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HOUSE CALENDARNOTICE

Members of the House:

I know that we are all ready to begin our work for the coming biennium. With that in mind, please remember that December 13 is the last day to file LSRs with complete information with the Office of legislative Services.

I received your requests for committee assignments after our Organization Day ceremony. I expect that final committee assignments will be announced in the next calendar.

Thank you for your support and for making December 4, 1996 such a memorable day.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

The following House members have been appointed to the Legislative Facilities Committee:

Rep. Donna Sytek

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler

Rep. Channing T. Brown

Rep. Neal M. Kurk

Rep. Donnalee M. Lozeau

Rep. Peter Hoe Burling

Alternate: Rep. Warren C. Henderson

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

Legislative number plates will be issued by representatives from the Division of Motor Vehicles on Wednesday, January 8, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Rooms 210-211, LOB. Legislators are entitled to two sets (four plates), if desired. Cost per set of two plates is \$4.00. Please bring the

current registration of the vehicles that will carry the legislative plates.

Security pins will be handed out and Legislative ID pictures will be taken at the same time and location.

Rob Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms

NOTICE

DEADLINES FOR FILING 1997 BILLS

DECEMBER 13	-	Friday	-	Last day for all members to file LSRs with complete information.
JANUARY 17	-	Friday	-	Last day for sign-off of all bills.
JANUARY 30	-	Thursday	-	Last day to amend the rules by majority vote.
JANUARY 31	-	Friday	-	Last day to introduce all bills.

NOTICE

IMPORTANT UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE DATES

JANUARY 8	-	Wednesday	-	1997/98 Legislature Opens.
JANUARY 9	-	Thursday	-	Inauguration of the Governor.

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

At its meeting on November 18, 1996, the Legislative Ethics Committee unanimously voted to adopt the following Advisory Opinion:

ADVISORY OPINION

In response to inquiries received by the Committee regarding permissible activity of legislative employees, the Committee issues the following advisory:

The Guidelines prohibit a legislative employee from accepting a gift from one who wishes to influence the work activities of the employee, unless the gift is of minimal value, and also prohibit such an employee from accepting anything of value for his/her private benefit if it can be reasonably inferred that the employee's independence of judgment is impaired thereby or the gift is intended as a reward for any official action. The inquiries dealt with examples such as receptions at which food and beverages are served free of charge, all legislators and staff having been invited by individual invitations or general calendar notice, testimonial receptions or dinners for which tickets are available without charge from legislators or lobbyists, receptions or dinners without charge at a New Hampshire company's place of business to which all legislators and staff are invited, and other sporting or social entertainment events for which legislators or staff are given tickets without charge.

In view of the referenced guideline provisions, the evaluation of whether an event is of "minimal value" must be made on an individualized basis, although most receptions and dinners would fall within this limitation. Moreover, if all staff were invited, there would likely be no impairment of individual judgment or intended reward, and therefore no likely violation of the Guidelines. Conversely, as the value of the event increases, or the scope of invited staff persons decreases, the prohibitions of the Guidelines are implicated, and the staff person should seek guidance from his/her supervisor. Payment of fair value for the event would obviate any possible violation of the Guidelines.

In sum, if a staff person receives a gift or an invitation to an event, the value of which is more than minimal, or the gift is specifically and directly given to that individual, either exclusively or as one of a small group of individuals, it may be a violation of the Guidelines. The Committee is available to provide advice with respect to specific situations as they arise.

Russell F. Hilliard, Chairperson; Representative Amanda A. Merrill, Vice-Chairperson; Senator Richard L. Russman; Senator John A. King; Representative Jeb E. Bradley; and Shawn N. Jasper.

COMMITTEE HEARING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 100, State House

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

PET OVERPOPULATION STUDY (HB 406, Chapter 246, Laws of 1993) Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (RSA 169-H), Room 206, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

BOARD OF CLAIMS (RSA 541-B:3), Room 207, LOB

9:00 a.m. Quarterly regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY DELEGATIONS

RSA 24:9-a sets the date of the first meeting of each county convention as the second Wednesday of December of each even-numbered year. This year, that date is December 11. With the cooperation of senior incumbent members, the Clerk is announcing the following schedule of first meetings.

BELKNAP COUNTY: Belknap County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. Presentation of County Commissioners Budget.

CARROLL COUNTY: Carroll County Nursing Home at 9:00 a.m.

CHESHIRE COUNTY: Jury Assembly Room in the Courthouse at 7:00 p.m.

COOS COUNTY: Forests and Lands Building, Route 3, Lancaster 10:00 a.m.

GRAFTON COUNTY: Probate Courtroom, Grafton County Courthouse, North Haverhill at 10:30 a.m.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY: Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Goffstown at 7:00 p.m.

MERRIMACK COUNTY: Merrimack County Nursing Home at 10:00 a.m.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY: Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood at 9:30 a.m.

STRAFFORD COUNTY: County Administration Building, Superior Courtroom #2, Dover at 7:00 p.m.

SULLIVAN COUNTY: Sullivan County Nursing Home, Unity at Noon.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

Staff legislative ID pictures will be taken and security pins will be handed out on Tuesday, November 7, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Rooms 210-211, LOB.

Rob Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms

A reminder to all Representatives that the enrollment period for Dental Insurance closes December 18, 1996. Application forms may be picked up and returned at the House Sergeant-at-Arms Office.

Rob Johnson, House Sergeant-at-Arms

*****MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the view espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

The Merrimack County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council invites the Merrimack County Delegation to join them in the Extension Conference Room for a buffet breakfast before their organizational meeting on December 11. The breakfast will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Rep. Robert A. Lockwood

All legislators are invited to attend the unveiling of the portrait of former Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr. in the Executive Council Chambers Monday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Rep. Ann M. Torr

All legislators are cordially invited to a legislative briefing on Thursday, January 16, 1997 from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Upham Walker House. The Role of Public Health in New Hampshire and the future of public health legislation is sponsored by the New Hampshire Public Health Association. A light lunch will be served.

Rep. Alphonse A. Haettenschwiler

Two funds have been established at Daniel Webster College in Nashua in honor of the late Harold W. Buker, Jr., former Director of Aeronautics for the State of New Hampshire, by the Buker family and the College. They are the Harold W. Buker, Jr. Conference Room in the Tamposi Aviation Center and the Buker Scholarship Fund, earnings from the fund to be awarded to an aviation student. More than 100 people attended the dedication of the Conference Room on November 8. There are on permanent display some wonderful photographs of Harold at various stages of his career. You are invited to visit anytime at your convenience, and should you wish, contributions may be made in Harold's name toward either fund of your choice. The address is Daniel Webster College, c/o Buker Fund, 20 University Drive, Nashua, NH 03063, or call Stuart Chase at 603-577-6627 for information.

Reps. Robert H. Milligan and Kenneth L. Weyler

The Public Utilities Commission plans to hold six evening forums across the state during the month of January. The purpose of these forums will be to provide consumers with an overview of the Preliminary Plan and with an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the Plan specifically and on restructuring in general.

The informational hearings will be held on:

- January 9 - City Hall Auditorium, Berlin, 7:00 p.m.
- January 14 - Exeter Town Hall, Exeter, 7:00 p.m.
- January 16 - Upper Valley Senior Center, Lebanon, 7:00 p.m.
- January 23 - Keene Public Library, Keene, 7:00 p.m.
- January 28 - Plymouth Elementary School Gymnasium, Plymouth, 7:00 p.m.
- January 30 - Memorial High School Auditorium, Manchester, 7:00 p.m.

Rep. Jeb E. Bradley

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

- Dec. 5 Merrimack Town Offices, Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Merrimack, proposed sidewalk along Baboosic Lake Road.
- Dec 5 Stoddard Town Hall, Route 123, Stoddard, 7:30 p.m. Public informational meeting, Stoddard, NH Route 9 Bridge.
- Dec 16 Londonderry Senior High School Cafeteria, 265 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Bedford, Manchester, Londonderry, Litchfield, Merrimack, Manchester Airport Access.
- Dec 18 Community Room, Municipal Library Building, 26 Railroad Street, Charlestown, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Charlestown, NH Rte 12A "Deadman's Curve", NH Rte 12A bridge over NE Central RR and NH Rte 12A bridge over Ox Brook.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler

*****NOTICE

Under House Rule 38(b), sponsors have 10 days to sign their proposed legislation once they have been notified the LSR is ready for signature. Legislative Services mails copies of LSRs to sponsors, along with forms that indicate the signature deadline date. These forms allow you to sign and return the form either through the mail or in person. In addition, each sponsor's name will be printed at least once in the signatures needed list which will appear in the House Calendar each printing.

Please contact Legislative Services if you have any questions about LSR drafting and sign-off procedures.

The members listed below have bills ready for signature in Legislative Services.

Donald R. Hunter, Director

Sponsors	County / District	LSR Number
Abbott, D	Rock 19	97-H-0064-R
Abbott, D	Rock 19	97-H-0066-R
Bartlett, G	Belk 6	97-H-0216-R

Below, C	Graf 13	97-H-0147-R
Boutin, D	Hills 37	97-H-0340-R
Bradley, J	Carr 8	97-H-0024-R
Brown, G	Straf 17	97-S-0320-R
Brown, G	Straf 17	97-S-0390-L
Brown, M	Merr 10	97-H-0085-R
Brundige, R	Hills 18	97-H-0356-R
Burnham, D	Ches 8	97-H-0391-L
Calawa, L	Hills 17	97-H-0275-R
Carson, G	Rock 29	97-H-0137-R
Chandler, G	Carr 1	97-H-0360-R
Clark, M	Rock 31	97-H-0004-R
Clark, M	Rock 31	97-H-0360-R
Cobbin, P	Graf 11	97-H-0040-R
Cobbin, P	Graf 11	97-H-0326-R
Cobbin, P	Graf 11	97-H-0327-R
Daniels, G	Hills 13	97-H-0061-L
Dickinson, H	Carr 2	97-S-0409-L
Dickinson, H	Carr 2	97-S-0411-R
Dokmo, C	Hills 14	97-H-0061-L
Dokmo, C	Hills 14	97-S-0320-R
Dokmo, C	Hills 14	97-S-0390-L
Durham, S	Hills 22	97-H-0061-L
Emerton, L	Hills 7	97-H-0294-R
Foster, R	Carr 10	97-H-0216-R
Foster, R	Carr 10	97-H-0251-R
Gagnon, E	Hills 48	97-H-0140-L
Gagnon, E	Hills 48	97-H-0302-R
Guaraldi, L	Graf 14	97-H-0209-R
Haettenschwiller, A	Hills 29	97-H-0391-L
Hager, E	Merr 18	97-H-0244-R
Hall, B	Hills 20	97-H-0235-R
Hall, B	Hills 20	97-H-0284-R
Hall, B	Hills 20	97-H-0429-R
Hansen, H	Hills 2	97-H-0285-R
Hilliard, D	Straf 14	97-H-0202-R
Hinman, H	Graf 7	97-H-0004-R
Hinman, H	Graf 7	97-H-0090-L
Holley, S	Hills 28	97-H-0140-L
Hunt, J	Ches 10	97-H-0285-R
Jacobson, A	Merr 2	97-H-0092-R
Katsakiores, G	Rock 13	97-S-0322-R
Kurk, N	Hills 5	97-H-0230-R
Kurk, N	Hills 5	97-H-0278-R

LaRose, R	Hills 27	97-H-0061-L
Lamach, B	Merr 3	97-H-0317-R
Lovett, S	Graf 6	97-H-0182-L
MacGillivray, J	Hills 21	97-H-0173-L
MacIntyre, D	Hills 18	97-H-0159-R
McCann, W	Straf 11	97-H-0089-R
McCann, W	Straf 11	97-H-0115-R
Merrill, A	Straf 8	97-H-0146-R
Metzger, K	Ches 13	97-H-0244-R
Owen, D	Merr 6	97-H-0124-R
Owen, D	Merr 6	97-H-0331-R
Smith, E	Ches 6	97-H-0281-R
Smith, E	Ches 6	97-H-0340-R
Smith, E	Ches 6	97-H-0359-R
Teschner, D	Graf 5	97-H-0164-R
Thulander, A	Hills 6	97-H-0187-R
Turner, R	Belk 7	97-H-0470-R
Vaillancourt, S	Hills 44	97-H-0366-R
Welch, D	Rock 18	97-H-0234-L
Whittemore, J	Merr 13	97-H-0359-R
Williams, C	Hills 39	97-H-0140-L
Wright, G	Hills 22	97-H-0216-R

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NOTICE

HOUSE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

In past sessions, a plan was developed for the House Leadership to communicate with members of the House at night and at such other times as the members are at home.

In most emergencies the individual member will be aware that an emergency exists, though may be in doubt as to its extent.

The following procedure has been developed:

1. Notice of an emergency message will be given to State Police Headquarters in Concord and commercial wire services.
2. State Police Headquarters will send the message via computer to the stations listed.
3. Reliance will be placed on each individual legislator to call the terminal station nearest his or her home and inquire for any emergency message to legislators in times of emergency or suspected emergency. This will include, but not be limited to cancellation of sessions due to severe weather conditions.

Gilford	Police Station	528-3800
Laconia	Police Station	524-5252
Keene	Police Station	352-2222
Lebanon	Police Station	448-1212
Manchester	Police Station	668-8711
Nashua	Police Station	594-3500

Concord	Police Station	225-8600
Rockingham County	County Sheriff	679-2225
Portsmouth	Police Station	436-2145
Dover	Police Station	742-4646
Claremont	Police Station	542-9538
Newport	Police Station	863-3232
Merrimack	Police Station	424-2222
Salem	Police Station	893-1911
Ossipee	County Sheriff	539-2284
Derry	Police Station	432-6111

In addition to the above listed numbers you can also call the numbers listed below nearest you.

State Police Headquarters

Department of Safety
10 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305
Tel: 271-3636

Rockingham & Strafford Counties

Troop - A
Route 125
Epping, NH 03042
Tel: 679-3333

Cheshire & Sullivan Counties

Troop - C
Box 272
Keene, NH 03431
Tel: 358-3333

Belknap & Carroll Counties

Troop - E
Box 235
W. Ossipee, NH 03890
Tel: 323-3333

Hillsborough County

Troop - B
4 Meadowbrook Drive
Milford, NH 03055
Tel: 672-3333

Merrimack County

Department of Safety
10 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03305
Tel: 271-3636

Coos & Grafton Counties

Troop - F
Box 440
Twin Mountain, NH 03595
Tel: 846-3333

Also in the event members wish to obtain road or weather conditions during periods of inclement weather they should call the nearest Troop Station to their residence or Headquarters Communications in Concord. When calling Headquarters Communications, they should ask to speak with the Communications Supervisor. When calling a Troop Station, inquiries will be handled by the Communications Specialist on duty at the time.

The caller should specify the information he or she wishes to obtain. This information should be readily available to communications personnel and every effort will be made to accommodate these requests in a timely manner.

Please be advised when calling State Police Headquarters to call **271-3636** and not any of the 800 lines, which are used for emergency purposes only.

A toll-free 24-hour weather and traffic hotline is now available at 1-800-918-9993. If you have to call from out-of-state, the number is 1-603-271-

6900.