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**HOUSE CALENDAR
NOTICE**

SESSION DAY SCHEDULE

As noted in previous calendars, the House will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29th. For planning purposes, please note that the next House session following that has tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th, at 1:00 p.m.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE CORRECTION

As you may recall, the House adopted a number of constructive revisions to House Rules during our session on January 8th. The Rules Committee had met last December 30th, reviewed a long list of proposed rules changes, and selected a few proposals to recommend which were adopted by the full House.

During that process, one suggested change was mistakenly added to the list which the House then reviewed and adopted. The change eliminated the requirement for a second to a motion challenging a ruling of the chair. The previous standard had been in place for many years and was not seen as a source of problem. The previous standard was designed to help promote harmony on the floor. The Rules Committee, meeting on January 21st, voted to recommend to the full House that we correct this oversight and return to the previous standard for challenges to the Chair. Your support on this procedural issue would be appreciated.

MENTOR PROGRAM

All interested members are invited to participate in the newly-established House Mentor Program. This program is designed to connect any new or returning Representative who may want some insights or advice from a member who may be able to help.

Representative Katie Metzger graciously agreed to head the original committee to create a House mentor program. An effort to recruit members willing to be mentors has produced a resource base to begin the program. That recruiting effort is still on-going.

The mentor program is designed to "match-up" one member with another who could help answer procedural questions, assist in brain-storming an idea or provide insights into the intricacies of the legislative process. Mentors may be requested based upon an issue of common interest, political affiliation, geographic location or other factors. The goal of the program is to provide another tool to assist our House members in getting the help they need to fulfill our public service obligations.

We have assigned House Member Services Director Carol Dunning the task of administering this program. Ms. Dunning is located in Room 313 in

the State House and may be reached by telephone at 271-3664. In addition, Carol and House Information Officer Susan Wood have regular posted hours in the House Reading Room. In either location, any member interested in finding a mentor, or being a mentor, should contact Carol Dunning to get more information and participate.

Notice is hereby given that every Session Day shall be a Consent Calendar Day as set out in House Rule 51.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

I would like to take this opportunity to present the House leadership team for the 155th session of the General Court.

House Leadership

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Carol H. Holden Continuing Education

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Chairmen Emeritus

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Robert W. Foster

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Committee Whips

Commerce

Keith R. Herman

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Education

Election Law

Environment and Agriculture

Executive Departments and Administration

Finance

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

Judiciary and Family Law

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

Local and Regulated Revenues

Municipal and County Government

Public Works and Highways

Resources, Recreation and Development

Science, Technology and Energy

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

Transportation

Wildlife and Marine Resources

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Ronald J. Nowe

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

FIRST LEGISLATIVE FORUM

HOUSE CONTINUING EDUCATION

TOPIC: Parliamentary Procedure

Rules of Decorum and Debate

PRESENTER: Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

DATE: Thursday, January 30 TIME: 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Rooms 305-307, Legislative Office Building

Please come and join your fellow legislators both old and new for this informative forum. All legislators will benefit from the discussion and the question and answer period. For your convenience the cafeteria will be selling sandwiches, snacks and sodas right outside Rooms 305-307, LOB. Hope to see you there.

Rep. Carol H. Holden Legislative Continuing Education Coordinator

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Wednesday, January 29 at 11:30 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, January 29 at 11:30 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter Hoe Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

DEADLINES FOR FILING 1997 BILLS

JANUARY 30	-	Thursday	-	Last day to amend the rules by majority vote.
JANUARY 31	-	Friday	-	Last day to introduce all bills.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 107, requiring health care providers to exhaust medicare and secondary payors before billing the patient.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Keith R. Herman for Commerce: The sponsor was concerned that Medicare patients are being sent medical bills even though they have secondary insurance. The committee found that most secondary insurance companies (medi-gap coverage) DO contract Medicare, therefore, any medical bills are automatically sent to the insurance company instead of the patient. To mandate an insurance company contract with Medicare is counter-productive to the system. Vote 18-0.

HB 128, relative to state regulation of participation by foreign banks in the financial markets of New Hampshire.
OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Anthony Syracuse for Commerce: This bill will authorize the bank department to regulate offshore foreign banks that want to have a presence in New Hampshire and operate under state oversight authority. It is supported by the banking department and has been reviewed by the Attorney General's and Secretary of State's offices. The bill is pro-active and will facilitate future international trade in a fast evolving global economy. Vote 17-1.

HB 135, requiring a waiting period before the retail price of home heating fuel oil is increased in certain circumstances.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Richard H. Krueger for Commerce: Attempting to fix the price of fossil fuel products for even a short period of time is simply not practicable or feasible. The factors that influence the end price to the consumer vary widely from the origin of the raw product to the refinery point, date of point of port of entry, demand and time of year, to name a few of the significant factors. Ten years ago, fuel oil was put on the commodities market in an attempt to stabilize the price vs. the spot market. What occurred in the commodities market is that the price of fuel oil literally varies by the hour. Therefore, oil dealers who have the capacity to buy as much as 120,000 gallons often turn that over in a day during the winter season. This means that each day it is possible for the price to go up or down and therefore there would be multiple 15-day periods. In addition, the product is purchased from distributors in at least four different states, over which we have no control. Chaos would be created for the 260 fuel oil dealers in New Hampshire because they buy from different distributors. Vote 16-2.

HB 142, relative to false residency forms and automobile insurance. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Richard H. Krueger for Commerce: Fraud by falsely registering automobiles in New Hampshire has been a significant problem for years. This bill will further facilitate the Insurance Department to more stringently monitor false registrations. It will protect the public in the State of New Hampshire. Vote 18-0.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 105, extending the time limits for holding an adjudicatory hearing in certain delinquency cases. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Andrew Christie, Jr. for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill as amended very simply allows for an extension of the time limits for adjudicatory hearings for minors detained or not detained. The extension of time limits shall be for good cause shown and in no case shall exceed 14 calendar days. Vote 22-0.

HB 141-L, relative to the powers and authority of local police chiefs. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Herbert R. Hansen for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill removes a provision which limits the authority of a local police chief in operating the police department to written formal policies adopted by the police chief's appointing authority. There was no support from the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police or the New Hampshire Municipal Association. The committee felt from the testimony presented that there was no need to change this RSA particularly since the governing body of a municipality is the ultimate responsible authority and as such may require written formal policies as deemed necessary and agreed to by all parties. Vote 20-0.

HB 163, repealing the law which requires the commissioner of health and human services to deny the application or renewal of the license of an emergency medical technician convicted of driving while intoxicated. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Herbert R. Hansen for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill repeals the law which requires the commissioner of health and human services to deny the application or renewal of the license of an emergency medical technician convicted of driving while intoxicated. The committee felt that the license of an EMT should not be denied because of a conviction of DWI particularly since no other licensed professional is subject to loss of his or her specialty license for a similar conviction. Vote 20-0.

HB 232, prohibiting the carrying of firearms and certain other weapons into certain state buildings by persons other than law enforcement personnel. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Stephen J. Adams for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The provisions of this bill would require a checking procedure at all entrances to the state house, legislative office building, and state house annex, sending a "chilling" message to the public. Also, if this bill were enacted, the logistics of enforcement and cost of implementation would be excessive. Vote 18-3.

EDUCATION

HB 165, establishing a committee to study withdrawal from cooperative school districts. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Rep. Richard L. Hill for Education: It has been over 30 years since the co-operative school district withdrawal process has been reviewed; consequently the committee felt a study is warranted. Vote 19-0.

ELECTION LAW

HB 106, requiring ballot clerks to verify the identity of persons receiving ballots by requesting an identification card. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. David R. Boutin for Election Law: The Committee heard testimony regarding the possibility of election fraud

occurring without giving ballot clerks the authority to require voters to produce a photo identification. The Committee concluded from the testimony that insufficient evidence was provided to support the claim that election fraud could or may be a serious problem; and that the Legislature should not be passing laws to make it more difficult for our citizens to vote. There is nothing in the R.S.A.'s that would prohibit the challenge of a voter and the requirement that the voter execute an affidavit prior to voting. The Committee Report indicates a vote of 18-1, Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 18-1.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 172, extending the reporting date for the committee studying the issue of the use and disposal of sludge or septage. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. M. Kathryn Aranda for Environment and Agriculture: This bill extends the reporting date of the joint committee established by the passage of HB 1323 (1996) from November 1, 1996 to November 1, 1997. This reporting date needed to be extended in order to allow the study committee to complete its work on a controversial subject. Vote 18-0.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 138-FN, relative to the design and the display of the state flag. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Howard C. Dickinson, Jr. for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill is identical to HB 552 (1995) which was studied by the Public Protection and Veteran's Affairs Committee in the last session. The chairman and several members of this former committee, including sponsors of the bill, asked that the bill be reported ITL. The committee unanimously agreed that the design of the state flag need not be changed at this time. Material related to the history of the NH state flag will be preserved for further referral. Vote 21-0.

HB 145-FN, relative to eligibility of certain group II retirement system members to transfer certain group I creditable service to group II creditable service. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Merton S. Dyer for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would allow members of the NHRS group II with less than 5 years in group I to transfer this time to group II creditable service with the cost to be borne by the special account. In 1988, the legislature established the split benefits concept to allow those with service in both group I and II to receive the proper benefits from each group upon retirement, the so called split benefits retirement. The committee feels that this program is working well, is properly funded and does not mandate additional costs upon the state or political subdivisions to pick up additional contributions that would be required. Vote 20-0.

HB 188-FN, relative to the authority of the boxing and wrestling commission. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Jon P. Beaulieu for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill deletes the authority of the boxing and wrestling commission to oversee amateur boxing and wrestling. The commission retains its authority over professional boxing and wrestling. Under this bill, New Hampshire will join the other 49 states with amateur boxing governed by United States Amateur Boxing, Inc. Vote 21-0.

HB 237, authorizing the board of barbering, cosmetology, and esthetics to adopt rules relative to conditions and standards for persons engaged in demonstrating the use of any machine or other article for purposes of sale. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Merton S. Dyer for Executive Departments and Administration: The prime sponsor asked to have the bill withdrawn as it was no longer necessary. The committee agreed with the sponsor and voted the bill as inexpedient to legislate. Vote 21-0.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW

HB 103, relative to the standard of care owed by landowners to children. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Sandra B. Keans for Judiciary and Family Law: The committee believes this legislation will have a chilling effect

on the way we do things in New Hampshire; recent proposals and initiatives by the legislature to get easements from landowners to open their lands to the public for recreational purposes; and generally expands the body of law governing liability. This legislation would be in conflict with at least three current sections of the statutes. Further, higher standards would be placed not only on individual landowners, but cities and towns as well. Selectmen concerned with opening the liability of the town would be reluctant to accept gifts of land to the community. Vote 18-0.

HB 164, relative to certain discussions under the right-to-know law. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Deborah L. Woods for Judiciary and Family Law: All testimony on this bill indicated that it would create problems and not address the concerns of the sponsor. Vote 18-0.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 114, requiring members of conservation commissions to be residents of the city or town which they represent. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Paul A. McGuirk for Municipal and County Government: This bill will conform to other statutes as regards residency requirements for elected or appointed boards and elected or appointed commissions in municipalities. Vote 16-1.

HB 160, authorizing the governing body of the town of Raymond to order an assessor's plat to clarify property ownership. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Thomas E.P. Rice, Jr. for Municipal and County Government: This bill is the remedy for a long standing problem with lot lines in a trailer development in which the lots are all individually owned. When first built, roads were put in the wrong place. This bill allows all the affected lot lines and deeds to conform to the present situation. It also serves to clarify titles to these properties. The towns, the property owners, and the lending institutions all agree with this. It is the logical and easy way out of a sticky wicket. The first part of the amendment clarifies the definition of lowest responsible bidder. The second part of the amendment ties the metes and bounds of the subdivision lot lines to the New Hampshire state plane coordinate system, North American DATUM of 1983. Vote 17-0.

HB 193, to amend the procedures for the election of officers in the Lebanon school district. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Joseph E. Stone for Municipal and County Government: When the Lebanon School District adopted the provisions of Senate Bill 2 (1995) at their last district meeting three problems arose. The time of elections, the filing period and the terms of office under the 1973 legislation were in conflict with the provisions of Senate Bill 2. This legislation corrects the problem. Vote 17-0.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 101-FN-LOCAL, requiring a certain road in the town of Lyman to be maintained year-round by the state. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Rep. Merle W. Schotanus for Public Works and Highways: This bill was found inexpedient because it could establish a precedent which would require the state Department of Transportation (New Hampshire DOT) to increase the level of maintenance on over four hundred miles of state roads. To alleviate the winter maintenance problem on its 4.2 miles of class II-B road, the town of Lyman could: apply for state aid (one third town, two thirds state match) to bring the road to state standards after which the NH DOT would perform all maintenance; or request legislation to reclassify the road to class V which would make it eligible for block grant highway funds to help offset the cost of winter maintenance. Since part of the road lies in the town of Lisbon, it is recommended that both towns work jointly and contact the NH DOT as soon as possible to determine procedures, timing and probable costs to reconstruct the road. The sponsor has talked with the committee and the town and their avenues will be explored, and the committee will work with the sponsors, towns and DOT to assist in the process. Vote 15-2.

HB 137-A, relative to the Abbott or Bridge Street bridge in Pelham and making an appropriation therefor.

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Paul I. LaMott for Public Works and Highways: This bill is rejected because it would establish a precedent which requires the state to appropriate the funds required to meet the state match (80/20) for safety modifications to the historic Pelham stone bridge. This does not preclude the town proceeding with the historic renovation of the bridge for which the town has already raised the necessary matching funds (\$20,000). The remaining cost of safety improvements (\$85,000) is also eligible for state bridge aid once the requisite match (\$17,000) is raised by the town. Vote 17-0.

HB 155-LOCAL, relative to the maintenance of roads within certain village districts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Winston H. McCarty for Public Works and Highways: This bill pertains to the funding of maintenance of roads in village districts within the towns of Madison and Waterville Valley. Some village districts were formed for the purpose of avoiding requirements of the towns in the construction of the roads but are now looking for additional funding. The committee was very reluctant to vote for this with all the private roads within the state in condominium - mobile home developments and other such areas. The fund from which requests are being made serves all towns and will be reduced if these requests are honored. Until such time as the districts and or associations formally petition the towns for takeover of the roads, this type of legislation should be found inexpedient to legislate. Vote 17-0.

HB 175-FN, authorizing the commissioner of the department of transportation to open the Hooksett toll to southbound traffic during the conclusion of the Winston Cup races. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Leon Calawa, Jr. for Public Works and Highways: The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation told the committee that they now can open eight lanes of traffic at peak hours. This can now satisfy up to seven hundred cars per hour, and he has the emergency power to open all gates in an emergency, if necessary. Testimony also showed that during race weeks the worst backups were not occurring at the toll booths, and a large percentage of the traffic passing through the toll booths during race times was not race traffic related. The committee voted unanimously that this bill be inexpedient to legislate primarily since this authority already rests with the Commissioner of DOT. Vote 17-0.

HB 182-FN, requiring the department of transportation to hold a public hearing relative to the construction of a truck safety station on route 4 in Chichester. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert E. McKinley for Public Works and Highways: The Department of Transportation presently owns the land which is the basis of this request to hold a public hearing relative to the construction of a truck safety inspection station. Since a public informational hearing is required by the DOT, and authorizing a public hearing for this issue would be of no benefit to the concerned parties, the committee on Public Works & Highways voted unanimously that this bill should be inexpedient to legislate. Vote 17-0.

HB 199-FN, to include highways designated as part of the National Highway System within the definition of "federal aid primary system" for purposes of the control of outdoor advertising. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Katherine D. Rogers for Public Works and Highways: This bill would redefine New Hampshire's definition of "Federal Aid Primary System" to correspond and be in compliance with the federal definition. The two highways affected by this change are NH Route 106 from the intersection of Interstate 393 in Concord to the intersection of the NH Route 11 in Laconia, and United States Route 3 from Exit 20 in Tilton to Lochmere, near the Sanbornton town line. In becoming part of the National Highway System, these highways will become subject to outdoor advertising control in NH consistent with other National Highway System roads in the state. Vote 16-1.

HB 217, relative to outdoor advertising hearings in the department of transportation. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Katherine D. Rogers for Public Works and Highways: This bill would delete the requirement for automatic administrative hearings on outdoor advertising control issues and transfer the initiation of such hearings to the licensee. This change will save the state time and money while at the same time preserve the right of due process. Vote 16-0.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 109-FN, requiring the state to rebate to the seller a portion of the state car registration fee for a car sold after the seller registers it. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. John W. Flanders, Sr. for Transportation: It is the feeling of the committee that the small amount of the refund would not be cost effective for either the Department of Safety or the consumer. Vote 17-0.

HB 116-FN-LOCAL, allowing for the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war (POW) to retain the special number plates after the death of the former prisoner of war. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: The committee felt that the intent of the original law as well as the intent of other special plates, i.e., Pearl Harbor, was to honor the person affected and that the plate would not be transferable. Vote 17-0.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

REGULAR CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 129, relative to the definition of emergency services for health care insurance purposes. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Toni M. Crosby for Commerce: This bill as amended reflects the work of an interim study committee held this summer. The committee feels that the definition of emergency services for health care insurance purposes laid out in the amended bill provides the best consumer protection for the use of emergency services. Vote 18-0.

HB 161, relative to pecuniary benefit transactions by charitable trusts. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Gregory G. Carson for Commerce: This bill makes hospitals and educational institutions subject to the Charitable Trust Act. It permits hospitals and educational institutions to have on their boards individuals who are paid for work by those institutions, such as physicians and faculty members, as long as those individuals do not exceed 25% of the board composition. The bill also clarifies for all "non-profits" that they are charitable trusts under New Hampshire law. Vote 15-3.

HB 192, exempting certain people from laws relative to the licensing of engineers. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Keith R. Herman for Commerce: No state currently offers a license to "software engineers". Should the state of New Hampshire decide to establish an oversight board for software engineers, this committee would not have oversight over this issue. The minority wanted the bill re-referred, the committee majority feels it isn't necessary at this time. Vote 11-8.

SCIENCE , TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 224, delaying the start date for the auto emissions inspection program. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Jeffrey C. MacGillivray for Science, Technology and Energy: The bill delays the start of the auto emissions inspection program by one more year, to not earlier than July 1, 1998. Additional information has reinforced the committee's previous understanding that this program would not effectively address the environmental problems it purports to solve. Another year may allow more cost-effective alternatives to be developed. Vote 16-0.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 150-FN, relative to the unlawful alteration of temporary motor vehicle registration plates. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Thomas J. Boriso for Transportation: This would prevent alterations of temporary paper plates on motor vehicles that is happening now. Thus, the committee felt that this should be included with other sticker type violations. Vote 13-4.

The following bill requires a rules suspension.

FINANCE

SB 107, giving the deputy legislative budget assistant the authority to perform the duties of the legislative budget assistant under certain circumstances. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Neal M. Kurk for Finance: This bill updates the duties of the deputy legislative budget assistant when the position of legislative budget assistant is vacant or the LBA is unable to perform the duties of the position. The intent is to give the deputy LBA the same responsibilities already given to other deputy legislative officials. Vote 20-0.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT (RSA 146-D:4), Room 203, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS REVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 160-B:23), Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Special meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 222-LOCAL**, relative to pooled risk management programs.

11:00 a.m. **HB 261**, recodifying the insurance laws pertaining to hospital service corporations, medical service corporations, and nonprofit health service corporations

1:15 p.m. **HB 147**, relative to disclosure of certain information relating to tobacco products.

Executive session on pending legislation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 249**, clarifying the authority of local police officers to serve cease and desist orders against planning and zoning violations.

10:30 a.m. **HB 271**, establishing a committee to examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the multiple DWI offender intervention detention center program.

11:00 a.m. **HB 313**, clarifying the authority of security officers on the New Hampshire hospital campus.

11:30 a.m. **HB 325**, eliminating the correctional industries advisory board.

1:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 209**, relative to information required when applying for a New Hampshire driver's license.

Executive session on pending legislation.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 270-LOCAL***, allowing school districts to transfer permanent paper records onto electronic alternate media and destroy printed records.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 275-A-LOCAL***, establishing the equipment grant program, and making an appropriation therefor.

11:15 a.m. ***HB 262-FN-A-LOCAL***, establishing a National Information Infrastructure oversight committee, authorizing the department of education to hire a technology consultant, and making an appropriation therefor.

Noon Subcommittee work session on ***HB 110***, relative to the use of and school district liability for the use of district computer systems and networks.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***CACR 6***, relating to term limits for state representatives and senators. Providing that the terms of office for members of the New Hampshire house and senate shall be limited to 12 consecutive years and ***CACR 7***, relating to term limits for United States Representatives and Senators. Providing that the terms of office for the members of the United States Congress from New Hampshire shall be limited to 12 consecutive years, so long as such restriction does not violate the United States Constitution.

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***CACR 8***, relating to increasing the executive council membership and the number of executive council districts. Providing that the executive council shall be increased from 5 to 10 members, and the number of executive council districts shall be increased from 5 to 10.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 187-FN-A***, relative to groundwater monitoring for pesticides and making an appropriation therefor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 158***, creating a committee to study the establishment of a New Hampshire volunteer program.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 256-FN***, establishing uniform adjudicative proceedings for state agencies and establishing a pilot program for adjudicative hearings.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 282***, relative to enforcement of compliance by agencies with statutory authority for administrative rulemaking and other grounds for final objection by the joint committee on administrative rules.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 265***, repealing certain rulemaking authority of the commissioner of transportation.

2:15 p.m. ***HB 259-FN***, requiring all state forms requesting racial or ethnic status to allow for or include a biracial and a multiracial option.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 316***, allowing cosmetologists to employ shampoo assistants.

Executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 108-FN-A***, relative to the rate of the legacies and successions tax as it applies to siblings of the decedent together with their spouses and lineal ascendants and descendants of siblings of the decedent together with their spouses.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 240-FN-A***, increasing certain state employee salaries and making an appropriation therefor, and reducing the number of state employees.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 246***, making technical corrections to the business profits tax, interest and dividends tax, and the legacies and successions tax.

Also heard will be a proposed amendment setting the biennial rate of the medicaid enhancement tax at 6 percent.

Executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

1:00 p.m. Work session on pending legislation.

FINANCE (DIVISION II), Room 209, LOB

1:00 P.M. Work session on pending legislation

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Rooms 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 211**, defining the terms "psychological injury" and related terms under the child protection act.

Executive session on pending legislation.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 134**, clarifying the distinction between homeworkers and independent contractors for the purposes of unemployment compensation.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 131**, relative to notification regarding workers' compensation coverage for subcontractors.

LOCAL AND REGULATED REVENUES, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 170-LOCAL**, exempting temporary, demountable, plastic-covered greenhouses from property taxation.

LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION (RSA 17-M), Room 201, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HR 11**, urging the state conservation tree-planting program to utilize members of youth groups to plant trees.

10:15 a.m. **HB 285**, relative to the official name of the "Old Man of the Mountain."

11:00 a.m. **HB 307**, relative to the adoption of local river corridor management plans by planning boards.

1:15 p.m. **HB 293**, regulating the marking and identification of swim floats.

Executive session on pending legislation.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 194-FN**, requiring any person erecting, installing, maintaining or exercising control over a mooring on Ossipee Lake to obtain a mooring permit from the division of safety services, department of safety.

SCIENCE , TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

2:00 p.m. Telecommunications subcommittee work session on **HB 254**, relative to shared tenant telecommunication services.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 301, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HCR 1**, requesting Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to prevent federal courts from instructing states or political subdivisions of states to levy or increase taxes.

10:45 a.m. **HB 117**, relative to Persian Gulf War bonus payments.

1:30 p.m. **HB 257**, offering priority to qualified veterans for participation in training programs funded by the state or federal government.

2:30 p.m. **HCR 3**, urging the United States Congress to propose and support legislation overturning a U.S. Appeals Court decision limiting credit

union membership.

TRANSPORTATION, Department of Transportation, Hazen Drive, Concord

9:30 a.m. Committee members briefing.

Room 203, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

9:30 a.m. *HB 119-FN*, increasing the fee to hunt migratory waterfowl.

10:00 a.m. *HB 177-FN*, increasing the wild black bear license and tag fee.

11:00 a.m. *HB 176-FN*, increasing the license fee to hunt wild turkey.

1:00 p.m. *HB 120-FN*, amending certain license fees and making various technical changes to the fish and game laws.

Executive session on pending legislation.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. *HB 324*, relative to the qualifications of bank examiners.

11:00 a.m. *HB 258-FN*, requiring financial institutions to display certain information on fees, charges, and available products in their lobbies.

Executive session on pending legislation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *HB 118-FN*, relative to penalties for marijuana possession.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *CACR I*, relating to a 4-year term for the office of governor. Providing that the governor shall be elected every 4 years.

10:00 a.m. *HB 220*, to establish new state representative districts for the city of Laconia.

10:30 a.m. *HB 205-LOCAL*, relative to a generic ballot in unorganized places.

11:00 a.m. *HB 235-FN-LOCAL*, requiring a special election to be held when a vacancy occurs in the office of county sheriff.

Executive session on pending legislation.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Briefing - Administrative rules.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *HB 197-FN*, relative to the regulation of wetland scientists.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *HB 121*, relative to quality review for accountancy and requiring the board of accounting to adopt administrative rules and *HB 149-FN*, relative to the regulation of the profession of physical therapy.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 269***, relative to the compensation of sweepstakes commissioners who are members of a multi-state lottery commission.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 283***, establishing a study committee to examine the parity of salary scales between state troopers and other law enforcement officers.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***HB 288***, requiring a vote of 60 percent of the house and senate to pass any spending bill.

9:15 a.m. ***HB 286-FN-A***, lowering the rate of the interest and dividends tax.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 245***, making certain real estate transfers taxable.

Executive session on pending legislation.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 266***, relative to the Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 255***, establishing a committee to study access to dental care for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured persons.

Executive session on pending legislation.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 278***, relative to the doctrines of adverse possession and prescription.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 250-FN-LOCAL***, establishing a formal hearing process for board of tax and land appeals or court appeals limited to a review of the record for certain property tax abatement applications.

Executive session on pending legislation.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:30 a.m. ***HB 284***, establishing a study committee on the feasibility of combining the department of labor and the department of employment security.

LOCAL AND REGULATED REVENUES, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 228***, relative to the definition of "club-veterans" under the liquor laws.

Executive session on pending legislation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 210***, requiring that an applicant to a planning or zoning board wishing to subdivide property supply the names of holders of conservation or preservation restrictions on the subdivision property, who will then be notified by the board.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 311-LOCAL***, giving municipalities the option of authorizing their governing bodies to enter into discretionary easements on certain agricultural buildings.

Executive session on pending legislation.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 274-FN-A***, relative to refinancing the cost and rehabilitation of the Cheshire Bridge.

Executive session on pending legislation.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 214**, relative to forest product purchasers and loggers.

Executive session on pending legislation.

SCIENCE , TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:30 a.m. **HB 297**, relative to the cutting of vegetation by utilities on private property.

Executive session on pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 239**, requiring a child under 13 years of age to wear protective headgear when riding a bicycle.

10:00 a.m. **HB 296**, relative to airways toll moneys and aircraft operating fee revenues.

10:30 a.m. **HB 267**, prohibiting petroleum-powered motors on Little Dan Hole Pond in the town of Ossipee.

11:00 a.m. **HB 304-LOCAL**, relative to permitting local law enforcement agencies to receive grants-in-aid from the bureau of trails for enforcement of public trail restrictions.

Executive session on pending legislation.

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 132-FN**, allowing New Hampshire residents on active duty in the armed forces or coast guard to be issued hunting and fishing licenses at no charge.

9:30 a.m. **HB 243**, requiring a conviction of a person wounding or killing a human being while hunting before the person's hunting license can be revoked.

Executive session on pending legislation.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 263-FN**, relative to viatical settlements which are settlements between an insurance provider and a policy holder or certificate holder with a life-threatening illness.

11:00 a.m. **HB 241**, relative to genetic testing.

1:15 p.m. **HB 268-FN**, relative to the powers of the Pease development authority.

2:00 p.m. **HB 280**, relative to uniform contracts for roofing contractors.

Executive session on pending legislation.

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 157**, prohibiting certain inducement practices in offering small consumer loans.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 289-LOCAL**, authorizing annual school district meetings to be held at multiple locations.

10:15 a.m. **HB 317**, clarifying certain provisions of law relating to compulsory attendance for home education pupils and relative to dual enrollment provisions.

11:15 a.m. **HB 318**, making technical changes to the provisions relating to school administrative units.

Executive session on pending legislation.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HR 10**, requesting that certain media entities refrain from prematurely proclaiming the winners in state and federal elections.

10:30 a.m. **HB 276**, relative to petitions for filing for a primary election.

11:00 a.m. **HB 252**, relative to posting of bylaws in advance of any town election.

11:30 a.m. **HB 277**, relative to the option to process absentee ballots before closing of polls.

Executive session on pending legislation.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 281**, relative to regulation of medical assistants.

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

11:00 A.M. **CACR 14**, relating to pensions for the governor, commissioners of state departments, and judges. Providing that no governor, commissioner of a state department, or judge shall receive a pension from public funds.

1:30 p.m. **HB 264**, relative to technical committees advising the director of the office of information technology management on technical issues.

FINANCE (DIVISION II), Room 209, LOB

9:00 a.m. Revenue estimates.

Executive session on pending legislation.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 319**, relative to access to child immunization records.

10:30 a.m. **HB 321**, correcting a reference to the American Podiatry Association.

Executive session on pending legislation.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **CACR 11**, relating to: legislative authority to limit noneconomic damage awards. Providing that: the general court shall have the authority to limit the amount of noneconomic damage awards granted in the state of New Hampshire.

10:30 a.m. **HB 300**, establishing a study committee on judicial pensions.

1:30 p.m. **HB 331**, adopting the uniform foreign depositions law and relative to admission of copies as evidence.

2:30 p.m. **HB 329**, repealing the fireman's rule.

Executive session on pending legislation.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 310**, repealing RSA 14-B, relative to the legislative ethics committee.

10:30 a.m. **HB 332**, repealing the law which prohibits an entity which conducts horse or dog racing from employing a member of the general court.

Executive session on pending legislation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. *CACR 10*, relating to municipalities' home rule. Providing that municipalities shall have home rule authority to exercise any powers not specifically prohibited by the state or federal constitutions or any statute adopted by the legislature.

Executive session on pending legislation.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. *HB 184-A*, requiring the state to reopen Mittersill ski area and making an appropriation therefor.

11:00 a.m. *HB 294-LOCAL*, relative to the placement of off-premises advertising devices in municipalities which prohibit such advertising devices.

Executive session on pending legislation.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. *HB 273-FN*, increasing the age that child passenger restraints are required from 12 years of age to 18 years of age.

10:30 a.m. *HB 306*, relative to highway speed limits.

Executive session on pending legislation.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

FINANCE (DIVISION II), Room 209, LOB

9:00 a.m. Revenue estimates.

Executive session on pending legislation.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5), Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION (RSA 17-M), Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. State Hospital parking subcommittee work session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. *HB 301*, relative to real estate broker's and agent's representation of buyers.

1:15 p.m. *HB 292-LOCAL*, limiting the damages which may be received by an uninsured motorist from an insured motorist's automobile liability coverage.

2:15 p.m. *HB 247*, requiring automobile insurance companies to offer uninsured motorist coverage as an insurance option, not a requirement.

Executive session on pending legislation.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

Noon Subcommittee work session on *HB 110*, relative to the use of and school district liability for the use of district computer systems and

networks.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. All other business.

9:30 a.m. Audits.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. *HB 320*, requiring attorneys in divorce cases to provide clients with a statement of client's rights and responsibilities and a retainer agreement containing certain information, and subjects attorneys to certain other procedures in divorce cases.

11:00 a.m. *HB 312*, establishing a procedure for making and accepting offers of judgment in civil cases.

Executive session on pending legislation.

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Representatives Hall

9:30 a.m. *HB 200-FN*, prohibiting the use of leghold traps and "conibear" traps.

Executive session on pending legislation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. *HB 260*, defining "marriage" to mean a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.

1:00 p.m. *HB 290*, relative to electronic signatures.

Executive session on pending legislation.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION (RSA 17-M), NH Hospital, Acute Psychiatric Services Building, Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

Noon Subcommittee work session on *HB 110*, relative to the use of and school district liability for the use of district computer systems and networks.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet Friday, February 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood to vote on budget to be presented to the full Delegation and on Friday, February 14 to finalize any unfinished business prior to the full Delegation meeting.

Rep. Sherman A. Packard, Chairman

Rockingham County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Delegation will meet Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood to adopt the Budget for 1997.

Rep. Ken Malcolm, Chairman

Rockingham County Delegation

Several members are not receiving their House Calendars in a timely manner. The House Clerk's Office continues to track these delivery problems, but we need your help. The post office is unable to trace the problem if we don't have the mailing envelope. If your weekly Calendar is not delivered on Saturday, please **save the envelope** when it does arrive, and write on it the date you received it. Please bring the envelope to the Clerk's Office the next time you come to the State House. We apologize for these mail delivery problems and are trying to correct them. Thank you for your cooperation.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

The 1996 Permanent House Journal has been delivered and all Representatives who last fall ordered copies can now pick them up at the House Sergeant-at-Arms counter.

The 1996 Journals have been distributed to all State Agencies and Private Sector firms/individuals who ordered them. Invoices will be issued soon to all Private Sector firms/individuals. If there are any questions please call Leo Callahan at 271-2548.

Leo J. Callahan, Assistant House Clerk

Pursuant to RSA 326-B:12, the Joint Health Council will meet in Room 205, LOB, North State Street Concord, on Monday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

When the House Clerk is aware of House Members who are hospitalized or homebound by serious illness, it will publish a list of names and addresses so that their colleagues who so desire may send cards and greetings.

Gordon B. Flint, 21 Lincoln Terrace, Newport, New Hampshire 03773-1410

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

*****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.

Members of the NH Senate and House are encouraged to utilize the complimentary ski privileges afforded them. Upon presentation of proper credentials at the ticket window, NH Senators and Representatives may receive a lift ticket for their personal use and one for a guest. The elected official must be present to personally present the credentials, unless prior arrangement is made with Commissioner Thomson. (Lift tickets are to be picked up at Guest Services at Sunapee; and at Guest Services or the Ticket Window at Cannon.)

Donna Sytek, Speaker

The New Hampshire Society of CPAs cordially invites all legislators and staff to a reception on Tuesday, January 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Concord.

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler, Majority Leader

An informational meeting for pro-choice legislators to discuss upcoming legislation dealing with reproductive rights and responsibilities will be held Tuesday, January 28 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Upham Walker House. Bring your own lunch.

Reps. Sandra B. Keans and Merle W. Schotanus

Grafton County Republican Committee will meet January 29 at 6:00 p.m. in Rooms 201-203, Legislative Office Building.

Rep. John M. Root

Legislators for Limited Spending cordially invite all freshmen House and Senate members to a New Members Reception on Wednesday, January 29 in the Governor's Council Chambers on the second floor of the State House, immediately following the House session.

Rep. Frances L. Riley

Members of the Merrimack County Delegation, along with House Leadership, State Senate, Executive Councilors and the Governor, are invited by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce to a Welcome reception on Wednesday, January 29 at the Talk-of-the-Town Restaurant (Eagles Nest), 1 Eagle Square from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Rep. Miriam D. Dunn

There will be a meeting of the Granite State Coalition Against the Expansion of Gambling on January 29 immediately following session in Rooms 305-307, LOB. Distinguished guest speaker will be Tom Gray, Executive Director of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling.

Reps. Sydney Lovett and Herbert Hansen

All legislators are cordially invited to the Judicial Council's Administration of Justice Conference on January 31 beginning at 8:00 a.m. with a coffee hour in the basement of the LOB. This interesting and informative program will feature a panel presentation with Governor Shaheen, Speaker Sytek and Chief Justice Brock discussing the issue of separation of powers. Three additional concurrent sessions will feature panels topics exploring the issues of juvenile justice, secrets of a sentencing judge and judicial accountability. This program will conclude at 12:30 p.m. You will be receiving information on this program in the mail. Please return your registration as soon as possible to the Judicial Council, but no later than January 24, so that they may make appropriate plans for this event. If you have any questions, contact the Judicial Council at 271-3592.

Rep. Sandra B. Keans

A brief organizational meeting of House Members having a particular interest in constitutional issues will be held in Division 5 following January 29 House session. An informal organization of members of like mind on the importance of legislative compliance with constitutional requirements, "Friends of the Constitution" was formed in the last biennium to address this issue in committee and on the floor of the House. We invite new and returning House members to attend.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

American Red Cross Education Day is Wednesday, February 5. Come join us for coffee and danish in the State House Cafeteria from 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Rep. Sylvia A. Holley

UNH Appreciation Night for Coach Bill Bowes will be held at the Center of New Hampshire, Holiday Inn, Manchester on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Contact Rep. Lou D'Allesandro (Seat 2-55) for tickets.

Rep. Lou D'Allesandro

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to attend a reception hosted by the University System's College for Lifelong Learning on Wednesday, February 12. The reception will take place at the Holiday Inn at 4:00 p.m.

Rep. William S. Belvin

The Belknap County Republican Committee will hold its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, February 15 in Laconia. Tickets are \$15. See or call Rep. Rosen (524-8651) for tickets and further information.

Reps. Ralph J. Rosen and John H. Thomas

If you would like the words of the songs the 4th graders sang at the inauguration, ask the Sergeant-at-Arms office for a copy.

Rep. Harold P. Melcher

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 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:

Feb 14 Municipal Complex, City Council Chambers, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing, Portsmouth, US Route 1 alterations.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Chairman

Public Works and Highways

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

AMENDMENTS

(Listed in numerical order,)

1997-0041h

Amendment to HB 105

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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

AN ACT allowing an extension of time limits upon a showing of good cause for holding an adjudicatory hearing in certain delinquency cases.

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

1 Adjudicatory Hearings; Exception to Time Limits. Amend RSA 169-B:14, II to read as follows:

II. The adjudicatory hearing shall be held within 21 days of arraignment for minors detained pending such hearing and within 30 days of arraignment for minors not detained. An extension of these time limits may be permitted, upon a showing of good cause, for an additional period not to exceed 14 calendar days.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits extension of time limits upon a showing of good cause for holding an adjudicatory hearing in delinquency cases for an additional period not to exceed 14 calendar days.

1997-0036h

Amendment to HB 129

Proposed by the Committee on Commerce

Amend RSA 417-F:3 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

417-F:3 Prior Authorization. A participating provider or other authorized representative of the plan that gives prior authorization shall not rescind or modify the authorization after the health care provider has rendered the authorized emergency services care in good faith and the enrollee's, insured's, or subscriber's coverage was effective on the date of service.

1997-0022h

Amendment to HB 160-LOCAL

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government

Amend paragraph I of section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. All surveying services necessitated by such project shall be subject to competitive bidding, with the governing body responsible for determining the lowest responsible bidder, as defined in RSA 28:8-e, II.

Amend subparagraph II(b) of section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) A clear and concise description of the land so surveyed and mapped by metes and bounds beginning with some corner marked and established in the New Hampshire state plane coordinate system, North American DATUM of 1983.

1997-0030h

Amendment to HB 165

Proposed by the Committee on Education

Amend subparagraph I(a) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) Three members of the senate education committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

1997-0020h

Amendment to House Rule 2

Proposed by Rep. Channing Brown

Amend House Rule 2 to read as follows:

2. The Speaker shall preserve decorum and order, may speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any [member] two members. The appeal shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present and voting.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This amendment to HR 2 states that 2 members, instead of one, are required for an appeal of certain decisions of the Speaker.

1997-0021h

Floor Amendment to House Rule 35 and House Rule 45

Proposed by Rep. Cobbin

Amend House Rule 35(b) to read as follows:

(b) [The Office of Legislative Services shall not accept a request to draft any bill which is the same, or essentially the same, as any other drafting request already accepted in the same session.] If duplicate or similar legislation is requested, the Director of Legislative Services shall notify the sponsors of each filing request and may mediate an agreement for the filing of a single bill. [Filing requests resulting from legislative committee work shall take precedence over all other duplicate or similar filings. The name of the House member whose LSR request is denied due to duplication may be substituted on request for that of the original sponsor if the original sponsor withdraws the drafting request prior to the sign-off deadline.]

House Rule 45(c), relative to requiring the House to dispose of a majority report before considering an alternative report, is repealed.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

The amendment to HR 35 eliminates the duplicate bill prohibition and the requirement that requests filed as a result of legislative committee work take precedence over all other duplicate or similar filings.

The amendment to HR 45 deletes the requirement that the printed majority report of the committee be considered first and deletes the requirement that the House dispose of a majority report before considering an alternative report.