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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

We extend our deepest condolences to former Speaker Harold Burns on the loss of his wife, Eleanor. We know how much she loved the House and her family. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 28th at the Whitefield Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

With the advent of summer, our policy committees will begin working on re-referred bills and study committees will organize. We encourage you to schedule those meetings for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Appointments to study committees will be completed within the next week.

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer. Please do not hesitate to write, call or stop by if you have any questions or comments.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

House Calendars will be published every two weeks during July and August. Members and staff who need to schedule meetings should make arrangements with the Clerk's Office for room availability/assignment and publication of meeting notices. Please note Calendar will close on Wednesdays.

CLOSES NOON WEDNESDAY: TO BE MAILED THURSDAY:

July 2 July 3

July 16 July 17

July 30 July 31

August 13 August 14

August 27 August 28

Karen O. Wadsworth

Clerk of the House

NOTICE

DEADLINES FOR FILING 1998 BILLS

SEPTEMBER 2 - Tuesday First day that requests for drafting of bills for introduction in the second-year session may be filed with the Office of Legislative Services.

OCTOBER 1 - Wednesday Last day to file bill drafting requests.

NOVEMBER 3 - Monday Last day to report all re-referred bills from the first-year session.

NOVEMBER 7 - Friday Last day to file legislation relating to subject matter of study committees.

NOVEMBER 21 - Friday Last day to sign off all bills requiring fiscal notes (FNs) and study committee bills. Sign-off shall be 10 calendar days after receipt by the sponsor of the draft legislation, or November 21, whichever day is earlier.

DECEMBER 5 - Friday Last day to sign off all other bills. Sign-off shall be 10 calendar days after receipt by the sponsor of the draft legislation, or December 5, whichever day is earlier.

DECEMBER 22 - Monday Availability of chairmen's copies of all bills and resolutions.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

BOARD OF CLAIMS (RSA 541-B:3), Room 202, LOB

9:30 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OPEN ENROLLMENT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-B:21)

11:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDA ADOPTION PROCEDURES STUDY COMMITTEE (SB 594, Chapter 276:3, Laws of 1996), Room 105A, State House

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATEWIDE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 193-C:7), Room 105A, State House

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28). Room 105A, State House

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (RSA 282-A:128), Office of NH Employment Security, 10 West Street, Concord

8:30 a.m. Public hearing on benefit amounts and monetary eligibility criteria.

ALTERNATIVE HIGHWAY FOR ROUTE 3 IN FRANKLIN FEASIBILITY STUDY (HB 1339, Chapter 48, Laws of 1996), Room 201, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT (RSA 146-D:4), Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 304, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled subcommittee work session on ***HB 204-FN-LOCAL***, relative to transportation of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners and court control of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners.

11:45 a.m. Full committee executive session on pending legislation.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Full subcommittee work session on ***HB 647-FN-A-LOCAL***, relative to a centralized computer checklist of voters and making an appropriation therefor.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 484***, relative to registration of certain voters who vote by absentee ballot.

1:00 p.m. Full subcommittee work session on ***HB 356***, relative to reporting requirements for political candidates and political committees.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 290***, relative to electronic signatures, ***HB 355***, relative to prohibited political contributions and ***SB 25***, establishing employer immunity from civil liability for good faith disclosure of information regarding current and former employees to prospective employers.

LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 103, State House

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting. **(Please note time change.)**

REGISTRY FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STUDY (SB 164, Chapter 76, Laws of 1997), Room 103, LOB

9:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

SILVER LAKE IN THE TOWNS OF BELMONT AND TILTON STUDY (SB 144, Chapter 67, Laws of 1997), Room 103, LOB

11:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS AND STATE RESPONSES, Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. Work session.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 143-LOCAL**, requiring that SAU budgets be approved by vote at school district meetings; **HB 166**, extending the time frame for the annual school district meeting date to the last Saturday in April and **HB 167**, changing the teacher nomination notification date from April 15 to May 15.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 366-LOCAL**, relative to noncompliance with zoning ordinances, **HB 529**, relative to excluding from the definition of subdivision the placement and maintenance of wireless communication facilities, **HB 552-LOCAL**, clarifying the authority of municipalities to regulate the use of their highways which provide sole access to properties in adjoining municipalities and **HB 679-FN-LOCAL**, repealing the limitation on zoning ordinance protest petitions.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 627-FN**, establishing a conservation number plate trust fund, and a special motor vehicle license plate and associated fees, to support New Hampshire's natural and cultural resources.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 204-FN-LOCAL**, relative to transportation of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners and court control of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 784-FN-LOCAL**, changing the age requirements for providing public education, including special education.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Bottle bill exploratory subcommittee work session. Presentation by Elizabeth Bedard, Office of State Planning.

10:30 a.m. Pesticide subcommittee work session.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II-SUBCOMMITTEE), ROOM 209, LOB

2:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 804**, relative to the definition of "communication services" for the purposes of the communications services tax.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 563-FN-A**, relative to a tax on telecommunications easements.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Cable/Internet subcommittee work session. Presentation by State Library personnel to Cable/Internet subcommittee concerning state agency information on the Internet.

MONDAY, JULY 14

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits.

- 1. Police Standards and Training Council.
- 2. Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training Program.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 366-LOCAL**, relative to noncompliance with zoning ordinances, **HB 529**, relative to excluding from the definition of subdivision the placement and maintenance of wireless communication facilities, **HB 552-LOCAL**, clarifying the authority of municipalities to regulate the use of their highways which provide sole access to properties in adjoining municipalities and **HB 679-FN-LOCAL**, repealing the limitation on zoning ordinance protest petitions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON THE SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE (SJR 20, Chapter 204, Laws of 1996), Room 206, LOB

4:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 204-FN-LOCAL**, relative to transportation of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners and court control of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 784-FN-LOCAL**, changing the age requirements for providing public education, including special education.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 630-FN-LOCAL**, providing an additional service retirement option for group I teacher members of the retirement system, **HB 749-FN**, requiring group I retirement system members to be incapacitated for any gainful employment before receiving accidental disability retirement benefits, **HB 751-FN-LOCAL**, relative to spousal benefits for certain retired group II members of the retirement system; **SB 53**, relative to payment by the retirement system of certain medical benefits for group II members and for certain permanent firemen on disability retirement and **SB 68**, providing health care coverage for the spouse and dependents of any group I or group II retirement system member who is killed in the line of duty.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

9:30 a.m. Meet in front of LOB for trip to Laconia to view Multiple Offender program

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Rooms 301-303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Pesticide subcommittee work session.

FRIDAY, JULY 18

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 21

COUNCIL ON APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (RSA 12-H:1), Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Year 2000 computer problems.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (RSA 282-A:128), Office of NH Employment Security, 10 West Street, Concord

8:30 a.m. Public hearing on providing eligibility to those who voluntarily quit employment due to compelling personal reasons.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 209, LOB

10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting of the subcommittee on *HR 62*, instructing the House Finance Committee to study alternatives to the use of municipal property taxes to fund public primary and secondary education.

11:00 a.m. Division II work session on the following re-referred bills:

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.

HB 195-FN-A, increasing the exemption amount under the interest and dividends tax.

HB 223-FN-L, providing that catastrophic aid for special education shall be fully funded.

HB 245-FN-A, making certain real estate transfers taxable.

HB 563-FN-A, relative to a tax on telecommunications easements.

HB 578-FN-A-L, providing for property tax relief and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 717-FN-A, relative to the taxation of venture capital firms under the business profits tax.

HB 804, relative to the definition of "communication services" for the purposes of the communications services tax.

SB 80-FN-A, excluding certain transfers from payment of the real estate transfer tax.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 204-FN-LOCAL***, relative to transportation of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners and court control of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 145-L***, relative to the definition of "open space land" for purposes of current use taxation.

MONDAY, JULY 28

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (RSA 282-A:128), Office of NH Employment Security, 10 West Street, Concord

8:30 a.m. Public hearing on alternative base periods.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 204-FN-LOCAL***, relative to transportation of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners and court control of arrestees, detained defendants, and prisoners.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 553-LOCAL***, relative to a right to farm.

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

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 490***, relative to the confidentiality of medical records.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

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

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 686-FN-A***, relative to financing child day care facilities and making an appropriation therefor.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Hillsborough County Delegation will meet in Convention on Monday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Manchester Courthouse, 300 Chestnut Street, Manchester for the purpose of considering the Hillsborough County Executive Committee proposed budget for Fiscal Year 1998.

Rep. Frances L. Riley, Chairman

Hillsborough County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Merrimack County Delegation will meet Monday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206, LOB.

Rep. David W. Hess, Chairman

Merrimack County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Rep. Sherman A. Packard, Chairman

Rockingham County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Sullivan County Delegation will meet in annual convention on Monday, June 30th at noon at the Ahern Building, Sullivan County Nursing Home, Unity.

Rep. Merle W. Schotanus, Chairman

Sullivan County Delegation

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.

David S. Feng, 1 Timber Lane, Hudson, New Hampshire 03061-3114

Edgar H. Mears, 243 East Mason Street, Berlin, New Hampshire 03570-2835

Paul W. Taylor, 214 Harris Road, Nashua, New Hampshire 03060-3708

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 and will be limited to legislative policy or social activities and political meetings or events. 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 Concord City Democrats will meet on Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 101, LOB.

Rep. Miriam D. Dunn

The next meeting of the House Republican Alliance will be held at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) on Wednesday, July 2 at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

All legislators are invited to the Granite State Taxpayers BBQ to be held at the Hopkinton State Fair in Contoocook on August 9th. We are offering to elected officials, past and present, the opportunity to work the "Chow Line" and meet some of the states most active voters, members and friends of GST. Tickets are \$20 per person; children under 12 are free. For more information call Ed Naile at 464-0288 or Joan Fulton at 424-5487.

Rep. George D. Murch

The summer OWLs outing will be held on Tuesday, July 15 (with a rain or shine date of July 16) at the home of the Honorable Doris Riley in Laconia. All OWL members women and men of the House are cordially invited to attend. Don't forget your bathing suit, towel and your appetite. Please call for specific directions. Everyone attending will be asked to bring a food item from a specific list. We need a head count by July 7. Please respond ASAP for reservations and directions to the Honorable Gail Barry (625-8174) or Rep. Julie Brown (332-1084).

Rep. M. Virginia Burke

Legislators are invited to the 1997 "Becoming An Outdoors Woman" workshop, cosponsored by NH Department of Fish and Game and NH Wildlife Federation. It will be held on September 5-7 at Rockywold-Deephaven Camps in Holderness. Information and applications can be obtained by contacting NHWF at 224-5953. Space is limited and the deadline is August 1.

Rep. Susan J. Clay

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

July 1 - Pelham Town Hall, Pelham, 6:00 p.m. Board of Selectmen's meeting, Transportation. Enhancement project to restore the historic Abbott Bridge.

July 2 - NH Technical College, Rooms 149-150, 505 Amherst Street, Nashua, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Nashua-Amherst-Milford, widening NH Route 101A to improve capacity, provisions for sidewalks and signalization improvements.

July 7 - Town Office, Stoddard, 7:30 p.m. Public officials meeting, bridge replacement, Shedd Hill Road over Highland Lake Outlet.

July 9 - Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street, Keene, 6:30 p.m. Citizens Advisory Task Force meeting, Keene-Swanzey, NH Route 9/10/12/101 corridor improvement.

July 22 - Berlin Technical College, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Working group 5 meeting, Route 16 corridor study.

July 23 - Old Middleton Town Hall, Ridge Road and King's Highway Intersection, Middleton, 6:30 p.m. Working group 2 meeting, Route 16 corridor study.

July 24 - Silver Lake Landing, NH Route 113, Madison, 6:30 p.m. Working group 4 meeting, Route 16 corridor study.

July 29 - Econolodge, Route 16, Tamworth, 6:30 p.m. Working group 3 meeting, Route 16 corridor study.

July 31 - Roberge Center, Main Street, Rochester, 6:30 p.m. Working group 1 meeting, Route 16 corridor study.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Chairman

Public Works and Highways

NOTICE

The 1997 hard-cover permanent House Journal soon will be sent for typesetting and printing. Orders have to be placed in the House Clerk's office by September 19. Distribution is expected to be in early January of 1998.

Upon request, House and Senate members, as well as heads of state agencies are each entitled to one copy at no cost.

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