damages from the person convicted of the murder or the representative of the convicted murderer. This will give the court the authority to "claw back" any profits the convicted murderer has received from the murder from, for example, a book or movie deal. The bill also provides that the plaintiff must notify the DOJ at the time of initiating a civil action under this bill, so that the DOJ can intervene in the civil proceeding, if it chooses. The committee amendment was passed unanimously. At the time the committee passed the amendment, it was aware that the DOJ still had some concerns about the notice provisions to the department. The committee anticipated at the time of its adoption of the amendment, and it still anticipates, that there will be a floor amendment to address the concerns of DOJ. Vote 17-0.

Amendment (1922h)

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

1 New Chapter; Effect of Murder on Intestate Succession, Wills, Joint Assets, Life Insurance, and Beneficiary Designations. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 562 the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 562-A

EFFECT OF MURDER ON INTESTATE SUCCESSION, WILLS, JOINT ASSETS, LIFE INSURANCE, AND BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

562-A:1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

I. "Disposition or appointment of property" includes a transfer of an item of property or any other benefit to a beneficiary designated in a governing instrument.

II. "Governing instrument" means a governing instrument executed by the decedent.

III. "Murder" means murder in the first degree as defined under RSA 630:1-a or murder in the second degree committed knowingly as defined under RSA 630:1-b, I(a) or a reasonably equivalent offense under federal law, the law of another state, or the law of a foreign country if the legal system of such country affords sufficient due process protections that a conviction thereunder can be deemed just and reliable. However, "murder" does not include conduct of a person that could be charged as the crime of causing or aiding a suicide as defined under RSA 630:4 even if such conduct also could be or has been charged under RSA 630:1-a or RSA 630:1-b, I(a).

IV. "Revocable," with respect to a disposition, appointment, provision, or nomination, means one under which the decedent, at the time of or immediately before death, was alone empowered, by law or under the governing instrument, to cancel the designation in favor of the killer, whether or not the decedent was then empowered to designate the decedent in place of the killer, and whether or not the decedent then had capacity to exercise the power.

562-A:2 Forfeiture of Statutory Benefits. An individual who murders the decedent forfeits all benefits under this title with respect to the decedent's estate. If the decedent died intestate, the decedent's intestate estate passes as if the killer predeceased the decedent.

562-A:3 Revocation of Benefits Under Governing Instruments. The murder of the decedent:

I. Revokes any revocable:

(a) Disposition or appointment of property made by the decedent to the killer in a governing instrument;

(b) Provision in a governing instrument conferring a general or nongeneral power of appointment on the killer; and

(c) Nomination of the killer in a governing instrument nominating or appointing the killer to serve in any fiduciary or representative capacity, including as a personal representative, executor, trustee, or agent; and

II. Severs the interests of the decedent and killer in property held by them at the time of the murder as joint tenants with the right of survivorship, transforming the interests of the decedent and killer into equal tenancies in common.

562-A:4 Effect of Severance or Revocation.

I. A severance under RSA 562-A:3, II does not affect any third-party interest in property acquired for value and in good faith reliance on an apparent title by survivorship in the killer unless a writing declaring

the severance has been noted, registered, filed, or recorded in records appropriate to the kind and location of the property that are relied upon, in the ordinary course of transactions involving such property, as evidence of ownership.

II. Provisions of a governing instrument are given effect as if the killer predeceased the decedent.

562-A:5 Murder; How Determined.

I. After all right to appeal has been exhausted, a judgment of conviction establishing criminal responsibility for commission of the murder of the decedent conclusively establishes the convicted individual as the decedent's killer for purposes of this chapter.

II. In the absence of a criminal conviction, an individual's status as the person responsible for commission of the murder of the decedent as defined in this chapter is conclusively established by a final civil judgment to that effect entered against the individual by a court of competent jurisdiction.

III. If an individual's status as the killer of the decedent has not been established pursuant to paragraphs I or II, the executor or administrator of the decedent's estate, or any person who would have received anything of value upon the death of the decedent by inheritance, under a governing instrument, or by operation of law if the individual had predeceased the decedent, may bring a civil action against the individual in a court of competent jurisdiction to have the court determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether the individual was responsible for the murder of the decedent as defined in this chapter. The plaintiff in such action may recover any money or property rightly belonging to or due to the plaintiff as a result of the individual's murder of the decedent, and the court may order such equitable relief, including but not limited to the imposition of a constructive trust upon money or property held by the individual, as the court finds just and proper to afford appropriate relief to the plaintiff. At the time of initiating such action the plaintiff shall provide notice thereof to the New Hampshire department of justice, which shall have the right to intervene in the case for the limited purpose of requesting that the court stay the proceedings for a reasonable time, place limits on discovery, or take other appropriate measures to protect the integrity of any criminal investigation or prosecution related to the death of the decedent which is ongoing or represented by the department to be promptly undertaken. The court, on its own motion or on the motion of any interested party shall stay the civil proceedings for a reasonable time upon a showing of good cause, and may issue such protective orders as justice may require. In no event shall the court stay the civil action beyond the time of entry of a final judgment by the trial court in the criminal case against the individual regardless of whether an appeal is taken in that case. If the court grants a stay or other relief to the department of justice under this paragraph, it shall grant such temporary or interim relief to the plaintiff as the court determines to be necessary to prevent the transfer, concealment, or removal from the jurisdiction of any money or property that may be awarded to the plaintiff in a final judgment.

562-A:6 Protection of Payors and Other Third Parties

I. A payor or other third party is not liable for having made a payment or transferred an item of property or any other benefit to a beneficiary designated in a governing instrument affected by a murder or for having taken any other action if that payment, transfer, or other action is made in good faith reliance on the validity of the governing instrument, upon request and satisfactory proof of the decedent's death, before the payor or other third party received written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under this chapter. A payor or other third party is liable for a payment or transfer made or other action taken after the payor or other third party received written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under this chapter.

II. Written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under paragraph I must be mailed to the payor's or other third party's main office or home by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or served upon the payor or other third party in the same manner as a summons in a civil action. Upon receipt of written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under this chapter, a payor or other third party may pay any amount owed or transfer or deposit any item of property held by the payor or other third party to or with the court having jurisdiction of the probate proceedings relating to the decedent's estate or, if no proceedings have been commenced, to or with the court having jurisdiction of probate proceedings relating to decedents' estates located in the county of the decedent's residence. The court shall hold the funds or item of property and, upon its determination under this chapter, shall order disbursement in accordance with the determination. Payments, transfers, or deposits made to or with the court discharge the payor or other third party from all claims for the value of amounts paid to or items of property transferred to or deposited with the court.

562-A:7 Protection of Bona Fide Purchaser; Personal Liability of Recipient.

I. A person who purchases property for value and without notice, or who receives a payment, an item of property or any other benefit in partial or full satisfaction of a legally enforceable obligation, is neither obligated under this chapter to return the payment, item of property, or benefit nor liable under this chapter for the amount of the payment or the value of the item of property, or benefit. A person who, not for value, receives a payment, item of property, or other benefit to which the person is not entitled under this chapter is obligated to return the payment, item of property or benefit, or is personally liable for the amount of the payment or the value of the item of property or benefit, to the person who is entitled to it under this chapter.

II. If this chapter or any part of this chapter is preempted by federal law with respect to a payment, an item of property, or any other benefit covered by this chapter, a person who, not for value, receives the payment, item of property, or other benefit to which the person is not entitled under this chapter is obligated to return the payment, item of property, or benefit, or is personally liable for the amount of the payment or the value of the item of property or benefit, to the person who would have been entitled to it were this chapter or part of this chapter not preempted.

562-A:8 Time of Application of Forfeiture. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a forfeiture arising under this chapter may be determined at any time prior to the closure of the decedent's estate by the probate court. This chapter shall be construed to apply to all estates that have not been closed by the probate court prior to the effective date of this chapter.

2 New Chapter; Proceeds of Crime Related to Murder. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 507-H the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 507-I PROCEEDS OF CRIME RELATED TO MURDER

507-I:1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

I. "Murder" means murder in the first degree as defined under RSA 630:1-a or murder in the second degree committed knowingly as defined under RSA 630:1-b, I(a), or a reasonably equivalent offense under federal law, the law of another state, or the law of a foreign country if the legal system of such country affords sufficient due process protections that a conviction thereunder can be deemed just and reliable. However, "murder" does not include conduct of a person that could be charged as the crime of causing or aiding a suicide as defined under RSA 630:4 even if such conduct also could be or has been charged under RSA 630:1-a or RSA 630:1-b, I(a).

II. "Profits from a murder" means any property which the individual who committed the murder obtained, or income generated, as a result of having committed the crime, including any property or income obtained through the use of unique knowledge gained or learned during the commission of, or in preparation for the commission of, the crime, as well as any property obtained by, or income generated from, the sale, conversion, or exchange of such property and any gain realized by such sale, conversion, or exchange.

III. "Victim" means the estate of the person who was murdered, or the immediate family of the person murdered, unless such individual is the one who committed the murder.

507-I:2 Obligations of Third Parties Related to Profits From a Murder.

Every person or other legal entity, or representative of such person or entity, that knowingly contracts for, pays, or agrees to pay any profits from a murder as defined in this chapter, to a person who committed the murder, or to the representative of such person, where the value, combined value, or aggregate value of the contract, payment or payments of such funds exceeds or will exceed 10,000 dollars, shall give written notice to the department of justice of the payment or obligation to pay as soon as practicable after discovering that the payment or intended payment constitutes profits from a murder.

507-I:3 Obligations of the Department of Justice.

The department of justice, through the office of victim/witness assistance established in RSA 21-M:8-b, upon receipt of notice of a contract, an agreement to pay, or payment of profits from a murder, shall notify all known victims of the existence of such contract, profits or funds at their last known address.

507-I:4 Right of Victim to Bring Suit; Department of Justice Standing.

I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any victim shall have the right to bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover damages from a person convicted of the murder of the victim's relation, as defined in this chapter, or the representative of the convicted person, within 3 years of the date the victim discovered, or reasonably should have discovered, the existence of any profits from the murder paid to or payable to the convicted person or the convicted person's representative.

II. Upon filing an action pursuant to this section, the victim shall provide notice thereof to the New Hampshire department of justice, which shall have the right to intervene in the case for the limited purpose of requesting that the court stay the proceedings for a reasonable time, place limits on discovery, or take other appropriate measures to protect the integrity of any other ongoing criminal investigation or prosecution related to the death of the decedent.

III. The department of justice also shall have the right to intervene in such action if there is any restitution owed that the department seeks to have satisfied.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enacts a chapter that prohibits a person who murders another person from certain financial benefits from the estate of the decedent or other contractual provisions, and enacts provisions governing the disposition of the estate in such instances. This bill also requires any entity that contracts with someone convicted of a murder for certain payments related to the commission of the crime to notify the department of justice and for the department of justice to notify the estate or immediate family of the decedent to allow for suit to recover any money owed.

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.
Rep. Lynn offered floor amendment (2331h).

Floor Amendment (2331h)

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

AN ACT prohibiting those convicted of murder from financially profiting from the death of the victim and specifying that library user information exempted from disclosure in the right-to-know law includes information regarding library cards and library membership status.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 Right to Know: Library Cards. Amend RSA 91-A:5, IV to read as follows:

IV. Records pertaining to internal personnel practices; confidential, commercial, or financial information; test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a licensing examination, examination for employment, or academic examinations; and personnel, medical, welfare, library user (*including, but not limited to, library cards and library membership status*), videotape sale or rental, and other files whose disclosure would constitute invasion of privacy. Without otherwise compromising the confidentiality of the files, nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a public body or agency from releasing information relative to health or safety from investigative files on a limited basis to persons whose health or safety may be affected.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enacts a chapter that prohibits a person who murders another person from certain financial benefits from the estate of the decedent or other contractual provisions, and enacts provisions governing the disposition of the estate in such instances. This bill also requires any entity that contracts with someone convicted of a murder for certain payments related to the commission of the crime to notify the department of justice and for the department of justice to notify the estate or immediate family of the decedent to allow for suit to recover any money owed.

This bill further exempts library card and library membership files and information from disclosure under the right-to-know law.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (2331h).

Rep. Lynn spoke in favor.

Floor amendment (2331h) 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.

The House recessed at 11:50 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 13-FN, invalidating out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for the Majority of Transportation. This bill states that driver's licenses and driver privilege cards issued by other states to undocumented immigrants are not recognized in New Hampshire. The bill also states that law enforcement cannot initiate traffic stops on suspicion of a violation of this change. To aid in enforcement the DMV will be required to maintain a list of invalidated licenses on its website. The amendment is taken from HB 452 which is a current House position. It clarifies that immigrants claiming asylum cannot obtain a New Hampshire driver's license until their claim has been adjudicated in court and they have proven that they can remain in the country legally. It also clarifies that asylees that have been issued New Hampshire driver's licenses prior to this change cannot get the license renewed until their claim has been adjudicated as well. Vote 9-6.

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for the Minority of Transportation. This bill, as amended, seeks to invalidate out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants, including those with licenses that are visually or administratively marked as not indicating lawful presence, which at this time only affects licenses issued by the State of Connecticut. While proponents argue this measure is about legal consistency, we believe the bill is unnecessary, harmful, and poorly aligned with New Hampshire values. First, this legislation would

criminalize the act of driving in New Hampshire for individuals who were issued licenses legally under the laws of other states. Several states, recognizing both humanitarian needs and practical realities, have chosen to extend driving privileges to undocumented immigrants to promote public safety, insurance compliance, and economic stability. New Hampshire has historically honored licenses issued by other states under the Driver's License Compact. This bill undermines that principle by creating a patchwork standard that targets a specific subset of licenses and the individuals who hold them, with no demonstrable benefit to public safety. Second, this bill introduces unnecessary legal risk and confusion for both law enforcement and visitors. Although it prohibits traffic stops solely on the basis of license type, the statute nevertheless invites profiling and the potential for discriminatory enforcement, especially in communities with immigrant populations or near state borders. More broadly, the bill ignores the lived realities of mixed-status families, workers, and asylum seekers residing in and traveling through our state. Many of these individuals contribute meaningfully to our economy and communities and may be in the midst of lawful proceedings that afford them due process protections under federal law. Rather than addressing any actual public safety concern, the bill appears designed to send a political message at the expense of real people's lives. Of particular concern is the committee amendment, which eliminates the ability of asylum seekers with federally issued work authorization to obtain a New Hampshire driver's license. This is a dramatic and punitive overreach. Asylum seekers who have received work permits from the federal government are lawfully present in the United States for the duration of their proceedings and permitted to work legally. Denying them the right to drive, while simultaneously allowing them to contribute to the workforce, is not only inconsistent, it is cruel. It undermines public safety by pushing people to drive without licenses and insurance, and it directly harms families, employers, and entire sectors of our economy that rely on legally authorized workers. This amendment turns New Hampshire's DMV into an immigration enforcement tool, which is neither its function nor its expertise. We oppose this language in the strongest possible terms and urge the full House to reject both the bill and the amendment.

Majority Amendment (1934h)

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

AN ACT invalidating out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants and prohibiting driver's license issuance and renewal to individuals with pending asylum claims, regardless of a grant of temporary work authorization.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 New Paragraph; Driver's License Renewal: Pending Asylum Cases; Amend RSA 263:10 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. The department shall not renew a driver's license for a person with a pending asylum claim, regardless of a previous or current grant of work authorization.

4 New Section; Driver's License Issuance to Nonresident Aliens: Asylees. Amend RSA 263 by inserting after section 263:39-b the following new section:

263:39-c Driver's License Issuance to Nonresident Alien Asylees. Notwithstanding RSA 263:39-a, the commissioner shall not issue a driver's license to a person granted asylee status by United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) until that person's application for adjustment of status to be a lawful permanent resident of the United States has been granted, regardless of any prior employment authorization.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill invalidates out-of-state driver's licenses issued specifically to undocumented immigrants, and prohibits the director of the department of motor vehicles from issuing or renewing a driver's license for a person with a pending asylum claim, notwithstanding employment authorization.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 183 members having voted in the affirmative, and 163 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.

Reps. Miller and Veilleux spoke against.

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

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Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Varney, Peter

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Belcher, Mike
Smith, Jonathan

Cordelli, Glenn
Peternel, Katy

Hamblen, Joseph
Brown, Richard

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Qualey, James

Hunt, John
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita

Nalevanko, Rich

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
Valerino, Brian

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
McFarlane, Donald

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Suiter, John
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Presa, Adam
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Morton, Jonathan
PANEK, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Plante, Raymond
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Morse, Bryan
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Pitaro, Matthew
See, Alvin

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Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

Bennett, Cindy
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Guzowski, James
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Summers, James
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Selby, Donald
Sweeney, Joe
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

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Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIREAmes, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, LuciusBerch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, LucyHarvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, JodiFox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri**GRAFTON**Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, GeorgeBaldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, TerryBolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, LaurelCormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry**HILLSBOROUGH**Murray, Alissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, DanielBeauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, WendyBergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, JonahBooras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew**MERRIMACK**Bricchi, Tracy
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Mehegan, Peter
Sargent, Gregory
Wallner, Mary JaneCaplan, Tony
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Newsom, James
Schamberg, Thomas
Woods, GaryColby, Eleana
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Polozov, Yury
Snodgrass, JimKelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Soucy, Timothy**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Turer, EricCahill, Michael
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
Manos, Zoe
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Geraldde Vries, Erica
Guthrie, Joseph
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, ToniEdgar, Michael
Haskins, Linda
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie**STRAFFORD**Bay, Luz
Gilmore, Gary
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Southworth, ThomasBixby, Peter
Howard, Heath
Larochelle, John
Miller, Seth
Stone, JohnBurton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, Peter
Wade, AliceEngland, Myles
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren
Wall, Janet**SULLIVAN**

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

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

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Nicholas Germana moved that the debate on **SB 13-FN**, invalidating out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants and prohibiting driver's license issuance and renewal to individuals with pending asylum claims, regardless of a grant of temporary work authorization, be printed in the Permanent Journal. Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON SB 13-FN

Speaker Packard: The committee amendment is (1934h). There is no debate. Members take your seats. This will be a division vote on the amendment. The motion before us is the committee amendment (1934h).

The house will be in order. It's on the committee amendment (1934h) printed in record 26 page 25. This is a division vote on the amendment. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 183 voting Yay; 163 voting Nay, the committee amendment is adopted. We are now on Ought to Pass as Amended. The Chair recognizes Rep. Miller.

Representative Miller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. For the third time this Session the Transportation Committee has veered out of its lane into federal immigration policy rather than our remit of state transportation. Through each of these debates I found myself struggling to understand the motivations, the reasoning behind the proposed policies. Our committee has been repeatedly informed that it is not xenophobia nor racism that drives these, yet proponents also repeatedly acknowledge that these bills are not about the safety on our roads nor in our communities. Instead what we hear each time is that these bills are about being fair. Now, growing up as a teenager, my mother often reminded me that life isn't fair and I imagine she'd try to offer me the same advice today were I to lodge such a complaint, but I can't help myself. I continue to wonder what is fair. The committee chair asked us, during the executive session for this bill, if it is "fair for everyone in the state who follows the law and abides by the law for us to give people a privilege to drive, which is a pretty important privilege, before we know they're here legally." We are choosing with this bill to wholesale ignore that the federal government has already made that determination. That the affected residents can remain legally in the United States and indeed in New Hampshire while their asylum claim awaits adjudication. It is indeed a bit like a game of Calvinball where the rules are made up as we go along, not to suit our fancy, not rooted in fact, nor sound policy. We are very clearly choosing not to care whether they are here legally. We are declaring that they are not, and we are doing it in an abhorrent manner. No hearings, no appeals, just a blanket decision by this body that every single person with that pending asylum claim is a liar who broke the law. That is not fair. The federal government also determined that many of the residents that this bill, as amended, affects have the right to work in the United States and for better or worse, holding down a job in New Hampshire means needing to drive a car. We are telling these people, the workers who contribute to our economy, our communities and our tax base far in excess of the services they consume, that they can no longer have a job here. To whom is that fair? Which of our constituents benefits from this policy? Certainly not the business owners losing their staff. Certainly not the local shopkeepers who are losing their customers. And it's not lost on me as we sit in this Chamber, we hold the lives of our constituents in our hands. We are in effect playing a role of sort of a little g God. And I'm not a particularly religious person, although I grew up with a bit of that, and considering this bill I found myself thinking back and pondering a particular verse, Deuteronomy 24:6, no man shall take the mill or upper millstone to pledge for he takes a man's life to pledge. Extrapolated for the modern age that it basically is saying that taking away someone's ability to work is the equivalent of taking that millstone away. We are choosing today whether to take away not just their ability to work and participate in our communities, but to live thrive and survive. And with no upside to the Granite State. Our society is not a zero-sum game. These residents are not taking away anything from other Granite Staters simply by existing and driving in our state. Indeed, quite the opposite. They are active members of our communities and our workforce. They deserve all the same opportunities and protections each of us enjoy sitting here today. That is what it means to be fair. And so as we play God with their lives, let us choose to play the humble, compassionate, generous, welcoming and even perhaps the economically sound version of that role, not the one that this bill represents. Mister Speaker, I request a division vote.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognize Rep. Veilleux.

Representative Veilleux: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, I rise in opposition to SB 13, as amended. I understand why this bill may appeal to some people who feel the immigration system is broken and want stronger enforcement. It sends a clear signal. Immigrants are not welcome here. But we should ask ourselves not just what statement it makes, but what happens when the statement becomes law. Because if this bill passes, it carries the full weight of enforcement, litigation and constitutional scrutiny just like any other statute. As amended, the bill does far more than its title suggests. It would invalidate out of state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants even when those licenses were issued lawfully under the laws of another state. It criminalizes the act of driving in New Hampshire for individuals holding those licenses. It prohibits asylum seekers even those with federally authorized work permits from obtaining or renewing a New Hampshire driver's license until they are granted permanent residency or green card, a process that can take years under the best circumstances. Only one state, Connecticut, currently issues the type of license this bill targets. Obviously, this is not a broad public safety measure. It's a narrow symbolic act that makes a political point but does little to advance prudent policy or public safety. If the goal is to deter crime, we should be honest why are we targeting people who have followed the law? Undocumented immigrants who have come forward, complied with documentation requirements, and obtained licenses designed to ensure roadways are safe, those are the people this bill singles out. Asylum seekers with valid work permits have done exactly what the federal government has asked of them. They have applied, waited, received authorization and are working, paying taxes and contributing to their communities. This bill does not respond to

lawbreaking, it penalizes those who followed the process. It does not enhance public safety, it creates legal risk for law enforcement, operational confusion for DMV and hardship for families, employers and entire sectors of our economy. It also undermines New Hampshire's obligations under the Interstate Driver Compact, Driver License Compact, an agreement based on mutual recognition and trust between states. By carving out a politically charged exception, we begin to chip away at the shared standards that make this agreement work. This bill places our state agencies in roles they were never meant to fill. Law enforcement officers and DMV staff will be expected to evaluate immigration status and interpret federal documents. These are not their responsibilities. Yet this bill calls on them to enforce federal immigration law without giving them the tools, training or legal authority to do so. Let's be clear, individuals with pending asylum claims who have received federal work authorization are lawfully present in the United States. That's not a loophole, that's simply the law denying them the ability to drive while expecting them to work is inconsistent, unproductive and harmful. This bill does not strengthen public safety, it weakens it. Litigation is a certainty. It will consume state resources for little gain regardless of the outcome. Mister Speaker, I understand this bill may pass today, but let's be realistic. This is a tremendous amount of effort for very little gain. It burdens our state agencies, compromises our legal position and punishes people who are doing what the law requires of them. I urge my colleagues to vote no on SB 13. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Walsh.

Representative Thomas Walsh: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I wasn't going to re-debate this whole thing. We actually debated it about a month ago and basically the committee amendment we just adopted is a current House position that we're sending to our colleagues back on the other side of the wall for further discussion. But just briefly, let's remind ourselves why we're doing this. For four years, under the Biden/Harris administration, with their lead Mayorkas in charge of our borders, we watched them open it up to millions and millions of people. Twenty is the latest number I've heard, million. Most of which came here claiming asylum. You've probably heard this before. 180 countries, most of which are not even eligible under our third safe country doctrine and treaties. Hold on a second. And actually, I just lost my whole train of thought. I apologize for that Mister Speaker. Anyway, we've heard all the debate before. The fact of the matter is our borders are - Tom Homan has estimated that nine out of ten of these asylum claims are illegitimate. Another study I saw, a third, a third would be considered legitimate enough to hear. The bottom line is this bill is pretty simple. We have no idea who claimed asylum and then knowing that many, many could be not even legitimate or from legitimate countries, it only makes sense to put the brakes on who we give our driver's licenses to. It is a privilege and that's all this bill does. When you get adjudicated in the immigration courts and you can prove that you can stay here legally, because keep in mind folks if you lose your case in the immigration courts and your asylum claim is rejected, you are ordered deported. So to give somebody a privilege is putting the cart before the horse. I feel bad for the legitimate asylees and all this because they're the ones that are going to have to get stuck waiting because of all the other people that took advantage. Again, this bill, SB 13 with now the amendment, which comes from HB 452. It just holds other drivers from other states to the same standard as the committee amendment establishes. So please support the majority committee report of ought to pass on SB 13. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Walsh has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is ought to pass as amended on SB 13. This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Veilleux for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Veilleux: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that SB 13 sends a message but serves no objective legal purpose. And, if I know that this bill targets people who are doing their best to follow the law. And finally, if I know that this bill will tie up state resources and extensive legal challenges for very little gain, would I now press the the green button to defeat? Red button, red. I swore I would never do that. I swore I would never do that, but there I go. Thank you very much over here. Would I now press the red button to defeat the motion, so another motion can be made? Thank you.

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

Representative Gorski: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that this bill clarifies that immigrants claiming asylum cannot get a driver's license until a claim has been adjudicated by the court. And, if I know that other states who provide driver's licenses to asylees and illegal immigrants do not conduct the proper in-depth vetting on them, which allows them to pass out driver's licenses like candy, then would I press the green button...

Speaker Packard: The house will be in order.

Representative Gorski: to support the motion of OTP? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is the majority committee report of ought to pass as amended on SB 13. This a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 192 voting Yay; 164 voting Nay, the committee report is adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 157-FN, relative to inspection and registration of certain fleet vehicles and necessary amendments and administrative rules regarding the state implementation plan. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matthew Pitaro for Transportation. This bill would allow vehicle rental companies with 50 or more fleet vehicles to be a part of a registration program where vehicles purchased during the vehicle's model year, or the year prior can obtain an initial inspection which would be valid for the common annual expiration date in the second year after purchase. The fleet vehicles would then resume an annual inspection schedule. The commissioner of the department of safety will be tasked with creating a set of rules for the program and the department of environmental services will submit an amendment to the state implementation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval. This is a business-friendly bill that recognizes an avenue to increase efficiency and participation among one of the businesses within New Hampshire's tourism industry. Vote 15-0.

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

Rep. Layon offered floor amendment (2262h).

Floor Amendment (2262h)

Amend RSA 261:40-b, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. The director of the division of motor vehicles shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A regarding enrollment and cancellation of enrollment in the program, filing, invoicing, and payment procedures under the program. Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Contingency. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect when the commissioner of the department of environmental services certifies to the director of the office of legislative services and the secretary of state that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has approved amendments to the state SIP as it relates to the rental fleet registration program established in RSA 261:40-b.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (2262h).

Rep. Layon spoke in favor.

Floor amendment (2262h) 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.

SB 272-FN, relative to electric-vehicle charging station funding. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for the Majority of Transportation. The underlying issue is that this bill addressed two issues, one being the ability for municipalities to create revolving funding pools to install and maintain charging stations that were taxpayer funded, and the other relative to enforcement of parking in a spot or charging station reserved for electric vehicles (EVs). While the committee supported the parking enforcement portion of this generally, there was concern that it was too broadly written and open to interpretation with further questions about the application of penalties, enforceability, and practicality. The first part of the bill, with regard to establishing funding pools using tax revenue was opposed by the majority as an overreach into the private market and a potential tax increase on the citizens of municipalities that chose to adopt this, and an expense that does not benefit all residents. Vote 8-7.

Rep. Seth Miller for the Minority of Transportation. This bill serves two purposes, ensuring local control over infrastructure investment, while not mandating any expenses. The first is simple enabling legislation allowing towns to establish a revolving fund for building electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. As with other revolving fund infrastructure investment decisions, this would be left to the voters of that municipality to decide whether to actually fund the work or not. The second half of the bill is, again, enabling legislation allowing private and public entities to mark dedicated spaces for EV charging and establishing penalties for parking there when not actively charging. This ensures that facility owners and Granite Staters will benefit from the investment in this infrastructure.

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

Rep. Miller spoke against.

Rep. Giasson spoke in favor.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**SB 30**, proclaiming the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Heath Howard for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would proclaim the Virginia opossum as the state marsupial and rename all opossums found within our state's borders to the New Hampshire opossum. This bill was brought forward by a group of 5th graders from the Chesterfield School after they started a petition to be more involved in the legislative process. Opossums are the only marsupial found within our state, and they help prevent the spread of Lyme disease by consuming ticks. Opossums are often considered the most effective natural predator against ticks, eating thousands in a season. This lighthearted bipartisan bill highlights the benefits of an animal native to our state that does not always get the recognition it deserves. Vote 11-2.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.
Rep. Layon offered floor amendment (2263h).

Floor Amendment (2263h)

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

AN ACT proclaiming the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire and relative to the penalty for incorrect application of fertilizers.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 New Paragraph; Application of Fertilizer to Urban Turf and Lawn; Penalty. Amend RSA 431:4-e by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Notwithstanding RSA 431:18, any person and the corporate agent of such person, who violates this section:

- (a) Shall receive a written warning for a first offense;
- (b) Shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to a \$250 fine per acre for a second offense; and
- (c) Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for a third or subsequent offense.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill proclaims the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire and renames such opossums within the borders of the state as “New Hampshire opossums.”

This bill also establishes graduated penalties for the incorrect application of fertilizer depending on whether it is a first, second, or third offense.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (2263h).

Rep. Layon spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

On a division vote, with 313 members having voted in the affirmative, and 46 in the negative, floor amendment (2263h) 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.

SB 170, relative to development and related requirements in cities, towns, and municipalities. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Brian Cole for Housing. This bill strengthens fair housing access and streamlines local land use regulation by establishing new limits on municipal authority while upholding individual civil rights. First, it expands New Hampshire’s civil rights protections in housing by affirming that the right to obtain housing without discrimination—based on age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital or familial status, school enrollment status, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation—is a recognized civil right. It further prohibits municipalities from imposing occupancy restrictions based on whether individuals are related by blood or marriage, thus supporting inclusive housing arrangements such as roommates, domestic partnerships, and non-traditional households. In addition, the bill curbs municipal over regulation by ensuring that cities, towns, and counties with unincorporated areas cannot impose septic system test-pitting or well-siting requirements that are more stringent than those required by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, promoting consistency and fairness in permitting. It also requires municipalities to allow necessary underground utilities—including septic systems, wells, electrical infrastructure, and drainage systems—to be installed within the open space or perimeter buffer zones of subdivisions, so long as environmentally sensitive areas like wetlands and shorelands are not impacted. Finally, the bill improves transparency and efficiency in the local development review process by requiring municipalities to meet with developers during the initial review stage and then provide written recommendations for plan changes within seven calendar days. If the developer adopts the requested changes, the municipality must accept and stamp the plans in full for consideration by the appropriate approving authority. Together, these reforms aim to reduce arbitrary regulatory delays, promote fair housing access, and encourage more efficient, cost-effective development throughout the state. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (1948h)

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

AN ACT relative to development and related requirements in municipalities.

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

1 Trade and Conduct; Fair Housing; Equal Housing Opportunity Without Discrimination a Civil Right.
Amend RSA 354-A:8 to read as follows:

354-A:8 Equal Housing Opportunity Without Discrimination a Civil Right. The opportunity to obtain housing without discrimination because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, ***school enrollment status***, physical or mental disability or national origin is hereby recognized and declared a civil right. In addition, no person shall be denied the benefit of the rights afforded by this section on account of that person's sexual orientation. ***Municipalities shall not mandate that occupants of housing units be related by blood or marriage.***

2 New Sections; Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers; Prohibitions on Cities and Towns, and Municipalities. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 23 the following new sections:

674:23-a Prohibitions on Cities and Towns, and Municipalities. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary:

I. Municipalities and counties with unincorporated places shall not require more stringent test-pitting requirements for septic systems than the department of environmental services requires.

II. Municipalities shall not require more stringent well-siting requirements than required by the department of environmental services.

III. Municipalities shall permit utilities, including septic systems, wells, electric systems, drainage structures, and other utilities, to be placed in open spaces or perimeter buffers of subdivisions as applicable; provided that such open spaces or perimeter buffers are not wetlands or shoreland areas protected by RSA 483-B.

IV. Municipalities shall review building and development plans with the developer. Upon the conclusion of that initial planning review, the city, town, or municipality, or their designee, shall have 7 calendar days to adjust or alter their recommended changes to the submitted plans. Any recommended changes shall be provided to the developer in writing. Should the developer comply with all recommended changes or alterations to the final plans as requested by the city, town, or municipality, the city, town, or municipality shall accept and stamp the final plans in their entirety for further approval or denial by the appropriate city, town, or municipal body.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain development-related activities.

II. Requires municipalities to allow for septic systems, wells, electric systems, drainage structures, and other utilities to be placed in open spaces or perimeter buffers of subdivisions.

III. Prohibits municipalities from mandating that occupants of housing units be related by blood or marriage.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Alexander moved that **SB 170**, relative to development and related requirements in cities, towns, and municipalities, be laid on the table.

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

Motion was adopted.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 174, prohibiting planning boards from considering the number of bedrooms a given unit or development has during the hearing and approval process. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Allan Howland for Housing. During the public hearing, it was alleged that municipalities were restricting the number of bedrooms in projects to prevent families with school age children from moving into their communities. This bill would prohibit municipalities from using number of bedrooms as a criteria for rejecting a development proposal as long as the project meets water supply and sewage requirements. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (1639h)

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

1 New Subdivision; Prohibiting Differentiation Based on the Number of Bedrooms. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 76 the following new subdivision:

Prohibiting Differentiation Based on the Number of Bedrooms

674:77 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Residential development" means any housing project that includes one or more dwelling units, regardless of whether they are intended for rent or purchase.

II. "Bedroom" means a furnished room with a bed intended primarily for sleeping purposes, unless otherwise specified by local regulations.

674:78 Prohibition on Differentiation Based on Number of Bedrooms. If a residential development proposal makes adequate provision for water supply and sewage disposal in accordance with RSA 485-A and if applicable, the planning board's site plan review regulations or subdivision regulations, planning boards may not use the number of bedrooms as cause or criteria to reject the application. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the department of environmental services regulations for individual sewage disposal systems. Nothing in this section shall prevent the authority having jurisdiction or building inspector from tak-

ing the number of bedrooms into account when determining whether a residential development has adequate water and sewage disposal capacity in conformance with RSA 485-A prior to issuance of a building permit or occupancy permit in accordance with 676:13, I.

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

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.
Rep. Howland offered floor amendment (2343h).

Floor Amendment (2343h)

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

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674:78 Prohibition on Differentiation Based on Number of Bedrooms.

I. If a residential development proposal adequately provides for water supply and sewage disposal in accordance with RSA 485-A, and, if applicable, the planning board's site plan review regulations or subdivision regulations, planning boards shall not use the number of bedrooms as a basis to reject the application.

II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the department of environmental services' regulations for individual sewage disposal systems.

III. Nothing in this section shall prevent the authority having jurisdiction or a building inspector from considering the number of bedrooms when determining whether a residential development has sufficient water and sewage disposal capacity in accordance with RSA 485-A before issuing a building permit or occupancy permit, pursuant to RSA 676:13, I.

IV. Applications may utilize workforce housing standards under RSA 674:59, IV, requiring at least 50 percent of the units to contain 2 or more bedrooms.

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

The question being adoption of floor amendment (2343h).

Rep. Howland spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 234 members having voted in the affirmative, and 124 in the negative, floor amendment (2343h) was adopted.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Bill Boyd moved that **SB 174**, prohibiting planning boards from considering the number of bedrooms a given unit or development has during the hearing and approval process, be laid on the table.

Rep. Bill Boyd requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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 DeDe-Poulin, Denise
 Granger, Michael
 Kaczynski, Thomas
 Smith, Marjorie
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wall, Janet

Bay, Luz
 England, Myles
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Malone, Amy
 Southworth, Thomas

Bixby, Peter
 Farrington, Samuel
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Laroche, John
 Miller, Seth
 Stone, John

Burton, Wayne
 Gilmore, Gary
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Potenza, Kelley
 Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Grant, George

Aron, Michael

and the motion failed.

Rep. Miles voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

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

Rep. Wilson spoke against.

Rep. Howland spoke in favor.

Rep. Wheeler requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen

Harvey-Bolia, Juliet

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
 Peternel, Katy

Cordelli, Glenn

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
 Gruber, James
 Thackston, Dick

Fox, Dru
 Germana, Nicholas
 Weber, Lucy

Germana, Dylan
 Newell, Jodi

Faulkner, Barry
 O'Rourke, Terri

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Berezhny, Lex
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
McFarlane, Donald
Spahr, Terry

Baldwin, Heather
Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell
Stringham, Jerry

Barton, Joseph
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Oppel, Thomas
Sykes, George

Beaulier, Calvin
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Berry, Ross
Chretien, Suzanne
Darby, Will
Dupont, Pierre
Georges, Mary
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Kofalt, Jim
Long, Patrick
Noble, Kristin
Reinfurt, Sherri
Scully, Kevin
Staub, Kathy
Mannion, Tom
Wilhelm, Matthew

Alexander, Joe
Booras, Efstathia
Cole, Brian
Dargie, Paul
Elberger, Susan
Giasson, Henry
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
Pauer, Diane
Ryan, Linda
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Cornell, Patricia
Drew, Matt
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Jack, Martin
Kesselring, Steven
LeClerc, Daniel
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Newman, Sue
Slottje, Jeremy
Tellerski, Laura
Warden, Mark

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Daniels, Gary
Dumont, Dillon
Foss, Lily
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
Mazur, Lisa
Newman, Ray
Salvi, Santosh
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Thibault, James

McGuire, Carol
Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Pitaro, Matthew
See, Alvin
Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Polozov, Yury
Snodgrass, Jim
Woods, Gary

McGuire, Dan
Hicks, Matthew
Morse, Bryan
Roesener, James
Soucy, Timothy

ROCKINGHAM

Cahill, Michael
Edgar, Michael
Janigian, John
McDonnell, Valerie
Raynolds, Ned
Soti, Julius
Vose, Michael

de Vries, Erica
Ford, Mary
Murray, Kate
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Spillane, James
Ward, Gerald

DeVito, Sayra
Gilman, Julie
Layon, Erica
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Sweeney, Joe
Weinstein, Toni

Donnelly, Tanya
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Osborne, Jason
Sorensen, Carrie
Turer, Eric

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Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
St. Clair, Charlie

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
Nagel, David
Toner, Travis

Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Smith, Jonathan

Belcher, Mike
Brown, Richard

Hamblen, Joseph
Taylor, Brian

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Berch, Paul
Jacobs, Samantha
Parshall, Lucius

Harvey, Cathryn
Jones, Philip
Qualey, James

Murphy, Denis
Mattson, Rita
Rhodes, Jennifer

Hunt, John
Nalevanko, Rich

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
Valerino, Brian

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Rockmore, Ellen

Bolton, Bill
Stavis, Laurel

Franz, Linda

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
DiSilvestro, Linda
Gagne, Larry
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Lascelles, Richard
Murphy, Mary
Morton, Jonathan
Panek, Sandra
Presa, Adam
Rombeau, Catherine
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Boyd, Bill
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Leishman, Peter
McGhee, Kat
Murphy, Nancy
Peebles, Raymond
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Sirois, Shane
Vail, Suzanne

Barbour, Liz
Creighton, James
Flanagan, Jack
Gould, Linda
Foxy, Loren
Murray, Megan
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Petrigno, Peter
Prout, Andrew
Schneller, John
Sofikitis, Catherine
Thomas, Wendy

Boehm, Ralph
Kelley, Diane
Griffin, Gerald
Gregg, Alicia
Labrie, Brian
MacKenzie, Mark
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Preece, David
Raymond, Heather
Seidel, Sheila
Suiter, John
Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Colby, Eleana
Hill, Gregory
Plante, Raymond
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
Devoid, Ricky
Luneau, David
Boyd, Stephen
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Ebel, Karen
Mehegan, Peter
Schamberg, Thomas

Cambrils, Jose
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Seaworth, Brian

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Bryer, Scott
Drago, Mike
Guthrie, Joseph
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
Maggiore, Jim
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wilson, Vicki

Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Knab, Allison
Love, David
Malloy, Dennis
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin

Bennett, Cindy
Thomas, Douglas
Foote, Charles
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lynn, Bob
Manos, Zoe
Melvin, Charles
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Selby, Donald
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Grote, Jaci
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Miner, Laurence
Pearson, Mark
Markell, Jay
Milz, David
Perez, Kristine
Roy, Terry
Summers, James
Vallone, Mark
Weyler, Kenneth

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Burnham, Claudine
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Larochele, John

DeLemus, Susan
Selig, Loren

DeRoy, Susan
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Damon, Hope
Aron, Judy

Drye, Margaret
Rollins, Skip

Girard, Dale
Smith, Steven

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

and the committee report failed.

Rep. Bill Boyd moved Inexpedient to Legislate.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Alexander moved that **SB 174**, prohibiting planning boards from considering the number of bedrooms a given unit or development has during the hearing and approval process, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 239 members having voted in the affirmative, and 120 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 188-FN, allowing independent permitting and inspections, and allowing local governments to authorize licensed engineers and architects to perform building code inspections. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Dick Thackston for Housing. This bill amends RSA 155-A:7 by inserting new sections RSA 155-A:7-a Private Provider Services, and others, which provides substantial equity and improves justice by enabling individuals and entities who build or renovate structures within the State of New Hampshire, in situations that reasonably or legally require building permits and inspections, to employ independent licensed engineers and architects with local approval of the independent providers. Approval of providers may not be unreasonably withheld. As amended, this bill preserves local oversight by allowing local building officials to retain

the authority to approve providers; aligns bill language with applicable building code terminology to avoid statutory conflicts; clarifies timelines by employing calendar days; clarifies the complaint process by managing complaints through appropriate licensing boards or the Building Code Review Board; standardizes the process for fee reductions for those who employ independent entities; and makes the bill effective upon passage. The committee, and its subcommittee for this bill, took substantial time in hearing and reviewing input from all stakeholders (municipal governments, home builders, building inspectors and code enforcement, and the Building Code Review Board) and evaluated and considered their input and amended the bill as appropriate. This bill, as amended, would likely result in lower rents and greater housing availability by stabilizing the housing market through increasing affordability and availability of new or renovated structures. Increased investment in the development of rental properties will be enhanced by the increased willingness of individuals and entities to invest in residential properties in New Hampshire by creating a more flexible and timely inspection process. Vote 17-0.

Amendment (1951h)

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

AN ACT relative to the state building code.

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

1 Short Title. This act shall be cited as the "Speeding Development Act".

2 Purpose. The purpose of this act is to facilitate speedier and more efficient development while ensuring public safety by authorizing licensed or certified third parties to certify documents and inspect buildings in compliance with applicable building and other codes.

3 Definitions.

I. In this act:

(a) "Applicable codes" means the New Hampshire state building code and any local technical amendments, excluding fire prevention and fire safety codes except as referenced by the state building code.

(b) "Approved agency" means an individual or entity that is authorized as permitted by this section to perform building code inspection services and construction document reviews as an alternative to those conducted by local government agencies. Private providers may include professionals such as engineers, architects, or ICC-certified building officials.

(c) "Audit" means the process to assess that construction document review and inspection services have generally been performed properly by the private provider.

(d) "Approved agency services" means the review of construction documents and inspection services to determine compliance with applicable codes, each as required by the state building code.

(e) "Construction documents" means written, graphic, and pictorial documents prepared or assembled for describing the design, location, and physical characteristics of the elements of a project necessary for obtaining a building permit. Construction documents do not include applications or documents generated for zoning or planning approvals.

(f) "Building inspection" means the inspection of an improvement to land as required by the state building code as part of a project to develop or improve an improvement to the land, building, or structure.

(g) "Building permit or permit" means an official document or certificate issued by the building official that authorizes performance of a specified activity.

(h) "Building official" means the officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this act, or a duly authorized representative.

(i) "ICC" means the International Code Council.

4 Approved Agencies.

I. An approved agency shall provide all information as necessary for the building official to determine that the agency meets the applicable requirements specified in this section. If the building official does not approve a proposed agency, the reasons shall be stated in writing.

II. An approved agency shall be objective, competent, and independent from the contractor responsible for the work being inspected. The agency shall disclose to the building official possible conflicts of interest so that objectivity can be confirmed. Individuals shall perform services only within the scope of their competence and, where applicable, license or certification.

III. An approved agency shall have adequate equipment to perform required tests. The equipment shall be periodically calibrated.

IV. An approved agency shall employ or contract with experienced personnel educated in conducting, supervising, and evaluating construction document reviews and inspections of the work.

V. An approved agency may review construction documents or provide inspections only if the approved agency maintains insurance for professional liability covering all services performed as an independent provider, unless such regulatory authority waives such requirement. Such insurance shall have minimum policy limits of \$2 million per occurrence and \$4 million in the aggregate for any project with a construction cost

of \$5 million or less and \$4 million per occurrence and \$8 million in the aggregate for any project with a construction cost of over \$5 million. A certificate of insurance indicating the above shall be provided to the building official before services under this section are started, and such certificate shall require notification to the building official 14 days prior to any cancellation or changes to the policy.

VI. The approved agency shall provide complete contact information for each individual performing services under this section.

5 Approved Agency Services.

I. The owner or owner's authorized agent may use approved agencies for building code inspections and construction document reviews as permitted by this section.

II. Approved agencies shall be licensed professionals, including engineers, architects, or ICC-certified building officials.

III. Approved agencies shall adhere to all applicable codes and standards set forth by the state building code pursuant to RSA 155-A:2 and any local bylaws or ordinances established pursuant to RSA 155-A:3.

IV. Approved agencies may use electronic signatures and transmission for submitting construction documents where permitted by the municipality and for all reports and other documents required for compliance with this section.

V. Local enforcement agencies appointed pursuant to RSA 674:51 or RSA 47:22 shall audit a percentage of inspections performed by approved agencies within their jurisdiction to ensure compliance with applicable codes. Audits shall be conducted randomly and without prior notice to the approved agency. The local enforcement agency shall have the authority to take corrective action if any violations are found during the audit.

6 Scope of Approved Agency Services.

I. The approved agency shall examine the construction documents, including deferred or amended documents described in this act. Upon determining compliance, the approved agency shall prepare an affidavit or affidavits certifying that the documents were reviewed pursuant to this section and that to the best of the knowledge, information, and belief of the reviewer, the documents comply with the New Hampshire state building code and any applicable municipal amendments.

II. The approved agency shall perform inspections as set forth in this act. Upon completion of all inspections, the approved agency shall submit to the regulatory authority an affidavit summarizing the inspections performed in accordance with the approved construction documents, the New Hampshire state building code, and any applicable municipal amendments. The approved agency and affidavit shall be subject to RSA 676:13.

7 Use of Approved Agencies for Document Review and Inspections.

I. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation, at the discretion of the permit applicant, approved agencies shall be permitted to perform reviews of construction documents and/or inspections of the work, each as required by this section.

II. The provisions of this section shall address permits where the owner or owner's authorized agent chooses to utilize the services of an approved agency for the services identified in this section but shall not be interpreted to restrict any other authorization for the building official to obtain or require the services of an approved agency.

III. Prior to the approved agency proceeding with the services under this section, the owner or the owner's authorized agent shall provide the following signed statement to the building official with the permit application:

I agree to indemnify the regulatory authority from and against losses, damages, and judgments arising from claims by third parties arising from my use of these licensed or certified personnel to provide development document reviews and building inspections with respect to the building or structure that is the subject of the enclosed application. The indemnification shall include reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses recoverable under applicable law, but only to the extent they are found to be caused by a negligent act, error, or omission of an approved agency or approved agency officers, directors, members, partners, agents, employees, or subconsultants.

IV. The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall contract with and make payment directly to the approved agency.

8 State Building Code Changes.

I. The state building code review board shall amend the International Building Code 2021 as set forth in this act. The International Existing Building Code 2021, the International Plumbing Code 2021, the International Mechanical Code 2021, the International Energy Conservation Code 2018, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code 2021, the International Residential Code 2021, and the National Electrical Code 2020 shall be amended in a manner to authorize the use of the provisions in this act.

9 Municipal Responsibilities.

I. Where an approved agency is used for the review of all construction documents in lieu of building official review, permit fees shall be reduced by 40 percent. Where an approved agency is used for all inspections required by this act, permit fees shall be reduced by 40 percent. Where both functions are performed, permit fees shall be reduced by 80 percent.

II.(a) If an owner or an owner's contractor contracts with an approved agency to review construction documents and/or to provide inspections required by this act, the building official shall provide equal access to all related documents to the approved agency, owner, or owner's authorized agent that would be provided to the building official in completing review of construction documents or inspections.

(b) If such access is normally provided by software that protects exempt records from disclosure, the regulatory authority shall provide requested permitting or inspection documents and reports to the independent provider, owner, or contractor within 2 business days of a request in electronic format.

III. No more than 14 calendar days after receipt of a construction document affidavit, an application for a building permit, and the payment of applicable fees, the building official shall issue the building permit or shall provide a written notice to the applicant identifying the specific features that do not comply with the applicable codes and regulations or the lack of sign-offs from other federal, state, or municipal agencies, as well as the specific code or regulation reference. If no written notice of deficiencies is provided within the prescribed period, the document or permit shall be deemed approved as a matter of law, and any necessary permit or permits shall be issued by the building official on the next business day. If the permit applicant submits revisions, the building official has the remainder of the tolled business days plus one business day from the date of resubmittal to issue the building permit or provide a second written notice to the permit applicant stating which of the previously identified documents or permit features remain in noncompliance with the applicable codes, with specific reference to the relevant code or regulation reference. If the building official does not provide the second written notice within the prescribed period, the construction document or building permit shall be deemed approved as a matter of law, and any necessary permits shall be issued by the building official on the next business day.

IV. No more than 10 calendar days after the receipt of the inspection affidavit indicating the completion of all necessary inspections, and after the payment of all outstanding required fees, a certificate of occupancy or completion shall be issued by the building official, or the building official shall provide a notice to the approved agency of any specific deficiencies in the affidavit, with reference to specific code chapters and if the regulatory authority does not issue the certificate of occupancy or completion or provide notice within the required number of days, the certificate of occupancy or completion is considered granted as a matter of law and shall be issued the next business day.

V.(a) Each building official may audit the performance of approved agencies operating within their jurisdiction and demand of the owner or owner's authorized agent to know the times of requested building inspections by the approved agency, although the fact of the audit shall not be given to the approved agency.

(b) Audits may be conducted only after the building official has created a formal audit evaluation.

(c) The same approved agency may be audited no more than 4 times in a month, unless the building official determines that the condition of a building constitutes an immediate threat to public safety and welfare.

(d) The building official may, upon clear and convincing evidence, decide that an independent provider has been negligent in providing construction document reviews or building inspections, suspend the approved agency from further work on that project and in that municipality for not more than one year. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the building official may file a complaint per RSA 310-A:22 for engineers, per RSA 310-A:47 for architects, or with the building code review board for ICC-certified building officials.

VI.(a) A municipality may not adopt or enforce any ordinances, laws, rules, procedures, policies, qualifications, or standards regarding independent providers more restrictive than those prescribed by this subdivision.

(b) This section shall not be construed to limit or deny the authority of the building official to issue a stop-work order for a project or any portion of the project, as provided by law, if the building official determines that a condition on the building site constitutes an immediate threat to public safety and welfare.

VII.(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, any decisions other than negligence regarding the issues addressed by this section may be appealed to the building code review board, which shall adjudicate the dispute per statute.

(b) If an applicant believes that the building code review board has interpreted the requirements of this section in error, the approved agency or owner or owner's authorized agent may file a proceeding per RSA 155-A:12 seeking a determination that the issues addressed by this section comply with all relevant requirements and seek an order requiring the building official to issue any necessary building permits or certificate of occupancy or completion.

10 Severability. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared or held to be invalid for any reason, such declaration or holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act and the application of its provisions to any other persons or circumstances.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes licensed or certified third parties to certify documents and inspect buildings in compliance with applicable building and other codes.

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.

Rep. Belcher spoke against and yielded to questions.

Rep. Thackston spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

On a division vote, with 276 members having voted in the affirmative, and 82 in the negative, the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

SB 291, relative to the religious use of land property tax exemption. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Jordan Ulery for Ways and Means. This bill, as amended, replaces sections 1 and 2 of the Senate bill to eliminate confusion regarding the rental of a parsonage as a housing allowance paid to a pastor or leader of a recognized religious community. Such limited and restricted use of rental proceeds constitutes an exemption from local property taxation. Committee discussion involved questioning regarding terminology of parsonage applying to other religious entities. The committee briefly reviewed federal law which used the term “parsonage” generically. This bill, as amended, begins to address the issue of local taxation attempts on religious activities. Vote 15-1.

Amendment (1925h)

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

1 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Exemption. Amend RSA 72:23, III to read as follows:

III. Houses of public worship, parish houses, church parsonages occupied by their pastors *or church parsonages leased for the purpose of applying the net income to the pastor's housing allowance*, convents, monasteries, buildings and the lands appertaining to them owned, used and occupied directly for religious training or for other religious purposes by any regularly recognized and constituted denomination, creed or sect, organized, incorporated or legally doing business in this state and the personal property used by them for the purposes for which they are established.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds church parsonages leased for the purpose of applying the net income to the pastor's housing allowance to real estate tax exemptions.

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, June 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

SB 269, removing references to matrimonial age and time waivers in the vital records act.

SB 98-FN, extending the donations to regional career and technical education center programs.

SB 195, relative to the composition and duties of the New Hampshire advisory council on career and technical education.

SB 61-FN, relative to prescriptions for state prisoners paid for by the department of corrections.

SB 202, relative to Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia training for first responders.

SB 165, relative to the audit requirements for consumer cooperative associations.

SB 166, relative to notice required prior to sale of a manufactured housing unit located in a resident-owned community.

SB 281, prohibiting municipalities from denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances.

SB 282, relative to stairway requirements in certain residential buildings.

SB 283, relative to the calculation of floor-area-ratios under local building ordinances.

SB 197, relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by general court.

SB 12, relative to adding eligibility for a disability placard for certain veterans.

SB 40, relative to safe boater education certificates.

SB 154-FN, relative to authorized organizations issuing multi-use decal plates.

SB 156, allowing the division of motor vehicles to contract with a third-party vendor to facilitate the secure transfer of title applications and information.

SB 271, relative to qualifications for issuing veteran license plates to include General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions.

SB 273-FN, relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies involving a stopped or standing vehicle.

SB 267-FN, relative to the penalty for engaging in prostitution as a patron.

SB 97-FN, relative to intra-district public school transfers.

SB 102-FN, making informational materials regarding type 1 diabetes available on the department of education website.

SB 119-FN, relative to Medicaid pharmaceutical services and relative to standing orders for Ivermectin.

SB 148-FN, prohibiting those convicted of murder from financially profiting from the death of the victim.

SB 13-FN, invalidating out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants and prohibiting driver's license issuance and renewal to individuals with pending asylum claims, regardless of a grant of temporary work authorization.

SB 157-FN, relative to inspection and registration of certain fleet vehicles and necessary amendments and administrative rules regarding the state implementation plan.

SB 30, proclaiming the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire and relative to the penalty for incorrect application of fertilizers.

SB 188-FN, relative to the state building code.

SB 291, relative to the religious use of land property tax exemption.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Damon requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding the traveling Wall and addressed the House.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of those that lost their lives during the Vietnam War.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

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

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS

Representative Damon: Thank you, Mister Speaker and I'm going to wait just a moment for my Sullivan County Delegation to join me here. Thank you, Mister Speaker and good afternoon, everyone. This is the last House Session before Memorial Day is recognized. I rise to honor our veterans of every generation and every conflict for their courage, sacrifice and dedication. More specifically, I am joined by my Sullivan County colleagues to welcome you to visit the Wall that Heals when it is displayed at Monadnock Park in Claremont on June 26 to 29th. As many know, the Wall that Heals is a $\frac{3}{4}$ scale touring replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. It honors the over 3 million Americans who served in the US Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and bears the names of 58,281 people who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Lighting provides readability day and night. The display will be open 24/7. It is a significant honor and privilege to host the Wall. It brings opportunity for healing to the many who continue to be affected by the Vietnam War. It allows us a measure of understanding of the countless sacrifices made during and since the War. The Wall will travel from the Old Railroad Station in Potter place, Andover, leaving at noon on Tuesday the 24th of June and proceeding through Wilmot, New London, Sunapee and Newport to Claremont. We hope the roads will be full of welcoming flags along the way. The Wall that Heals replica was unveiled on Veterans Day in 1996 and has visited 800 communities since then, but it has only been in New Hampshire four times. Claremont is one of just 30 sites chosen from 140 applicants for 2025. It is the only New Hampshire site this year and only one of two in New England with Farmington, Maine being the other on July 3rd to the 6th. The 53-foot trailer that carries the Wall transforms into a mobile education center featuring a timeline of the War and the Wall as well as additional information from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Displays of hometown heroes, the in-memory honor roll of Vietnam Veterans who died after coming home and the items left behind are featured. The replica is 375 feet long, rises to a height of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, has 140 numbered panels supported by an aluminum frame. The names are listed by day of casualty beginning at the center on the East Wall working to the right of that Wall, then picking up at the far end of the West Wall or left-hand side and working back to center which joins the beginning and the end of the conflict at the center of the Wall. As with the original memorial in Washington, DC, visitors can do rubbings of individual service members names on the Wall. I would particularly like to recognize and express deep appreciation to Claremont City Counselor Bill Limoges for spearheading this effort and coordinating an extensive team of

volunteers to make this happen. We would welcome more volunteers who can sign up on the Wall that Heals Facebook page for Claremont. Colleagues, we may disagree vigorously on many issues, but I believe we unite to honor the courage, sacrifice and dedication of our Armed Services Members and their families in defending our freedoms. Mister Speaker, may I request a brief moment of reflection? Thank you.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Newell requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding HR 11 and addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Jones moved that the remarks made by Rep. Newell during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS

Representative Newell: Thank you, Mister Speaker. On February 13, this body passed HR 11. This was a resolution regarding Bangladesh that glorified the fallen administration of the Sheikh Hasina and rebuked the current transitional government levying various allegations and calling for investigations by the United States government into alleged abuse of minority religions. We as legislators do our best to gather adequate information before voting on any issue. And, in the event that more information becomes available, I feel very strongly that it is incumbent on us to address it. This is my intention in speaking before you today. Unfortunately after HR 11 passed, I was presented with further information that would have influenced my perspective and my vote on the resolution. For example, I've since read the report from the United Nations Human Rights Office that said, "Bangladesh's former Awami League government and security and intelligence services, alongside violent elements associated with the Awami League party, systematically engaged in a range of serious human rights violations during the last year's student led protests." This report details the brutality of the Sheikh Hasina during the popular uprising that cost 1,400 students their lives and injured 20,000 people. I have also come to know that the chief adviser of the interim government, Nobel Peace Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus has earned the confidence of 176 world leaders and that under his leadership Bangladesh has thrived. In the words of the economist describing the current conditions in the country that they deemed country of the year 2019, just six months ago, or I'm sorry 2024, the winner toppled a tyrant and is headed for something better. In light of this and a host of other additional information that I would urge my colleagues to look into on their own time, I would like to express my strong disagreement with HR 11 and my commitment to be more diligent in seeking out more accurate and unbiased information in the future. Thank you.

RECESS MOTION

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

Motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 2:30 p.m.

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bill numbered 551.

Rep. Osborne, Sen. Avard for the Committee

RECESS

(Rep. Steven Smith in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 62, 76, 108, 168, 227, 230, 272, 288, 319, 405, 440, 474, 494, 538, 552, 569, 571, 602, 753 and 754.

Rep. Osborne, Sen. Avard for the Committee

SENATE MESSAGES

CONCURRENCE

HB 148, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain circumstances.

HB 337, relative to the reporting requirements of the judicial council.

HB 367, changing the method for adopting partisan town elections to be the same as rescinding partisan town elections.

HB 446, relative to parental notice for non-academic surveys in public schools.

HB 475-L, relative to the reductions from the default budget for official ballot town meetings.

HB 520, relative to authorizing hearing officers of the department of education to issue subpoenas.

HB 713-FN, relative to mile markers along Route 112.

REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE

HB 191-FN, providing criminal and civil penalties for the transporting of an unemancipated minor in order to obtain a surgical procedure without parental permission.

HB 480, relative to restoration of competency to stand trial for criminal defendants.

HB 733-FN, relative to reporting requirements for persons or entities financing lawsuits.

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

HB 301, relative to cultivation locations for alternative treatment centers.

NONCONCURRENCE

HB 80, allowing a public body member's presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable.

HB 196-FN, relative to annulling certain cannabis possession offenses.

HB 343, relative to reporting regarding the northern border alliance program.

HB 376, specifying that library user information exempted from disclosure in the right-to-know law includes information regarding library cards and library membership status.

HB 387, relative to balloons being released into the air.

HB 397, establishing a multi-agency task force chaired by the department of safety.

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

SB 236, relative to transferring control of the Electric Assistance Program to the department of energy. (Amendment printed SJ 5/22/25)

Motion was adopted.

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

SENATE MESSAGES

REQUESTS CONCURRENCE WITH AMENDMENTS

HB 557, relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)
Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.
Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Cordelli, Noble, Drye and Freeman.

HB 67-FN-A, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Berry, Burnham, Qualey and Lane.

HB 250, enabling local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs and increasing the fee to license certain dogs. (Amendment printed SJ 5/1/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Judy Aron, Bixby, Barbour and Comtois.

HB 144-FN, relative to the practice of dental hygiene. (Amendment printed SJ 4/17/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Grote, Bailey, Stephen Pearson and Long.

HB 428-L, relative to the state building code. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Stephen Pearson, Sheehan, Grote and Carol McGuire.

HB 685, permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the construction of manufactured housing. (Amendment printed SJ 5/8/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Alexander, Cole, David Paige and Howland.

HB 132-FN, eliminating liability for support and recovery over certain indigent relations. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Lynn, Kuttub, Dennis Mannion and Turer.

HB 273, relative to a parent's access to their minor child's library records. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Lynn, Alexander, Peternel and Marjorie Smith.

HB 118, repealing certain committees and commissions and relative to the membership of the New Hampshire rare disease advisory council. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Sheehan, Hill, Wall and Notter.

HB 142, relative to Gold Star Mother's Day. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Hill, Sheehan, Notter and Wall.

HB 737-L, creating local options for games of chance, authorizing keno throughout the state, and changing charitable gaming license fees and reporting requirements. (Amendment printed SJ 5/1/25)

Rep. Osborne moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Janigian, Ohm, Bryer and Oppel.

RECESS

(Rep. Bogert in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 268, 355 and 647 and Senate Bills numbered 16, 22, 28, 29, 50, 51, 68, 77, 91, 107, 133, 146, 194, 229, 278 and 299.

Rep. Osborne, Sen. Avard for the Committee

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

SENATE MESSAGE

REQUESTS CONCURRENCE WITH AMENDMENTS

HB 421-FN, relative to notice of tax exempt-status filing procedures by town officials or offices. (Amendment printed SJ 5/15/25)

Rep. Steven Smith moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Pauer, John MacDonald, Walker and Maggiore.

HB 617, relative to the homestead right. (Amendment printed SJ 5/1/25)

Rep. Steven Smith moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Pauer, John MacDonald, Litchfield and Girard.

HB 710-FN, enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators. (Amendment printed SJ 5/22/25)

Rep. Steven Smith moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Vose, Harrington, Bernardy and McGhee.

RECESS