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No. 8

HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 7 (Cont'd)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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

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The House assembled at 9:00 a.m, the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the Speaker. Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Kevin Twombly, Pastor at Restoration Foursquare Church in Concord.

God who sees every town road, river valley and mountain ridge of this state, we come to this chamber carrying the voices of many people. Some arrived hopeful. Some arrived frustrated. Many are simply asking to be heard. Give these Representatives the patience to listen well and courage to lead wisely. When conversations grow sharp and opinions harden, remind us that disagreement does not have to become division. Help this House remember that the people of New Hampshire are not best served when voices grow louder, but when understanding grows deeper. Teach us the discipline of respect, especially when it is difficult. Guard this room from contempt and replace suspicion with a genuine desire to seek what is good for our neighbors. May the work done here today be steady, thoughtful, and worthy of the trust placed in it. Let wisdom guide debate, humility shape decisions and perseverance carry this body through the hard work of governing. As these Representatives serve their communities, may the people of this state know that their concerns matter and their future is being carefully considered. Guide this day's work, we pray. Amen.

Rep. Susan Vandecasteele, member from Salem, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus of Derry.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Bucu, Ford, Haskins, Geoffrey Smith, Swanson and Varney, the day, illness.

Reps. Grote, Harb, Hicks, Janigian, Leavitt, Lovett, Markell, Notter, Jonathan Smith, Spillane and Warden, the day, important business.

Rep. Hamblen, the day, illness in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Jaspar Knapp, student at Sunapee High School, Page for the day.

Jim Mahoney, guest of Representative Alicia Gregg. Beth Blair, guest of Representative Hartnett. Maria Share, Riana and Suzzane VonAsh and Taylor O'Donovan, guests of Representative Tenczar. Representative-elect Bobbi Boudman, guest of Representative David Paige.

REGULAR CALENDAR PART I CONT'D

HB 1356-FN, relative to the statute of limitations for bringing a private right of action for violation of the statute prohibiting medical procedures and treatments intended to alter a minor's gender. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kristine Perez for the **Majority** of Judiciary. This bill extends the statute of limitations for bringing a private action for violation of the statute prohibiting medical procedures designed to alter a minor's gender from 2 years to 10 years from the date the minor reaches the age of majority. Puberty blockers are often given

to children on or before 14 years of age. Frequently a physiological evaluation is performed without attention given to or an understanding of the child's possible underlying mental health. Perhaps feelings of poor body image, anxiety, or depression should be explored. There tends to be a "one size fits all" approach and a decision made that the child must be suffering from desperation and there is only one fix, puberty blockers. As the child matures, they often come to realize the side effects and might also suffer from feelings of remorse, perhaps by the time they are 20 years of age but often not. Individuals may not realize the full extent of the consequences of what was done to them until much later. This bill simply extends the right to file a claim from 2 years to 10 years from their 18th birthday, age 28. Here in the House, we have been told of scientific evidence that young people lack reasoning until age 27, thus making this bill very appropriate. Vote 10-8. Rep. Marjorie Smith for the **Minority** of Judiciary. No one would deny that the circumstances discussed in this bill are fraught with emotion and confusion. This legislature previously addressed the issue of medical procedures and treatments intended to alter a minor's gender. This bill would extend to 10 years the time within which a person could bring a private right of action against the medical provider. Those who oppose this bill believe that current law provides adequate time for such an action to be brought.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Wade moved that **HB 1356-FN**, relative to the statute of limitations for bringing a private right of action for violation of the statute prohibiting medical procedures and treatments intended to alter a minor's gender, be laid on the table.1

Rep. Mazur requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 145 - NAYS 176

YEAS - 145 BELKNAP

Nagel, David

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
O'Rorke, Terri

Harvey, Cathryn
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Chretien, Suzanne
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Jeudy, Jean
LeClerc, Daniel
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Bergeron, Dan
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Budathoki, Suraj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

Chourasia, Manoj
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Foss, Loren
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Gibbs, Merryl
Newsom, James
Soucy, Timothy

Caplan, Tony
Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
Wallner, Mary Jane

Kelly, Eileen
Luneau, David
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Ebel, Karen
Hall, Muriel
Snodgrass, Jim

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim

Cahill, Michael
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis

de Vries, Erica
Knab, Allison
Mandelbaum, Jennifer

Edgar, Michael
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe

Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald

Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

Raynolds, Ned
Turer, Eric

Scherr, Buzz
Vallone, Mark

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Pearson, Wayne

Bixby, Peter
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

Burton, Wayne
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

England, Myles
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Stone, John

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

NAYS - 176

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Dumais, Russell
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Toner, Travis

Coker, Matthew
Ploszaj, Tom

Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
Brown, Richard

Crawford, Karel
Taylor, Brian

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly

Mattson, Rita

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Ouellet, Mike

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
Tremblay, Marc

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Drew, Matt
Fedolfi, Jim
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aures, Cyril
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aylward, Deborah
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Foote, Charles
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Sytek, John
Vose, Michael

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Guthrie, Joseph
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Dolan, Tom
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Guzofski, James
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Summers, James
Tudor, Paul
Wilson, Vicki

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Sweeney, Joe
Vandecasteele, Susan

STRAFFORD

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

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

and the motion failed.

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

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Aldrich, Glen
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Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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Ames, Dick
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Wallner, Mary Jane

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Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Ebel, Karen
Hall, Muriel
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Meuse, David
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Weinstein, Toni

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Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie

Cahill, Michael
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Raynolds, Ned
Turer, Eric

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Knab, Allison
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Larochelle, John
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

Burton, Wayne
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

England, Myles
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Stone, John

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Weber moved that the debate on **HB 1356-FN**, relative to the statute of limitations for bringing a private right of action for violation of the statute prohibiting medical procedures and treatments intended to alter a minor's gender, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HB 1356

Speaker Steven Smith: For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Wade: To make a motion, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Steven Smith: State your motion.

Representative Wade: I move to table HB 1356 and I request a division vote.

Speaker Steven Smith: Representative Wade moves to table House Bill 1356. This is a division vote. Representative Mazur requests a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is. This will be a roll call. Members continue taking your seats. The question is whether to lay House Bill 1356 on the table. Representative Wade is recognized for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Wade: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I know this bill does absolutely nothing to address any issue at all and is purely a waste of our time, would I now move to table, press the green button to table HB 1356.

Speaker Steven Smith: Representative Perez is recognized for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Perez: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I know that often treatments and procedures to alter a child's gender start as early as age 12 and 14, and if I know that we are seeing more and more of these young people as they get older having side effects and suffering from remorse, and if I know this bill simply allows these individuals to bring forward suits up to the age of 28 instead of 20, and finally, if I know that we were just recently told in this very House that young people do not reach the age of reasoning until they're 27, making this very appropriate, then I would push the red button to kill this table.

Speaker Steven Smith: The question is whether to lay House Bill 1356 on the table. This is a roll call vote. Members are reminded to turn on their voting stations, or it'll be wicked hard to vote. There we go. All right. This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, press the green button. If opposed, press the red. 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. 145 in the affirmative, 176 in the negative, the motion fails. Now the question is the majority committee report of Ought to Pass. Are you ready for the question? Okay. Representative Wade requests a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is. Members take your seats. This will be a roll call vote. The question is the majority committee report of Ought to Pass on House Bill 1356. Representative Wade is recognized for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Wade: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I know that I am the only member in this entire body that can testify to the life-saving effects of gender affirming care as a minor, and if I know that there is zero indication that the current statute of limitations of two years past the age of 18 has been insufficient, and if I also know that two de-transitioners had to be paid and brought in from out of state in order to find a single person because they couldn't find any in New Hampshire to testify to support this bill, and finally, if I know that the best side effect for me is that I am still alive today because of this care, then would I now press the red button to kill this absolutely unnecessary bill? Thank you.

Speaker Steven Smith: Representative Perez is recognized for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Perez: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I know that everything I just said is absolutely true, and if I know that we need to protect these individuals who, at 20 years old, do not, maybe not know what they would know at 25 or 26 years old, then would I press the green button and pass this bill?

Speaker Steven Smith: The question is, the majority committee report of Ought to Pass, on House Bill 1356. This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, press the green button. If opposed, press the red. 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. 180 in the affirmative, 146 in the negative, the committee report is adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR PART I CONT'D

HB 1384, relative to reporting requirements for persons or entities financing lawsuits. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttat for the **Majority** of Judiciary. As amended, this bill prohibits foreign adversaries of concern from financing commercial lawsuits in New Hampshire. The original bill, which the committee did not support, prohibited third party financing of lawsuits if the financier had influence over the settlement approval, and mandated the disclosure of financing amounts. The committee emphasized the importance of prioritizing the merit of the lawsuit rather than its funding source. Furthermore, there was no evidence presented to demonstrate that the underlying bill's passage would lead to a reduction in insurance premiums. Vote 9-8.

Rep. Marjorie Smith for the **Minority** of Judiciary. The analysis of this bill states that its purpose is to regulate commercial litigation financing agreements. The title states that the bill is relative to reporting requirements for persons or entities financing lawsuits. The new chapter that this bill would create would

be known as “New Hampshire Third Party Litigation Funding Transparency Act.” At a time when the word “transparency” is receiving more attention, it is the main argument presented by advocates of the legislation. It was clear to the committee that the bill, as presented, needed significant amending if it was not to cause even more confusion. On the day that the committee voted on the bill, a detailed amendment was submitted, and subsequently passed, that tried to address some of the concerns that had been raised. The minority of the committee concluded that while the intentions of the amendment were admirable, the amendment did not resolve myriad questions. Advocates claimed that many states had passed TPLF acts, but a review of actions taken by other states indicated a wide disparity in legislation. Some states required in camera disclosure, others prohibited foreign investment, but required disclosure only to the attorney general. Some required no disclosure, or disclosure only if the amount was over \$500,000. And others did or did not require annual disclosure. All of this demonstrates that the issue of third party litigation funding is worthy of consideration, but that the best way to resolve the problem is not yet clear.

Majority Amendment (0921h)

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

AN ACT relative to prohibiting foreign adversary persons or foreign entities of concern from financing lawsuits.

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

1 New Chapter; New Hampshire Third-Party Litigation Funding Transparency Act. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 294-E the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 294-F

NEW HAMPSHIRE THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FUNDING TRANSPARENCY ACT

294-F:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. “Commercial litigation financier” means a person in the business of entering into commercial litigation financing agreements or lawyer financing agreements. The term “commercial litigation financier” shall not include a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or its funders if the nonprofit organization represents the claimant on a pro bono basis, which may include an award of costs or attorney fees to the nonprofit organization or a related attorney.

II. “Consumer legal funding agreement” means a non-recourse transaction in which a consumer litigation funding company purchases, and a consumer assigns to the company, a contingent right to receive an amount of the potential proceeds of a settlement, judgment, award, or verdict obtained in the consumer’s legal claim.

III. “Commercial litigation financing agreement” means, with respect to any civil action or group of civil actions, a written agreement:

(a) Whereby a third party agrees to provide funds to one of the named parties, and

(b) Which creates a direct or collateralized interest in the proceeds of a civil action or group of civil actions, by settlement, verdict, judgment, or otherwise, where such interest is based in whole or in part on a funding obligation to the funded party in the action or group of actions.

(1) “Commercial litigation financing agreement” shall include any contract, including any option, forward contract, futures contract, short position, swap, or similar contract, or other agreement that is substantially similar to a litigation financing agreement.

(2) “Commercial litigation financing agreement” shall not include:

(A) A consumer legal funding agreement;

(B) An agreement by an attorney or law firm to provide legal services on a contingency fee basis to the claimant or to advance the claimant’s legal costs in accordance with the New Hampshire rules of professional conduct;

(C) A health insurer, medical provider, or assignee that has paid, is obligated to pay, or is owed any sums for a person’s health care under the terms of a health insurance plan or agreement;

(D) A financial institution providing loans to the claimant or the claimant’s attorney or law firm when repayment is not contingent upon the outcome of the legal claim or on the outcome of any matter within a portfolio that includes the legal claim and involves the same attorney or law firm or affiliated attorney or law firm;

(E) A lawyer financing agreement; or

(F) A person with a preexisting contractual obligation to indemnify or defend a party to a legal claim.

IV. “Foreign country of concern” means a foreign government or person listed as a “foreign adversary” under 15 C.F.R. 791.4.

V. “Foreign entity of concern” or “foreign person of concern” means an entity or person that:

(a) Is organized or incorporated in a foreign country of concern;

(b) Is owned or controlled by the government, a political subdivision, or a political party of a foreign country of concern;

(c) Has its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern; or

(d) Is owned, organized, or controlled by, affiliated with, or acting on behalf of an individual or entity that is or has been:

(1) On a sanctions list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, including:

(A) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List);

(B) Foreign Sanctions Evaders List;

(C) Non-SDN Iran Sanctions Act List;

(D) Sectoral Sanctions Identifications List; or

(E) List of Foreign Financial Institutions Subject to Correspondent Account and Payable-Through Account Sanctions; or

(2) Designated by the United States Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization.

294-F:2 Prohibitions Related to Commercial Litigation Funding. No person or entity shall enter into a commercial litigation financing agreement with a foreign entity of concern or a foreign country or person of concern, or any entity controlled by any of the foregoing persons or entities.

294-F:3 Applicability. This chapter shall apply to any commercial litigation financing agreement or lawyer financing agreement that is effectuated on or after the effective date of this chapter.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits foreign adversary persons or foreign entities of concern from financing lawsuits.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 183 members having voted in the affirmative, and 147 in the negative, the amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 183 members having voted in the affirmative, and 151 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1419, establishing a commission to study whether a court with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters should be established. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Donald McFarlane for the **Majority** of Judiciary. As amended, this bill establishes a temporary commission to study whether New Hampshire can strengthen its position as a jurisdiction for corporate governance, commercial dispute resolution, and business formation. Other states have demonstrated that predictable corporate law, specialized judicial expertise, and modern statutes attract incorporations, high-value legal work, and significant recurring revenue. The committee believes it is prudent for New Hampshire to examine whether similar opportunities exist here, particularly to encourage New Hampshire entrepreneurs, and those looking to relocate, to form and domicile their businesses in this state. The bill creates no court, changes no law, and appropriates no funds. Commission members receive no reimbursement. It simply authorizes a limited study of feasibility, fiscal impact, and necessary reforms, with recommendations to the General Court. Any substantive action would require separate legislation. At a time when New Hampshire seeks sustainable revenue sources without broad-based tax increases, careful evaluation of strategies that could enhance business competitiveness and expand economic activity is both responsible and forward-looking. The committee therefore finds the bill to be a measured, low-risk step toward potential long-term benefit and recommends OTPA. Vote 9-8.

Rep. Zoe Manos for the **Minority** of Judiciary. The minority of the committee believes that authorizing a study commission in the second year of this biennium is not wise. This study commission would include three members of the House of Representatives; two members of the Senate; the Chief Justice of the NH Supreme Court (or a designee); the dean of the University of NH Franklin Pierce School of Law (or a designee); the Secretary of State (or a designee); the Commissioner of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (or a designee); two members appointed by the Governor with expertise in corporate law, corporate governance, economics, and/or state revenue policy; and up to three additional members appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. The report by the commission would be due on or before December 31, 2027. The bill would take effect 60 days of its passage and the first meeting of the commission is required to be held within 45 days of the effective date of the bill. The minority believes that it would be almost impossible for the members of the commission to be appointed, agree to an initial meeting date within 45 days of the effective date of the bill, and issue a report by December 31, 2027. The minority is also concerned because the study commission would span from the current biennium into the next biennium. Commission members from the House or Senate who are not re-elected in November, 2026, would need to be replaced and their expertise would be lost to the commission. New members would then have to be brought up to speed and this would slow down the work of the commission.

Majority Amendment (0897h)

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

1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the "Governance, Regulation, and New Hampshire Innovation in Trust and Equity Commission Act" or the "GRANITE Commission Act."

2 Statement of Findings. The general court hereby finds that:

I. Delaware's court of chancery, and its corporate law framework, have established that state as the premier jurisdiction for incorporation and corporate governance in the United States.

II. New Hampshire has the authority, institutions, and business environment to position itself as a nationally recognized leader in corporate law, governance, and dispute resolution.

III. A comprehensive, sustained effort is required to examine the establishment of a court of chancery, modernization of corporate statutes, and development of supporting institutions, including law school programs, judicial clerkships, and partnerships with business leaders.

3 New Section; Courts; Superior Court; Court of Chancery and Corporate Law Study Commission. Amend RSA 491 by inserting after section 25 the following new section:

491:26 Governance, Regulation, and New Hampshire Innovation in Trust and Equity Commission.

I. There is hereby established a commission to study the feasibility, benefits, and risks of establishing a business court or an otherwise enhanced business docket with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, II, the members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one of whom shall be members of the minority party;

(b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate; one of whom shall be a member of the minority party;

(c) The chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court, or designee;

(d) The dean of the university of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce school of law, or designee;

(e) The secretary of state, or designee;

(f) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee;

(g) Two members with expertise in corporate law, corporate governance, economics, and/or state revenue policy, appointed by the governor; and

(h) Up to 3 additional members appointed jointly by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate.

III. Members of the commission shall serve on the commission without compensation or reimbursement.

IV. The commission shall:

(a) Study the feasibility, benefits, and risks of establishing a court of chancery with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters;

(b) Examine reforms to the business corporation act and related statutes, including the potential adoption of provisions modeled after, or improving upon, Delaware general corporation law;

(c) Evaluate mechanisms for recruiting, appointing, and retaining chancellors and vice chancellors with deep corporate law expertise, including term lengths, compensation, and appointment processes;

(d) Investigate partnerships with the university of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce school of law, or other local and regional institutions, to create clerkship pipelines, research centers, and academic programs focused on corporate governance;

(e) Assess the fiscal impact on state revenues from franchise taxes, filing fees, and related incorporation services, and recommend strategies to make New Hampshire attractive for incorporation;

(f) Develop strategies for branding and marketing New Hampshire as a premier jurisdiction for corporate governance; and

(g) Recommend any additional statutory or constitutional changes necessary to establish a sustainable and competitive framework and business climate within the state.

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

VI. The commission shall submit a final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, and the state library on or before December 31, 2027.

VII. The commission shall terminate upon submission of its final report, but no later than December 31, 2027.

4 Repeal. RSA 491:26, relative to the Governance, Regulation, and New Hampshire Innovation in Trust and Equity Commission, is repealed.

5 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect December 31, 2027.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 151 in the negative, the amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 189 members having voted in the affirmative, and 149 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1447, restricting the use of certain public and private facilities on the basis of sex and establishing that such restriction does not qualify as discrimination. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lorie Ball for the **Majority** of Judiciary. This bill provides clarity within New Hampshire statutory law by defining the term “sex” and authorizing the classification of certain intimate facilities based on biological sex. The bill applies to restrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, and sleeping quarters—spaces where individuals undress, use toilet facilities, shower, or sleep. The majority believes the legislation addresses a legitimate and important governmental interest: protecting privacy, dignity, and safety in spaces traditionally separated by sex. The committee heard testimony that individuals reasonably expect bodily privacy in environments involving exposure of intimate areas. The bill affirms that expectation while allowing for practical accommodations such as single-user facilities. Testimony presented to the committee reflected differing views regarding gender identity protections and facility access. The majority carefully considered those concerns. However, members concluded that the state retains authority to distinguish between males and females for purposes of privacy in intimate spaces. The bill applies equally to both sexes and permits reasonable accommodations without eliminating sex-based classifications. The majority also notes that similar policies have long existed in schools, correctional facilities, and other institutions throughout the country. This bill provides uniformity and statutory clarity in an area of increasing legal uncertainty. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Eric Turer for the **Minority** of Judiciary. This bill mandates that the state, and all political subdivisions thereof, shall adopt policies to designate bathrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, and sleeping quarters as being separated for use by sex. The bill further allows that private businesses and organizations may apply sex specific designations to their facilities in a similar way. Only single-user accommodation can be used as an alternative. The bill first defines “biological sex” based on the presence or absence of internal reproductive anatomy typically capable of producing gametes, but also references sex as defined in RSA 21:3, which specifically defines gender neutrality, as well as the sex listed on an individual’s birth certificate “at or near the time of birth,” vs the official birth certificate of record, and also sex based on the presence of a functional Y-chromosome and/or the presence of the SRY gene. The minority of the committee identified numerous problems with this proposal. The bill would override local control and mandate a confusing and likely divisive policy-making process at the state and local level, while providing no practical guidance on how that would be accomplished. This would lead to policies that varied greatly between municipalities and individual organizations, with little ability for the public to know what was expected. Further, none of the potentially ambiguous approaches to defining or determining one’s sex lends itself to the practical enforcement of such a policy in the community setting, and all would lead to invasive disclosure of private personal information to anyone that is empowered to ask. The minority recommends that the bill be considered Inexpedient to Legislate.

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

Rep. Mazur requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aldrich, Glen
Dumais, Russell
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Toner, Travis

Coker, Matthew
Ploszaj, Tom

Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
Brown, Richard

Crawford, Karel
Taylor, Brian

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly

Mattson, Rita

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Ouellet, Mike

Durkin, Sean
King, Seth

Korzen, Lori
Tierney, James

Morency, Pete
Tremblay, Marc

GRAFTON

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wheeler, Jonah

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Mannion, Tom

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Drew, Matt
Fedolfi, Jim
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Suiter, John
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
MacDonald, Wayne

Bennett, Cindy
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Guthrie, Joseph
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Wilson, Vicki

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guzowski, James
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul

Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Edwards, Jess
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Vose, Michael

STRAFFORD

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

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

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Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

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

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rourke, Terri

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
 Fellows, Sallie
 Lucas, Janet
 Spahr, Terry

Baldwin, Heather
 Fracht, David
 Muirhead, Russell
 Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
 Hakken-Phillips, Mary
 Oppel, Thomas
 Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
 Sullivan, Jared
 Rockmore, Ellen
 Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
 Chourasia, Manoj
 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Georges, Mary
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jack, Martin
 Kluger, Lee Ann
 Lloyd, Christal
 Manohar, Sanjeev
 Plamondon, Marc
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Salvi, Santosh
 Telerski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

Bergeron, Dan
 Chretien, Suzanne
 Elberger, Susan
 Gregg, Alicia
 Hartnett, Tim
 Judy, Jean
 Foxx, Loren
 Long, Patrick
 McGhee, Kat
 Preece, David
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Booras, Efstathia
 Darby, Will
 Davis, Fred
 Grill, Jessica
 Hegner, Karen
 Juris, Louis
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Murray, Megan
 Murphy, Nancy
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Spier, Carry
 Vail, Suzanne

Budathoki, Suraj
 Dargie, Paul
 Foss, Lily
 Grund, Stephanie
 Herbert, Christopher
 Kerwin, Erin
 Leishman, Peter
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Petrigno, Peter
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Staub, Kathy
 Veilleux, Daniel

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Bricchi, Tracy
 Gallagher, Eric
 Hall, Muriel
 Snodgrass, Jim

Caplan, Tony
 Gibbs, Merryl
 Newsom, James
 Soucy, Timothy

Kelly, Eileen
 Lane, Connie
 Richards, Beth
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Ebel, Karen
 Luneau, David
 Schultz, Kris
 Woods, Gary

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Edgar, Michael
 Paige, Mark
 Manos, Zoe
 Scherr, Buzz
 Vallone, Mark

Bridle, Nicholas
 Gilman, Julie
 Maggiore, Jim
 Meuse, David
 Simpson, Alexis
 Vandecasteele, Susan

Cahill, Michael
 Murray, Kate
 Malloy, Dennis
 Muns, Chris
 Sorensen, Carrie
 Ward, Gerald

de Vries, Erica
 Knab, Allison
 Mandelbaum, Jennifer
 Reynolds, Ned
 Turer, Eric
 Weinstein, Toni

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
 England, Myles
 Johnson, Erik
 Smith, Marjorie
 Stone, John

Bixby, Peter
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Miller, Seth
 Pearson, Wayne

Burton, Wayne
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Larochele, John
 Selig, Loren
 Wade, Alice

Butler, Billie
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Southworth, Thomas
 Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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

HB 1631-FN, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kevin Scully for the **Majority** of Judiciary. The majority believes that this bill, which expands the type of information provided regarding civil asset forfeiture, is necessary to carry out our oversight responsibility. Civil asset forfeiture allows the government to seize property without ever charging or convicting the owner of a crime, and many see this as a violation of the concept of due-process and creating a "guilty until proven innocent" system of punishment. Many also believe that this is a necessary power to combat certain types of crime, and civil asset forfeiture is currently being used in NH. The majority believes that since civil asset forfeiture is being employed, additional information, and scrutiny, is required to guard against abuses. As one person testifying in favor of this bill said: "We cannot oversee what we cannot see." The amendment removes certain unnecessary details of the information that must be provided in the reports that could pose a risk of harm to people involved in forfeiture proceedings, and also provides that only cases that have been concluded need be reported. Vote 13-5.

Rep. Paul Berch for the **Minority** of Judiciary. This amended bill would increase the detail of the already required Annual Report on Forfeitures (Annual Report) by the Attorney General. This is a classic solution looking for a problem, with a cost to the taxpayers in increased hiring and increased costs. The minority is unaware of any complaint about the reports as currently filed. While some on the committee agreed that it is important that the Annual Report does not disclose identifiers of the subject of the forfeiture, the level of required disclosure in the amended bill would make it quite easy for anyone with a modicum of computer

ability to identify the persons whose identity should be kept confidential. The minority believes this bill does more harm than good, solves what appears to be a non-existent problem, and would require hiring another government employee and cost the taxpayers money.

Majority Amendment (0713h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Forfeitures of Personal Property; Report. Amend RSA 617:12, I to read as follows:

I. The attorney general, no later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year, shall post a **disaggregated** report on the department of justice website detailing **completed** state forfeiture activity[,] for the preceding fiscal year, including [the type, approximate value, and disposition of each property seized, and the amount of any proceeds received or expended at the state and local levels. The report shall provide a categorized accounting of all proceeds expended.] **the following information:**

(a) **Name of the law enforcement agency that seized the property or the name of the lead agency, if the property is seized by a multi-jurisdictional task force;**

(b) **Date of the seizure;**

(c) **Type of property seized, except that reporting is not required for seized contraband including alcohol, drug paraphernalia, and controlled substances;**

(d) **Place of seizure postal zip code;**

(e) **Criminal offense alleged that led to the seizure (including whether under state or federal law);**

(f) **Crime for which suspect was charged (including whether under state or federal law);**

(g) **The outcome of suspect's criminal case, if available: no charge was filed, charges dropped, acquittal, plea agreement, conviction, ongoing, or other;**

(h) **The date that the forfeiture proceeding is completed; and**

(i) **Total value of property forfeited under state law, excluding the value of contraband, and including currency, proceeds from sale of non-currency property, and distributions received from the federal government.**

I-a. Reported data [on seizures, forfeitures, and expenditures of forfeiture proceeds] shall be provided by the law enforcement agency in disaggregated form to the attorney general.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 282 members having voted in the affirmative, and 54 in the negative, the amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 212 members having voted in the affirmative, and 127 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1665, relative to the issuance of subpoenas in administrative proceedings. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bob Lynn for the **Majority** of Judiciary. As amended, this common sense bill simply provides that in hearings held before administrative agencies both parties have the right to subpoena witnesses and documents to support their respective positions. Although administrative hearings are generally less formal than court trials, the results of such proceedings nonetheless often can have significant effects on the rights and livelihoods of citizens or businesses, and on the proper functioning of state agencies. Fundamental fairness in such proceedings therefore demands that each side should have the ability to compel the production of relevant and material evidence through the use of subpoenas. Without such authority, one or both sides can be denied access to crucial evidence simply because a third party in possession of such evidence refuses, for whatever reasons, to cooperate. It is important to emphasize that a subpoena is not like a search warrant – it is not self-executing and does not authorize the party issuing the subpoena to seize the person or documents subpoenaed. Instead, anyone who receives a subpoena has the right to object to it by filing a motion to quash with the tribunal, which retains full authority to prevent “fishing expeditions” or other abuses of the process and to impose sanctions if appropriate. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Catherine Rombeau for the **Minority** of Judiciary. This bill would allow all parties to any administrative hearing to issue subpoenas for witnesses and documents without any guardrails, raising serious fairness, efficiency, and due process concerns. Subpoena power is a coercive governmental tool, and historically it is exercised by the tribunal or through regulated court oversight, not freely by private parties. First, the minority believes expanding subpoena authority risks harassment, intimidation of witnesses, and fishing expeditions, particularly where one party has greater resources or strategic incentives to burden opponents or third parties. Second, we further believe this proposal would also significantly increase costs and delays. Administrative proceedings are designed to be faster and less formal than court litigation. Broad subpoena powers would import civil discovery-style litigation into administrative forums, undermining their efficiency and increasing expenses for agencies, regulated parties, and third parties such as businesses, nonprofits, and individuals.

Third, the minority believes the bill also introduces constitutional and due process concerns. Administrative agencies are executive bodies, not courts, their subpoena powers derive from statute, and they are typically subject to judicial enforcement and limits. Allowing private parties to compel testimony and documents without robust judicial oversight implicates Fourth and Fifth Amendment concerns, including unreasonable searches and compelled testimony. Finally, such a regime would invite abuse, forum gaming, and strategic litigation tactics, particularly in politically charged regulatory matters. Agencies already have tools to develop a record and can issue subpoenas subject to statutory safeguards and judicial enforcement. Expanding subpoena power to all parties would add complexity and risk without clear benefits to fairness or truth-finding.

Majority Amendment (0696h)

Amend RSA 541-A:30-a, IX as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IX. All parties to an administrative hearing held pursuant to law shall have equal authority to subpoena witnesses or documents, and that authority shall be identical to the authority set forth in RSA 516:2 through RSA 516:5.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.
Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
On a division vote, with 197 members having voted in the affirmative, and 149 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1043, relative to employer discretion in offering minimum payment options to employees. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Labrie for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill advocates for a balanced approach to workplace regulations that prioritizes local flexibility and operational common sense. This legislation restores essential decision-making power to New Hampshire business owners by allowing them to establish tailored pay policies for employees reporting to work, ensuring that state-mandated minimums serve only as a baseline when no alternative company policy is in place. By amending RSA 275:43-a, the bill addresses the rigid constraints of the current “two-hour minimum” rule, which often fails to account for the diverse logistical needs of different industries and small businesses. This is not a reduction in worker protections, but rather a shift toward a more adaptable regulatory environment that recognizes the ability of employers and employees to reach mutually beneficial arrangements. Vote 11-9.

Rep. Brian Sullivan for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill as amended eliminates the requirement that employees who are called in to work be paid a minimum of two hours pay. This provision has been in place since 1985. The bill allows an employer to establish a written policy that changes or eliminates the mandatory two hours of pay. This means that employees will only receive minimum pay for being called in to work if the employer wants to. This effectively eliminates an important 40 year old employee right. The minority of the committee objects to this.

Majority Amendment (0386h)

Amend RSA 275:43-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

275:43-a Required Pay. ***Unless an employer has established a different written policy***, on any day an employee reports to work at an employer’s request, he or she shall be paid not less than 2 hours’ pay at his or her regular rate of pay; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to employees of counties or municipalities. This section shall also not apply to ski and snowboard instructional employees at ski resorts, provided that these employees receive other compensation that is at least equal to their rate of pay. No employer who makes a good faith effort to notify an employee not to report to work shall be liable to pay wages under this section. However, if the employee reports to work after the employer’s attempt to notify him or her has been unsuccessful or if the employer is prevented from making notification for any reason, the employee shall perform whatever duties are assigned by the employer at the time the employee reports to work.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.
On a division vote, with 341 members having voted in the affirmative, and 4 in the negative, the amendment was adopted.

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

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Minor, Sheri

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Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
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CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

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Qualey, James

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Mattson, Rita

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Ouellet, Mike

Durkin, Sean
King, Seth

Korzen, Lori
Tierney, James

Morency, Pete
Tremblay, Marc

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Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

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Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Fedolfi, Jim
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Suiter, John
Ulery, Jordan

Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

(Representative Kofalt in the Chair)

HB 1072, relative to employer notice of department of labor investigations. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Labrie for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill advocates for fundamental due process and administrative fairness for New Hampshire's business community. This legislation establishes a necessary 30-day written notice requirement before the Department of Labor conducts onsite visits or inspections, ensuring that employers have adequate time to prepare and understand the specific purpose, complaint status, or alleged violations at hand. By replacing the current "no-notice" inspection model with a transparent 30-day window for document and interview requests, the bill directly addresses the regulatory friction that often disrupts daily operations and places an undue administrative burden on small businesses. This is not an effort to ignore potential issues, but rather a common-sense reform that treats employers as partners in compliance rather than targets; indeed, the bill retains critical safeguards by allowing shorter notice with commissioner approval in cases of imminent health risks, evidence destruction, recent

prior violations, and several other life threatening exceptions. By providing this professional lead time, this bill fosters a more predictable and respectful relationship between the state and its job creators, ensuring that labor investigations are conducted with the clarity and cooperation necessary for a truly robust and balanced economic environment. Vote 11-9.

Rep. Mark MacKenzie for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill, as amended, would require the New Hampshire Department of Labor (NH DOL) to notify employers at least 30 days before an inspection and then allow an additional 30 days for the employer to respond. The amendment does not specify how long the NH DOL would have to adjudicate any violations, nor does it address the timing or requirement for followup inspections. It also permits businesses to remediate likely violations before an inspection, and although the bill references preserving evidence, the 30day notice period and restricted access make practical preservation unlikely. The amendment further weakens protections in RSA 275E:3 and RSA 275E:8 (Whistleblower Protection Act), which protect publicsector employees who report violations from retaliation; this bill is silent on whistleblower safeguards. Finally, the bill imposes an unreasonably slow process for adjudicating wage claims, potentially delaying determinations by 60 days or more and limiting access to the NH DOL's existing appeals process. These delays risk serious financial harm to workers who have not been paid correctly.

Majority Amendment (0534h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Inspections. Amend RSA 273:9 to read as follows:

273:9 Inspections. The commissioner shall, at such times as ~~he~~ **the commissioner** shall deem it necessary, ~~[and without notice]~~ **pursuant to this section**, visit the manufacturing, mechanical, and mercantile establishments in the state, so far as practicable, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the laws with reference to employment are complied with, and for the further purpose of ascertaining if reasonable sanitary and hygienic conditions are maintained, calculated to promote the health and welfare of the working people.

I. The commissioner shall provide notice of a visit or inspection to the owner of an establishment no less than 30 days prior to the visit. The notice shall state the specific lawful purpose of the visit, identify whether the visit or inspection is related to a complaint, and describe any alleged violation.

II. The commissioner shall allow an establishment that is subject to a request or demand for documents, written responses, or interviews, regardless of whether the request is based on a complaint, no less than 30 days from the date of the demand or response, to respond to such a request or demand.

III. The commissioner may conduct visits or inspections with less than 30 days' notice, or make a request or demand for documents, responses, or interviews sooner than 30 days from the date of the request or demand for one of the following reasons:

(a) The establishment was found to be in violation by the commissioner in the previous 36 months.

(b) The commissioner believes, based on substantial evidence, that a specific alleged violation poses an imminent risk to the health or safety of employees, consumers, or the public.

(c) The commissioner believes, based on substantial evidence, that complying with these requirements may result in the destruction of evidence or other interference on the part of the establishment.

(d) The commissioner is enforcing the provisions of RSA 157-A, relative to boilers and pressure vessels.

(e) The commissioner is enforcing the provisions of RSA 157-B, relative to elevators and accessibility lifts.

(f) The commissioner is enforcing the provisions of RSA 276-A:4, I, relative to the prohibition against youth being employed or permitted to work in any hazardous occupation.

(g) The commissioner is enforcing the provisions of RSA 277, relative to public workplace safety.

(h) The owner or owner's representative has had an opportunity to review the notice document required by paragraph I and has provided written consent to waive the 30 day deadline.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 181 members having voted in the affirmative, and 155 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1245-FN, relative to voluntary portable benefits plans for independent contractors. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Brian Labrie for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill establishes a legal framework for voluntary portable benefit accounts designed specifically for independent contractors. The bill allows “hiring parties” (companies or clients) to contribute to a contractor’s benefit account—which can include insurance, retirement, or health savings—without those contributions being used as evidence to reclassify the worker as an “employee” under state law. This “portability” means the benefits belong to the worker rather than being tied to a single “hiring party,” aiming to provide gig workers and freelancers with greater financial security while maintaining their independent status. Vote 11-9.

Rep. Brian Sullivan for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill as amended allows employers to provide funding to non-employee subcontractors to pay for some form of benefit package. The rationale given is that making payments of this nature could be used under current law as evidence that the recipient is actually an employee rather than a subcontractor. This bill provides protection against the use of such payments as evidence of employment. It is not unusual for the NH Department of Labor to conduct an investigation into whether a worker or group of workers are actually sub-contractors or employees. If so-called sub-contractors are found to actually be employees, the employers are subject to fines and are required to make the employees whole for benefits such as withholding of income tax, workers compensation and unemployment. The minority is concerned that this bill, if passed, could lead to additional misclassification of employees as subcontractors. We have a further concern that this bill would provide protection for employers under New Hampshire law, but would not provide protection under federal law with the US Department of Labor (DOL). The US DOL also conducts labor related investigations in New Hampshire. They may very well use the payment for benefits as evidence of an employer-employee relationship. For these reasons the minority opposes the Ought to Pass with Amendment motion and supports Inexpedient to Legislate.

Majority Amendment (0237h)

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

1 Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this act is to allow independent contractors and hiring parties to voluntarily participate in portable benefit plans, providing access to certain benefits without altering the classification of such workers under state law.

2 New Chapter; Voluntary Portable Benefit Plans. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 283 the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 283-A VOLUNTARY PORTABLE BENEFIT PLANS

283-A:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. “Hiring party” means any individual or business that contracts for the performance of services by an independent contractor.

II. “Independent contractor” means a person who qualifies as such under RSA 275:42, II, or applicable common law tests, who is free from control or direction over the performance of services.

III. “Portable benefit account” means an account owned and controlled by an independent contractor, who may allocate funds to pay for portable benefits such as health insurance, non-state unemployment insurance, disability insurance, life insurance, or retirement benefits, or other related expenses.

IV. “Provider” means a bank, financial institution, investment management firm, or other legal entity.

283-A:2 Voluntary Contributions and Withholding.

I. A hiring party may voluntarily contribute funds to an independent contractor’s portable benefit account.

II. Contributions may be made using funds withheld from compensation owed to the contractor, provided that:

- (a) The withholding is expressed in a written agreement;
- (b) The agreement is clear, unambiguous, and prominently displayed in the contract;
- (c) The contractor affirmatively opts in to the withholding; and
- (d) The contractor may opt out of such withholding at any time.

283-A:3 Preservation of Worker Classification.

I. The following actions shall be excluded from consideration when determining a worker’s legal status as either an employee or an independent contractor under RSA 275, RSA 282-A, or any other state labor, tax, or benefits statute:

- (a) The offer of, or contribution to, a portable benefit account by a hiring party;
- (b) An independent contractor’s participation in or control over such a plan or account; and
- (c) The administrative act of withholding and remitting contractor funds as authorized under 283-A:2, I.

II. A hiring party, worker, or third party may make voluntary contributions to a portable benefit account on behalf of an independent contractor.

III. The provision of voluntary contributions by a hiring party shall not, in and of itself, establish an employer-employee relationship, nor shall it be construed as evidence of the hiring party’s “control or direction” over the independent contractor.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a voluntary framework allowing independent contractors to participate in portable benefit plans through authorized providers.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.
Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Wade moved that **HB 1484**, establishing a state minimum wage and providing for incremental increases be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

The Speaker ruled the motion dilatory.

CHALLENGE TO THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

Rep. Wade challenged the ruling of the Chair whereby the Chair ruled the motion to Special Order HB 1484, dilatory.

The question being shall the ruling of the Chair be upheld?

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aron, Judy

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BELKNAP

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
O'Rorke, Terri

Harvey, Cathryn
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne

Booras, Efstathia
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
Newsom, James
Snodgrass, Jim

Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
Soucy, Timothy

Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

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

de Vries, Erica
Knab, Allison
Manos, Zoe
Scherr, Buzz
Vallone, Mark

Edgar, Michael
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
England, Myles
Howland, Allan

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica

Butler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John

Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Miller, Seth
Stone, John

Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

and the ruling of the Chair was upheld.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

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

An objection was made.

The question being to print the remarks made by Rep. Beauchemin.

On a division vote, with 171 members having voted in the affirmative, and 169 in the negative, the motion to print the remarks of Rep. Beauchemin during unanimous consent was adopted.

REMARKS

Representative Beauchemin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We stand before you because we are at a pivotal moment, not just for our country, but for the very principles upon which it was founded. Our constitution clearly vests the power to declare war in Congress, not one person in the White House. Today, that separation of powers is under unprecedented strain. Just today, Congress defeated a bipartisan war powers resolution, lead by Representative Ro Khanna, Democrat from California, and Representative Thomas Massie, Republican from Kentucky. This resolution would require any military action against Iran to have explicit congressional approval before it can proceed. This resolution is not about policy disagreements. It is about constitutional duty and accountability. We've seen in recent weeks how easy it is for military action to escalate. Unilateral strikes abroad have intensified tension with Iran with little explanation and no vote of the people's representatives. Too often in our history, presidents of both parties have bypassed Congress and dragged American service members into costly conflicts. This is exactly what this resolution sought to prevent; an unauthorized and open-ended war that we have not fully debated or authorized.

Speaker Steven Smith: Consent was withdrawn, so we will need a vote to continue. Representative Wheeler requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The question is shall the member continue? This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press green, opposed, press red. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members had an opportunity to vote? The House shall attend to the state of the vote. The motion fails lacking the three-fifths margin and a quorum not being present, the House is adjourned.

HB 1066-FN, relative to warrant articles authorizing lease agreements. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. The bill, as introduced, establishes a clear and consistent statutory framework for municipal lease agreements, replacing the patchwork of case law and past practice upon which municipalities have historically relied. It defines "lease" broadly to include lease-purchase agreements, sale-leaseback agreements, installment sales, and other contracts used to obtain the use or ownership of real property, fixtures, or equipment, and clarifies how leases fit within the Municipal Budget Law and the Municipal Finance Act, including notice requirements, legislative approval thresholds, and when lease obligations are treated as debt, so that lease appropriations receive the same public oversight as other major commitments such as bonds and notes. Under the bill as filed, leases up to \$100,000 require a simple majority vote, while leases exceeding \$100,000 require a public hearing, a one-hour voting window, and a 3/5 supermajority (or 2/3 where required by charter), aligning lease approvals with bond standards and ensuring that municipal decisions are based on financial merit rather than lower voter thresholds. The bill further distinguishes between equipment leases under RSA 33:7-e and broader "general leases" under proposed RSA 33:7-f, preserving simple majority approval for non-leased equipment that can be returned under an escape clause, while requiring stricter approval standards for leases or bonds involving fixtures and building improvements. Testimony demonstrates that RSA 33:7-e is often used to lease fixed, non-returnable equipment such as boilers, elevators, HVAC systems, and LED lighting, and to finance substantial building renovations including framing, drywall, flooring, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, windows, and doors—improvements that become permanent fixtures and cannot realistically be "escaped." The committee heard evidence of multiple projects statewide with costs ranging from \$295,000 to \$25.2 million, with some lease arrangements resulting in taxpayers paying millions more in interest than would have been required under bond financing. The use of leases of equipment with an escape clause, even when the equipment becomes a fixture and cannot be returned, effectively allows significant long-term financial commitments of taxpayers to bypass the supermajority protections voters have historically required for comparable long-term obligations. The commit-

tee amendment addresses these misuses by requiring that leases involving fixtures or building renovations receive the same 3/5 supermajority approval as bonds, ensuring municipalities choose between leasing and bonding based on sound financial judgment rather than differing voter approval thresholds. At the same time, the bill with amendment preserves simple majority approval for equipment that can genuinely be returned, clarifies that energy performance contracts remain governed by RSA 21-I:19-d, updates the threshold for hearings and supermajority votes from \$100,000 to \$500,000 to reflect inflation and modern practice, and provides that appropriations for general leases do not lapse until the project is complete, except as otherwise required for energy performance contracts. Overall, this bill provides clear statutory definitions, strengthens transparency and fiscal accountability, ensures that long-term financial commitments receive appropriate voter scrutiny, and preserves municipal flexibility for true equipment leases while discouraging the expensive misuse of escape-clause leases for fixtures and major renovations. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Eleana Colby for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill aims to modify the rules and procedures for warrant articles that authorize lease agreements. It was introduced to the committee along with a declaration that municipalities and school districts are “using leases improperly.” However, while the committee was provided with a spreadsheet outlining executed lease contracts in political subdivisions, there was no evidence of any misconduct on the part of the municipalities or school districts. The amended bill proposes to treat leasing agreements the same as bonding, rather than recognizing them as two distinct forms of financing for capital projects. It imposes excessive restrictions and alters several definitions, significantly hindering municipalities and school districts from pursuing beneficial agreements that meet their unique timing and financial needs. These local entities face constantly evolving demands that require greater flexibility than traditional bonding options can offer. This bill would effectively eliminate leasing as a viable option for most projects. Additionally, financial decisions in this context are already subject to rigorous approval processes that ensure ample public input. As a result, the minority of the committee believes this bill would unnecessarily restrict local communities’ ability to make informed and strategic choices that serve their best interests.

Majority Amendment (0923h)

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3-4 with the following:

3 Towns, Cities, Village Districts, and Unincorporated Places; Municipal Budget Law; Budget Preparation. Amend RSA 32:5, I to read as follows:

I. The governing body, or the budget committee if there is one, shall hold at least one public hearing on each budget, not later than 25 days before each annual or special meeting, public notice of which shall be given at least 7 days in advance, and after the conclusion of public testimony shall finalize the budget to be submitted to the legislative body. If a town or district uses sub-accounts to budget or track financial data it shall make that data available for public inspection at the public hearing. One or more supplemental public hearings may be held at any time before the annual or special meeting, subject to the 7-day notice requirement. If the first hearing or any supplemental hearing is recessed to a later date or time, additional notice shall not be required for a supplemental session if the date, time, and place of the supplemental session are made known at the original hearing. Public hearings on bonds and notes in excess of \$100,000 shall be held in accordance with RSA 33:8-a, I, **and public hearings on leases in excess of \$500,000 shall be held in accordance to the procedure in RSA 33:7-f, II.** Days shall be counted in accordance with RSA 21:35.

4 New Paragraph; Towns, Cities, Village Districts, and Unincorporated Places; Municipal Budget Law; Lapse of Appropriations. Amend RSA 32:7 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. The amount to be raised, in whole or in part, through a lease pursuant to RSA 33:7-f, shall not lapse until the fulfillment of the purpose or completion of the project being financed by the lease, except that energy performance contracts under RSA 21-I:19-d shall lapse if the funding authority for municipality fails to appropriate sufficient funds pursuant to RSA 21-I:19-d, II(e); or

Amend the bill by replacing sections 7-8 with the following:

7 Towns, Cities, Village Districts, and Unincorporated Places; Municipal Finance Act; Lease Agreements of Equipment. Amend RSA 33:7-e to read as follows:

33:7-e Lease Agreements of Equipment. The governing body may enter into leases of equipment as required by the municipality. Appropriations to fund lease agreements with nonappropriation clauses may be approved by a simple majority vote of the legislative body. Lease agreements with nonappropriation clauses shall not be treated as debt under RSA 33:4-a. ~~[For the purposes of this section, “lease” shall include lease-purchase, sale and lease back, installment sale, or other similar agreement to acquire use or ownership of such equipment as is from time to time required by the municipality. For purposes of this section and RSA 382-A, building or facility improvements related to the installation, purpose, or operation of such equipment shall be deemed to constitute equipment and the costs of such improvements may be financed through lease agreements under this section.]~~ **For purposes of this section and RSA 382-A, equipment as well as any building or facility improvements that become fixtures, shall not be financed through lease agreements under this section. Any lease agreement under this section exceeding \$500,000 shall require a public hearing pursuant to RSA 33:7-f, II.**

8 New Section; General Lease Agreements. Amend RSA 33 by inserting after section 7-e the following new section:

33:7-f General Lease Agreements. The governing body may enter into leases of real property, fixtures, equipment, or any combination of such, as required by the municipality under this section, if the lease does not qualify under RSA 33:7-e. Lease agreements under this section shall be considered loans, which shall comply with RSA 33:2 and treated as debt under RSA 33:4-a. Appropriations to finance lease agreements under this section shall be approved via the following procedure:

I. Leases up to \$500,000 may be approved by a simple majority vote of the legislative body.

II. Leases in excess of \$500,000 shall require at least one public hearing concerning the proposed lease before the governing body of the municipality. Said hearing shall be held at least 15 days, but not more than 60 days, prior to the meeting, or adjourned session thereof, at which the lease shall be voted upon. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least 7 days before it is held. Whenever possible, the governing body shall determine the form of the warrant article after the public hearing. All articles appearing in the warrant which propose a lease in excess of \$500,000 shall appear in consecutive numerical order and shall be acted upon prior to other business, except warrant articles proposing bonds or notes, the election of officers, action on the adoption, revision, or amendment of a municipal charter, zoning matters, or other matters as determined by the voters at the meeting. Polls shall remain open and ballots accepted by the moderator on each such article for a period not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on each respective article. The lease shall only be authorized if at least a 3/5 majority of those voting on the warrant article vote "yes." For a municipality that has adopted an optional form of legislative body under RSA 49-D:3, I-a or RSA 49-D:3, II-a, the lease shall be authorized by a "yes" vote of at least 2/3 or 3/5 as adopted and provided for in the charter. If such charter does not specify which majority vote is required, then the required majority vote shall be 3/5. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculation of any majority. A separate ballot box shall be provided for each lease article to be voted upon pursuant to this section.

III. This section shall not apply to cities.

IV. Upon favorable approval on the motion to reconsider the vote on a lease under paragraph II, actual reconsideration of the lease shall not take place until the expiration of at least 7 days from the date on which the original vote on the motion was taken. Notice of time and place where such reconsideration shall take place shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least 2 days before the reconsideration vote.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Bill Boyd moved that **HB 1066-FN**, relative to warrant articles authorizing lease agreements, be laid on the table.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita	Paige, David	McAleer, Chris	Woodcock, Stephen
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Ames, Dick	Berch, Paul	Harvey, Cathryn	Fox, Dru
Faulkner, Barry	Gruber, James	Jacobs, Samantha	Jones, Philip
Germana, Nicholas	Newell, Jodi	O'Rourke, Terri	Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy			

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan	Baldwin, Heather	Bolton, Bill	Cormen, Thomas
Fellows, Sallie	Fracht, David	Hakken-Phillips, Mary	Sullivan, Jared
Lucas, Janet	Muirhead, Russell	Oppel, Thomas	Rockmore, Ellen
Spahr, Terry	Stavis, Laurel	Stringham, Jerry	Sykes, George

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Murray, Alissandra	Boyd, Bill	Beauchemin, Paige	Bergeron, Dan
Booras, Efstathia	Budathoki, Suraj	Chourasia, Manoj	Chretien, Suzanne
Darby, Will	Dargie, Paul	DiSilvestro, Linda	Elberger, Susan
Davis, Fred	Foss, Lily	Georges, Mary	Grund, Stephanie

Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jack, Martin
 Foxx, Loren
 Long, Patrick
 Miles, Julie
 Plamondon, Marc
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Spier, Carry
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Hartnett, Tim
 Jeudy, Jean
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Murray, Megan
 Mooney, Maureen
 Preece, David
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Salvi, Santosh
 Staub, Kathy
 Vail, Suzanne

Hegner, Karen
 Kerwin, Erin
 Leishman, Peter
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Murphy, Nancy
 Proulx, Mark
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Seibert, Christine
 Suiter, John
 Veilleux, Daniel

Herbert, Christopher
 Kluger, Lee Ann
 Lloyd, Christal
 Manohar, Sanjeev
 Petrigno, Peter
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Teterski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

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Bricchi, Tracy
 Gallagher, Eric
 Hall, Muriel
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
 Gibbs, Merryl
 Newsom, James
 Schultz, Kris
 Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
 Lane, Connie
 Richards, Beth
 Snodgrass, Jim

Ebel, Karen
 Luneau, David
 Sargent, Gregory
 Soucy, Timothy

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Balboni, Peggy
 Edgar, Michael
 Paige, Mark
 Manos, Zoe
 Osborne, Jason
 Scherr, Buzz
 Turer, Eric

Cahill, Michael
 Gilman, Julie
 Maggiore, Jim
 Melvin, Charles
 Brown, Pam
 Simpson, Alexis
 Vallone, Mark

de Vries, Erica
 Murray, Kate
 Malloy, Dennis
 Meuse, David
 Perez, Kristine
 Sorensen, Carrie
 Ward, Gerald

Donnelly, Tanya
 Knab, Allison
 Mandelbaum, Jennifer
 Muns, Chris
 Reynolds, Ned
 Sytek, John
 Weinstein, Toni

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
 DeDe-Poulin, Denise
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Southworth, Thomas
 Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
 England, Myles
 Johnson, Erik
 Smith, Marjorie
 Stone, John

Burton, Wayne
 Gilmore, Gary
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Schmidt, Peter
 Pearson, Wayne

Butler, Billie
 Howard, Heath
 Larochelle, John
 Selig, Loren
 Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Hemingway, Wayne

Cloutier, John
 Palmer, William

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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Aldrich, Glen
 Freeman, Lisa
 Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
 Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
 Toner, Travis

Comtois, Barbara
 Ploszaj, Tom

Dumais, Russell
 Minor, Sheri

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
 Brown, Richard

Crawford, Karel
 Taylor, Brian

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
 Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
 Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly

Mattson, Rita

COOS

Davis, Arnold
 King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
 Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
 Tremblay, Marc

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
 Franz, Linda
 Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
 Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
 Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
 McFarlane, Donald

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
 Boehm, Ralph
 Creighton, James
 Dumont, Dillon
 Flanagan, Jack
 Gorski, Ted
 Labrie, Brian

Ammon, Keith
 Colcombe, Riché
 Kelley, Diane
 Dupont, Pierre
 Griffin, Gerald
 Gould, Linda
 Lascelles, Richard

Barbour, Liz
 Cole, Brian
 Daniels, Gary
 Erf, Keith
 Gagne, Larry
 Kenny, Catherine
 Murphy, Mary

Berry, Ross
 Corcoran, Travis
 Drew, Matt
 Fedolfi, Jim
 Giasson, Henry
 Kesselring, Steven
 Mazur, Lisa

McLean, Mark
Paquette, Kathleen
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim

Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Rice, Kimberly
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aures, Cyril
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Foote, Charles
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McMahon, Charles
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sweeney, Joe
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wilson, Vicki

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Drago, Mike
Guthrie, Joseph
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Porcelli, Susan
Selby, Donald
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Nadeau, Brian
Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Edwards, Jess
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McGrath, Linda
Nelson, Jodi
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Summers, James
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

Burnham, Claudine
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Rollins, Skip

Grant, George
Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

Aron, Michael

and the motion failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 174 members having voted in the affirmative, and 171 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1076, relative to authorizing or rescinding the use of electronic ballot counting devices. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill changes the authority for the adoption of electronic ballot counting devices, shifting the authority from the governing body of a municipality to the legislative body. This enabling legislation puts the question to the voters on their official ballot regarding the number of electronic ballot counting devices that should be used. Should the municipality that uses electronic ballot counting devices want to discontinue their use, the question shall also be put to the voters on their official ballot to rescind their use. In this way the voters of the municipality have the ultimate voice in how they want their election results tabulated. Consistency in the method for adoption and rescission of ballot counting devices as well as transparency into the choice are the reasons the majority of the committee voted Ought to Pass. Vote 15-3.

Rep. Eleana Colby for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would shift the authority to adopt electronic ballot-counting devices from the municipality's governing body to the legislative body. The legislative body would have the power to rescind the use of ballot-counting devices or significantly reduce the number of devices in operation. This bill also mandates that the question of adoption or rescission must appear on the official ballot. In a traditional town meeting community, this requirement would require drafting a special ballot for the vote, separate from the warrant. The committee received important information about the current shortage of volunteers for local elections. If a community rescinds the use of electronic ballot devices, this will exacerbate the problem, requiring a substantial investment in stipends for election workers, especially in communities that have adopted the official ballot referendum (SB2). Moreover, SB2 communities often have long ballots with a large number of warrant articles. Each of these warrant articles would need to be counted individually, which would result in a lengthy, costly process. As a consequence,

election results may be delayed by several days. Additionally, the minority of the committee raised concerns about the bill mandating the wording of the question on adoption or rescission and requiring municipalities to establish a fixed number of devices. This requirement restricts a municipality's flexibility in acquiring the necessary ballot-counting devices, especially as populations evolve over time. It also places an additional burden on municipalities by mandating a vote on the official ballot or a special ballot separate from the warrant whenever they seek to adjust the number of ballot-counting devices used during elections. For these reasons, the minority of the committee believes this bill is Inexpedient to Legislate.

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

On a division vote, with 182 members having voted in the affirmative, and 151 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1113, enabling towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Denis Murphy for Municipal and County Government. This enabling bill, with no unfunded mandates, reflects careful consideration of local needs, which should reassure you of its supportive intent. Towns will now have the option to have their town moderators serve either two- or three-year terms, depending on what the voters want, just like the school moderator, who can already serve 2 or 3-year terms. If when enacting this legislation, the municipality elects the moderator or clerk in the opposite year, and the moderator has the same three-year term as the town clerk, the town clerk and town moderator will never appear on the ballot together, providing even smoother running elections since you will have at least one experienced election official. Usually, the next election after town meeting will probably be the fall primaries and the November general election. Currently, you can have both an inexperienced town clerk and a town moderator running the fall elections for the first time since in most municipalities, clerks and moderators are on the same ballot every six years. This bill could prevent that. This bill would also align the terms of office with those of most other municipal public offices, the boards of selectmen, budget committees, library trustees, etc, with the exception of the supervisors of the checklist, who may have terms up to six years. This bill will also allow municipalities to revert to a two-year term if voters choose, using the petition warrant article, giving the municipality the flexibility to adapt election cycles to the community's needs. The amendment further strengthens the procedures for electing a moderator for a three-year term or reverting back to a 2-year term by using RSA 41:1-a and with an exception for moderators provided under RSA 671:11-a. By passing this bill, towns can now choose what works best for them by electing moderators to terms the municipalities' voters want and need. Vote 12-6.

Amendment (0806h)

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

1 Government of Town Meeting; Moderator. Amend RSA 40:1 to read as follows:

40:1 Election. Every 2 years **or 3 years, as provided under RSA 41:1-a**, [~~commencing in 1978 or 1979, as applicable;~~] a moderator shall be chosen by ballot, by plurality vote. The moderator so chosen shall assume office upon the adjournment of the regular town business meeting held in that year in accordance with RSA 39:1 or 39:2-a and upon qualification for office, whichever is later. The moderator shall serve through the adjournment of the regular town business meeting 2 years **or 3 years** following the moderator's election and until the qualification of a successor, whichever is later. The election of the moderator in a town shall be at the annual meeting [~~in every even-numbered year~~] **when the term of the moderator expires**. The election of moderators in city wards shall be at every other regular city election.

2 New Section; Three-Year Term; Moderator. Amend RSA 41 by inserting after section 1 the following new section:

41:1-a Three-Year Term; Moderator. At any annual town meeting under an article in the warrant, the voters may vote to determine if they are in favor of having 2-year or 3-year terms for the moderator. If the town has adopted an official ballot, the clerk shall cause the following question to be printed on said ballot: "Are you in favor of changing the term of the moderator from (here insert term option) years to (here insert term option) years, beginning with the expiration of the term of the current moderator?" Said question shall be printed in the form prescribed by RSA 656:13. If the town has not adopted an official ballot, the clerk shall cause the same question to be printed upon special ballots, which shall be used to determine the vote of the town. If a majority of those voting on the question vote in favor of a 2-year or a 3-year term, at the next annual meeting, when the current moderator's term expires, the town shall elect a moderator for a 2-year or 3-year term in accordance with the results of such vote.

3 School District Elections; Regular School Districts; Optional Term. Amend RSA 671:6-a, III to read as follows:

III. The terms of the school district clerk, moderator and treasurer shall all be for one year, for 2 years, or for 3 years. The terms of only one or 2 of such officers shall not be changed independently of the other [~~one or 2~~] officers, **except for moderators as provided under RSA 671:11-a**.

4 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.
On a division vote, with 196 members having voted in the affirmative, and 144 in the negative, the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1131, relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. As filed, this bill restores the original procedure for adopting SB 2 by requiring that the question to adopt the official ballot referendum form of town meetings be placed on the official ballot, consistent with absentee voting, established polling hours, and standard election procedures. The bill also clarifies the procedures for rescinding SB 2, maintaining the three-fifths majority requirement and statutory wording, while preserving full local control for municipalities. SB 2 adoption still requires one or more public hearings, ensuring ample opportunity for voters to learn about SB 2 prior to the annual election. The committee heard testimony that in 2019, RSA 40:14 was amended to remove the SB 2 adoption question from the official ballot. As a result, under current law, adoption of SB 2 requires physical attendance at the annual meeting during a limited time window, creating practical barriers for working residents, families with young children, seniors, and voters with disabilities to participate in a vote on changing the form of government. This limitation has effectively prevented many towns and school districts from adopting SB 2, concentrating budgetary and governance decisions among a relatively small number of attendees and reducing overall voter access and participation, increasing disenfranchisement. This bill corrects this statutory change by returning the adoption question to the official ballot and restoring voter access consistent with the original legislative intent of SB 2 when enacted in 1995. Currently, adoption of SB 2 is the only change in local governance effectuated through a meeting warrant article. All other governance changes—including the establishment of charter commissions, charter adoption, charter amendment, charter revision, charter rescission, and SB 2 rescission—are determined by official ballot. By aligning the SB 2 adoption procedure via the official ballot with all other forms of local governance change, the bill promotes procedural consistency, expands voter participation, and maintains existing safeguards, including the three-fifths majority requirement for adoption and full local control for communities to adopt or rescind SB 2. Accordingly, the majority of the committee finds that this bill preserves the integrity of local decision-making, strengthens voter access and participation, and restores the practical availability of SB 2 as a tool for modernizing local governance. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Jim Maggiore for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill seeks to revise the procedures for adopting the official ballot referendum form of town meetings by updating the relevant language in RSA 40:14. The legislation introduces new requirements mandating that local political subdivisions must include the question of adopting the official ballot referendum on the warrant for the annual meeting, in accordance with the processes detailed in RSA 39:3 or RSA 197:6. Traditionally, town meetings represent a form of local government where residents gather annually to directly engage in legislative decisions, including discussions and votes on budgets and warrant articles. These meetings provide a vital forum for open debate on all aspects of local governance, including the choice of governmental structure that best serves the community. Some towns may consider shifting to an “SB2” form of government, which divides the annual process into two distinct sessions. The first, known as the deliberative session (typically held in February), allows for explanation, discussion, and the amendment of the operating budget and warrant articles. The second session (typically in March) is the official voting day, when voters cast ballots on all articles approved at the deliberative session. The minority of the committee believes that the decision to transition to a ballot-based form of government—such as the SB2 model—should be made through open debate at the traditional town meeting, rather than solely by ballot vote. They contend that robust discussion is essential to ensure the community fully understands the implications of such a change. For these reasons, the minority opposes the motion of Ought to Pass.

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

On a division vote, with 181 members having voted in the affirmative, and 159 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1137, relative to municipal budget committee membership. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. As filed, this bill amends RSA 32:15, I(b) to provide that one member of the municipal governing body and, where applicable, one member of each school board and village district wholly within the town shall serve on the municipal budget committee in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity, rather than as voting members. The bill further clarifies that each such member may designate an alternate who, when sitting, shall serve in the same ex-officio, non-voting capacity. The committee heard testimony that this modest but meaningful change preserves the valuable

expertise and institutional knowledge of governing body, school board, and village district representatives while promoting impartiality and consistent oversight within the budget process. By removing the vote—but not the voice—of officials who may also propose, administer, or implement budgets, the bill helps avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest and strengthens public confidence in budget committee deliberations. Moreover, the bill aligns municipal budget committee statutes with changes enacted in 2025 through HB 394, which established that cooperative school board representatives on cooperative budget committees serve in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity pursuant to RSA 195:12-a, thereby promoting consistent statutory treatment of budget committee membership across municipalities, school districts, village districts, and cooperative school districts. Accordingly, the majority of the committee finds that this bill preserves participation while protecting objectivity, enhances transparency and accountability in local fiscal decision-making, and establishes a clear and consistent standard for the budget committee structure across political subdivisions. Vote 12-5.

Rep. Julie Gilman for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. It is not uncommon for the term ex officio to have a level of confusion when using it to describe members of a public body. The term “ex officio” was first used in ancient Rome and is defined in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Dictionary.com and even AI to mean “by virtue of an official position.” An “official position” is someone elected or appointed to a higher position than a secondary assignment and shall exercise all the powers, full rights and duties as the regular members of that secondary committee. “Ex officio” is explicitly defined in land use statutes like RSA 672:5 which goes as far as to clarify that they shall exercise all the powers of regular members. Confusion of the term may lay with the fact that there are other statutes that don’t use the term however the designation is implied by the language of the statute. An example of this would be RSA 32:15 which requires one member of the municipal governing body and one member of the school board to sit on an official budget committee. It is important to note that while ex officio members may exercise the same authority as other members of the school board, they do not have a special status due to the fact that they serve on another board. The fact that there is a member of the select board appointed by that board does not mean the select board member gets to boss the other members around or wield the power of the select board over them. Ex officio members are an equal member to everyone else. This issue was addressed in 2022 in an opinion by the Hillsborough Superior Court in the case of Town of Hudson and Hudson School District SAU 81 v. Hudson Budget Committee. In this case, the Hudson Budget Committee adopted a bylaw that barred the two ex officio members from voting. The provision read, “votes will be limited to the nine elected or duly appointed members-at-large.” The committee argued that RSA 32:15 is ambiguous and does not require the ex officio members be permitted to vote. RSA 32:15 does not actually use the term ex officio to describe the members at issue, nor does it include any provision like the one in RSA 672:5 which explicitly states that ex officio members have the same powers as other members. Nevertheless, the court adopted the term “ex officio member” when talking about the two budget committee members (town and school board members) and ruled that by the plain language of the statute they were considered a “member” just like the appointed or at-large members. RSA 32:15 limits these members’ ability to serve as at-large members and does not impose any further limitations. As a result, the court ruled that the actions of the budget committee violated the law, and the budget committee could not strip the ex officio members of their right to vote. All actions taken by the budget committee during the time that the ex officio members were barred from voting were deemed invalid and ordered to be redone. The Hudson Budget Committee’s bylaws, also dated 2022, do not mention ex officio members. The committee has heard a version of this bill several times and it has always failed because the term ex officio is misinterpreted. The proponents use the phrase “two bites at the apple,” that the ex officio members have two opportunities to vote the budget up or down. The ex officio members have the right to debate and vote for or against in both capacities but it doesn’t mean they have to vote the same way in both instances. For these reasons the minority of the committee finds this bill Inexpedient to Legislate.

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

On a division vote, with 182 members having voted in the affirmative, and 156 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

(Representative Steven Smith in the Chair)

HB 1184-FN, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for Municipal and County Government. This bill, as originally filed, establishes a statutory framework governing the issuance of no trespass orders—commonly referred to as NTOs—on municipal and school district property. It requires governing body approval in a duly noticed public meeting before an NTO may be issued, except for a limited emergency order. It mandates written findings, limits the duration to 90 days, provides for a hearing upon request, and requires judicial action for any exclusion beyond 90 days. The committee amendment refines this framework by clarifying emergency standards, establishing a defined three-fifths supermajority vote for continuation, and creating firm procedural timelines that protect due process while preserving public safety. As amended, the bill authorizes a governing body—or a person

it designates—to issue an emergency NTO when immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect public safety, prevent substantial disruption of governmental operations, or prevent damage to public property. The amendment extends the emergency period from 24 hours to up to 72 hours, recognizing the practical realities municipalities face over weekends and holidays. Emergency orders must be in writing, state the date and time of issuance, identify the specific property, provide a brief factual basis, and clearly state that the order is temporary and subject to governing body review. Emergency NTOs automatically expire after 72 hours unless approved for continuation by the governing body. Continuation beyond the emergency period requires approval by a three-fifths vote of the governing body at a duly noticed public meeting—or in nonpublic session if permitted under RSA 91-A and requested by the individual. If approval does not occur within the emergency period, the order expires automatically. Any NTO issued or continued must include the date of issuance, the property covered, the reason for the order, its duration, notice of the right to request a hearing, instructions for doing so, and notice of the right to appeal to superior court. The amendment establishes firm procedural protections. An individual has 10 days to request a hearing in writing. The governing body must hold that hearing as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than 15 calendar days after receiving the request. If the hearing does not occur within that timeframe, unless the delay is attributable to the individual, the NTO is automatically vacated. After the hearing, the governing body must issue a written decision stating whether the order is rescinded, modified, or continued for a defined period. Importantly, no administrative NTO may remain in effect beyond 90 days from the original date of issuance. There are no rolling renewals. If exclusion beyond 90 days is deemed necessary, the governing body must seek a court-issued restraining order or other judicial relief. Appeals to superior court must be filed within 30 days of the governing body's written decision. All NTOs expire by operation of law upon reaching their authorized duration and may not be renewed except in full compliance with the statute. Under current practice, many NTOs are issued with little oversight, inconsistent standards, and, in some cases, excessive duration—leaving superior court litigation as the only practical remedy. The bill with amendment replaces that *ad hoc* system with a balanced framework: immediate action when truly necessary, governing body oversight with supermajority approval for continuation, written findings, defined timelines, automatic expiration, and judicial review for long-term exclusion. Public property belongs to the public. This bill does not eliminate the ability to remove individuals who pose a legitimate threat. Rather, it ensures that such significant action is taken transparently, with clear standards, defined limits, and meaningful due process protections. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (0756h)

Amend RSA 635:2-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

635:2-a Order Against Trespass on Public Property.

I.(a) A governing body responsible for public property, or a person designated by the governing body, may issue an emergency no trespass order (NTO) directing a person to leave or not enter specified public property when immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect public safety, prevent substantial disruption of governmental operations, or prevent damage to public property.

(b) An emergency NTO issued under this paragraph shall:

- (1) Be in writing;
- (2) State the date and time of issuance;
- (3) Identify the specific public property to which the order applies;
- (4) Provide a brief statement of the factual basis for the emergency issuance; and
- (5) State that the order is temporary specifying the expiration date and time, and is subject to governing body review.

(c) An emergency NTO shall be effective immediately but shall expire automatically no later than 72 hours after issuance, unless approved pursuant to paragraph II.

II.(a) If the governing body seeks to continue an NTO beyond the emergency period, the governing body shall approve the NTO by a 3/5 vote taken at a duly noticed public meeting, or at a non-public session if permitted under RSA 91-A and requested by the individual subject to the NTO.

(b) Approval under this paragraph shall authorize the NTO for a period not to exceed 90 days from the original date of issuance, unless earlier rescinded.

(c) Failure to approve the NTO within the emergency period shall result in the automatic expiration of the order.

(d) Any NTO issued or approved under this section shall include:

- (1) The date of issuance;
- (2) The specific public property to which the order applies;
- (3) A clear explanation of the reason for the NTO;
- (4) The duration of the NTO;
- (5) A statement informing the individual of the right to request a hearing to contest the NTO;
- (6) Instructions on how to request a hearing; and
- (7) A statement informing the individual of the right to appeal an adverse decision to the superior court.

IV.(a) An individual issued an NTO shall have the right to a hearing upon written request. The request shall be made no later than 10 days from the date of issuance or governing body approval of the NTO.

(b) The governing body shall hold the hearing as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than 15 calendar days after receipt of the written request.

(c) If a hearing is not held within the timeframe required under this paragraph, the NTO shall be automatically vacated, unless the delay is attributable to the individual requesting the hearing.

V.(a) Following the hearing, the governing body shall issue a written decision, which shall state whether the NTO is:

- (1) Rescinded;
- (2) Modified; or
- (3) Continued for a defined period.

(b) Any NTO continued following a hearing shall expire no later than 90 days from the original date of issuance, unless earlier rescinded.

VI. No administrative NTO issued under this section shall remain in effect beyond 90 days. If the governing body determines that exclusion beyond 90 days is necessary, it shall seek a court-issued restraining order or other judicial relief.

VII. An individual subject to an NTO may appeal a final decision of the governing body to the superior court. Any appeal shall be filed within 30 days of the written decision.

VIII. All NTOs issued under this section shall expire by operation of law upon reaching their authorized duration and shall not be renewed except in compliance with this section.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Representative Pauer offered floor amendment (1089h).

Floor Amendment (1089h)

Amend RSA 635:2-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

635:2-a Order Against Trespass on Public Property.

I.(a) A governing body responsible for public property, or a person designated by the governing body, may issue an emergency no trespass order (NTO) directing a person to leave or not enter specified public property when immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect public safety, prevent substantial disruption of governmental operations, or prevent damage to public property.

(b) An emergency NTO issued under this paragraph shall:

- (1) Be in writing;
- (2) State the date and time of issuance;
- (3) Identify the specific public property to which the order applies;
- (4) Provide a brief statement of the factual basis for the emergency issuance; and
- (5) State that the order is temporary specifying the expiration date and time, and is subject to governing body review.

(c) An emergency NTO shall be effective immediately but shall expire automatically no later than 72 hours after issuance, unless approved pursuant to paragraph II.

II.(a) If the governing body seeks to continue an NTO beyond the emergency period, the governing body shall approve the NTO by at least a 3/5 vote taken at a duly noticed public meeting, or at a non-public session if permitted under RSA 91-A and requested by the individual subject to the NTO.

(b) Approval under this paragraph shall authorize the NTO for a period not to exceed 90 days from the original date of issuance, unless earlier rescinded.

(c) Failure to approve the NTO within the emergency period shall result in the automatic expiration of the order.

(d) Any NTO issued or approved under this section shall include:

- (1) The date of issuance;
- (2) The specific public property to which the order applies;
- (3) A clear explanation of the reason for the NTO;
- (4) The duration of the NTO;
- (5) A statement informing the individual of the right to request a hearing to contest the NTO;
- (6) Instructions on how to request a hearing; and
- (7) A statement informing the individual of the right to appeal an adverse decision to the superior court.

IV.(a) An individual issued an NTO shall have the right to a hearing upon written request. The request shall be made no later than 10 days from the date of issuance or governing body approval of the NTO.

(b) The governing body shall hold the hearing as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than 15 calendar days after receipt of the written request.

(c) If a hearing is not held within the timeframe required under this paragraph, the NTO shall be automatically vacated, unless the delay is attributable to the individual requesting the hearing.

V.(a) Following the hearing, the governing body shall issue a written decision, which shall state whether the NTO is:

- (1) Rescinded;
- (2) Modified; or
- (3) Continued for a defined period.

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VII. An individual subject to an NTO may appeal a final decision of the governing body to the superior court. Any appeal shall be filed within 30 days of the written decision.

VIII. All NTOs issued under this section shall expire by operation of law upon reaching their authorized duration and shall not be renewed except in compliance with this section.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1089h).

Floor amendment (1089h) was adopted.

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

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

HB 1195, relative to municipal zoning requirements for child day care providers. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. As filed, this bill clarifies current law by allowing home-based child care, defined as care for up to six preschool children per adult with a maximum of two adults, in residential areas within existing structures, including accessory structures of up to 950 square feet, provided that all state licensing requirements are met. The bill further allows child care centers to operate by right in commercially zoned areas, provides exemptions for the conversion of existing buildings without alteration of their footprint, and establishes a threshold for local site plan review while preserving enforcement of applicable state fire, building, water, and sewage requirements. In addition, the bill prohibits municipalities from adopting or enforcing ordinances that conflict with state licensing rules. During committee hearings, extensive testimony highlighted the impact of local barriers—including conditional use permits, conflicting ordinances, and arbitrary zoning restrictions—on providers' ability to establish both family-based and center-based child care programs. Witnesses described municipalities where conditional use permits delayed openings by months and projects, such as a 20-child center, that were blocked by site plan review, demonstrating how current law can effectively limit access to small-scale child care options. The committee amendment addresses these concerns by clarifying that family-based care may convert only existing structures and does not permit the construction of new structures, while explicitly preserving private covenants such as homeowners' association rules. The amendment also eliminates ambiguous "incompatibility" tests in industrial and manufacturing zones, protects employer-based child care centers, and establishes a clear 30-child threshold for site plan review for child care centers. Collectively, these changes provide predictable standards, reduce litigation risk, and remove unnecessary barriers without compromising safety, zoning integrity, or neighborhood character. Importantly, the majority of the committee emphasizes that the amendment aligns municipal regulations with current law, promotes economic participation by enabling parents to return to work, ensures safe and licensed care for children of all ages, and preserves municipal discretion for larger projects while supporting small providers. In summary, this bill, as amended, removes unnecessary regulatory barriers, ensures consistent statewide access to licensed child care, safeguards public safety, and supports families and employers across New Hampshire while maintaining appropriate local oversight. By strengthening access to child care, the bill contributes to the state's economic growth, supports working families, and reinforces New Hampshire's reputation as one of the best places to live and work. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Jim Maggiore for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The minority of the committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment 2026-0738h for the bill. This bill defines child care centers for purposes of local zoning requirements and provides that, with limited exception, municipalities shall allow the operation of child care centers by right on commercially zoned land provided that the center is in compliance with child care licensing requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The minority of the committee has concerns about both the underlying bill and the majority amendment that passed in committee. With the majority amendment, the bill ties zoning ordinances related to in-home child care centers to state rulemaking and licensing requirements from the NH DHHS (an unprecedented transfer and consolidation of authority), exempt these commercial uses from all site plan review regulations, allow these uses in any accessory structure 950 square feet or smaller, and mandate

that child care centers be permitted by right on all land that permits commercial uses fully exempt from site plan review regulations. The minority amendment removes language that expands the in-home day care zoning mandate and requirement that links day care zoning to state rulemaking, allows “child care centers,” as defined currently by statute on all “commercially zoned land,” defines “commercially zoned land” so it’s clearer to municipalities where child care centers would be allowed by right, allows nonconforming structures on commercially zoned land to be converted by right, “provided that the structure is not altered to further violate zoning district dimensional requirements,” ensures that site plan review regulations, if adopted by a municipality, are still applicable for these proposed commercial uses, like any other commercial use, ensures that the center is compliant with applicable state fire, building, water supply, and sewage disposal requirements and preserves current language in RSA 674:16, V-a permitting home-based child care facilities in all residential zones pending licensing approval from NH DHHS

Majority Amendment (0724h)

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

1 Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers; Zoning; Grant of Power; Child Care Centers. Amend RSA 674:16, VI to read as follows:

VI. In its exercise of the powers granted under this subdivision, the local legislative body of a city, town, or county in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized places shall~~[-as described in RSA 672:1, V-a,]~~ allow home-based care (family *day care home as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(a)* and group family *day care home as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(b)*) by right ~~[or pursuant to a conditional use permit]~~ as long as all requirements for such programs adopted in rules of the department of health and human services (He-C 4002) are met. ***A city, town, or county in which there are unincorporated towns or unorganized places shall not adopt or enforce any ordinance that is different from the requirements of RSA 170-E or rules adopted thereunder (He-C 4002). On a lot where residential use is permitted, family or group family child care shall be allowed by right in the primary or an existing accessory structure, if any, and shall not be subject to local site plan review. Nothing in this section shall be construed to override any private covenant, including homeowners’ association covenants.*** ~~[Family or group family child care shall be allowed as an accessory use to any primary residential use and shall not be subject to local site plan review in any zone where a primary residential use is permitted. If all requirements of the department of health and human services are met, but an application for a conditional use permit is pending with the municipality in which the home-based child care facility is located, an applicant may begin operation during such time until the permit is granted or denied.]~~

2 New Subdivision; Child Care Centers. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 80 the following new subdivision:

Child Care Centers

674:81 Child Care Centers.

I. In this section:

(a) “Child care center” means any of the following types of child day care agency:

- (1) Group child day care center, as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(c);
- (2) Infant and toddler program, as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(d);
- (3) Night care program, as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(e);
- (4) Preschool program, as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(f);
- (5) School-age program, as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(g);
- (6) Small group child day care center, as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(i); or

(7) Any combination thereof in accordance with the requirements for such programs adopted in rules of the department of health and human services.

(b) “Child care center” shall not include a family day care home as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(a) or a family group day care home as defined in RSA 170-E:2, IV(b).

II. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, municipalities shall allow the operation of a child care center by right on commercially zoned land so long as the requirements of RSA 170-E and rules adopted thereunder, regarding licensure and operation of a child day care, are met. A city, town, or county in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized places shall not adopt or enforce any ordinance which is different from the requirements of RSA 170-E or rules adopted thereunder by the department of health and human services. However, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit municipalities from restricting the operation of a child care center in zones where industrial and manufacturing uses are permitted, unless a child care center is for the exclusive use of employees of a business located in those zones.

III. A municipality allow an existing building or portion thereof to be converted to a child care center, provided that the exterior dimensions of the building do not change.

IV. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit the child care center from being subject to local site plan review regulations adopted under RSA 674:44 if the licensed capacity of the child care center will exceed 30 children.

V. Nothing in this section shall prohibit enforcement of applicable state fire, building, water supply and sewage disposal requirements under RSA 153, RSA 155-A, and RSA 485-A.

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

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 250 members having voted in the affirmative, and 94 in the negative, the majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the minority committee amendment.

Minority Amendment (0738h)

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

1 New Section; Zoning; Child Care Centers. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 16a the following new section:

674:16b Child Care Centers.

I. In this section:

(a) "Child care center" means any of the following types of child day care agency:

(1) Group child day care center, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(c);

(2) Infant and toddler program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(d);

(3) Night care program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(e);

(4) Preschool program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(f);

(5) Schoolage program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(g);

(6) Small group child day care center, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(i); or

(7) Any combination thereof in accordance with the requirements for such programs adopted in rules of the department of health and human services.

(b) "Child care center" shall not include a family day care home as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(a) or a family group day care home as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(b).

(c) "Commercially zoned land" means lots located in a zoning district that permits commercial uses, as defined in local ordinances.

II. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, municipalities shall allow the operation of a child care center by right on commercially zoned land so long as the requirements of RSA 170E and rules adopted thereunder, regarding licensure and operation of a child day care, are met by the applicant. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit municipalities from restricting the operation of a child care center in zones where industrial and manufacturing uses are permitted, unless a child care center is for the exclusive use of employees of a business located in those zones.

III. A municipality shall allow nonconforming structures on commercially zoned land to be converted to a child care center, as defined in RSA 674:16b, I, provided that the structure is not altered to further violate zoning district dimensional requirements.

IV. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit the child care center from being subject to local site plan review regulations adopted under RSA 674:44.

V. Nothing in this section shall prohibit enforcement of applicable state fire, building, water supply, and sewage disposal requirements under RSA 153, RSA 155A, and RSA 485A.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027. Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Section; Zoning; Child Care Centers. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 16a the following new section:

674:16b Child Care Centers.

I. In this section:

(a) "Child care center" means any of the following types of child day care agency:

(1) Group child day care center, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(c);

(2) Infant and toddler program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(d);

(3) Night care program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(e);

(4) Preschool program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(f);

(5) Schoolage program, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(g);

(6) Small group child day care center, as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(i); or

(7) Any combination thereof in accordance with the requirements for such programs adopted in rules of the department of health and human services.

(b) "Child care center" shall not include a family day care home as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(a) or a family group day care home as defined in RSA 170E:2, IV(b).

(c) "Commercially zoned land" means lots located in a zoning district that permits commercial uses, as defined in local ordinances.

II. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, municipalities shall allow the operation of a child care center by right on commercially zoned land so long as the requirements of RSA 170E and rules adopted

thereunder, regarding licensure and operation of a child day care, are met by the applicant. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit municipalities from restricting the operation of a child care center in zones where industrial and manufacturing uses are permitted, unless a child care center is for the exclusive use of employees of a business located in those zones.

III. A municipality shall allow nonconforming structures on commercially zoned land to be converted to a child care center, as defined in RSA 674:16b, I, provided that the structure is not altered to further violate zoning district dimensional requirements.

IV. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit the child care center from being subject to local site plan review regulations adopted under RSA 674:44.

V. Nothing in this section shall prohibit enforcement of applicable state fire, building, water supply, and sewage disposal requirements under RSA 153, RSA 155A, and RSA 485A.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

On a division vote, with 101 members having voted in the affirmative, and 250 in the negative, the minority committee amendment failed.

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

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

HB 1213, relative to the number, selection, and terms of town highway agents. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John MacDonald for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill modifies the methods for determining the number of town highway agents, their method of selection, and the length of their terms. The amendment defines the one year length of term for the elected highway agent, and the procedure to increase that length of term to one, two, or three years. The amendment also allows the town if they choose, the ability to allow their selectmen to appoint the expert highway agent for a specific term. In addition, it provides the wording for adopting this procedure and rescinding that power granted to the selectmen. Vote 10-7. Rep. Julie Gilman for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill is flawed in that one statement says, by vote of the legislative body the selectmen shall appoint one or more road agents. In another section, it declares that the town shall elect a road agent. Further the bill provides the legislative body to instruct the selectmen to appoint an "expert highway agent." Expert Highway Agent appears in RSA 231:64, passed in 2025, without defining "expert." Elect, appoint, and expert cause confusion in defining the actions proposed in this bill.

Majority Amendment (0408h)

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

AN ACT relative to the number, selection, and terms of town highway agents and relative to the appointment of an expert highway agent.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Repair of Highways by Town; Highway Agents. Amend RSA 231:62 to read as follows:

231:62 Highway Agents. Unless the town votes to establish a board of public works commissioners under RSA 38-C to perform the duties of highway agents, ***also known as road agents***, at the annual meeting, or less often if a town has so provided pursuant to RSA 231:62-a [~~or 231:62-b~~], each town shall elect by ballot, or by [~~major~~] ***majority*** vote authorize the selectmen to appoint, one or more highway agents, who, under the direction of the selectmen, shall have charge of the construction, maintenance, and repair of all town highways and bridges and the maintenance and repair of all sidewalks within the town, except as provided in the laws pertaining to state aid for highways and bridges and town road and bridge aid, and shall have authority to employ the necessary men and equipment, and purchase timber, planks, and other material for construction and repair of such highways and bridges; and they may remove gravel, rocks, or other materials from one part of the town to another, doing no damage to adjoining land, for the purpose of grading or otherwise repairing the same. ***The town shall have one elected highway agent for a one year term, unless the town decides by majority vote to change that arrangement, pursuant to RSA 231:62-a, or unless the town decides to adopt the provisions of RSA 231:64 for an expert agent. The terms of highway agents shall be 1, 2, or 3 years, which may be changed pursuant to RSA 231:62-a.*** A vote authorizing appointment of highway agents shall continue in effect until changed by [~~major~~] ***majority*** vote at an annual [~~or special~~] meeting, ***pursuant to RSA 231:62-a.***

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original sections 4-6 to read as 5-7, respectively:

4 Repair of Highways by Towns; Expert Agent. Amend RSA 231:64 to read as follows:

231:64 Expert Agent. The town may vote at the annual meeting to instruct its selectmen to appoint an expert highway agent, who, under the direction of the selectmen, shall have the same power and perform the same duties as a highway agent elected by the town, ***or may vote to rescind such authorization. The***

expert highway agent shall hold office at the pleasure of the selectmen and until his successor is appointed and qualified. In a town that has adopted an official ballot, the official ballot shall be used for the question proposed at any annual meeting on adopting or rescinding this section. The wording of the question for adopting this section shall be: "Shall the town authorize the selectmen to appoint an expert highway agent serving at the pleasure of the selectboard pursuant to RSA 231:64, instead of having (elected or appointed) highway agents with specified terms?" The wording of the question for rescinding this authorization shall be: "Shall the town rescind the authorization for the appointment of an expert highway agent by the selectmen pursuant to RSA 231:64, returning to (number) highway agent(s) being (selectmen appointed or elected by the voters) serving for (1, 2, or 3) year terms?" If the town has not adopted an official ballot, the clerk shall cause the same question to be printed upon special ballots which shall be used to determine the vote of the town.

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

6 Applicability. RSA 231:62, RSA 231:62-a, RSA 231:62-b, and RSA 231:64 as amended by sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 of this act, shall not change the existing number, method of selection, or terms of town highway agents, and shall not require local amendment or readoption by the town.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the methods for determining the number of town highway agents, their method of selection, and the length of their terms. This bill further allows a town to rescind authorization for the appointment of an expert highway agent and provides additional requirements to govern the appointment and authorization processes.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Stavis moved that **HB 1213**, relative to the number, selection, and terms of town highway agents and relative to the appointment of an expert highway agent, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 163 members having voted in the affirmative, and 179 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 190 members having voted in the affirmative, and 158 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.

On a division vote, with 183 members having voted in the affirmative, and 165 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1224, relative to the default budget for official ballot town meetings. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. As filed, this bill repeals and reenacts RSA 40:13, IX(b) to revise the statutory definition of the "default budget" for official ballot referenda (SB 2) town meetings. The bill clarifies that the default budget shall consist of the same appropriations as the prior year's operating budget, adjusted for debt service, contracts, and other legally mandated obligations; reduced by one-time expenditures; reduced by salaries and benefits for eliminated positions; reduced by salaries and benefits for positions vacant prior to the previous year's budget approval and remaining vacant; and adjusted to reflect the actual salaries and benefits of filled positions as of the public hearing. The bill further requires that transfers made for one-time expenditures be deducted from the originating line item in the default calculation, and directs the governing body or budget committee to follow the statutory formula, even if it produces a higher or lower figure than the proposed operating budget. As filed, the bill also creates a new exception permitting the default budget to retain funding for certain long vacant public safety positions that were included in the prior year's approved budget and were vacant before that budget was adopted, provided they are listed as separate line items. Such funds may only be expended for the designated public safety purpose and may not be transferred; any unexpended amount must be used to reduce local taxes. Public safety positions are defined to include law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency management, and municipal snow removal duties. The bill with amendment retains the overall structure and purpose of the original legislation, but further refines the statutory language to create a clearer, more formula-driven definition of the default budget. The amendment more precisely defines one-time expenditures and eliminated positions, clarifies the treatment of long-term vacancies, and strengthens the requirement that the default budget reflect actual salary and benefit levels of filled positions as of the public hearing, excluding increases authorized after the prior operating budget was adopted. In addition, the amendment narrows and more carefully structures the public safety vacancy exception. It allows default budgets to retain funding for vacant public safety positions that were included in the prior year's approved

budget and are under active recruitment, provided they are separately listed. It further limits the use of those funds to the designated public safety purpose including expressly permitting expenditures for overtime and contracted services consistent with that purpose, prohibits transfers to other line items, and requires that any unexpended funds be used to reduce property taxes for the current fiscal year. Overall, the bill with amendment strengthens transparency, promotes uniform application of the default budget formula across municipalities, prevents unintended inflation of default budgets, and balances taxpayer protection with the need to maintain essential public safety staffing. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Julie Gilman for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would prohibit the inclusion of empty positions if the vacancies are proposed after last year's budget was approved. In essence, expansion of a town's workforce will be prohibited even when it is necessary to reduce overtime commitments or to support population or development growth. The only vacant positions that may be carried forward are those designated as public safety positions. Vacancies in police, fire, emergency services, and "positions with snow removal duties" would be allowed to carry forward in order to budget the money to fill them. A town may decide to include snow removal duties in every job description to have the flexibility for efficiencies necessary to fully operate from year to year. This bill is the 36th time a default budget bill has been considered by this body since 2002. In these intervening 24 years, these similar bills have failed in this body, were non-concurred by this body, failed in committees of conference, gone to Interim Study, or were vetoed. Three of these default budget bills have been signed by a Governor. Those three improved the transparency of default budgets including the permission to carry some money to fill employee vacancies. This bill does not improve transparency, it punishes towns with an official ballot town meeting.

Majority Amendment (0301h)

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

1 Use of an Official Ballot; Definition of Default Budget. RSA 40:13, IX(b) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred by law or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget, reduced by salaries and benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget, reduced by salaries and benefits of positions that were vacant before the previous year's budget was approved and have remained vacant, and reflecting the actual salary and benefits of filled positions as of the public hearing for the proposed budget excluding any increases subsequent to the authorization of the previous year's operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, and eliminated positions shall not include vacant positions under recruitment if vacancy occurred after the previous year's budget was approved, as determined by the governing body of the local political subdivision, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted. Any budget line item in the operating budget authorized for the previous year from which a transfer was made for any one-time expenditures shall be reduced by the amount of the transfer in the default budget. In calculating the default budget amount, the governing body, or the budget committee if the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, shall follow the statutory formula which may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed operating budget.

2 New Subparagraph; Use of Official Ballot; Exception for Certain Vacant Positions. Amend RSA 40:13, IX by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

(d) The default budget may contain funding for vacant public safety positions under recruitment and vacant before the previous year's budget was approved if such positions were in the previous year's approved budget and are listed as separate line items in the budget. Such line items shall only be expended for the designated public safety positions, including expenditures for overtime and contracted services consistent with the purpose of the positions, and any unexpended funds in such line items shall not be transferred to any other line item in the budget and shall be used to reduce local taxes for the current fiscal year. Public safety positions shall include any positions for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency management, and town positions with snow removal duties.

3 Use of an Official Ballot; Calculation of the Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, XI(a)(3)-(4) to read as follows:

(3) One-time expenditures, *including reductions to line items for transfers made for one-time expenditures*, as defined under subparagraph IX(b); and

(4) Reductions for eliminated positions, *vacant positions*, and benefit expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b), *subject to the exceptions in subparagraph IX(d)*.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 149 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. Osborne requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aldrich, Glen
Dumais, Russell
Minor, Sheri

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Coker, Matthew
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
Brown, Richard

Crawford, Karel
Taylor, Brian

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly

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COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
Tremblay, Marc

Morency, Pete

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Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

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Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Rice, Kimberly
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tim

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Mannion, Tom

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Fedolfi, Jim
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Suiter, John
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

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Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Guthrie, Joseph
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Bennett, Cindy
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Guzofski, James
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Mandelbaum, Jennifer
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Selby, Donald
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan

Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Edwards, Jess
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael

STRAFFORD

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

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

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Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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Ames, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
O'Rorke, Terri

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Gruber, James
Parshall, Lucius

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Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Newell, Jodi

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Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Spahr, Terry

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Booras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Jeudy, Jean
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Boyd, Bill
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Foss, Loren
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

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Andrus, Louise
Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Roesener, James
Soucy, Timothy

Bricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Sargent, Gregory
Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merry
Newsom, James
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
Snodgrass, Jim

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Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

Bridle, Nicholas
Gilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Scherr, Buzz
Vallone, Mark

Cahill, Michael
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Perez, Kristine
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald

de Vries, Erica
Knab, Allison
Manos, Zoe
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
England, Myles
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Stone, John

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

Butler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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

HB 1319, enabling towns, village districts, or school districts to adopt or rescind a local fiscal accountability committee for towns and schools. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill is enabling legislation that allows towns, village districts, and school districts to optionally adopt or rescind a Local Fiscal Accountability Committee for Towns and Schools (FACTS), an elected citizen committee charged with identifying efficiencies in local government spending and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are wisely utilized. The bill establishes the method of adoption and rescission, sets eligibility requirements, and defines the membership structure of three to seven members serving staggered terms. Importantly, a FACTS committee is independent of elected officials and administrative staff responsible for budget preparation, providing an objective review of municipal operations and finances. Similar in concept to the Governor's Commission on Government Efficiency (COGE) at the state level, a local FACTS committee is authorized to identify and propose efficiencies in municipal and school district operations. Moreover, a FACTS committee may review proposed budgets, develop alternative budget recommendations, participate in required public hearings, and place warrant articles and independent FACTS budget recommendations before voters at annual or special meetings. By establishing a structured, elected committee focused on evaluating fiscal performance and operational efficiency, the bill enhances transparency by providing clear, publicly available recommendations on budgets and warrant articles, thereby enabling voters to make fully informed decisions. In addition, the bill promotes fiscal responsibility by identifying potential cost savings and operational efficiencies, ensuring that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. Furthermore, the bill strengthens local oversight by giving citizens a direct voice in the budget process, complementing the work of governing bodies, school boards, and finance or budget committees. This framework empowers citizens to play an active role in local fiscal oversight while providing governing bodies with actionable, community-informed insights to improve efficiency and service delivery. Importantly, the bill also provides a parallel mechanism under RSA 195:12-b for cooperative school districts, aligning FACTS membership and organization with existing cooperative school board structures and further promoting consistency and accountability across local school districts. In summary, this bill strengthens local fiscal accountability, encourages responsible use of public funds, enhances transparency in the budget process, and provides communities with a practical, flexible tool to improve efficiency and trust in local government operations. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Stephanie Grund for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill enables a town, village district, or school district to adopt or rescind a local Fiscal Accountability Committee for Towns and Schools (FACTS). The concept of the FACTS is to have another group of elected positions that identify best practices, prepare a budget proposal showing recommended changes, to confer with governing bodies, participate in public hearings, and adding FACTS recommendations to the warrant articles. If this sounds familiar, that's because it is. This group is called a Select Board, School Board, Budget Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and/or an Advisory Finance Committee. The only difference with this group is that they are supposedly experts that are going to find efficiencies within towns and school districts. However, there is nothing that describes the qualifications to be elected to the FACTS committee and they are just citizens like those elected and appointed to the various governing bodies and committees. The FACTS group can review any area of a town or school district including department of public works, planning, zoning, finance, police, fire, EMS, special education, and even potentially school curriculum. FACTS will also create a FACTS budget proposal that will be sent to the clerks. This bill creates not just another layer of government, but if these new provisions are violated, the person shall be subject to removal from office and brought before the superior court. The current system of governing has regular elections that if a person is not fulfilling their duties, the voters can vote for someone else. Our cities and towns hold regular elections in which citizens run for office to govern their political subdivision. Budget committees not only review the budget, but they gain an understanding of the work required to support the costs within a budget. Therefore, these groups are reviewing and questioning operations. The experts in their fields are the people that are hired by the governing bodies to run the towns, schools, and departments. Why create another layer that offers a third comment on town warrant articles and confuses voters what group is responsible for the budget and who are they voting for?

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

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 158 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1355, relative to eliminating the default budget from the official ballot referenda. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill addresses a long-standing issue in SB 2 municipalities: the default budget. Over time, the default budget has become a major driver of rising local spending. In many towns and school districts, the default budget ends up nearly identical to the proposed budget—often within just one or two percent—because the statute is vague and subject to broad interpretation. As a result, voters are frequently left without a meaningful choice. Whether they vote “yes” or “no,” spending typically increases, undermining the intent of voter control in SB 2 communities. The bill, as amended, eliminates the default budget system entirely. It strikes all statutory references to the default budget and rewrites the operating budget warrant article so that voters consider only a single proposed

operating budget at both the deliberative session and the official ballot session. If that proposed operating budget fails, the governing body may either adopt a continuation budget based on the prior year's operating budget or call a special meeting to present a new proposed operating budget that is equal to or lower than the prior failed proposal. If that second proposal also fails, the continuation budget becomes the adopted budget. This fallback structure mirrors common practice for localities in other states, including Maine, Connecticut, Washington, Oregon, and New York. By removing the automatic upward pressure created by default budgets, this bill encourages governing bodies and budget committees to propose realistic, defensible budgets that voters can support. It strengthens accountability, restores meaningful voter choice, and helps communities better manage year-to-year spending—addressing the statewide concern over high property taxes. Vote 10-8. Rep. Julie Gilman for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would eliminate default budgets altogether. It provides that if a proposed budget were to fail, then the town would then operate on the previous year's budget. If a proposed budget fails in 2026, the town would operate under their 2025 budget. If the 2027 budget (which is actually the 2025 budget) fails, then the town would continue to operate under their 2025 budget. If the 2028 budget fails, the town would continue to operate under their 2025 budget. Potentially, a town could be operating under their 2025 budget for years. The bill does not consider employee retention, rising of healthcare costs or even a minimum cost of living adjustment. Without the flexibility of a default budget, even with its restrictions, our towns will begin to wither. A flat budget, potentially for years, will cause financial hardship for towns to retain employees, provide existing services and it will stall repair to existing infrastructure. It will become a race to the bottom for towns and the state. During a town's financial stagnation, employees would leave to work in cities or other states that do not have this level of budgetary restriction. Does New Hampshire want to be known as the state that doesn't support its towns? The minority believe passage of this bill is a town's path to inertia.

Majority Amendment (0695h)

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1-3 with the following:

1 Use of Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, IV to read as follows:

IV. The first session of the meeting, governed by the provisions of RSA 40:4, 40:4-a, 40:4-b, 40:4-f, and 40:6-40:10, shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article, including warrant articles pertaining to the operating budget ~~and the default budget~~. A vote to restrict reconsideration shall be deemed to prohibit any further action on the restricted article until the second session, and RSA 40:10, II shall not apply. Warrant articles may be amended at the first session, subject to the following limitations:

(a) Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law, **or warrant articles required or authorized by law to be printed on the official ballot**, shall not be amended.

(b) Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

(c) No warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article **or to change the purpose of a petitioned warrant article**. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this subparagraph.

2 Use of Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, IX - XI-a to read as follows:

IX. [(a)] "Operating budget" as used in this subdivision means "budget," as defined in RSA 32:3, III, exclusive of "special warrant articles," as defined in RSA 32:3, VI, and exclusive of other appropriations voted separately.

[(b)] "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget and by salaries and benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, and eliminated positions shall not include vacant positions under recruitment or positions redefined in the proposed operating budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision. In calculating the default budget amount, the governing body shall follow the statutory formula which may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed operating budget.

[(c)] "Contracts" as used in this subdivision means contracts previously approved, in the amount so approved, by the legislative body in either the operating budget authorized for the previous year or in a separate warrant article for a previous year.]

X. If no operating budget article is adopted, the local political subdivision either shall be deemed to have approved [the default budget] **an operating budget equal to the previous year's approved operating budget** or the governing body may hold a special meeting pursuant to paragraph XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only; provided that RSA 31:5 and RSA 197:3 shall not apply to such a special meeting. If no operating budget article is adopted the estimated revenues shall nevertheless be deemed to have been approved.

XI. [(a) The default budget shall be disclosed and presented for questions and discussion at the first budget hearing held pursuant to RSA 32:5 or RSA 197:6. The governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, shall complete a default budget form created by the department of revenue administration to demonstrate how the default budget amount was calculated. The line item details for changes under subparagraph (2) shall be available for inspection by voters. The form and associated calculations shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- (1) Appropriations contained in the previous year's operating budget;
 - (2) Reductions and increases to the previous year's operating budget including identification of specific items that constitute a change by account code, and the reasons for each change;
 - (3) One-time expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b); and
 - (4) Reductions for eliminated positions and benefit expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b).
- (b) This amount shall not be amended by the legislative body. However, this amount may be adjusted by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, acting on relevant new information at any time before the ballots are printed, provided the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, completes an amended default budget form.

(c) The wording of the second session ballot question concerning the operating budget shall be as follows: "Shall the (local political subdivision) raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ _____? Should this article be defeated, the [default] **adopted operating** budget shall be \$ _____, which is the same as [last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the (local political subdivision) or by law] **the previous year's adopted budget**; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

XI-a. If a political subdivision maintains a separate fund for the revenues and expenditures related to the operation, maintenance, and improvement of a water or sewer system, and if any appropriation for such fund is to be raised through user fees or charges and is included in a warrant article separate from the operating budget, the warrant article may include a default amount for such appropriation, which shall be deemed to have been approved if the proposed appropriation is not approved. The default amount shall be determined by the governing body[, or by the budget committee if the political subdivision has adopted the provisions of RSA 40:14-b,] and shall equal the amount of the same appropriation for the preceding fiscal year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the previous year's appropriation. The warrant article shall state the default amount for the appropriation and shall state that if the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved.

3 Use of Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, XVI to read as follows:

XVI. The warrant for any special meeting shall prescribe the date, place and hour for both a first and second session. The second session shall be warned for a date not fewer than 28 days nor more than 60 days following the first session. The first and second sessions shall conform to the provisions of this subdivision pertaining to the first and second sessions of annual meetings. Special meetings shall be subject to RSA 31:5, 39:3, 195:13, 197:2, and 197:3, provided that no more than one special meeting may be held to raise and appropriate money for the same question or issue in any one calendar year or fiscal year, whichever applies, and further provided that any special meeting held pursuant to paragraphs X and XI shall [not be subject to RSA 31:5 and RSA 197:3 and shall not be counted toward the number of special meetings which may be held in a given calendar or fiscal year.] **comply with the following:**

(a) The special meeting shall not be subject to RSA 31:5 and RSA 197:3 and shall not be counted toward the number of special meetings which may be held in a given calendar or fiscal year.

(b) The first session of the special meeting warned for a date not fewer than 20 days nor more than 30 days following the second session of the annual meeting.

(c) The second session of the special meeting warned for a date not fewer than 15 days nor more than 30 days following the first session of the special meeting.

(d) At the first session of the special meeting under this paragraph, neither the governing body nor budget committee shall propose, nor shall the legislative body make an amendment, such that the operating budget is higher than the operating budget which failed at the second session of the annual meeting.

(e) If no operating budget article is adopted at the special meeting, the local political subdivision shall be deemed to have approved an operating budget equal to the previous year's approved operating budget.

(f) The ballot question for the operating budget at the second session of the special meeting shall read as follows:

"Shall the (local political subdivision) raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session

of the special meeting, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ _____? Should this article be defeated, the adopted operating budget shall be \$ _____, which is the same as the previous year's adopted budget."

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.
Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
On a division vote, with 176 members having voted in the affirmative, and 160 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1516-FN, requiring municipalities to produce pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. As filed, this bill required each municipality to ensure that its year-end property tax bill includes a link labeled "Detailed Property Tax Information" directing taxpayers to the official municipal website, where specified information must be posted and updated at least annually. The bill also permits an optional quick response (QR) code linking to the information to be printed on the tax bill. If a municipality does not maintain a website, the required information must instead be posted in a public location, with the address of that location listed on the tax bill instead. Required information includes: pie charts illustrating the distribution of state, school, municipal, county, and precinct or village district taxes; 10-year line graphs of approved appropriations for each category; links to the most recent city or town report; links to minutes of meetings at which budgets were adopted; and links to approved budgets and any adopted tax or budget caps, or directions indicating where these documents may be inspected. The majority of the committee recognized that this information is valuable to taxpayers. Clear visual representations of tax allocation, coupled with access to historical and budget documents, enable residents to better understand how their property taxes are expended, observe trends over time, and promote accountability among local officials. By providing this information online or through publicly accessible means, taxpayers are better positioned to engage in local governance with transparency and confidence. While most members agreed on the value of this information, some expressed concern that, as filed, the bill could impose an unfunded mandate, creating administrative and financial burdens, particularly for smaller municipalities with limited staffing or technological resources. To address these concerns, the committee adopted an amendment establishing a local option under RSA 76:11-a, II-a, thereby making the bill enabling legislation. Municipalities may adopt the detailed information provisions by majority vote of the legislative body. In conclusion, the majority of the committee finds that the amendment preserves the intent of this bill—enhancing transparency and providing taxpayers with accessible, clear information—while maintaining respect for local control and administrative feasibility. By making the provisions optional and providing a defined process for adoption and rescission, the bill empowers taxpayers, encourages civic engagement, and strengthens accountability without imposing a statewide unfunded mandate. Vote 11-6.

Rep. Laurel Stavis for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill, as introduced, proposed a requirement that all municipalities publish a bewildering amount of information on all property tax bills. A partial list of the requirements include "pie charts, QR codes, 10-year line graphs of all approved appropriations, a link to the town or city's most recent report (the bill does not specify which report), links to all meeting minutes, and links to approved budgets for every political subdivision mentioned in one of its subparagraphs." The committee agreed by a large margin that these requirements constituted an unfunded mandate and were therefore not allowed under the New Hampshire Constitution. In addition, the committee heard testimony from constituents whose towns do not have websites and from several who said they would have to hire staff to create the sophisticated analyses and pie charts, ensure that the QR codes link to the correct URL, and provide ongoing maintenance. The majority amendment, improved the bill by making it enabling legislation and removing the blanket requirement for all municipalities. But the minority of the committee feels that it only makes the bill slightly more palatable. Should it become law and should a municipality vote to enact its provisions, taxpayers would still have to provide funds to create and maintain these highly technical products.

Majority Amendment (0610h)

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

AN ACT allowing municipalities to vote to require that pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes be placed on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated.

Amend RSA 76:11-a, II-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II-a.(a) This paragraph shall only apply to municipalities that adopt the question posed in subparagraph (b) by majority vote of the legislative body.

(b) If a town uses an official ballot system, the following question of adoption shall be placed on the official ballot at the annual town meeting as follows:

“Shall this town adopt the provisions of RSA 76:11-a, II-a, requiring the posting of detailed property tax allocation information on the municipal website, if any, otherwise posted publicly, including a pie chart, 10-year line graphs, and links to approved budgets and meeting minutes?”

(c) A question to rescind the question posed in subparagraph (b) shall be placed on the official ballot at the annual town meeting as follows:

“Shall this town rescind the provisions of RSA 76:11-a, II-a, requiring the posting of detailed property tax allocation information on the municipal website or publicly, including a pie chart, 10-year line graphs, and links to approved budgets and meeting minutes?”

(d) If a town does not use an official ballot system, the question shall be considered and voted on at the town meeting. In a city or town with a town council form of government, adoption shall occur by a majority vote of the city or town council, as applicable.

(e) Upon adoption of the question under subparagraph (b), the governing body shall ensure that the year-end property tax bill includes a link on the municipality’s website, if one is maintained, labeled “Detailed Property Tax Information,” where the information in subparagraph (f) shall be posted and updated at least annually before property tax bills are issued. The tax bill may include a quick response (QR) code for this website link instead. If the municipality does not maintain a website, the information shall be posted in a public location, with the physical address of the location listed on the property tax bill instead of a website link.

(f) The governing body shall post the following complete documents, or provide the locations where they may be inspected:

(1) A pie chart showing the following categories of taxation and their rates, if any, labeled with percentages of the total: state education, school, city or town, county, and precinct or village district. If more than one school district is supported by the municipality, the chart shall show state education and school tax rates for each district.

(2) A 10-year line graph of approved appropriations for each category listed in subparagraph (1), including a label or table with the dollar amount for each year.

(3) Links to the disclosure of state funding received reported pursuant to RSA 32:5-d for the municipality and each school district supported by the municipality.

(4) A link to the most recent city or town report.

(5) Links to minutes of meetings where the most recent budgets were adopted, including the annual county meeting, the annual meeting or council meeting for the town or city, and the annual meetings of school and village districts supported by the municipality, if any.

(6) Links to approved budgets for each political subdivision listed in subparagraph (4) and details of any adopted tax cap, local tax cap, or budget cap for each subdivision.

2026-0610h AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows municipalities to vote to require that pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes be placed on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

HB 1526, relative to the adopting of a municipal budget committee and electing members thereof. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John MacDonald for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill clarifies municipal budget committee law, including the procedures for adopting and rescinding, and it defines how a member at large is elected, the length of term for the member, and the power of the moderator to appoint a member at large. The bill also aligns the moderator appointment timeline for cooperative school district budget committees with the timeline for municipal budget committees eliminating inconsistencies in current law. The amendment standardizes ballot language and establishes the voting procedures for official ballots or special ballots for the annual meeting, ensuring that towns use the official ballot when adopted and that all forms of local government, traditional town meetings, SB 2 official ballot referendum towns, and charter-based municipalities follow consistent rules when creating, modifying, or rescinding a budget committee. The bill as amended improves transparency, reduces confusion for voters and local officials, and supports smoother transitions when budget committees are formed or altered. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Stephanie Grund for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill modifies the procedures for adopting, rescinding, and electing a municipal budget committee. The original bill had multiple flaws including referring to the official ballot rather than the official ballot referendum form of government, it required the clerk to print the question but does require the voting to be open for at least one hour, and it established a committee but it did not have the people to carry out the law. An amendment was filed to fix

some of the flaws mentioned. However, the wording of the question for the warrant article states, "To assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds, shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14 to establish a budget committee consisting of (number) members-at large who are appointed by the moderator?" The wording of this bill may conflict with a bill that passed our committee unanimously that stated warrant articles shall be stated clearly and without commentary or ambiguity. The minority of the committee believed that using the words "to assist" and "prudent" may be leading with commentary.

Majority Amendment (0694h)

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 32:14, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Voting shall be by official ballot unless the town has not adopted the official ballot, in which case the clerk shall cause the same question to be printed upon special ballots, which shall be used to determine the vote of the town at the annual meeting, and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on the question.

Amend RSA 32:14, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

(d) For a town or district that uses an official ballot form of meeting under RSA 40:13 or under a charter adopted pursuant to RSA 49-D, if budget committee members-at-large are to be elected with initial members-at-large elected to staggered terms at the next annual meeting pursuant to RSA 32:15, III, the wording of the question shall be as follows: "To assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds, shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14 to establish a budget committee consisting of (number) members-at-large who are elected, with initial members elected at the next annual meeting?"

Amend RSA 32:15, III as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. *If a town or district uses an official ballot form of meeting under RSA 40:13 or under a charter adopted pursuant to RSA 49-D, and the meeting decides members-at-large are to be elected, the meeting shall either elect the initial members-at-large for staggered terms as described in paragraph II at the next annual meeting, or shall authorize the moderator to appoint members-at-large to serve a one-year term until the next annual meeting, as provided in RSA 669:17. Otherwise,* if the meeting decides members-at-large are to be elected, the meeting shall either elect the initial members for one-year terms by means other than by official ballot, or shall authorize the moderator to appoint members to serve until the next annual meeting, as provided in RSA 669:17. Elections for staggered terms, as described in paragraph II, shall not begin until that next annual meeting, and shall be by official ballot if the municipality has adopted the official ballot system, as set forth in RSA 669 or RSA 671. ***A budget committee shall be deemed duly constituted and able to conduct business once a quorum of its elected or appointed members-at-large have been sworn into office.*** Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 32:14, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Voting shall be by official ballot unless the town has not adopted the official ballot, in which case the clerk shall cause the same question to be printed upon special ballots, which shall be used to determine the vote of the town at the annual meeting, and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on the question.

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The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 186 members having voted in the affirmative, and 153 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.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 158 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1575, relative to the determination of the default budget by the budget committee. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. As filed, this bill amends RSA 32:5, VII(b) to clarify that in official ballot referenda jurisdictions operating under RSA 40:13 (SB 2), the governing body shall post certified copies of the default budget form or any amended default budget form with the proposed operating budget and the warrant, and present the default budget to the municipal budget committee. The budget committee may review the default budget and make corrections as necessary. Under current law, a municipal budget committee pursuant to RSA 32:16, I, establishes that the budget committee prepares the operating budget warrant article for voter consideration. Following this statutory structure, it is consistent and logical that the official budget committee, when established, shall also prepare the default budget, along with the proposed budget, as both dollar amounts appear in the operating budget warrant article. This ensures statutory authority, clarity, and consistency in municipal budget processes. Accordingly, the amendment codifies that the budget committee—not the governing body—has the statutory responsibility for preparing the default budget under SB 2. Importantly, the majority of the committee finds that this bill, as amended, establishes statutory consistency, strengthens accountability, protects voter access to clear and reliable budget information, and reinforces the integrity of the default budget process, providing taxpayers with confidence in municipal financial management. Vote 9-7.

Rep. Stephanie Grund for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The bill, as introduced, stated that the default budget shall be presented to the budget committee, explaining the items and how they comply with the law. For those towns and school districts that have a budget committee, this is how it currently works and the minority of the committee did not believe there was a need to restate this in the bill. The amendment that was presented rewrote the bill to take away the enablement and transfers the authority of defining the default budget to the budget committee. This amendment was not supported by the minority of the committee because the work between the governing body and the budget committee should be collaborative. We heard testimony in other bills where budget committees have a hard time with meeting quorum. If this is true, then why would a budget committee be responsible for a budget that is the responsibility of the governing body? For these reasons, the minority of the committee could not support the bill or the amendment.

Majority Amendment (0294h)

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

1 Default Budget Determined by Budget Committee RSA 40:14-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

40:14-b Default Budget Determined by Budget Committee. In a local political subdivision which has adopted the official ballot referenda form of meeting pursuant to RSA 40:14 and has also adopted a municipal budget committee pursuant to RSA 32:14, the determination of the default budget shall be by the budget committee instead of the governing body.

2 Duties and Authority of the Budget Committee. Amend RSA 32:16, I to read as follows:

I. To prepare the budget as provided in RSA 32:5[;] and [~~if authorized under RSA 40:14-b;~~] a default budget under RSA 40:13, IX(b) for submission to each annual or special meeting of the voters of the municipality, and, if the municipality is a town, the budgets of any school district or village district wholly within the town, unless the warrant for such meeting does not propose any appropriation.

3 Use of Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, IX(b) to read as follows:

(b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget and by salaries and benefits of positions that have been eliminated in the proposed budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, and eliminated positions shall not include vacant positions under recruitment or positions redefined in the proposed operating budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b [~~are adopted~~] **apply**, of the local political subdivision. In calculating the default budget amount, the governing body shall follow the statutory formula which may result in a higher or lower amount than the proposed operating budget.

4 Use of Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, XI(a)-(b) to read as follows:

XI.(a) The default budget shall be disclosed and presented for questions and discussion at the first budget hearing held pursuant to RSA 32:5 or RSA 197:6. The governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b **apply** ~~[are adopted]~~, shall complete a default budget form created by the department of revenue administration to demonstrate how the default budget amount was calculated. The line item details for changes under subparagraph (2) shall be available for inspection by voters. The form and associated calculations shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- (1) Appropriations contained in the previous year's operating budget;
 - (2) Reductions and increases to the previous year's operating budget including identification of specific items that constitute a change by account code, and the reasons for each change;
 - (3) One-time expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b); and
 - (4) Reductions for eliminated positions and benefit expenditures as defined under subparagraph IX(b).
- (b) This amount shall not be amended by the legislative body. However, this amount may be adjusted by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b ~~[are adopted]~~ **apply**, acting on relevant new information at any time before the ballots are printed, provided the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b ~~[are adopted]~~ **apply**, completes an amended default budget form.

5 Use of Official Ballot; Default Budget. Amend RSA 40:13, XI-a to read as follows:

XI-a. If a political subdivision maintains a separate fund for the revenues and expenditures related to the operation, maintenance, and improvement of a water or sewer system, and if any appropriation for such fund is to be raised through user fees or charges and is included in a warrant article separate from the operating budget, the warrant article may include a default amount for such appropriation, which shall be deemed to have been approved if the proposed appropriation is not approved. The default amount shall be determined by the governing body, or by the budget committee if ~~[the political subdivision has adopted the provisions of]~~ RSA 40:14-b **applies**, and shall equal the amount of the same appropriation for the preceding fiscal year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the previous year's appropriation. The warrant article shall state the default amount for the appropriation and shall state that if the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved.

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

2026-0294h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes the budget committee responsible for the determination of the default budget in any local political subdivision which has adopted the official ballot referenda form of meeting pursuant to RSA 40:14 and has also adopted a municipal budget committee pursuant to RSA 32:14.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 183 members having voted in the affirmative, and 163 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1581-FN, requiring municipalities to give notice to property owners when the assessed value of their property changes. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. As introduced, the bill requires every municipality to mail a general notice to a property owner within 14 calendar days of any adjustment to their property's assessment, except during a municipality-wide revaluation year. The bill supports the principle that property owners should receive timely and meaningful notice when there are changes to the assessed value of their property. Proponents emphasized that unexpected mid-cycle assessment changes—especially those resulting from clerical or administrative errors—can have a significant impact on property owners, and that prompt notice enhances fairness, accountability, and public trust in the property tax system. At the same time, testimony indicated that the breadth of the mandate could create administrative burdens and costs, particularly for communities that process numerous minor assessment adjustments throughout the year. Other testimony noted that the bill, as filed, imposes a statewide mandate without adequately accounting for differences in municipal size, staffing capacity, and administrative resources. Accordingly, the committee adopted an amendment to address these concerns. As amended, the bill no longer imposes a uniform statewide requirement. Instead, it establishes a local option under a new RSA 75:8-d, permitting municipalities to adopt a property value notice requirement by majority vote of the legislative body. If adopted, the municipality must mail notice within 14 calendar days only when the change in assessed value exceeds \$1,000, and the requirement does not apply in a year when a full municipality-wide revaluation is conducted. The amendment also provides uniform ballot language for municipalities using the official ballot system and establishes procedures for both adoption and rescission of the local option. In conclusion, the majority of the committee finds that this

approach preserves the underlying goal of taxpayer notice while respecting local control and fiscal realities. By converting the mandate into a locally adopted option and establishing a monetary threshold to avoid de minimis notices, the amendment strikes an appropriate balance between transparency and administrative practicality. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Jim Maggiore for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The original bill would have required municipalities to notify property owners within 14 days of any change in assessed property value, when that change occurs outside of a scheduled, municipality-wide revaluation. The proposed amendment, however, makes sending this notice optional—only required if the assessment exceeds \$1,000, and only if a warrant article is approved by voters on the official ballot. While establishing a \$1,000 minimum threshold is an improvement, the amendment's reliance on a warrant article significantly weakens the bill's intent. By making notification contingent on annual ballot approval, the requirement can be removed or altered each year, undermining consistency and enforcement. This risk applies both to towns with official ballots and those that operate through traditional town meetings. While a municipality may do periodic adjustments to assessments throughout the year before the state-mandated revaluation every 5th year, adjustments to assessments are only recorded two times per year, first for tax bills mailed in June and then prior to the municipality filing an MS-1 form with the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). Requiring notice of adjustment within 14 days of recording means all property owners will receive notice at the same time and only twice. Similar bills failed in 2017, 2019 and 2025. For these reasons, the minority of the committee opposes the Ought to Pass with Amendment motion.

Majority Amendment (0597h)

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

AN ACT allowing municipalities to adopt a requirement that property owners be given notice when the assessed value of their property changes by certain amounts.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Appraisal of Taxable Property; Property Value Notice Option. Amend RSA 75 by inserting after section 8-c the following new section:

75:8-d Property Value Notice Option.

I. Municipalities may vote to adopt a property value notice option by majority vote of the legislative body. Such option shall require the municipality to mail a general notice to a property owner within 14 calendar days after an adjustment is recorded, provided the change in assessment exceeds \$1,000, about the change in their property's assessed value. The notice shall include the address, hours of operation, and telephone number of the city or town hall, and information on how to access the assessment online, if such access is supported by the municipality.

II. If the town uses an official ballot system, the question of adoption shall be placed on the official ballot at the annual town meeting as follows:

"Shall this municipality adopt the provisions of RSA 75:8-d, requiring the municipality to mail a general notice to property owners within 14 days whenever a change in the property's assessment exceeds \$1,000, except in a year in which a full municipality-wide revaluation is conducted?"

III. If a municipality adopts the property value notice option pursuant to this section, a question to rescind the property value notice option shall be placed annually on an official ballot at the town meeting as follows:

"Shall this municipality rescind the provisions of RSA 75:8-d, requiring the municipality to mail a general notice to property owners within 14 days whenever a change in the property's assessment exceeds \$1,000, except in a year in which a full municipality-wide revaluation is conducted?"

IV. If the town does not use an official ballot system, the question shall be considered and voted on at the town meeting. In a city, or in a town without a town meeting, adoption shall occur by a majority vote of the legislative body, as applicable.

2026-0597h AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows municipalities to adopt a requirement that property owners be given notice when the assessed value of their property changes by certain amounts.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 179 members having voted in the affirmative, and 164 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Scully moved that **HB 1223**, relative to the moderator's authority to verify the device count during an election, be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

On a division vote, with 27 members having voted in the affirmative, and 319 in the negative, the motion failed.
The House recessed at 11:57 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

(Representative Steven Smith in the Chair)

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Germana moved that **HB 1484**, establishing a state minimum wage and providing for incremental increases, be laid on the table.

Rep. Belcher requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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YEAS - 159

BELKNAP

Nagel, David	Ploszaj, Tom	St. Clair, Charlie
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CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita	Paige, David	McAleer, Chris	Woodcock, Stephen
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CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick	Berch, Paul	Harvey, Cathryn	Fox, Dru
Faulkner, Barry	Gruber, James	Jacobs, Samantha	Jones, Philip
Germana, Nicholas	Newell, Jodi	O'Rourke, Terri	Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy			

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan	Baldwin, Heather	Bolton, Bill	Cormen, Thomas
Fellows, Sallie	Fracht, David	Hakken-Phillips, Mary	Sullivan, Jared
Lucas, Janet	Oppel, Thomas	Rockmore, Ellen	Spahr, Terry
Stavis, Laurel	Stringham, Jerry	Sykes, George	

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Murray, Alissandra	Beauchemin, Paige	Bergeron, Dan	Booras, Efsthathia
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and the motion to remove from the table failed.

REGULAR PART I CALENDAR CONT'D**HB 2026**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Milz for Public Works and Highways. This bill is the biennial update to the state's Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TYP) as required by RSA 228:99 and RSA 240. The draft plan of all projects can be found on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) website and covers fiscal years 2027-2036. The plan spends \$4.7 billion over the next ten years. The plan is fiscally constrained, relying on anticipated revenue and includes the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding received under the recently passed bipartisan infrastructure bill. The plan relies on funding from several different federal appropriations, state highway funds, as well as turnpike funds. In broad categories spending is as follows over ten years: individual projects \$1.113 billion; roadsides (culverts, guard rails, etc.) \$296 million; paving \$886 million; bridges \$1.115 billion; mandated federal programs \$416 million; rail \$13 million; transit \$468 million; airports \$228 million; debt service \$187 million. These expenditures include \$33 million in active transportation projects. Active transportation was added as a category in the prior TYP due to citizen support of this type of transportation network encompassing pedestrian walkways and bicycle trails. The overall TYP sequence starts at the municipal level, after which projects are selected and prioritized at the regional level by the regional planning commissions, who forward their recommendations to the NHDOT. The NHDOT began working with the Governor's Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) last August to refine the draft TYP, with the initial draft being released last September. GACIT held 26 public hearings, each chaired by a member of GACIT (the Executive Councilors). While refining the initial plan and incorporating the IIJA federal funds, GACIT and the NHDOT used the following overall strategy: fund regional planning commission priority projects; focus on the preservation and maintenance of the existing network of roads and bridges; continue to prioritize core system programs; increase investment in municipally owned red list bridges; and focus on existing projects and programs with the revenue received from the IIJA. The New Hampshire Turnpike System is one segment of the transportation system that is not funded with federal funds. Over the past several years, due to the decrease in traffic volume and the elimination of toll plazas, turnpike revenue has declined considerably. This decline in revenue is forcing the delay of several major turnpike projects and the committee would support the NHDOT's request for a toll increase. The committee amendment added an Albany project 45469 at \$6.8 million as a Regional Planning Commission priority project and removed Manchester project 16099A and 16099B a cost savings of \$231.8 million as funds were not available. This TYP is fiscally constrained and utilizes all available funding without over promising. The committee unanimously supports HB 2026 as amended. Vote 13-0.

Amendment (0863h)

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

1 State 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The legislature hereby adopts the plan known as the "State of New Hampshire Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2027-2036" submitted by the governor to the legislature pursuant to RSA 228:99 and RSA 240, with the following revisions, and encourages expeditious implementation of the projects shown therein.

2 Albany; Project Added. The project named Albany project number 45469, operational and safety improvements at the intersection of NH 16, Wildwood Road and NH 113, shall be included in the 2027- 2036 10-year transportation improvements plan with \$6,824,313, and construction in 2033.

3 Projects Removed. The following projects shall be removed from the 2027 – 2036 10-year transportation improvement plan:

I. The project named Manchester, project number 16099A, to reconstruct and widen Exit 6 on I-293 in Manchester, as funds are not available.

II. The project named Manchester, project number 16099B, to reconstruct and widen Exit 7 on I-293 in Manchester, as funds are not available.

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

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

Rep. Rung requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Bill Boyd offered floor amendment (0866h).

Floor Amendment (0866h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 4:
2 Classification of Continental Boulevard as a Class II Highway. Continental Boulevard, from NH 101A to Industrial Drive in the town of Merrimack, New Hampshire, shall be classified a class II highway.

3 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. 2024, 363:11, relative to reclassification of Continental Boulevard, in the town of Merrimack, as a class V highway.

II. 2024, 363:19, I, relative to the July 1, 2029 effective date of such reclassification.

2026-0866h AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adopts the state 10-year transportation plan for 2027-2036.

II. Repeals the prospective reclassification of Continental Boulevard in Merrimack as a class V highway.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (0866h).

Rep. Rung requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

and floor amendment (0866h) failed.

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

YEAS 338 - NAYS 13

YEAS - 338

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom
Toner, Travis

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Minor, Sheri

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
St. Clair, Charlie

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Paige, David
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Burroughs, Anita
McAleer, Chris
Woodcock, Stephen

Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Murphy, Denis
Jacobs, Samantha
Germana, Nicholas
Qualey, James

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Jones, Philip
Nalevanko, Rich
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Karasinski, Sly
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Hunt, John
Mattson, Rita
O'Rorke, Terri

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
Tremblay, Marc

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Berezhny, Lex
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stavis, Laurel

Baldwin, Heather
Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Fracht, David
Ladd, Rick
Rockmore, Ellen
Stringham, Jerry

Barton, Joseph
Bolton, Bill
Franz, Linda
Louis, Darrell
Sellers, John
Sykes, George

Beaulier, Calvin
Cormen, Thomas
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alistandra
Barbour, Liz
Boehm, Ralph
Chretien, Suzanne
Cornell, Patricia
Darby, Will
Dupont, Pierre
Flanagan, Jack
Georges, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kenny, Catherine
Kofalt, Jim
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Preece, David
Raymond, Heather
Ryan, Linda
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Telerski, Laura
Mannion, Tom
Wheeler, Jonah

Alexander, Joe
Beauchemin, Paige
Booras, Efsthia
Colcombe, Riché
Creighton, James
Dargie, Paul
Elberger, Susan
Foss, Lily
Giasson, Henry
Grund, Stephanie
Jack, Martin
Kerwin, Erin
Foss, Loren
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
McGhee, Kat
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Proulx, Mark
Reinfurt, Sherri
Newman, Sue
Seibert, Christine
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Ulery, Jordan
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Bergeron, Dan
Budathoki, Suraj
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Drew, Matt
Erf, Keith
Griffin, Gerald
Gorski, Ted
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Kesselring, Steven
Labrie, Brian
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
McLean, Mark
Ohm, Bill
Plamondon, Marc
Prout, Andrew
Rice, Kimberly
Salvi, Santosh
Sheehan, Vanessa
Spier, Carry
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Boyd, Bill
Berry, Ross
Chourasia, Manoj
Corcoran, Travis
Daniels, Gary
Dumont, Dillon
Davis, Fred
Gagne, Larry
Gould, Linda
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lascelles, Richard
Long, Patrick
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Post, Lisa
Newman, Ray
Rombeau, Catherine
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Staub, Kathy
Mannion, Tim
Veilleux, Daniel

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Carol
Devoid, Ricky
Gibbs, Merryl
Luneau, David
Newsom, James
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Snodgrass, Jim
Wallner, Mary Jane

Aures, Cyril
Cambrijs, Jose
Kelly, Eileen
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Hall, Muriel
Pitaro, Matthew
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kris
Soucy, Timothy
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Caplan, Tony
Ebel, Karen
Hill, Gregory
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
Boyd, Stephen
Seaworth, Brian
Walsh, Thomas
Woods, Gary

Bricchi, Tracy
McGuire, Dan
Gallager, Eric
Lane, Connie
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
Sargent, Gregory
See, Alvin
Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Bridle, Nicholas
Thomas, Douglas
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Guzofski, James
Knab, Allison
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
Malloy, Dennis
McGrath, Linda

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
de Vries, Erica
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Murray, Kate
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Paige, Mark
Mandelbaum, Jennifer
McMahon, Charles

Bennett, Cindy
Cahill, Michael
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Gilman, Julie
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Pearson, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Melvin, Charles

Bernardy, JD
Mannion, Dennis
DeVito, Sayra
Edgar, Michael
Guthrie, Joseph
Khan, Aboul
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
Maggiore, Jim
McDonnell, Valerie
Meuse, David

Milz, David
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Selby, Donald
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vandecasteele, Susan
Ward, Gerald

Muns, Chris
Brown, Pam
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Pearson, Stephen
Simpson, Alexis
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Verville, Kevin
Weinstein, Toni

Nadeau, Brian
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Raynolds, Ned
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sorensen, Carrie
Sytek, John
Turer, Eric
Vose, Michael
Weyler, Kenneth

Nelson, Jodi
Porcelli, Susan
Read, Ellen
Scherr, Buzz
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vallone, Mark
MacDonald, Wayne
Wilson, Vicki

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Butler, Billie
Farrington, Samuel
Horrigan, Timothy
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Selig, Loren
Pearson, Wayne

Bixby, Peter
DeLemus, Susan
Gilmore, Gary
Howland, Allan
Larochelle, John
Potenza, Kelley
Southworth, Thomas
Wade, Alice

Burnham, Claudine
DeRoy, Susan
Granger, Michael
Johnson, Erik
Levesque, Cassandra
Hall, Robley
Stone, John
Walker, David

Burton, Wayne
England, Myles
Harrington, Michael
Kaczynski, Thomas
Smith, Marjorie
Schmidt, Peter
Turcotte, Len
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Cloutier, John
Grant, George
Palmer, William

Damon, Hope
Hemingway, Wayne
Rollins, Skip

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spillsbury, Walter

NAYS - 13 CHESHIRE

Parshall, Lucius

HILLSBOROUGH

DiSilvestro, Linda
Murphy, Nancy

Gregg, Alicia
Petrigno, Peter

Herbert, Christopher
Rung, Rosemarie

Miles, Julie
Thomas, Wendy

ROCKINGHAM

Perez, Kristine

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn

DeDe-Poulin, Denise

Howard, Heath

and the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.
Rep. Miles voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Malone moved that **HB 1708-FN**, relative to statewide education property taxes and other tax revenues, be made a Special Order to the next order of business and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 156 - NAYS 195

YEAS - 156 BELKNAP

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

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

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

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Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Spahr, Terry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
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Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda

Booras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan

Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
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Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
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Murray, Megan
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Newman, Ray
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Newsom, James
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

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Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

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Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Pearson, Mark
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Weinstein, Toni

Cahill, Michael
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie

de Vries, Erica
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

Edgar, Michael
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Ward, Gerald

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
England, Myles
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Stone, John

Butler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
Laroche, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

NAYS - 195

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

Coker, Matthew
Ploszaj, Tom

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
Brown, Richard

Crawford, Karel
Taylor, Brian

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly

Mattson, Rita

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Davis, Arnold
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Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
Tremblay, Marc

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

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Alexander, Joe
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Gorski, Ted
Kesselring, Steven
Lascelles, Richard
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Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Kofalt, Jim
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen

Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kenny, Catherine
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond

Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim

Proulx, Mark
Salvi, Santosh
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Prout, Andrew
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

Reinfurt, Sherri
Scully, Kevin
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Edwards, Jess
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Selby, Donald
Sytek, John
Turer, Eric
MacDonald, Wayne

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Bernardy, JD
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Drago, Mike
Guthrie, Joseph
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Mandelbaum, Jennifer
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guzowski, James
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Vose, Michael

STRAFFORD

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

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

and the motion failed.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Rung moved that **HB 1607-FN**, relative to the use and storage of road salt, removed from the table.
Rep. Berry requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 156 - NAYS 194

YEAS - 156 BELKNAP

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Paige, David

MacDonald, John

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

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

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rourke, Terri

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Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Spahr, Terry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Booras, Efstathia
Cornell, Patricia

Boyd, Bill
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda

Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

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Bricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Sargent, Gregory
Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
Newsom, James
Schamberg, Thomas
Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris

Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

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Balboni, Peggy
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

Cahill, Michael
Knab, Allison
Mandelbaum, Jennifer
Raynolds, Ned
Turer, Eric

de Vries, Erica
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Vallone, Mark

Gilman, Julie
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

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Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Stone, John

Butler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

NAYS - 194

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

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Korzen, Lori
Tremblay, Marc

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McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin

Barbour, Liz
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Daniels, Gary
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Giasson, Henry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Ohm, Bill

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen

Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Spier, Carry
Ulery, Jordan

Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tim

Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Mannion, Tom

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Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

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McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Soucy, Timothy

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
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Pitaro, Matthew
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Guzofski, James
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
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Potucek, John
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Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bennett, Cindy
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Donnelly, Tanya
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Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McGrath, Linda
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Sytek, John
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Weyler, Kenneth

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Soti, Julius
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Melvin, Charles
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Pearson, Stephen
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
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Harrington, Michael
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Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

and the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR PART I CONT'D

HB 1721-FN, relative to limiting new system enrollment and adjusting compliance payments under the renewable portfolio standard program. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael Harrington for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill phases out the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for renewable energy generators. The amendment added an exception for class III (electricity generated from under 25-megawatt bio-mass plants or methane gas) and class IV (hydroelectric generators). This phase out will limit qualified generators to receiving Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for a maximum of 20 years, giving those who have received RECs for 15 years or more, an additional 5 years of eligibility. The majority believes that 20 years of ratepayer subsidies should be sufficient and anyone receiving these subsidies should realize there is no guarantee that the subsidies will go on forever. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Thomas Cormen for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill, as amended, phases out the ability for certain forms of renewable energy to enroll in the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and receive Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). In brief, the affected types of renewable energy are anything other than electricity produced by existing biomass, methane, and small hydroelectric generators. Depending on the age of the system, RECs will no longer be available in 5 to 20 years for existing solar, wind, geothermal, and other renewable sources. Sources of these types that begin operation six months after the effective date will be ineligible from the start. The minority believes this bill should be found Inexpedient to Legislate for several reasons. Demand for energy is going to increase, and this bill discourages new sources from locating in New Hampshire. Whereas the types of renewable energy targeted by this bill are produced entirely in state and keep money from in-state energy consumers right here, this bill will increase our dependence on out-of-state fuel sources, ultimately sending money out of state. The bill will increase our dependence on fuel sources whose price fluctuates, sometimes wildly, such as natural gas. Finally, there was no cost-benefit analysis performed on the effect of this bill on energy consumers or markets, and so we cannot determine how it will affect the state's ability to produce energy and the resulting economic consequences.

Majority Amendment (0514h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Renewable Portfolio Standard Eligibility and Credits; Renewable Energy Certificates. Amend RSA 362-F by inserting after section 6 the following new section:

362-F:6-a Renewable Portfolio Standard Eligibility and Credits.

I. The following applies to all classes, except for class III and class IV, established in RSA 362-F:4. Renewable energy systems that began operation prior to the effective date of this section shall remain eligible to enroll in the renewable portfolio standard and receive renewable energy certificates (RECs). Any additional systems that begin operation within 6 months after the effective date shall also be eligible. After that 6-month period, no new renewable energy systems shall be eligible to enroll in the renewable portfolio standard or to receive RECs.

II. For systems already qualified and receiving RECs prior to July 1, 2026:

(a) The maximum lifetime eligibility for any system to receive RECs shall be 20 years.

(b) Any system that has already received RECs for more than 15 years as of the effective date of this section shall be eligible for up to 5 additional years of REC credits.

III. On an annual basis, the department of energy proportionally shall reduce the alternative compliance payment requirements under RSA 362-F:10 annually as the number of eligible systems declines.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Arnold Davis moved that **HB 1721-FN**, relative to limiting new system enrollment and adjusting compliance payments under the renewable portfolio standard program, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 198 members having voted in the affirmative, and 152 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

HB 1723, requiring utilities and electric grid operators to assess and report the vulnerability of high-voltage transformers to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances, and to recommend mitigation measures to protect the state electric infrastructure. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Rita Mattson for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill puts the granite state at the forefront of efforts to protect the electric grid from both natural and man-made geomagnetic events. The bill accomplishes this demonstration of state leadership by requiring the state Department of Energy to perform an investigation into our state's grid resiliency. As amended, the bill directs the department to investigate several key questions: 1) What studies and assessments have previously been performed that reviewed transmission system vulnerabilities to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances? 2) How were those studies conducted and what were the transmission system grid vulnerabilities identified? 3) Did the magnetic field standard utilized adequately assess the vulnerability of the transmission system? 4) If the magnetic field standard utilized in previous studies did not adequately assess transmission infrastructure vulnerability, what standard should be used? 5) What would be the cost to conduct a transmission infrastructure assessment at a higher standard than has previously been used? 6) How long would an additional assessment at a higher standard take to complete, plus other similar queries? Passage of this bill will be the first step needed to assess the condition and readiness of high voltage transformers to withstand potentially catastrophic events and thereby protect our electrical infrastructure. Vote 13-3.

Rep. Lucius Parshall for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. Considering the limited resources that New Hampshire has for a study of this magnitude, we should ensure that our efforts are not duplicative. By referring to a 2018 report by the United States Government Accountability Office to Congress on Critical Infrastructure Protection, it is apparent that much of this work has already been done. A deeper concern, left unprioritized in this bill, is grid resilience to the extant threat of weather disasters, rather than infrequent planetary geomagnetic disturbances. Our electric suppliers have stated under testimony that they have taken proactive steps to safeguard our infrastructure within reasonable cost restraints. If we proceed with this bill, it will require our energy providers to hire multiple layers of consultants, at a cost that will be passed on to already burdened ratepayers. It will also produce a report with recommendations, many of which will not be affordable to undertake. As with setting any budgetary priority, we should always be open to investing in infrastructure as a path to our common future. But in this case, we should be far more concerned about passing costs along to our already burdened ratepayers and would consider that we already have enough infrastructure challenges without looking for more through a study.

Majority Amendment (0935h)

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

1 Short title. This act shall be known as "Survey All Vulnerable Electric Transformers Act."

2 Findings.

I. America's electric grid is critical to modern life and faces existential threats from solar weather events (coronal mass ejections—CME), geomagnetic disturbances—GMDs, and high-altitude nuclear electromagnetic pulse—HEMP, all capable of disabling electric power systems.

II. High voltage transformers are especially vulnerable to geomagnetically induced currents—GICs—whether induced by GMDs or HEMP E3 component, entering the grid through ground-connected neutral wires.

III. Extra High Voltage (EHV) transformers (345 kV–765 kV) are most vulnerable and difficult to replace, with production lead times of up to 4–6 years.

IV. GIC vulnerability is influenced by transformer characteristics, ground conductivity, and the magnetic field intensity from GMD or E3 HEMP.

V. Aging transformers are more susceptible to GIC due to degraded insulating oil and coil condition.

VI. Federal and international standards highlight the importance of transformer assessment and protection against these threats.

VII. On July 23, 2012, a powerful CME erupted off the back side of the sun racing through Earth's orbit missing Earth by 9 days. It was measured by STEREO-A satellite and determined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to be in all respects at least the size of the Carrington event of 1859.

VIII. In 2012, the United States Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory working with the United States Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency conducted live grid E3 HEMP tests to analyze GIC harmonic threats to the electric power grid. The results showed transformer half-cycle saturation and generation of harmonics that exceeded the IEEE 519 Standard with GIC of 15 Amps in the neutral of the power transformer.

IX. In February 2013, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) GMD committee of 8 respected space weather scientists estimated a reference storm. Preliminary results showed a peak electric field strength of 30 V/km to 40 V/km.

X. In May 2025, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) updated the international standard IEC 61000-2-9 for E3 HEMP to 85 V/km.

XI. The NERC GMD Standard requires New Hampshire to model roughly 3 V/km.

XII. With the existence of validated GIC mitigation hardware that protects power transformers and improves grid resilience against these severe GIC events, reliance on load shedding or operating procedures which cannot block GIC are no longer justified.

3 Geomagnetic and Electromagnetic Disturbance Electric Transmission; Department of Energy; Vulnerability Investigation.

I. The department of energy shall investigate the vulnerability of electric transmission transformers and other system components to geomagnetically induced currents. The investigation shall answer the following questions:

(a) What studies and assessments have previously been performed that reviewed transmission system vulnerabilities to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances?

(b) How were those studies conducted and what were the transmission system grid vulnerabilities identified?

(c) Given the current NERC GMD standard of 3 V/km and the IEC international standard of 85 V/km, did the magnetic field standard utilized adequately assess the vulnerability of the transmission system in New Hampshire to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances?

(d) If the magnetic field standard utilized in previous studies did not adequately assess transmission infrastructure vulnerability, what standard should be used?

(e) What would be the cost to conduct a transmission infrastructure assessment at a higher standard than has previously been used?

(f) How long would an additional assessment at a higher standard take to complete?

(g) What mitigation strategies and response methods are currently utilized to protect transmission system infrastructure from geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances and are those strategies and methods adequate?

(h) What role can the state of New Hampshire play in assessing transmission system vulnerabilities that fall under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and in directing transmission-owning utilities to implement infrastructure and non-infrastructure solutions?

(i) What funding sources are available to conduct additional assessments or support the installation of equipment to further protect vulnerable transmission system infrastructure from geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances?

II. The department shall commence the investigation within 90 days of the effective date of this subsection and complete the investigation within a time period not to exceed 12 months of its commencement. At the conclusion of the investigation, the department shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the house science, technology and energy committee, the senate energy and natural resources committee, and the division of homeland security and emergency management and the department shall also send the report to the United States Secretary of Energy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Agency, and ISO-New England.

III. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or order to the contrary, the department shall have the authority necessary to conduct this investigation and implement this subdivision, including, but not limited to, the authority to request information from public utilities, including transmission utilities, regarding transmission infrastructure located within the state of New Hampshire, and to specifically assess utilities an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for this investigation.

IV. Confidentiality. All data submitted under this subsection shall be handled in accordance with critical energy infrastructure information protocols and location and purpose data shall be redacted from public reports. "Critical energy infrastructure information protocols" means specific engineering, vulnerability, or detailed design protocols and procedures related to proposed or existing critical infrastructure, whether physical or virtual, that relate to the production, generation, transmission, transportation, or distribution of energy, the unauthorized disclosure of which could pose a risk to the security, reliability, or integrity of the infrastructure; such protocols are designated as confidential and exempt from public disclosure, as their release could be useful to a person planning an attack or otherwise causing harm to the infrastructure.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the Department of Energy to investigate vulnerabilities of electric transmission transformers to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances and report findings with recommendations.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.
Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

(Representative Kofalt in the Chair)

HCR 13, requesting Congress to call a constitutional convention relative to implementing term limits for elected members of both houses of Congress. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. A strong bipartisan majority of the committee supports this measure. Numerous polls show that over 80% of Americans favor establishing term limits for members of Congress, just as we have term limits for the President. The majority believes term limits would help limit corruption and the long-term incestuous relationships between congresspeople and lobbyists. Term-limited politicians would be more inclined to focus on constituent service and bipartisanship, as opposed to re-election efforts and fund-raising. Term limits would ensure fresh perspectives and innovative thinking. Term limits would counter a very unhealthy incumbent advantage and ensure competitive elections that empower citizens rather than monied interests. Term limits would restore the notion of a citizen legislature that our founders envisioned (like New Hampshire) rather than a professional cabal of career politicians dominating the political arena. Term limits would create a healthier, more dynamic, more accountable, more transparent, and more inclusive democracy/representative republic. Vote 12-5.

Rep. Christal Lloyd for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. Those in the committee minority have major reservations regarding House Concurrent Resolution 13. Our first concern is that this House Concurrent Resolution involves another call for an Article V Convention of States. Although we understand that an Article V Convention is a constitutional option granted to the states, the process lacks clear rules, procedures, or boundaries. Another issue involves delegate selection, particularly regarding the inclusion of minority perspectives, regardless of which party may hold majorities at the time the convention is called. Further, it is felt that the term limits issue warrants its own discussion, somewhat apart from the Article V debate. We feel it to be prudent to also advocate for the inclusion of state legislators in any potential Article V mix in addition to "lifetime" or appointed positions. Most of the minority remain open to discussion on term limits but have reservations about an Article V convention being the best venue or the proper way to address this issue.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Granger moved that **HCR 13**, requesting Congress to call a constitutional convention relative to implementing term limits for elected members of both houses of Congress, be laid on the table.

Rep. Alexander requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIREAmes, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Jones, Philip
O'Rorke, TerriBerch, Paul
Gruber, James
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, LuciusHarvey, Cathryn
Hunt, John
Nalevanko, Rich
Qualey, JamesFox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy**GRAFTON**Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Ladd, Rick
Spahr, TerryBaldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, LaurelBolton, Bill
Franz, Linda
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, JerryCormen, Thomas
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George**HILLSBOROUGH**Murray, Aissandra
Booras, Efstathia
Corcoran, Travis
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
MacKenzie, Mark
Plamondon, Marc
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, DanielBeauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Cornell, Patricia
Dargie, Paul
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Tellerski, Laura
Thomas, WendyBergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
Creighton, James
DiSilvestro, Linda
Griffin, Gerald
Grund, Stephanie
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Long, Patrick
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, JonahBoehm, Ralph
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Drew, Matt
Gould, Linda
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Leapley, Nicole
Murray, Megan
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew**MERRIMACK**Andrus, Louise
Kelly, Eileen
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Mehegan, Peter
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Wallner, Mary JaneBricchi, Tracy
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim
Woods, GaryMcGuire, Carol
Gallagher, Eric
Luneau, David
Pitaro, Matthew
Boyd, Stephen
Soucy, TimothyCaplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryll
Hall, Muriel
Polozov, Yury
Schamberg, Thomas
Walsh, Thomas**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Litchfield, Melissa
Malloy, Dennis
Milz, David
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Tripp, Richard
Verville, KevinCahill, Michael
Murray, Kate
Lundgren, David
Manos, Zoe
Muns, Chris
Scherr, Buzz
Turer, Eric
MacDonald, Waynede Vries, Erica
Knab, Allison
Paige, Mark
McDonnell, Valerie
Raynolds, Ned
Simpson, Alexis
Vallone, Mark
Ward, GeraldEdgar, Michael
Walsh, Lilli
Pearson, Mark
Meuse, David
Pearson, Stephen
Sorensen, Carrie
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weinstein, Toni**STRAFFORD**Bay, Luz
DeLemus, Susan
Howland, Allan
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, WayneBixby, Peter
England, Myles
Johnson, Erik
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wall, JanetBurton, Wayne
Granger, Michael
Kaczynski, Thomas
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, ThomasButler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Stone, John**SULLIVAN**Sullivan, Brian
Grant, GeorgeCloutier, John
Aron, JudyDamon, Hope
Aron, MichaelGirard, Dale
Palmer, William**NAYS - 159****BELKNAP**Aldrich, Glen
Freeman, LisaBogert, Steven
Harvey-Bolia, JulietBordes, Mike
Ploszaj, TomComtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri**CARROLL**Avellani, Lino
Peternel, KatyBelcher, Mike
Brown, RichardCrawford, Karel
Taylor, Brian

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis	Karasinski, Sly	Mattson, Rita
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COOS

Davis, Arnold	Durkin, Sean	Korzen, Lori	Morency, Pete
King, Seth	Tierney, James	Tremblay, Marc	

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph	Beaulier, Calvin	Berezhny, Lex	Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sullivan, Jared	Louis, Darrell	Sellers, John	

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe	Ammon, Keith	Boyd, Bill	Barbour, Liz
Berry, Ross	Budathoki, Suraj	Cole, Brian	Daniels, Gary
Dumont, Dillon	Dupont, Pierre	Erf, Keith	Flanagan, Jack
Foss, Lily	Gagne, Larry	Georges, Mary	Giasson, Henry
Gorski, Ted	Herbert, Christopher	Kenny, Catherine	Kesselring, Steven
Labrie, Brian	Lascelles, Richard	Manohar, Sanjeev	Murphy, Mary
Mazur, Lisa	McLean, Mark	Miles, Julie	Mooney, Maureen
Morton, Jonathan	Noble, Kristin	Ohm, Bill	Paquette, Kathleen
Pauer, Diane	Peeples, Raymond	Post, Lisa	Prout, Andrew
Reinfurt, Sherri	Salvi, Santosh	Schneller, John	Scully, Kevin
Sheehan, Vanessa	Sirois, Shane	Slottje, Jeremy	Tenczar, Jeffrey
Mannion, Tim	Mannion, Tom	Ulery, Jordan	Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

Aures, Cyril	Aylward, Deborah	Cambrils, Jose	McGuire, Dan
Devoid, Ricky	Hill, Gregory	Moffett, Michael	Plante, Raymond
Sargent, Gregory	Seaworth, Brian	See, Alvin	Thibault, James
Wood, Clayton			

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie	Bennett, Cindy	Bernardy, JD	Bridle, Nicholas
Bryer, Scott	Mannion, Dennis	Thomas, Douglas	DeSimone, Debra
DeVito, Sayra	Donnelly, Tanya	Drago, Mike	Dunn, Ron
Edwards, Jess	Foote, Charles	Guthrie, Joseph	Guzofski, James
Katsakiores, Phyllis	Khan, Aboul	Kuttab, Katelyn	Miner, Laurence
Layon, Erica	Love, David	Lynn, Bob	Maggiore, Jim
Mandelbaum, Jennifer	McGrath, Linda	McMahon, Charles	Melvin, Charles
Nadeau, Brian	Nelson, Jodi	Osborne, Jason	Brown, Pam
Perez, Kristine	Popovici-Muller, Daniel	Porcelli, Susan	Potucek, John
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	Read, Ellen	Roy, Terry	Selby, Donald
Soti, Julius	Summers, James	Sweeney, Joe	Sytek, John
Dolan, Tom	Tudor, Paul	Vose, Michael	Weyler, Kenneth
Wilson, Vicki			

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn	Burnham, Claudine	DeDe-Poulin, Denise	DeRoy, Susan
Farrington, Samuel	Gilmore, Gary	Howard, Heath	Harrington, Michael
Potenza, Kelley	Hall, Robley	Turcotte, Len	Wade, Alice
Walker, David			

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret	Hemingway, Wayne	Rollins, Skip	Spilsbury, Walter
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and the motion was adopted.

HR 26, supporting peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Michael Moffett for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This measure, as amended, expresses support for the sovereignty and democratic aspirations of the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). This amended measure recognizes and aligns with recent treaties put forth by the current administration, which not only call for there to be less bloodshed, but to clearly make the bad actors face consequences for actions leading to the current issues we've been seeing. The desire for peaceful stability is laudable, and this measure serves to educate and raise awareness concerning a home land from which came numerous immigrants who are now granite staters—to include the prime sponsor. We hope to see the DRC's mining industry developed in ways that help the Congolese people better meet their basic needs. Vote 15-1.

Rep. Tom Mannion for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The minority believes this amended House Resolution regarding the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is extremely objectionable. US policy under President Trump sought a leading role to foster peace in this region. Significant

taxpayer dollars went toward relief efforts, and yet this House Resolution calls for more American blood and treasure while expressing sentiments contrary to US or DRC interests, especially regarding critical mineral resources. It seems accusatory toward US policies concerning joint extraction of wealth and resources while maintaining silence regarding China as the DRC's top trading partner—despite China's history as an extreme exploiter of African nations. Thus, the minority is very concerned that this House resolution excuses Chinese policies at the expense of American efforts and interests.

Majority Amendment (0849h)

Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

Whereas, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues to face ongoing conflict, humanitarian crises, and political instability, particularly in its eastern regions; and

Whereas, millions of Congolese civilians have been displaced due to violence perpetrated by armed groups both foreign and domestic, and countless others suffer from lack of access to basic services, food scarcity, and medical care; and

Whereas, New Hampshire is home to many members of the Congolese diaspora community whose lives continue to be affected by events in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and

Whereas, on December 4, 2025, the United States of America and the Democratic Republic of the Congo signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement that is intended to foster peace and stability across the DRC, to accelerate and transform economic development for the increased prosperity of the Congolese people, and to strengthen the national security and stability of the DRC for the benefit of its people; and

Whereas, on December 4, 2025, the Presidents of the United States, the DRC, and the Republic of Rwanda signed the Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity, with the goal of ensuring regional cooperation that will allow the people of DRC and the region to realize peace, stability, and a more prosperous future; and

Whereas, despite the Strategic Partnership Agreement and the Washington Accords, violence has continued to escalate in the eastern DRC, with regional countries and their armed militias continuing to carry out paramilitary operations in violation of the Washington Accords thereby undermining prospects for peace, stability, and prosperity; and

Whereas, the United States has a longstanding commitment to promoting peace, sustainable development, human rights, and democratic governance around the world; and

Whereas, international cooperation and sustained diplomatic engagement are essential to supporting the Congolese people and fostering long-term stability in the region; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the New Hampshire house of representatives:

I. Reaffirms its support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and democratic aspirations of the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

II. Urges the United States government to increase diplomatic efforts and humanitarian assistance aimed at resolving the continued armed conflict and addressing the needs of displaced populations;

III. Expresses hope that American efforts will give priority to improving the lives of the Congolese people rather than extracting wealth and resources from the DRC;

IV. Observes that Article III, Section 2(d) of the Strategic Partnership Agreement expresses the parties' intent to explore opportunities for cooperation between them in the areas of judicial reform, anti-corruption measures, and public administration capacity in the DRC, and calls on the United States to identify and implement such opportunities for the purpose of achieving long-term stability for the Congolese people;

V. Further observes that Article XIV, Section 2, of the Strategic Partnership Agreement requires the parties to seek to identify ways to increase cooperative opportunities between universities and educational institutions in the United States and the DRC, and calls on the United States to fulfill its commitments by identifying and implementing such educational opportunities;

VI. Further observes that Article XIV, Section 4, of the Strategic Partnership Agreement requires the parties to prioritize judicial reforms aimed at increasing the capacity and reliability of DRC judicial institutions to reduce judicial corruption and to support a predictable investment climate in accordance with the ongoing national reform agenda in the DRC, and calls on the United States to fulfill its commitments by prioritizing the implementation of judicial reforms in the DRC;

VII. Encourages coordination with international partners, including the United Nations and African Union, to support peacebuilding initiatives, and enforce accountability and transparency measures with the expressed goal of weeding out corruption; and

VIII. Calls for continued monitoring of the situation and regular reporting to Congress on progress toward peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

That signed copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the United States Secretary of State, and the President of the United States. Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

Whereas, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) continues to face ongoing conflict, humanitarian crises, and political instability, particularly in its eastern regions; and

Whereas, millions of Congolese civilians have been displaced due to violence perpetrated by armed groups both foreign and domestic, and countless others suffer from lack of access to basic services, food scarcity, and medical care; and

Whereas, New Hampshire is home to many members of the Congolese diaspora community whose lives continue to be affected by events in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and

Whereas, on December 4, 2025, the United States of America and the Democratic Republic of the Congo signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement that is intended to foster peace and stability across the DRC, to accelerate and transform economic development for the increased prosperity of the Congolese people, and to strengthen the national security and stability of the DRC for the benefit of its people; and

Whereas, on December 4, 2025, the Presidents of the United States, the DRC, and the Republic of Rwanda signed the Washington Accords for Peace and Prosperity, with the goal of ensuring regional cooperation that will allow the people of DRC and the region to realize peace, stability, and a more prosperous future; and

Whereas, despite the Strategic Partnership Agreement and the Washington Accords, violence has continued to escalate in the eastern DRC, with regional countries and their armed militias continuing to carry out paramilitary operations in violation of the Washington Accords thereby undermining prospects for peace, stability, and prosperity; and

Whereas, the United States has a longstanding commitment to promoting peace, sustainable development, human rights, and democratic governance around the world; and

Whereas, international cooperation and sustained diplomatic engagement are essential to supporting the Congolese people and fostering long-term stability in the region; now, therefore, be it

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V. Further observes that Article XIV, Section 2, of the Strategic Partnership Agreement requires the parties to seek to identify ways to increase cooperative opportunities between universities and educational institutions in the United States and the DRC, and calls on the United States to fulfill its commitments by identifying and implementing such educational opportunities;

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VIII. Calls for continued monitoring of the situation and regular reporting to Congress on progress toward peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

That signed copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the United States Secretary of State, and the President of the United States.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

HR 36, urging the federal government to accept cash at all points of service. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tom Mannion for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. An overwhelming majority of the committee supported this resolution after hearing from the sponsor as to several instances where he visited federally-owned parks across this country which did not accept cash. Our currency has printed

on it “This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private,” and US code gives the federal government exclusive power to print this currency and restricts acceptance of alternatives. Requiring credit or debit cards also has privacy violation implications, as every transaction can be used to trace a person’s travels. As such, the majority of the committee voted Ought to Pass with Amendment on this resolution. Vote 14-1.

Rep. Christine Seibert for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution challenges the US National Park Service’s (NPS) no-cash policy at about 28 of the federal agency’s 433 parks, 108 which charge an entrance fee. Reducing cash collections allows the National Park Service to be better stewards of the fees collected from visitors. Cashless options reduce transaction times at busy entrance stations and decrease the risk of theft, reducing associated risk/liability. Moving to a cashless system improves accountability and consistency, reduces chances of errors, and maximizes the funding available for critical projects and visitor services. The massive size of these parks plays a role in these decisions, where logistics surrounding remote locations present unique challenges. According to the National Park Service, “The parks that have completed the transition to cashless fee collection have an alternative option for visitors who are not able to pay with a credit or debit card. The specific arrangements vary by park, and park staff onsite will be able to assist. Most parks that have converted to cashless fee collection have had an overwhelmingly positive experience.” In a 2023 news release, NPS explained why Death Valley National Park was going cashless. It explained that Death Valley collected \$22,000 in cash in 2022. Processing that cash cost the park \$40,000, according to the release. “Cash handling costs include an armored car contract to transport cash and park rangers’ time counting money and processing paperwork. The transition to cashless payments will allow the NPS to redirect the \$40,000 previously spent processing cash to directly benefit park visitors.” It is also important to note that on March 25, 2025, President Donald Trump issued the Modernizing Payments To and From America’s Bank Account order mandating a reduction in the amount of checks and cash handled by the federal government. This is one of the few instances where the minority of this committee agrees with the President regarding waste and shifting consumer habits. This change is less burdensome than it would have been 20 years ago.

Majority Amendment (0394h)

Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

Whereas, Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution provides that no state shall emit bills of credit and reserves this duty to the United States of America; and

Whereas, The Gold Clause Repeal of June 5, 1933, and the Nixon Shock of 1971 removed the gold standard, making the United States the sole backer of currency; and

Whereas, 31 United States Code, section 5103 states that United States coins and currency are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and dues; and

Whereas, failure to accept tendered currency can call into question the value and credibility of the currency; and

Whereas, citizens are not required under any laws to carry cards of electronic or debit for monetary transactions; and

Whereas, the usage of tendered currency protects the right to privacy by not requiring specific banking and digital transactional receipts and markers; and

Whereas, government agencies and vendors have charged ‘convenience fees’ for electronic transactions while not accepting tendered bills which violates the clause of 31 United States Code, section 5103 regarding legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and such practices continue at certain facilities, including but not limited to National Park Service and museum parking, entry, concessions, and services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That all federal agencies and all subcontracted companies and agencies which operate on federal facilities, parks, preserves, and offices shall accept the legal tendered currency of the United States of America.

That the governor of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire senate be sent copies of this resolution by the house clerk and invited to make similar proclamation.

That signed copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the National Parks Service Director, the Director of the Smithsonian, the Directors of the National Museums, and the Secretary of Commerce.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

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

HR 39, recognizing and celebrating the enduring relationship between the state of New Hampshire and Canada. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lily Foss for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The majority of this committee is happy to celebrate our state’s deep and cherished ties to Canada. From the “Bienvenue” signs at

the border to the Chinese pie served at diners across the state, from the children visiting their mères and pères on weekends to the Christmas Eve dinner tables laden with pork pie; Canadian visitors, immigrants, and their descendants have shaped and continue to shape New Hampshire. We hope that our friendship with Canada will always be as close to our respective hearts as it has been for centuries. We recommend the House pass this resolution to solidify that bond. Vote 14-1.

Rep. Mike Belcher for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution proposes celebrating the relationship between New Hampshire and Canada. While the relationship with Canada is real, enduring, and important, it seems an inopportune time to “celebrate” it, as the Canadian Prime Minister recently compared the US to the Soviet Union and called for the creation of a new international power bloc apart from that of the United States. Further concerns involve recent back sliding on personal liberties with crackdowns on freedoms of expression, speech, religion; and persecution of Christians; significant Canadian movement into the geopolitical and economic orbit of China; and its direct opposition to the newly adopted National Security Doctrine of “Fortress North America.” These developments threaten US national security while Canada refuses to provide meaningful investment in its own territorial defense. Radical Canadian environmental and energy policies threaten our shared energy infrastructure, drive up energy prices, and lower quality of life for Granite Staters. We should ponder whether the time is now right for celebration.

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

Motion was adopted and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Germana moved that the debate on **HB 1709-FN**, prohibiting certain unlawfully present felons from occupying or renting real property. be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HB 1709

Speaker Steven Smith: Representative Reed is recognized for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Read: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if I know that the intent of the original bill, as stated in testimony, was to, quote, “have a convenient excuse to go after people who,” quote, “don’t fit in our community” and to, quote, “make them homeless,” and if I know that it created a felony for just renting a home, something that we don’t do to any group of people, not murderers, not rapists, no one, but if I know that the amended version just reiterates the current existing situation that cops can and already do arrest felons who are here unlawfully, but just adds extra steps to that process, and so, therefore, finally, if I know that this bill is just a waste of our time, it does absolutely nothing for our housing situation in New Hampshire, would I now press the green button to table and actually work on the number one issue that the people of New Hampshire have asked us to work on?

Speaker Steven Smith: Representative Beaulier is recognized for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Beaulier: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I know that HB 1709 only applies to dangerous individuals occupying New Hampshire property who are both illegal aliens and convicted felons, if I also know that federal law under 8 USC 1252c permits states to independently enforce immigration and arrest illegal alien felons when state statutes like this one authorize local law enforcement to act, and if I know that ICE often lacks real-time knowledge of an illegal alien felon’s location, but our sheriffs often encounter them while serving writs of possession, and finally, if I know that if you are an illegal alien felon, you do not belong in this country, and you do not belong in New Hampshire housing unless it is operated by the Department of Corrections, would I vote red to reject the tabling motion?

Representative Steven Smith: Good times. The question is whether to lay House Bill 1709 on the table, and this is a roll call vote. If you’re in favor, press the green button, opposed press the red. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend the state of the vote. 153 in the affirmative, 181 in the negative, the motion fails. Now on to the main motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Are you ready for the question? A division’s been requested so far. This will be a division vote. Representative Sweeney ups it to a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? Yep, this will be a roll call vote again. Members take your seats. Okay. The motion is the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment on House Bill 1709. This is a roll call vote. If you’re in favor, press the green button, opposed, press the red. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend the state of the vote. 153 in the affirmative, 181 in the affirmative, 154 in the negative, report is adopted.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Perez moved that **HB 1420-FN**, creating a temporary local newspaper advertisement tax credit be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

On a division vote, with 141 members having voted in the affirmative, and 203 in the negative, the motion failed.

HB 1178, relative to permissible window tinting on motor vehicles. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill is a modest change to our window tinting laws. It allows aftermarket tint on the windows to the left and right of the driver down to 35% visible light transmittance (VLT). In plain terms, VLT is how much light still passes through the glass, 5% is “limo tint” with very little visibility, 50–70% is very light and barely noticeable, and 35% sits right in the middle. It strikes a sensible balance between safety and the practical benefits of tint. Many states have adopted a 35% standard, so this moves New Hampshire closer to a widely accepted approach. Rep. Matthew Coker

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill would reduce the allowable visible light transmittance (VLT) on front side windows from 70% to 35%. While this may appear to be a modest technical adjustment, it materially reduces the ability of law enforcement, first responders, and other roadway users to see and assess a vehicle’s driver. Traffic stops and roadside interactions require clear visual communication. The ability to observe occupants, detect distress, and establish eye contact contributes to officer safety and to de-escalation. Likewise, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists rely on visible cues from drivers to confirm awareness and intent. Reducing transparency in the driver’s field of interaction undermines that shared visual accountability. Given that individuals with documented light sensitivities may obtain medical waivers under current law, proponents have not demonstrated that the current 70% standard is creating measurable hardship or safety inequity that justifies weakening it. In transportation policy, visibility is not cosmetic, it is a safety feature. Rep. Daniel Veilleux

Rep. Walsh moved Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 158 members having voted in the affirmative, and 187 in the negative, the motion failed.

Rep. Coker moved Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Colcombe requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Brown, Richard

Crawford, Karel
Taylor, Brian

Paige, David
Woodcock, Stephen

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Murphy, Denis
Jacobs, Samantha
Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Jones, Philip
O’Rourke, Terri

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius

Fox, Dru
Hunt, John
Nalevanko, Rich
Qualey, James

COOS

Morency, Pete

Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Ladd, Rick
Spahr, Terry

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Franz, Linda
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alistandra
Booras, Efstathia
Corcoran, Travis
DiSilvestro, Linda
Flanagan, Jack
Gould, Linda
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Manohar, Sanjeev
Paquette, Kathleen
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Schneller, John
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Boyd, Bill
Budathoki, Suraj
Cornell, Patricia
Dupont, Pierre
Foss, Lily
Gregg, Alicia
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Lascelles, Richard
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Peeples, Raymond
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Griffin, Gerald
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kenny, Catherine
Leapley, Nicole
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
Dargie, Paul
Davis, Fred
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
MacKenzie, Mark
Ohm, Bill
Plamondon, Marc
Raymond, Heather
Salvi, Santosh
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim
Woods, Gary

Bricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merry
Newsom, James
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Cahill, Michael
Donnelly, Tanya
Murray, Kate
Lundgren, David
Maggiore, Jim
McMahon, Charles
Porcelli, Susan
Read, Ellen
Simpson, Alexis
Vallone, Mark
Weyler, Kenneth

Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Edgar, Michael
Khan, Aboul
Lynn, Bob
Malloy, Dennis
Meuse, David
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sorensen, Carrie
Vandecasteele, Susan

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Paige, Mark
Mandelbaum, Jennifer
Muns, Chris
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Pearson, Stephen
Tripp, Richard
Ward, Gerald

Bryer, Scott
de Vries, Erica
Guthrie, Joseph
Love, David
Pearson, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Perez, Kristine
Reynolds, Ned
Scherr, Buzz
Turer, Eric
Weinstein, Toni

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Gilmore, Gary
Kaczynski, Thomas
Smith, Marjorie
Stone, John

Bixby, Peter
Horrigan, Timothy
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Pearson, Wayne

Burton, Wayne
Howland, Allan
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Walker, David

England, Myles
Johnson, Erik
Levesque, Cassandra
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Hemingway, Wayne

Cloutier, John
Palmer, William

Damon, Hope
Rollins, Skip

Drye, Margaret

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Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Minor, Sheri

Bordes, Mike
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Terry, Paul

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Toner, Travis

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino

Belcher, Mike

MacDonald, John

Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Karasinski, Sly

Mattson, Rita

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Tremblay, Marc

Durkin, Sean

Korzen, Lori

King, Seth

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Sullivan, Jared

Beaulier, Calvin
Louis, Darrell

Berezhny, Lex
Sellers, John

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Grill, Jessica
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Post, Lisa
Scully, Kevin
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wheeler, Jonah

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Daniels, Gary
Gagne, Larry
Kesselring, Steven
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Drew, Matt
Giasson, Henry
Foxy, Loren
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Berry, Ross
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gorski, Ted
Labrie, Brian
Miles, Julie
Pauer, Diane
Ryan, Linda
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Pitaro, Matthew
Schultz, Kris

Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Plante, Raymond
Seaworth, Brian

McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

ROCKINGHAM

Bennett, Cindy
Dunn, Ron
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Selby, Donald
Sytek, John
Vose, Michael

Bridle, Nicholas
Edwards, Jess
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
MacDonald, Wayne

DeVito, Sayra
Foote, Charles
Miner, Laurence
McDonnell, Valerie
Nadeau, Brian
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Summers, James
Tudor, Paul
Wilson, Vicki

Drago, Mike
Guzofski, James
Walsh, Lilli
McGrath, Linda
Nelson, Jodi
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sweeney, Joe
Verville, Kevin

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeLemus, Susan
Howard, Heath
Turcotte, Len

Burnham, Claudine
DeRoy, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Wade, Alice

Butler, Billie
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

SULLIVAN

Girard, Dale
Spilsbury, Walter

Grant, George

Aron, Judy

Aron, Michael

and the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate was adopted.

HB 1252, requiring the department of motor vehicles to only administer the skills test for commercial driver's licenses in English and prohibiting the support of an interpreter for the administration of the skills test for commercial driver's licenses. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for the **Majority** of Transportation. This bill codifies that the practical test which assesses the driver's ability to operate a commercial vehicle safely and confidently be in English. The amendment codifies that the knowledge test is conducted in English only. Under current law, the department of motor vehicles provides the knowledge test in 7 languages. It also codifies that the interpreters are not allowed to be with the test taker with the exception of federally mandated exceptions under 49C.F.R. part 391.A commercial drivers license will only be provided if both the practical and knowledge are passed in English. Vote 9-7. Rep. Seth Miller for the **Minority** of Transportation. Federal law already requires the practical test to be administered in English. This bill extends that to the written exam as well. It is a move that does nothing to increase road safety while reducing the available number of people to fill important infrastructure jobs. As amended the bill will also potentially invalidate licenses for existing drivers on short notice, taking away their livelihood, again without improving safety on the road. The DMV testified that every CDL issued goes to someone who demonstrates sufficient command of English. We should not remove them from the workforce, especially when they've proven their qualifications.

Majority Amendment (1010h)

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

AN ACT requiring the department of safety to only administer tests for commercial driver's licenses in English and prohibiting the assistance of an interpreter during such tests.

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

1 Commercial Driver License Qualification Standards; Testing Requirements; English Proficiency. Amend RSA 263:87 to read as follows:

263:87 Commercial Driver License Qualification Standards. No person shall be issued a commercial driver license unless that person is a resident of the state of New Hampshire and has passed a knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle. The knowledge and skills test shall comply with minimum federal standards established by federal regulation, as enumerated in 49 C.F.R. part 383, [sub-parts] **subparts** G and A, in addition to other requirements imposed by state law or federal regulation. The tests shall be prescribed and conducted by the department. ***Interpreters are prohibited during the administration of both the knowledge and skills tests, with the exception of federally mandated exemptions under 49 C.F.R. part 391. Applicants for a commercial driver's license must be able to understand and respond to verbal commands and instructions in English by a skills test examiner. The knowledge test shall be written and administered in English only. Neither the applicant nor the examiner may communicate in a language other than English during both the knowledge and skills tests.*** The department may authorize a person, including an agency of this or another state, an employer, a private driver training facility, or other private institution, or a department, agency, or instrumentality of local government, to administer the skills test in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 383.

2 New Paragraph; Commercial Licensing; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 263:98 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

XI. The procedure and administration of the commercial driver's license examination requirement of obtaining a passing score on both the knowledge and skills tests in English and without the assistance of an interpreter.

3 Applicability of RSA 263:87 as Amended by Section 1.

I. Upon the effective date of this act, the division of motor vehicles shall issue written notice to all commercial driver's licensees who qualified for such license within the past 5 years by:

(a) Passing the knowledge test or the skills test in a language other than English; or

(b) Passing the knowledge test or the skills test with the assistance of an interpreter, unless an interpreter was permitted under a federally mandated exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 391.

II. The division of motor vehicles will identify individuals who have taken the knowledge test in a non-English language and mail them a letter of written notice to notify them that they have 90 days from the postmarked date on the letter to retake the knowledge test in English. The letter of written notice shall also specify any skills test that the individual shall be required to pass within 90 days of the postmarked date in order to renew their commercial driver's license. The notice shall also state that any individual aggrieved by the department's actions shall be entitled to a due process hearing in accordance with RSA 260:6.

III. Individuals that obtain a passing score on required tests pursuant to paragraph II shall have their commercial driver's license renewed and application fees stated in RSA 263:42 waived. Such commercial driver licenses shall expire on the individual's birth date in the fifth year following the renewal of such license.

IV. Failure to pass a required test within 90 days of receipt of the written notice shall result in the revocation of the individual's commercial driver's license.

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

2026-1010h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Codifies the recent enforcement of a federal requirement that the administration of the skills test for commercial driver's licenses only be conducted in English and that interpreters are not permitted for the administration of the skills test.

II. Extends the same requirements for the administration of the knowledge test for commercial driver's licenses.

III. Requires commercial driver's licensees of the past 5 years who previously satisfied the knowledge or skills test requirement through testing in a language other than English or with the assistance of an interpreter to pass such examinations in English and without the assistance of an interpreter.

IV. Directs the department of safety to adopt rules regarding the requirement and to provide notice and an opportunity for hearing to current licensees required to pass an examination in English in order to maintain their license.

V. Provides an exemption for the use of interpreters for the knowledge and skills test where such individual or licensee qualifies or previously qualified for a federal exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 391.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

On a division vote, with 184 members having voted in the affirmative, and 158 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. Coker offered floor amendment (1104h).

Floor Amendment (1104h)

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

AN ACT requiring the department of safety to only administer tests for commercial driver's licenses in English and prohibiting the assistance of an interpreter during such tests.

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

1 Commercial Driver License Qualification Standards; Testing Requirements; English Proficiency. Amend RSA 263:87 to read as follows:

263:87 Commercial Driver License Qualification Standards. No person shall be issued a commercial driver license unless that person is a resident of the state of New Hampshire and has passed a knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle. The knowledge and skills test shall comply with minimum federal standards established by federal regulation, as enumerated in 49 C.F.R. part 383, ~~[sub-parts]~~ **subparts** G and A, in addition to other requirements imposed by state law or federal regulation. The tests shall be prescribed and conducted by the department. ***Interpreters are prohibited during the administration of both the knowledge and skills tests, with the exception of federally mandated exemptions under 49 C.F.R. part 391. Applicants for a commercial driver's license must be able to understand and respond to verbal commands and instructions in English by a skills test examiner. The knowledge test shall***

be written and administered in English only. Neither the applicant nor the examiner may communicate in a language other than English during both the knowledge and skills tests. The department may authorize a person, including an agency of this or another state, an employer, a private driver training facility, or other private institution, or a department, agency, or instrumentality of local government, to administer the skills test in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 383.

2 New Paragraph; Commercial Licensing; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 263:98 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

XI. The procedure and administration of the commercial driver's license examination requirement of obtaining a passing score on both the knowledge and skills tests in English and without the assistance of an interpreter.

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

2026-1104h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Codifies the recent enforcement of a federal requirement that the administration of the skills test for commercial driver's licenses only be conducted in English and that interpreters are not permitted for the administration of the skills test.

II. Extends the same requirements for the administration of the knowledge test for commercial driver's licenses.

III. Directs the department of safety to adopt rules regarding the examination requirement of obtaining a passing score on both the knowledge and skills tests in English and without the assistance of an interpreter.

IV. Provides an exemption for the use of interpreters for the knowledge and skills test where such individual or licensee qualifies for a federal exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 391.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1104h).

On a division vote, with 169 members having voted in the affirmative, and 177 in the negative, floor amendment (1104h) failed.

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

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Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
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Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

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Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Labrie, Brian
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond

Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Leishman, Peter
Miles, Julie
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark

Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wheeler, Jonah

Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Salvi, Santosh
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Plante, Raymond
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

(Representative Steven Smith in the Chair)

CACR 18, relating to tax rates. Providing that the rate of taxes in the state shall not exceed certain annual percentages. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This CACR is an attempt to make living in New Hampshire more affordable. The proposal sets a cap upon spending by every municipality based upon inflation and population growth. This proposal, to be voted upon by the taxpayers, lays out a constitutional duty for local officials from Nashua to Pittsburg to present a solid number with which they can work and plan their budgets. That is exactly what the Ways and Means Committee does every other year with our revenue estimates. An escape clause is built in to allow for the vagaries of existence. Opponents of the bill felt this would restrict municipalities from spending money on projects and stifle services to the needy, but no practical examples of how such would occur could be described. Again, opponents stated that placing a formulaic cap on municipalities was undemocratic and claimed that this would be, in essence, "Concord telling local communities what to spend." The majority of the committee argued that giving taxpayers a larger say in what money was being taken from them in taxes was a good thing. The majority agreed that the people of the state deserved the opportunity to decide for themselves how much they should be taxed by passing this bill. Vote 11-8.

Rep. Thomas Schamberg for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. Under the current New Hampshire Constitution, political subdivisions such as towns, cities, school districts, and counties are not subject to a constitutional limit on their total annual spending. If this CACR is adopted, the constitution would allow or require limits on the total annual spending of political subdivisions. If costs rise faster than capped limits, mandated limits may force reductions in essential government services like healthcare, education, and infrastructure. This CACR could restrict how much local governments can increase spending from year to year, potentially delaying action on time-sensitive public needs. Presently, spending levels may increase or decrease based on local needs, voter approval, contractual obligations, inflation, population changes, and unexpected costs. This CACR would place a permanent constitutional restriction on total local spending growth.

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

On a division vote, with 170 members having voted in the affirmative, and 163 in the negative, the majority committee report failed, lacking the necessary three-fifths vote.

HB 1068, relative to the meaning of "hotel" as it pertains to meals and rooms taxation. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill, as amended, seeks to eliminate a refundable tax currently existing with regard to room rentals. After six months and one day, the room rental tax is to be refunded to the renter currently. About \$56,000 was refunded in 2025. This amendment would create

better operation of the rooms rental tax and may even generate a tad bit more revenue since the first 30 days would still be taxed even if the short term room rental became a long term room rental. In addition, professionals that travel across the company, such as gig workers, including but not limited to nurses, would benefit and make NH more competitive with the surrounding states that also define short term as 30 days or less. Vote 9-8.

Rep. Susan Almy for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. There is no useful data to even estimate the cost to our revenues of a major reduction in the rooms portion of our 59-year-old Meals and Rooms Tax, which raised a total of \$97 million in 2025. Almost all of our hospitals and nursing homes depend on traveling nurses who often stay more than 30 days. Many vacation rentals also are often more than a month. Businesses that need special expertise may also bring in consultants for more than 30 days. The language of the bill also appears likely to impose a new tax on renters and landlords may be forced to pay the Rooms and Meals Tax on the first 30 days of the rental should they be renting on a month-to-month basis. With revenues dropping, property taxes rising, state services being cut, and the budget in trouble, it is foolhardy to make this leap into the dark.

Majority Amendment (0691h)

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

AN ACT taxing certain occupants who have established permanent residences under the meals and rooms tax.

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

1 Tax on Meals and Rooms; Definitions. Amend RSA 78-A:3 to read as follows:

XV. "Permanent resident" means any occupant who has ~~[occupied any room in a hotel for at least 185 consecutive days]~~ ***made an agreement to occupy any room in a hotel for more than 30 consecutive days.***

2 New Section; Taxation. Amend RSA 78-A by inserting after section 26 the following new section:

78-A:27 Taxation on Certain Classifications of Occupants.

I. A permanent residence shall be determined at the time an occupancy is initiated and shall not arise afterward, even if the initial term of occupancy is extended so that the total term of occupancy is more than 30 consecutive days.

II. When a taxable occupancy is extended such that it exceeds 30 consecutive days, only the first 30 days of the occupancy shall be taxable.

III. When an occupancy of a person deemed a permanent resident is shortened to not more than 30 days, that occupancy shall become taxable.

3 Applicability. This act shall apply to all taxable periods ending on or after January 1, 2027.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill taxes certain occupants who have established permanent residences under the meals and rooms tax.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 179 members having voted in the affirmative, and 162 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1194-FN, relative to credits for assessments paid by insurers. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Mary Murphy for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill is at the request of the NH Insurance Department and allows member insurers to use eligible assessment credits to offset their Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) liability. The amendment seeks to clarify and define terminology to facilitate implementation. It will also make three additional changes: extend the timeframe from five years to seven years to recognize the tax credit against IPT, cap the maximum annual credit at \$10 million to improve predictability of state IPT revenues, and sets the annual limitation on credit recognition per calendar year at 14.28%. In any calendar in which the \$10 million aggregate annual limitation is not reached, member insurers may recognize eligible assessment credits at a rate of 20 percent for five years. These changes are designed to address the insurance industry's concerns about an inadequate period in which they can recognize any credit against their IPT liability after having helped to partially restore consumer asset losses resulting from the insolvency of an insurance carrier. They also address the NH Insurance Department's goals to ensure stable IPT revenues and protect the General Fund. The proposed ten-year period was felt to be too long and might result in foregoing more IPT than the state can afford. Vote 16-1.

Rep. Susan Almy for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill should be a compromise between the Department of Insurance and the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), but an amendment was offered that had not been seen by ACLI. As such, their lobbyist had no way to discuss this with ACLI members. The minority will offer no objection on the floor unless the ACLI objects.

Majority Amendment (0799h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association of 2019; Credits for Assessments Paid. RSA 408-F:13 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

408-F:13 Credits for Assessments Paid.

I. In this section:

(a) "Eligible assessment credits" means credits arising from assessments paid by a member insurer pursuant to RSA 408-F:9 that are otherwise allowable against tax liability under RSA 400-A.

(b) "Aggregate annual limitation" means the maximum amount of eligible assessment credits that may be recognized by all member insurers in any calendar year, as established in paragraph II.

(c) "Deferred credits" means eligible assessment credits that are not recognized in the calendar year in which they would otherwise be claimable solely by operation of the aggregate annual limitation.

(d) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the insurance department.

II.(a) The total amount of eligible assessment credits recognized by all member insurers in any calendar year shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

(b) Eligible assessment credits shall be applied only after the full calculation of tax liability under RSA 400-A and shall not operate to reduce tax liability below zero.

(c) If eligible assessment credits otherwise claimable in a calendar year exceed the aggregate annual limitation, the amount of credit which each member company shall be permitted to carry forward will be calculated as the percentage of the member company's deferred credit relative to the total deferred credit.

(d) The portion of eligible assessment credits exceeding the aggregate annual limitation:

(1) Shall constitute deferred credits, and

(2) Shall remain valid eligible assessment credits subject solely to timing limitation under this section.

(e) Deferred credits shall be applied in the order in which they are accrued.

(f) Deferred credits shall not be transferred, assigned, or conveyed except as otherwise expressly authorized by statute.

III.(a) Deferred credits may be carried forward for recognition for up to 7 consecutive calendar years following the year in which the credits first became deferred.

(b) Recognition of deferred credits in any calendar year shall remain subject to the aggregate annual limitation.

(c) No member insurer shall recognize more than 14.28 percent of the aggregate annual limitation in any calendar year from deferred credits, unless the commissioner determines that strict application of this limitation would materially impair the orderly administration of this section.

IV. In any calendar year in which the aggregate annual limitation is not reached, member insurers may recognize eligible assessment credits at a rate of 20 percent for 5 years.

V.(a) Member insurers shall report eligible assessment credits and deferred credits in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

(b) Deferred credits shall not be treated as admitted assets except to the extent permitted under statutory accounting principles.

(c) Deferral of credits pursuant to this section shall not affect the legal status of the credit.

VI. If a member insurer ceases doing business, any uncredited assessments described above may be credited against its tax liability under RSA 400-A for the year it ceases doing business.

VII. Any sums acquired by refund from the association that were previously recognized as credits shall be remitted to the state in the manner required by the commissioner. The association shall notify the commissioner of such refunds.

VIII. The commissioner may adopt rules under RSA 541-A as necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 336 members having voted in the affirmative, and 2 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1597-FN, relative to business profits tax expense deductions. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bill Ohm for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Section 179 deduction allows businesses to deduct the full cost of qualifying equipment and assets in the year they place them into service, rather than depreciating them over time. This deduction can help businesses reduce taxable income, improve cash flow, and reinvest savings into operations and growth. This deduction has recently

been increased to \$2.5 million for federal tax purposes, but remains at \$500,000 for New Hampshire business taxes. This bill does not affect the amount of the tax owed, only the timing of the payments. The majority feels that bringing NH tax code in line with the IRS tax code will continue to improve the New Hampshire business climate as well as simplify tax reporting. Vote 13-6.

Rep. Susan Almy for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill raises the cap on business tax expense deductions in one year from \$500,000, set by the legislature in 2018 when it rejected moving to the federal cap of \$2.5 million. Business tax expense deductions are a matter of timing: they can deduct the entire amount allowed in the first year when they finish building or buying equipment, and then not be able to deduct more for that project, or they can deduct smaller amounts over years. Only the largest businesses will be able to use the full cap, but we have these businesses in our state, as well as expandable subsidiaries of those in other states. The utilization of these credits all at once in 2027 and 2028 by major businesses could drastically cut our business profits tax revenue in those years, causing major budget cuts from which it would be difficult to recover. Our business revenues have been declining since 2024. Our credit ratings have always been our salvation when things got tough, but last year \$67 million was taken from the rainy day fund to complete the ongoing major improvements in state-owned buildings, cutting it to \$225 million. Further large withdrawals would affect our credit ratings badly, increasing the cost of borrowing for the state and to some extent, for the municipalities and counties. The minority believes our state and our citizens cannot afford the risks of this change.

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

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Read moved that **HB 1357**, permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the placement of newly constructed manufactured homes be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1357, permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the placement of newly constructed manufactured homes. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Paige for the **Majority** of Housing. The median sale price of a new home in New Hampshire has now exceeded an eye-popping \$700,000. For too many working people, the dream of homeownership—and the stability it provides—has drifted out of reach. If we are serious about confronting our housing affordability crisis, we must recognize that for many Granite Staters manufactured housing represents their most realistic path to owning a home. The committee is united in its belief that removing unreasonable restrictions on the placement of manufactured housing where other single-family homes are allowed is a key policy priority that cuts straight to the heart of this challenge. In fact, we believe it is among the most powerful tools this House can embrace to expand homeownership opportunities across our state. Many misunderstandings surround manufactured housing. Modern manufactured homes meet rigorous federal standards and are designed to be transported only once—to their permanent location. They are high-quality structures that appreciate in value like stick-built homes and are built to comparable standards of durability and safety. The majority of the committee strongly supports the policy goals of this bill. We also recognize, regretfully, that moving forward successfully is going to require continued work—both to respond to technical questions colleagues have raised about the bill and to ensure members of the House, stakeholders, and the public at large have a clear understanding of modern manufactured housing. With continued dialogue and good-faith collaboration, we believe the legislature can build broader consensus around these needed reforms. For these reasons, the majority recommends Interim Study while urging the body to come together and return in 2027 ready to deliver for working people. Vote 16-1.

Rep. Ellen Read for the **Minority** of Housing. It is accepted fact that New Hampshire has a dire shortage of housing stock, and therefore new housing must be created, and quickly... particularly if we have any hope to stem the hemorrhage of workers from the state. And yet, the median sale price of a new home in New Hampshire now exceeds \$700,000. As a result, for many of those workers, the dream of homeownership—and the security it provides—is increasingly and hopelessly out of reach. Manufactured housing offers many Granite Staters their most affordable path to homeownership. The committee is unanimously resolute in the need to remove unreasonable restrictions on the placement of manufactured housing where other single-family homes are allowed. It is a key policy priority that goes straight to the heart of our affordability crisis. In fact, the entire committee believes it is among the most powerful solutions this House can embrace to meet this challenge. It is for this very poignant reason that the minority of the committee feels that now is the time, and in fact far past time, to pass this desperately needed measure.

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

On a division vote, with 199 members having voted in the affirmative, and 142 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Weber moved that **HB 1760-FN-A**, repealing the directive that the department of health and human services seek a waiver to establish pharmacy copayment and premium requirements under the state Medicaid plan and making an appropriation therefor be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

On a division vote, with 304 members having voted in the affirmative, and 40 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 2:50 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

(Representative Steven Smith in the Chair)

HB 1760-FN-A, repealing the directive that the department of health and human services seek a waiver to establish pharmacy copayment and premium requirements under the state Medicaid plan and making an appropriation therefor. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Lisa Mazur for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The majority of the committee finds that repealing the copayment and premium directives removes reasonable cost-sharing measures designed to promote personal responsibility and program sustainability within Medicaid and related programs. These provisions were enacted to help control long-term costs while preserving access to care. By eliminating these requirements and providing an open-ended appropriation to cover the shortfall, this bill shifts additional financial burden onto taxpayers without identifying a stable funding source. For these reasons, the committee majority recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Janet Lucas for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill repeals the directive in HB 2 (Ch. 141, Laws of 2025) (HB 2) that the Department of Health and Human Services seeks a waiver to establish pharmacy copayment and premium requirements under the state advantage health care program (Granite Advantage) and the children's health insurance program (CHIP). People on fixed incomes and with limited resources will not be able to afford the pharmacy copayments as currently directed, leading to unfilled or delayed prescriptions, worsening chronic health conditions and disabilities, and ultimately, more expensive health care that will bring unintended costs to the state. When someone who cannot afford the Medicaid premium drops coverage, the 90% federal contribution to the state is also lost. This will place a burden on health care providers that depend on Medicaid premiums to help defray the cost of uncompensated care. The Ammonoosuc Community Health Services in Franconia, NH closure in October 2025 was driven by the loss of \$500,000 in annual revenue linked to federal Medicaid cuts. Other NH providers are at risk of closure as state Medicaid cuts are added. Other states that have implemented similar premiums have seen coverage losses like Oregon, where enrollment dropped by nearly half for the qualified affected population. Those who disenrolled were four-to -five times more likely to go to emergency rooms for usual source of care than people who remained enrolled, creating more uncompensated care costs to be absorbed by providers and taxpayers. Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025, Pub. Law 119-21 (OB BB), federal cost-sharing for Medicaid premiums is due to begin October 1, 2028, superseding the state directive in HB 2. The Department of Health and Human Services, already beleaguered by \$51 million in budget cuts, will need to find funding to implement software and administer the HB 2 state directive only to have that system rendered obsolete 18 months later when the OB BB directives take effect. Health Care Providers will experience financial whiplash between the state directives and the implementation of federal OB BB directives. HB 1760 restores stability to this process by repealing the state HB 2 directive in anticipation of the federal government directives and protects small business bottom lines from legislative flip-flopping. HB 1760 will also prevent the expansion of Medicaid premium charges to between 7,000 and 8,000 children. HB 1760 can help prepare for the changes and guidance still coming from the federal government because of OB BB. HB 1760 removes the income tax on low-income NH citizens, including impoverished children, enacted in HB 2. HB 1760 helps New Hampshire's most vulnerable residents maintain access to preventative health care, saving health care dollars that would otherwise be spent on much more expensive emergency care.

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

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

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Raynolds, Ned
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Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted.

Rep. Hartnett did not vote and wished to be recorded against.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Osborne moved that **HB 1288**, relative to enabling school administrative units to adopt budget caps. be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1288, relative to enabling school administrative units to adopt budget caps. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Dan McGuire for Education Funding. This bill is enabling legislation which allows voters in a School Administrative Unit (SAU) to adopt a cap on the SAU's annual budget, similar to how school districts and municipalities can also adopt caps. Unfortunately, this complicated bill contained drafting errors and awkward corner cases that the committee didn't notice until it was too late to create a workable amendment. Interim study will allow the committee to properly prepare language that could be introduced another year. Vote 18-0.

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

On a division vote, with 175 members having voted in the affirmative, and 164 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Weber moved that **HB 1171**, relative to eviction safeguards for tenants whose Social Security payments are disrupted be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1171, relative to eviction safeguards for tenants whose Social Security payments are disrupted. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Aron for the **Majority** of Housing. This bill establishes a 90-day grace period for residential tenants who miss rent payments due to an unexpected interruption in their monthly Social Security benefits. The majority of the committee felt that this situation put an undue hardship on the landlord who would not be receiving rent for up to 90 days. The bill did not contain any specific conditions under which the grace period would be triggered. It also did not specify whether the tenant needed to pay back the unpaid rent after the grace period ended. For these reasons, the majority recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 10-8. Rep. Erin Kerwin for the **Minority** of Housing. This bill provides a narrowly tailored eviction safeguard for tenants whose rent nonpayment is caused by the unanticipated disruption of Social Security benefits. The bill does not forgive rent, alter existing lease obligations, or permanently delay eviction proceedings. It simply establishes a limited 90-day grace period to allow affected tenants time to resolve benefit interruptions or secure alternative housing or funding. Testimony before the committee highlighted that disruptions in Social Security payments are often administrative in nature and beyond the control of the recipient. For many seniors and people with disabilities, even a brief interruption in benefits can immediately jeopardize housing stability. The minority believes that preventing avoidable evictions under these circumstances protects vulnerable residents while maintaining fairness for property owners. The minority therefore recommends this bill be found Ought to Pass with Amendment.

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

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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YEAS - 186

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Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
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Lascelles, Richard
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Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa

Barbour, Liz
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Proulx, Mark

Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim

Reinfurt, Sherri
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

Scully, Kevin
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

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

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Thibault, James

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
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Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Guzofski, James
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
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Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
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Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Selby, Donald
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

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Bailey, Glenn
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Farrington, Samuel
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DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

NAYS - 155 BELKNAP

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

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

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Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
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Elberger, Susan
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Laroche, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

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Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Weber moved that **HB 1722**, relative to consumer protections and energy classifications for large-use electric facilities be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

On a division vote, with 214 members having voted in the affirmative, and 126 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1722, relative to consumer protections and energy classifications for large-use electric facilities. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Vose for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks to protect ratepayers by putting safeguards in place to prevent large use customers from driving up costs for everyone else. Testimony indicated that no such threat exists. The bill suffered from many problems, such as jurisdictional problems concerning transmission, confusion of siting with rate setting, and a misperception about the difference between vertically integrated versus restructured electricity markets. Utilities described in testimony how they accept and provide power for new customers and no cost shifting occurs to existing customers. Any customers seeking to interconnect to a utility's distribution system bear the cost of that connection and any necessary upgrades the system may need. The majority believes the bill may hinder data center commerce in NH. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Kat McGhee for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill is designed to anticipate the need for a separate category of large-use electric facility following the rapid expansion of data centers, including crypto-businesses and artificial intelligence operations. While there are many controversial issues for states, neighbors, and consumers when it comes to inviting data centers, this bill is concerned with two simple steps: 1) defining how the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the utilities will work together to come up with an appropriate process and tariff structure to ensure costs are fairly appropriated, and 2) placing in statute the intention of the legislature to protect individual ratepayers from cost-shifting from these large-use electric facilities to individual electric bills. If the same amount of electricity coming into the state is suddenly needed by both data centers and consumers, does the spike in demand have to mean a spike in our electric bills? The minority believes that if the increased demand is because of a large-use electric facility, the costs of their business should not be socialized across the broader consumer-base who are already responsible for storm costs, asset reconditioning, poles and wires, and transmission upgrades as part of the existing public utility model. This bill is focused on avoiding higher electric bills.

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

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 185 - NAYS 156**YEAS - 185****BELKNAP**

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Morton, Jonathan
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Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

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Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Butler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Potenza, Kelley
Stone, John

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Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

and the majority committee report was adopted.
Rep. Darby voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Osborne moved that **HB 1416**, prohibits certain government regulations regarding pregnancy resource centers in connection with abortion and contraception service offerings be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1416, prohibits certain government regulations regarding pregnancy resource centers in connection with abortion and contraception service offerings. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Zoe Manos for the **Majority** of Judiciary. Pregnancy resource centers are private organizations. They have First Amendment rights. Their work to provide diapers, baby formula, clothing, and baby equipment to

moms and families, without any questions, is admirable and to be respected. However, the individuals who testified could not identify any current or past threats by the legislature or state agencies to change what pregnancy resource centers offer. There have been no bills filed by the New Hampshire legislature – ever – targeting them. The examples given by the sponsor were from other states, specifically Vermont and Massachusetts. Currently, pregnancy resource centers are not regulated by the state or federal government. They are not required to comply with HIPAA in order to protect patient privacy and confidentiality. Pregnancy resource centers are not required to provide informed consent to their patients, which would assure that all options for medical care are presented and discussed with patients. They may encourage pregnant women to try “abortion pill reversal,” which hasn’t been peer reviewed and hasn’t been tested for safety, effectiveness or possible side effects. They are private entities with an anti-abortion ideological perspective. The legislature has had multiple opportunities to protect abortion rights in New Hampshire – while debating actual, current abortion bans – but has not yet enshrined the right in state law. This bill, on the other hand, was drafted to address a hypothetical concern, one that has not happened at all in New Hampshire, yet this bill seeks to shield pregnancy resource centers. The bill is unnecessary. Vote 9-8.

Rep. Kevin Scully for the **Minority** of Judiciary. A sizable minority of the Judiciary Committee believes that clear, legal protections for pregnancy resource centers are a wise, proactive measure for NH. The majority opinion is that these protections are unnecessary because such attacks have yet to occur in NH, and the minority agrees that up to this point, it is true. However, one has only to widen one’s gaze to see that a clear pattern has developed across our country, and one need look no further than neighboring MA and VT to see such attacks, and to understand that too many who profess choice are interested in no such thing. Using the resources and power of government to go after these small charities that are a threat to no one, is both unfair and dangerous. The amendment supported by the minority would make clear that only qualified medical personnel can give medical care and treatment, so the legitimate concern with the original bill has been satisfied. This bill does nothing to restrict abortion or access to healthcare and proactively putting protections in place for these pregnancy resource centers will ensure that pregnant woman will continue to have an actual choice in NH. For these reasons, the minority supports Ought to Pass with Amendment for this bill.

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

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Coker, Matthew	Nagel, David	St. Clair, Charlie
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CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita	Paige, David	McAleer, Chris	Woodcock, Stephen
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Ames, Dick	Berch, Paul	Harvey, Cathryn	Fox, Dru
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Jones, Philip	Germana, Nicholas	Newell, Jodi	O’Rorke, Terri
Parshall, Lucius	Weber, Lucy		

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Almy, Susan	Baldwin, Heather	Bolton, Bill	Cormen, Thomas
Fellows, Sallie	Fracht, David	Hakken-Phillips, Mary	Sullivan, Jared
Lucas, Janet	Oppel, Thomas	Rockmore, Ellen	Spahr, Terry
Stavis, Laurel	Stringham, Jerry	Sykes, George	

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MacKenzie, Mark	Manohar, Sanjeev	McGhee, Kat	Miles, Julie
Murphy, Nancy	Petrigno, Peter	Plamondon, Marc	Preece, David
Proulx, Mark	Newman, Ray	Raymond, Heather	Rombeau, Catherine
Rung, Rosemarie	Ryan, Linda	Newman, Sue	Salvi, Santosh
Seibert, Christine	Sofikitis, Catherine	Spier, Carry	Staub, Kathy
Telerski, Laura	Tellez, Trinidad	Vail, Suzanne	Veilleux, Daniel
Thomas, Wendy	Wheeler, Jonah	Wilhelm, Matthew	

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
Newsom, James
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
de Vries, Erica
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Turer, Eric

Bridle, Nicholas
Edgar, Michael
Lynn, Bob
Mandelbaum, Jennifer
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

Cahill, Michael
Gilman, Julie
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

Mannion, Dennis
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, Toni

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
England, Myles
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Stone, John

Butler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

NAYS - 176**BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

Bordes, Mike
Ploszaj, Tom

Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

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Avellani, Lino
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
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Murphy, Denis
Qualey, James

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Mattson, Rita

Nalevanko, Rich

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
Tremblay, Marc

Morency, Pete

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

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Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Ohm, Bill
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Scully, Kevin
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

Barbour, Liz
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

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

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Thibault, James

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
Boyd, Stephen
Wood, Clayton

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Gonzalez, Ernesto
Pitaro, Matthew
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Bennett, Cindy	Bernardy, JD	Bryer, Scott	Thomas, Douglas
DeSimone, Debra	Donnelly, Tanya	Drago, Mike	Dunn, Ron
Foote, Charles	Guthrie, Joseph	Guzofski, James	Katsakiores, Phyllis
Khan, Aboul	Kuttab, Katelyn	Miner, Laurence	Walsh, Lilli
Layon, Erica	Litchfield, Melissa	Love, David	Lundgren, David
Pearson, Mark	McDonnell, Valerie	McGrath, Linda	McMahon, Charles
Melvin, Charles	Milz, David	Nadeau, Brian	Nelson, Jodi
Osborne, Jason	Brown, Pam	Perez, Kristine	Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Porcelli, Susan	Potucek, John	Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	Roy, Terry
Pearson, Stephen	Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt	Selby, Donald	Sorensen, Carrie
Soti, Julius	Summers, James	Sweeney, Joe	Sytek, John
Dolan, Tom	Tripp, Richard	Tudor, Paul	Verville, Kevin
Vose, Michael	MacDonald, Wayne	Weyler, Kenneth	Wilson, Vicki

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Bailey, Glenn	Burnham, Claudine	DeDe-Poulin, Denise	DeLemus, Susan
DeRoy, Susan	Farrington, Samuel	Granger, Michael	Harrington, Michael
Kaczynski, Thomas	Potenza, Kelley	Turcotte, Len	Walker, David

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Drye, Margaret	Grant, George	Hemingway, Wayne	Aron, Judy
Aron, Michael	Rollins, Skip	Spilsbury, Walter	

and the majority committee report failed.

Rep. Sorensen voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

Rep. Scully moved Ought to Pass and offered minority amendment (0916h).

Minority Amendment (0916h)

Amend RSA 332-O:2, IX as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IX. Prohibit a medical pregnancy resource center from providing any pregnancy-related care or treatment, including care or treatment that may reverse the effects of chemical abortion drugs by a qualified medical person, including a physician, physician associate, or advanced practice registered nurse, or referring a client to such qualified medical personnel for such treatment.

The question being adoption of the minority committee amendment.

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

YEAS 179 - NAYS 161**YEAS - 179****BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen	Bogert, Steven	Comtois, Barbara	Freeman, Lisa
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet	Ploszaj, Tom	Minor, Sheri	Terry, Paul
Toner, Travis			

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino	Belcher, Mike	Crawford, Karel	MacDonald, John
Peternel, Katy	Brown, Richard	Taylor, Brian	

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis	Hunt, John	Karasinski, Sly	Mattson, Rita
Nalevanko, Rich	Qualey, James		

COOS

Davis, Arnold	Durkin, Sean	Korzen, Lori	Morency, Pete
King, Seth	Tierney, James	Tremblay, Marc	

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph	Beaulier, Calvin	Berezhny, Lex	Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Franz, Linda	Ladd, Rick	Louis, Darrell	Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe	Ammon, Keith	Boyd, Bill	Barbour, Liz
Berry, Ross	Boehm, Ralph	Colcombe, Riché	Cole, Brian
Corcoran, Travis	Creighton, James	Kelley, Diane	Daniels, Gary
Drew, Matt	Dumont, Dillon	Dupont, Pierre	Erf, Keith
Flanagan, Jack	Griffin, Gerald	Gagne, Larry	Giasson, Henry
Gorski, Ted	Gould, Linda	Kenny, Catherine	Kesselring, Steven
Kofalt, Jim	Labrie, Brian	Lascelles, Richard	Murphy, Mary

Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sirois, Shane
Mannion, Tom

McLean, Mark
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

Mooney, Maureen
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Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
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Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Guthrie, Joseph
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Bryer, Scott
Drago, Mike
Guzofski, James
Miner, Laurence
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DeDe-Poulin, Denise
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Turcotte, Len

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

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BELKNAP

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

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

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Spahr, Terry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Chourasia, Manoj
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxx, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue

Beauchemin, Paige
Chretien, Suzanne
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh

Bergeron, Dan
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Miles, Julie
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine

Budathoki, Suraj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine

Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Telerski, Laura
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Tellez, Trinidad
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Wallner, Mary Jane

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Schultz, Kris
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Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

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Simpson, Alexis
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Butler, Billie
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Girard, Dale

and the minority committee amendment was adopted.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Germana moved that **HB 1416**, prohibits certain government regulations regarding pregnancy resource centers in connection with abortion and contraception service offerings, be laid on the table.

Rep. Osborne requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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YEAS - 165

BELKNAP

Coker, Matthew

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

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

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rourke, Terri

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Spahr, Terry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alistandra
Chourasia, Manoj
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Petrigno, Peter

Beauchemin, Paige
Chretien, Suzanne
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Plamondon, Marc

Bergeron, Dan
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Miles, Julie
Preece, David

Budathoki, Suraj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark

Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Rung, Rosemarie
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Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

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Hall, Muriel
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Wallner, Mary Jane

Caplan, Tony
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Newsom, James
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

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Snodgrass, Jim

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Donnelly, Tanya
Knab, Allison
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Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
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Cahill, Michael
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Turer, Eric

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Wade, Alice

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Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Stone, John

Butler, Billie
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

NAYS - 174

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

Bogert, Steven
Ploszaj, Tom

Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

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Morency, Pete

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Barton, Joseph
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Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

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Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Scully, Kevin
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Wherry, Robert

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Morton, Jonathan
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Selby, Donald
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
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DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

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Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

and the motion failed.

The question on being adoption of the minority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Simpson requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 176 - NAYS 163**YEAS - 176****BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Toner, Travis

Bogert, Steven
Ploszaj, Tom

Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

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Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
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BELKNAP

Coker, Matthew

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Weber moved that **HR 44**, concerning the protection of public lands be removed from the table.

On a division vote, with 311 members having voted in the affirmative, and 23 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

HR 44, concerning the protection of public lands. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Will Darby for Resources, Recreation and Development. New Hampshire is blessed with magnificent forests and inviting open spaces welcoming all outdoors men and women to enjoy the state's natural beauty. The White Mountain National Forest, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, state forest and parks are just a few Granite State treasures offering recreational, economic, cultural, and spiritual opportunities. This House Resolution proclaims the benefits of the state's public land in light of threats facing pristine wilderness across the country, including road building, industrial development, and land disposal. The amendment removes references to federal regulations and logging, an important state industry. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0800h)

Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

Whereas, Granite Staters have a deep love and affection for our shared, public lands and the innumerable benefits they provide; and

Whereas, New Hampshire's state and federal public lands include the White Mountain National Forest, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, designated wilderness areas, state forests and parks, and other conserved lands that define our state's natural character; and

Whereas, New Hampshire residents' affection for public lands does not stop at our state line, extending to the greater Northern Forest, the Green and Adirondack Mountains, Acadia National Park, and the millions of acres of conserved lands across New England that offer hiking, skiing, boating, climbing, and world-class hunting and fishing; and

Whereas, our public lands reflect many of our most noble democratic ideals, offering recreational, economic, cultural, and spiritual opportunities to all people, regardless of background, income, or geography; and

Whereas, New Hampshire's public lands provide defining features of our shared heritage: from the Presidential Range and Franconia Notch to historic trails like the Crawford Path, and the mills, farmsteads, and stone walls that tell the story of our communities; and

Whereas, these lands safeguard essential wildlife habitats, clean water sources such as the Saco, Androscoggin, and Merrimack Rivers, clean air, and natural amenities that support Granite Staters' quality of life and strengthen our resilience to floods, droughts, and other disasters; and

Whereas, tourism and outdoor recreation are central to New Hampshire's economy, with the outdoor recreation industry contributing nearly \$4 billion annually and supporting tens of thousands of jobs in guiding, hospitality, ski areas, equipment, and local businesses, including in communities that are near our state and federal public lands; and

Whereas, New Hampshire residents and visitors alike treasure the 4-season recreation that our forests and mountains provide — from summer hiking to fall foliage, winter skiing, and spring fishing — and these activities sustain both our economy and our identity; and

Whereas, attempts to open roadless areas to industrial development and road-building threaten New Hampshire's treasured landscapes and are inconsistent with the values and interests of Granite Staters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the House of Representatives:

I. Declares our support for keeping our public lands in public hands through the stewardship of the United States government and its federal land management agencies, including the United States Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

II. Opposes efforts to open roadless areas or dispose of our state or federal public lands, including inventoried roadless areas in the White Mountain National Forest.

III. Encourages New Hampshire's governor and attorney general, and our Congressional delegation, to take all necessary actions to oppose any attempt to rescind the Roadless Rule or diminish protections for our state and federal public lands.

Let it further be resolved that copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives, be forwarded by the house clerk to the governor of New Hampshire, the attorney general, the New Hampshire congressional delegation, and the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Darby offered floor amendment (1078h).

Floor Amendment (1078h)

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I. Declares our support for keeping our public lands in public hands through the stewardship of the United States government and its federal land management agencies, including the United States Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

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Let it further be resolved that copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives, be forwarded by the house clerk to the governor of New Hampshire, the attorney general, the New Hampshire congressional delegation, and the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1078h).

Floor amendment (1078h) 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.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Weber moved that **HB 1609-FN**, limiting the use of state, county, and municipal funds and property for construction and operation of certain immigrant detention facilities be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1609-FN, limiting the use of state, county, and municipal funds and property for construction and operation of certain immigrant detention facilities. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James Thibault for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill is an undue burden and restriction on New Hampshire's county and municipal governments. Instead of allowing the state, counties, and municipalities to make fair and adequate agreements with federal immigration agencies, this bill forces a prohibitive mandate on these bodies. It would prevent them from spending tax dollars to collaborate with immigration enforcement while also barring them from selling properties to other government entities for use as immigration detention. Such a restriction removes a viable option for local and state governments to offload unwanted properties. While paragraph II of this bill purports to not impede law enforcement and corrections agencies from entering into agreements with or complying with immigration authorities, the fact that both parties cannot negotiate to their mutual benefit serves as a poison pill towards federal officials that will discourage them from working in New Hampshire to protect Granite Staters. While there have been concerns about federal agencies not living up to the agreements they signed with New Hampshire governments, the majority believes this one-size-fits-all approach does not actually help anyone. It restricts the ability of the citizens of this state to make their own decisions about law enforcement in their communities. The majority believes this bill would only offer one-sided deals that disincentivize the enforcement of the rule of law in New Hampshire. Vote 9-7.

Rep. Heath Howard for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill requires that the federal government covers 100% of the costs to hold ICE detainees in our prisons and jails. This has been a discussion in Strafford County with some members of the delegation asking if our county is footing the bill for the federal government. This legislation does not prevent local communities from engaging in 287(g) contracts or other agreements, but ensures that the federal government is covering the entire cost. The federal government gave ICE an additional \$75 billion this year and has expanded the number of detention facilities being used, this is their project and local property tax payers shouldn't be footing the bill. The minority believes that with Granite Staters seeing increases in their property tax bill this piece of legislation is a common sense piece of oversight that protects our constituents wallets.

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

Rep. Heath Howard requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Sellers, John

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Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tim

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peebles, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sirois, Shane
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Kelley, Diane
Dupont, Pierre
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Lascelles, Richard
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Ulery, Jordan

Barbour, Liz
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Roy, Terry
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bryer, Scott
Donnelly, Tanya
Guthrie, Joseph
Kuttab, Katelyn
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SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
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Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Love moved that **HB 1675**, establishing a commission to investigate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and requiring funding only be provided for the direct services materially benefitting survivors of sexual and domestic assault be removed from the table.

Rep. de Vries requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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 Selig, Loren
 Wade, Alice

Burton, Wayne
 Gilmore, Gary
 Howland, Allan
 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas
 Wall, Janet

Butler, Billie
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Miller, Seth
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Sullivan, Brian
 Girard, Dale

Cloutier, John
 Palmer, William

Damon, Hope

Drye, Margaret

and the motion failed.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Weber moved that **CACR 25**, relative to the right to marry.

Providing that the right to marry is a fundamental civil right and that the state shall protect the right of every individual, regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or race, to marry and to have their marriage legally recognized be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

CACR 25, relative to the right to marry. Providing that the right to marry is a fundamental civil right and that the state shall protect the right of every individual, regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or race, to marry and to have their marriage legally recognized. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joe Alexander for the **Majority** of Judiciary. The bipartisan majority of the Judiciary Committee believes there is no need for this CACR. The resolution as drafted would require that the state recognize the right to marry between two individuals regardless of sex, sexual orientation, race, or gender identity. This sounds great in the title but the devil is in the details. The resolution as drafted would require the State of New Hampshire to recognize the marriage of any lawful marriage in any other state. Thirty-four states currently

allow for child marriage under certain circumstances. Additionally, the Supreme Court of the United States recognized the right to marry in 2015 in its landmark *Obergefell* decision. Not a single sponsor or witness could testify to any attempt in New Hampshire to repeal the right to marry following the *Obergefell* decision. This CACR is a solution looking for a problem. Vote 11-7.

Rep. Catherine Rombeau for the **Minority** of Judiciary. In 2018, a super-majority of voters approved amending our state constitution to include a right to privacy, establishing that the “right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.” The right to marry who we choose is likewise so critical to our individual freedom from governmental intrusion that voters deserve the opportunity to enshrine it constitutionally, rather than rely on legislative and judicial positions easily subject to reversal. New Hampshire legalized marriage equality over 15 years ago, after providing for civil unions in 2007 (the first in the nation). While opponents have suggested that federal case law already provides for marriage regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or race, such case law does not guarantee such recognition in perpetuity. New Hampshire has never waited for the federal government to recognize our essential rights and we should not do so now.

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

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Ploszaj, Tom

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Freeman, Lisa
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Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Korzen, Lori
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Morency, Pete

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Barton, Joseph
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Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Sellers, John

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Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
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Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
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Miles, Julie
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Mooney, Maureen
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Tenczar, Jeffrey

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Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Plante, Raymond
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Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
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Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
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Soti, Julius
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Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

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Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
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Nagel, David

CARROLL

McAleer, Chris

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

Woodcock, Stephen

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Faulkner, Barry
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Sullivan, Jared
Spahr, Terry

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Staub, Kathy
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Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
Chretien, Suzanne
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Gregg, Alicia
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Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Veilleux, Daniel

Bergeron, Dan
Darby, Will
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Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
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Thomas, Wendy

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Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
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Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
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Wheeler, Jonah

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Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
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Wallner, Mary Jane

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Drye moved that **HB 1395**, relative to the annual proclamation of “New Hampshire Day at the Big E.” be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1395, relative to the annual proclamation of “New Hampshire Day at the Big E.” **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill proclaims the third Friday after labor day as “New Hampshire Day at the Big E”. Although the committee supports the enthusiasm of the sponsors of this bill and the Big E, the committee remains steadfast in its position that celebrations and proclamations be initiated by organizations through the governor’s office and local endeavors. Vote 15-0.

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

On a division vote, with 191 members having voted in the affirmative, and 146 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Weber moved that **HCR 12**, calling upon the federal delegation from New Hampshire to support Medicare for All, a universal health insurance program that guarantees all people the health care they need be made a Special Order to the next order of business.

Motion was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HCR 12, calling upon the federal delegation from New Hampshire to support Medicare for All, a universal health insurance program that guarantees all people the health care they need. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mike Belcher for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This Medicare-for-all resolution calls on the federal government to move to a single-payer, taxpayer-funded system. In testimony it was noted serially that America is the only “civilized” country that does not guarantee health care for all – however, no testifier could identify a single country that actually delivers quality health care to all of its citizens. This provision can be found in the constitution of South Africa and, historically, in that of the Soviet Union. Estimates of “cost savings,” pegging the cost at 3.5 trillion dollars per year, recognize that Medicare reimbursement rates are 30-50% lower than private insurance, and very many practices and hospitals would be driven to bankruptcy if this were enacted thereby reducing system capacity to critical levels. This would also result in a further worsening of the health care situation on the back of the 2010 Affordable Care Act (ACA) which very nearly broke our health care system and may still do just that. The Majority believes the reality of single-payer systems, as we see in the UK and Canada, is a slow-motion train wreck of delayed treatments, third-world conditions, and, in the case of Canada, an option to elect state-assisted homicide for those who will suffer greatly due to delayed or unavailable treatments that are regularly offered in the United States. Vote 11-6.

Rep. Christal Lloyd for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution calls on our federal delegation to support a universal, national health insurance program. The status of health insurance in our country puts all the burden of the high-risk population (everyone with a disability, the indigent, and the elderly) on public insurance, while granting the low-risk pool (the healthy working adult and their children) a lucrative arrangement in the private sector that is not sustainable. If we combined risk pools, like every other country in the world, we would have enough money to guarantee more comprehensive care for our seniors that includes long-term care. Currently, millions of people still lack insurance coverage, particularly gig workers and those who earn too much for Medicaid, and not enough to reasonably afford premiums. Private insurance also “manages care” to maximize profits, not to achieve the best outcomes. We heard testimony from medical doctors and patients who, even with health insurance, face barriers to treatment and financial hardship. Our current system with high deductibles and insurance networks has created a primary

care crisis: a lack of primary care doctors and too many people going to emergency rooms as a last resort. With a universal system, it is the doctor and patient who determine care. It is not socialized medicine, it is merely insurance. It was pointed out that the current system does not represent a free market. If you have employer-provided insurance, it's your company who picks the plan, not you. The government-administered "marketplace" has limited options for NH residents. On average premiums recently increased by \$200, and many carriers for supplemental insurance have pulled out of the granite state altogether. A universal system would eliminate the need for poverty-only government health insurance, which is expensive to administer. Regular Americans are tired of not having access to more preventative care and should never be looked at as a revenue source for shareholders. We heard no testimony in opposition to this measure, and there is no time like the present to raise awareness of this issue on all levels.

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

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Walker, David

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Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

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Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

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Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
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Stavis, Laurel

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Wheeler, Jonah

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Weinstein, Toni

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England, Myles
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Selig, Loren
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Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the majority committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Kofalt moved that **HCR 13**, requesting Congress to call a constitutional convention relative to implementing term limits for elected members of both houses of Congress be removed from the table.

Rep. Berry requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Hegner, Karen
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Boehm, Ralph
Colcombe, Riché
Dargie, Paul
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Pitaro, Matthew
Sargent, Gregory
Snodgrass, Jim
Woods, Gary

Bricchi, Tracy
Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Polozov, Yury
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy

McGuire, Carol
Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kris
Walsh, Thomas

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryll
Newsom, James
Boyd, Stephen
See, Alvin
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Litchfield, Melissa
Malloy, Dennis
Melvin, Charles
Potucek, John
Scherr, Buzz
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Cahill, Michael
Murray, Kate
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Meuse, David
Raynolds, Ned
Simpson, Alexis
Turer, Eric
Ward, Gerald

de Vries, Erica
Knab, Allison
Pearson, Mark
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Pearson, Stephen
Sorensen, Carrie
Vallone, Mark
Weinstein, Toni

Edgar, Michael
Walsh, Lilli
Maggiore, Jim
McMahon, Charles
Muns, Chris
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
England, Myles
Johnson, Erik
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Pearson, Wayne

Bixby, Peter
Granger, Michael
Kaczynski, Thomas
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wade, Alice

Burton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
LaMontagne, Jessica
Miller, Seth
Stone, John
Wall, Janet

Butler, Billie
Howland, Allan
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Aron, Judy

Cloutier, John
Aron, Michael

Damon, Hope
Palmer, William

Girard, Dale

and the motion failed.

Rep. Georges voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

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, at the call of the Chair.
Motion was adopted.

LATE SESSION**Third Reading and Final Passage**

HB 1356-FN, relative to the statute of limitations for bringing a private right of action for violation of the statute prohibiting medical procedures and treatments intended to alter a minor's gender.

HB 1384, relative to prohibiting foreign adversary persons or foreign entities of concern from financing lawsuits.

HB 1419, establishing a commission to study whether a court with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters should be established.

HB 1447, restricting the use of certain public and private facilities on the basis of sex and establishing that such restriction does not qualify as discrimination.

HB 1631-FN, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year.

HB 1665, relative to the issuance of subpoenas in administrative proceedings.

HB 1043, relative to employer discretion in offering minimum payment options to employees.

HB 1072, relative to employer notice of department of labor investigations.

HB 1245-FN, relative to voluntary portable benefits plans for independent contractors.

HB 1066-FN, relative to warrant articles authorizing lease agreements.

HB 1076, relative to authorizing or rescinding the use of electronic ballot counting devices.

HB 1113, enabling towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators.

HB 1131, relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings.

HB 1137, relative to municipal budget committee membership.

HB 1184-FN, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property.

HB 1195, relative to municipal zoning requirements for child day care providers.

HB 1213, relative to the number, selection, and terms of town highway agents and relative to the appointment of an expert highway agent.

HB 1224, relative to the default budget for official ballot town meetings.

HB 1319, enabling towns, village districts, or school districts to adopt or rescind a local fiscal accountability committee for towns and schools.

HB 1355, relative to eliminating the default budget from the official ballot referenda.

HB 1516-FN, allowing municipalities to vote to require that pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes be placed on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated.

HB 1526, relative to the adopting of a municipal budget committee and electing members thereof.

HB 1575, relative to the determination of the default budget by the budget committee.

HB 1581-FN, allowing municipalities to adopt a requirement that property owners be given notice when the assessed value of their property changes by certain amounts.

HB 2026, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan.

HB 1723, requiring utilities and electric grid operators to assess and report the vulnerability of high-voltage transformers to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances, and to recommend mitigation measures to protect the state electric infrastructure.

HR 26, supporting peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

HR 36, urging the federal government to accept cash at all points of service.

HR 39, recognizing and celebrating the enduring relationship between the state of New Hampshire and Canada.

HB 1252, requiring the department of safety to only administer tests for commercial driver's licenses in English and prohibiting the assistance of an interpreter during such tests.

HB 1068, taxing certain occupants who have established permanent residences under the meals and rooms tax.

HB 1194-FN, relative to credits for assessments paid by insurers.

HB 1597-FN, relative to business profits tax expense deductions.

HB 1416, prohibits certain government regulations regarding pregnancy resource centers in connection with abortion and contraception service offerings.

HR 44, concerning the protection of public lands.

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 and receiving messages.

Motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 4:46 p.m.

RECESS

(Speaker Steven Smith in the Chair)

SENATE MESSAGES**CONCURRENCE**

HB 323, requiring the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification in order to vote.

HB 529, relative to the liquor commission.

HB 565, allowing persons under 21 into veterans' clubs, private clubs, and social clubs under certain conditions.

HB 1025, relative to the designation of the chief financial officer as a civilian employee within the department of military affairs and veterans services.

HB 1101, relative to the membership and governance of the state veterans council.

HB 1152, designating the funds account for donations and bequests received by the department of military affairs and veterans services to be non-lapsing funds.

HB 1162, extending the commission on Holocaust and genocide studies.

HB 1193, naming a 911 call service center in Laconia in honor of Bruce G. Cheney.

HB 1485-FN, relative to eligibility and fees for late refund requests of road tolls.

NONCONCURRENCE

HB 186-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.

HB 366-FN-A, modifying the priority of applications for school building aid grants.

HB 392-FN, directing the dissolution of the department of health and human services' office of health access and the department of environmental services' functions for environmental justice.

HB 1350-FN, relative to antique motor vehicles.

LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 186-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.

RECESS

(Speaker Steven Smith in the Chair)

SENATE MESSAGES**CONCURRENCE**

HB 1110, relative to the New Hampshire real estate practice act.

HB 1119, relative to the regulation of funeral directors.

HB 1160, relative to the county-state finance commission.

HB 1373, relative to background check disqualifications for applicants seeking educator credentials.

HB 1379, relative to the reporting date for the annual complaint data.

NONCONCURRENCE

HB 463, relative to the composition of the board of recount in elections for the select board and for the school board.

HB 709-FN, allowing parents or guardians to admit their children into any school district where they pay any property or school district taxes.

LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 246-FN-A, directing the state conservation committee to implement the conservation district climate resilience grant program and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 704-FN-A, making an appropriation to the retired senior volunteer program.

RECESS**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS**

First, second reading and referral

RESOLUTION

Rep. Kofalt offered the following: RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, Senate Bills numbered Sb408,sb414,sb425,sb431,sb438,sb443,sb444,sb449,sb453,sb455,sb465,sb475,sb480,sb491,sb494,sb511,sb519,sb523,sb527,sb528,sb538,sb540,sb544,sb548,sb549,sb552,sb573,sb574,sb575,sb580,

sb591,sb596,sb598,sb600,sb603,sb606,sb608,sb619,sb624,sb627,sb640,sb643,sb646,sb663,sb667,sb669,sb670 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed titles and referred to the therein designated committees.

Motion was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS

First, second reading and referral

SB 408-FN, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics.

SB 414, relative to enforcement of marital property settlements.

SB 425, adopting the physician associate licensure compact.

SB 431, relative to violations of the prohibition on teaching discrimination.

SB 438, relative to the sharing of data between the department of safety and the secretary of state for the purposes of verifying the accuracy of information in the centralized voter registration database.

SB 443, relative to wastewater engineering.

SB 444-FN, prohibiting the use of animal testing when other comparable methods are available.

SB 449-FN, relative to relative to the participation of large customer-generators in net metering and relative to energy storage in connection with net metering.

SB 453, authorizing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to make certain certifications.

SB 455-FN, relative to health plan coverage of GLP-1 medications.

SB 465-FN, classifying xylazine as a schedule III controlled drug.

SB 475, including a determination of the best interest of the animal in the definition of foster home.

SB 480-FN, limiting certain prior authorization requirements for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and similar rehabilitative services.

SB 491-FN, enabling students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding.

SB 494-FN, relative to the state fire code, fire incident reporting and investigations, and the duties of the state fire marshal.

SB 511-FN, relative to state park fee discounts for state residents.

SB 519-FN, relative to the use of unmanned aerial systems.

SB 523-FN, establishing a commission to study the implementation of a residential builder registration system.

SB 527, relative to written notice provided by state agencies to municipalities regarding pending applications.

SB 528-FN, prohibiting receiving compensation for lobbying on behalf of a foreign adversary.

SB 538-FN, extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects.

SB 540-FN, relative to portable solar generation devices.

SB 544-FN, relative to managed care laws.

SB 548-FN, relative to health carrier provider contract standards.

SB 549-FN, requiring certain syringe service program entities to provide options for disposal of used syringes and needles and creating reporting requirements for such entities.

SB 552, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

SB 573, establishing certification standards for facility comfort dogs.

SB 574, establishing a commission to study the efficiency and structure of school administrative units.

SB 575, establishing a study committee to study the issue of school bullying.

SB 580-FN, relative to establishing a school cooperative purchasing program.

SB 591-FN, allowing utility companies to own or build generation facilities.

SB 596-FN, prohibiting smoking in Hampton Beach State Park.

SB 598, establishing the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund task force.

SB 600-FN, requiring the governor to submit and present a quarterly fiscal year budget report about the general and education trust funds to the general court fiscal committee.

SB 603-FN, relative to the funding of the SNAP program by the department of health and human services.

SB 606-FN, relative to insurance coverage for biomarker testing.

SB 608-FN, relative to family caregiver support in certain programs and child care support for kinship caregivers.

SB 619-FN, establishing procedures for expedited court hearings and disposition of confiscated animals.

SB 624-FN, restricting access to certain hemp-derived products.

SB 627-FN, relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic inflation-based toll reviews for the New Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan.

SB 640-FN, relative to the use of artificial intelligence to provide services requiring a professional license.

SB 643-FN, requiring municipalities to hold a public hearing and conduct a roll call vote when seeking to override a tax or spending cap.

SB 646-FN, relative to mental health standards of care.

SB 663-FN-A, creating a Medicaid methodology working group within the department of health and human services.

SB 667-FN, relative to the assault of emergency room personnel.

SB 669-FN, relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

SB 670-FN-A, establishing a developmental services oversight commission; relative to reporting requirements regarding the death of a child in residential care; and relative to the registry of founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults.

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

SB 182, relative to the maternal mortality review panel.

Amendment 2026-1180EBA

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

AN ACT relative to the maternal mortality review panel.

Amend RSA 132:30, VI(b) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing line 4 with the following:

responsible for the dissemination of recommendations to their respective institutions

Motion was adopted.

RECESS

(Representative Stringham in the Chair)

MOTION TO VACATE

Rep. Muns moved that the House vacate the reference of **SB 646-FN**, relative to mental health standards of care, to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker referred **SB 646-FN** to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

RECESS

(Representative Giasson in the Chair)

MOTION TO VACATE

Rep. Kofalt moved that the House vacate the reference of **SB 580-FN**, relative to establishing a school cooperative purchasing program, to the Committee on Education Policy and Administration.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker referred **SB 580-FN** to the Committee on Education Funding.

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker made the following changes to committee assignments:

Rep. Spilsbury on the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Wendy Thomas removed from the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy.

RECESS

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered hb349, hb529, hb565, hb1025, hb1101, hb1152, hb1162, hb1193 and Senate Bills numbered sb27, sb36, sb83, sb94, sb134.

Rep. Osborne, Sen. Avarad for the Committee

RECESS