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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, February 12th at 10:00 a.m. Future sessions are tentatively scheduled for February 18th and 19th.

I know the House joins me in thanking the staff at Legislative Services for their cooperation in drafting the additional bills let in by the Rules Committee to respond to the Claremont suit. Some of these bills are quite complex, but the team of professionals in OLS has handled the extra work with grace and efficiency. Much credit is also due to Richard Amidon, our Director of Legislative Services.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

Parliamentary Points to Ponder

Objection made with reasonable promptness, even if the presiding officer has announced the action approved, defeats the request for unanimous consent and a regular vote is required. A single objection defeats a request for unanimous consent.

Mason's Legislative Manual

Section 537 Paragraph 4

Occasionally, at the end of the session, a member stands up and requests unanimous consent. This means he is requesting that everyone agree to listen to his remarks. If just one person objects, the consent of the House is not unanimous, and the matter will be put to a vote. If a majority votes in favor, then the member may have his say.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

Legislative Forum

House Continuing Education

Topics: Are the environmental risks that scare us the same as those that harm us?

PRESENTER: Katherine Hartnett, Executive Director, NH Comparative Risk Project.

Date: Wednesday, February 4

Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Room 100, State House

How can we determine which environmental risks pose the most hazard? The New Hampshire Comparative Risk Project can provide some answers. Come learn about how a diverse group of 55 ranked 53 environmental risks, combining science, judgment and values about what is important in NH. The results can guide government, businesses, environmental organizations, and citizens.

All members are encouraged to attend. For the members’ convenience, the cafeteria will sell sandwiches, snacks and sodas outside the room.

Rep. Godfrey Howard

Legislative Continuing Education Coordinator

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Rooms 202-204

1:30 p.m. **HB 1025-FN**, relative to capital murder, first degree murder, and second degree murder.

6:30 p.m. **HB 1025-FN**, relative to capital murder, first degree murder, and second degree murder.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A STATEWIDE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(HB 262, Chapter 191, Laws of 1997), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1321-FN-A**, to provide marine patrol officers with adequate communications systems and making an appropriation therefor.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1303-FN-A-L**, continually appropriating boating fees and other revenues to the

division of safety services.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1349-FN**, relative to using department of revenue administration income data in calculating foundation aid.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1442**, repealing the held harmless practice codified in the Augenblick formula.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1581-FN-A-L**, relative to the payment of school building aid.

3:00 p.m. **HB 1403-FN-A**, increasing the personal needs allowance of nursing home residents and certain other residents and making an appropriation therefor.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1286-FN**, establishing a "no sales solicitation calls" list, **HB 1176**, prohibiting charges for the use of electronic customer service terminals, **HB 1179**, limiting fees charged by financial institutions for use of electronic customer service terminals and **HB 1348**, limiting fees for use of electronic customer service terminals.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1633**, restricting unsolicited commercial electronic mail and **HB 1235-FN**, relative to the small business innovation research program and **HB 1541-FN-A**, creating a position in the insurance department.

9:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1540-FN**, allowing non-banks to establish cash dispensing machines.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1147**, relative to corporate filings with the secretary of state.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1311**, adopting the 1994 revisions to article 8 of the uniform commercial code relative to investment securities.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1604**, relative to ownership of shares of professional corporations and relative to shareholders of firms practicing public accountancy.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1203**, establishing a committee to study methods of increasing the funding for the insurance fraud investigation unit.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1212**, prohibiting the use of credit reports to deny property or casualty insurance.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1391**, requiring insurance coverage for the screening and treatment of glaucoma.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1635-FN**, establishing the crime of criminal storage of a firearm.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1515-FN**, relative to discharge of persons imprisoned for failure to pay a penalty assessment or an administrative fee.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1543-FN-LOCAL**, relative to disbursement of income of persons held or imprisoned in a county department of corrections facility.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1490**, requiring defendants charged with certain crimes to turn over firearms to law enforcement agencies; requiring a protective order for surrender of firearms in cases of abuse; and allowing protective orders on behalf of public servants and witnesses who are victims of stalking or

criminal threatening.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1230-FN-LOCAL***, establishing a teacher improvement and evaluation program.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1416-FN-LOCAL***, requiring the state to pay for special education costs and to make tax information on special education services available to the public.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1597-FN***, relative to providing more cost-effective special education services.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1209***, revising the interagency agreement for special education.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1215***, establishing a committee to study the shortage of qualified and certified personnel in the delivery of services related to special education.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 1320***, amending provisions of the advisory committee on the education of students with disabilities.

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ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1169-LOCAL***, clarifying the authority of the ballot law commission relative to the examination of programs used to count votes.

10:30 a.m. ***CACR 33***, relating to a minimum age restriction on New Hampshire house members. Providing that the minimum age shall be 21.

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ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1243-FN-A***, relative to the regulation of pesticides and establishing a pesticide cleanup account in the hazardous waste fund.

9:15 a.m. Rescheduled subcommittee work session on ***HB 1229***, exempting biological control agents from registration requirements for pesticides.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1297-FN-A***, establishing a program of integrated pest management and continually appropriating an integrated pest management fund.

10:00 a.m. Full committee briefing from the Department of Environmental Services to be followed by subcommittee work sessions.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1238***, establishing a committee to study ways to manage land use and to preserve and protect the state's farmland, rural character, and environmental quality.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1576-FN-A***, permitting the development of an industrial hemp industry in New Hampshire and continually appropriating a special fund.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1606-LOCAL***, relative to liability for response to hazardous materials accidents.

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1162***, relative to permit applications before the

hazardous waste facility siting board.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1294-FN***, establishing the propane and natural gas board and regulating propane and natural gas installers and ***HB 1508-FN***, regulating the practice of hypnotherapy.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1415***, relative to the regulation of the practice of optometry.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 1450***, relative to standards for certification of soil scientists and wetland scientists.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1361***, relative to rulemaking authority, subpoena powers, and establishment of civil penalties by the board of professional engineers.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1653***, relative to the composition of the board of barbering, cosmetology, and esthetics.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1377-FN***, establishing a state commission on the status of men.

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1522-FN***, establishing the offices of inspector general.

3:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1524-FN***, licensing bail recovery agents.

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FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee executive session on re-referred bills.

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

10:00 a.m. All day executive session on pending legislation.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1658-FN***, relative to prohibiting the cloning of human beings in New Hampshire and ***HB 1298-FN-LOCAL***, requiring health care providers to wear identification.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:45 a.m. ***HB 1504-FN***, repealing the authority of the chief justice of the supreme court to assign superior court judges to hear cases in the district court.

10:15 a.m. ***HB 1538-FN-A***, extending the reporting date for the committee to study judicial pensions, increasing the duties of the committee, and making an appropriation therefor.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1593-FN***, codifying and revising the existing cooperative agreement between the department of health and human services and the judiciary.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1433-FN***, relative to physician aid-in-dying for certain persons suffering from a terminal condition.

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LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on the proposed amendment to ***HB 1423-FN***, modifying the definition of

employment under the unemployment compensation statute and assignment of unemployment compensation payments for a claimant’s child support obligations. (The proposed amendment relates to unemployment compensation for part time workers. Copies of the amendment are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office.)

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1423-FN***, modifying the definition of employment under the unemployment compensation statute and assignment of unemployment compensation payments for a claimant’s child support obligations.

2:00 p.m. Rescheduled executive session on pending legislation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1638-LOCAL***, relative to the work program requirement for assisted persons who are single parents.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1533-LOCAL***, requiring court diversion programs to provide an accounting of funds appropriated by municipalities, requiring municipalities to publish such accounting in the annual report of the municipality, and requiring municipalities to separately state anticipated expenditures for court diversion programs in the budget.

1:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1192***, permitting the city of Concord to combine the positions of tax collector and treasurer.

2:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1447-LOCAL***, relative to approval by the legislative body of cost items in a collective bargaining agreement.

2:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1373***, enabling towns and cities to adopt a procedure allowing for the denial of a planning board application by a vote of the municipality.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON THE SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE (SJR 20, Chapter 204, Laws of 1996), Room 205, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 103, State House

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1656***, relative to the law enforcement memorial.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1341***, relative to temporary seasonal docks on lakes and ponds.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1240-FN***, establishing wetlands permits for slips-only marinas.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

9:30 a.m. Radioactive Waste subcommittee work session on ***HB 1630-FN***, relative to the transportation of high level radioactive waste.

10:30 a.m. Radioactive Waste subcommittee work session on **HB 1651**, establishing a committee to study the protection of consumers relative to cable television rates and services.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1659**, prohibiting the use of eminent domain powers by public utilities to take private property for the construction and operation of electric generating plants.

1:00 p.m. Telecommunications subcommittee work session on **HB 1632-FN-A-LOCAL**, promoting the development of telecommunications planning and coordination at a statewide level, establishing incentives for local government investment in telecommunications infrastructure, and permitting local governments to franchise or otherwise levy and collect payments for use of the rights-of-way, **HB 1535**, relative to local telephone calling areas and long distance access charges and **HB 1527**, relative to unauthorized switching of service providers by utilities and clarifying the definition of "telephone cloning paraphernalia."

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1135**, relative to the use of watercraft and boats on Ledge Pond in the town of Sunapee.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1152**, permitting municipalities to further restrict watercraft on great ponds wholly within the municipality.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1481**, granting rulemaking authority to the executive director of fish and game to determine the legal length of lobsters.

11:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1409-FN**, relative to licenses for taking lobster and crab.

Rooms 305-307, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 1196**, prohibiting the sale and use of lead fishing sinkers except to persons with commercial salt water fishing licenses.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1214-FN**, encouraging employers to provide health insurance for their employees by providing a "New Hampshire Way" designation.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1336-FN**, defining medical necessity for insurance purposes.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1257**, authorizing landlords to conduct criminal background checks on prospective tenants with the consent of the prospective tenants.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1654**, relative to consumer credit solicitations.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1380-FN**, relative to energy costs for persons dependent upon life-support equipment.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1551-FN**, adding dental insurance to the continuing insurance coverage for certain employees.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1536**, establishing a committee to study women’s health care and relative to breast feeding a baby.

3:00 p.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to **HB 1582-FN**, extending small employer health insurance coverage to individuals, limiting annual premium rate increases, and eliminating minimum participation requirements for small employer groups. (Copies of the amendment will be available from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office.)

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY ACTIONS AND ALL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE LATE JOHN C. FAIRBANKS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION (HB 688, Chapter 340, Laws of 1997), Room 208, LOB

3:30 p.m. Final meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1552-FN-LOCAL**, relative to standards for juvenile court diversion programs.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1614**, relative to tobacco use violations by minors and establishing a committee on educational programs on tobacco use for minors.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1547-FN-LOCAL**, relative to mandatory incarceration for violators of protective orders.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HR 52**, encouraging school districts to include special education students in drug education programs.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1428**, establishing requirements for teachers and teacher preparation programs to ensure that teachers are prepared to teach a broad range of students including disabled students.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1429**, amending state board of education rulemaking authority relative to certain educational personnel.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1478**, recognizing American sign language as the primary language of deaf citizens.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1441**, establishing a committee to study reporting requirements for communities which pay for special education costs and the impacts of court-ordered placements and services.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to **HB 1224**, relative to the regulation of biosolids. (Copies of the proposed amendment will be available from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office.)

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1145**, relative to the definition of "livestock."

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1160**, relative to the definitions of the terms "farm,"

"agriculture," and "farming."

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

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1525-FN**, establishing an office of administrative hearings and **HB 1590-FN**, relative to vending facilities operated by blind persons and blind services.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1185**, creating a committee to study the feasibility of establishing an audit division within the department of justice to audit and review state contracts.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1438**, establishing a committee to study the regulation of personnel employed in early care and education including, but not limited to, center and family-based child care and preschools.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1655-FN-A**, relative to the authority of the length of service awards program committee, and making an appropriation therefor.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1299**, requiring members of executive branch councils to file annual financial statements and relative to certain person's who fail to file annual financial statements.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1344-FN**, relative to state employees receiving workers' compensation benefits.

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FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee executive session on re-referred bills.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1118**, relative to the expiration of contact lens prescriptions.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1166**, relative to the oversight committee on health and human services, **HB 1150**, establishing a committee to study the authority, functions, duties, and responsibilities of the bureau of emergency medical services, **HB 1396-FN**, relative to training programs for emergency medical services instructors and funding of certain testing programs and **HB 1498**, requiring emergency medical care providers to inform patients of transport options.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. Informational meeting.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1370**, abolishing the judicial council.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1594-FN**, transferring the authority of the judicial conduct committee to the legislature.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1267**, relative to membership on the professional conduct committee and the judicial conduct committee of the supreme court.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1358**, relative to failure to cooperate with proceedings of the supreme court committee on professional conduct or the judicial conduct committee.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1500**, relative to powers of appointment.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1146**, relative to the use of capital reserve funds for multiple payments of lease/purchase agreements.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1250-FN-LOCAL**, providing that beginning with the tax year 2002, the education portion of a property taxpayer’s tax bill shall not exceed 50 percent of the total tax due and establishing a committee to recommend legislation necessary to implement this act.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1401-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the application of local planning and zoning to construction, development, or use of facilities on state-owned property.

Executive session on pending legislation.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1187**, relative to breakwater permitting.

11:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

1:45 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1291-FN**, relative to management of the state ski areas at Mount Sunapee and Cannon Mountain.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Clean Air subcommittee work session on **HB 1274-FN**, relative to enforcement of air pollution laws by the department of environmental services, **HB 1513-FN-LOCAL**, extending the start date for the auto emissions testing program and requiring the commissioner of environmental services to propose for legislative consideration a diesel opacity testing program and a mobile source remote sensing pilot program and **HJR 23**, supporting the state’s petition to the federal Environmental Protection Agency to reduce interstate transport of air pollutants from other states, requesting that Congress make certain changes in the federal Clean Air Act, and requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency enforce certain existing provisions of the Clean Air Act regarding interstate transport of air pollution.

1:00 p.m. Utilities subcommittee work session on **HB 1659**, prohibiting the use of eminent domain powers by public utilities to take private property for the construction and operation of electric generating plants, **HB 1560-FN-A**, reestablishing the New Hampshire energy authority, making an appropriation therefor, and directing it to explore the acquisition of the transmission and distribution system of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, **HB 1368**, relative to distribution services and metering and billing in electric utility restructuring, **HB 1496**, relative to energy facility evaluation and **HJR 20**, finding that the contract requiring Public Service Company of New Hampshire to assume financial responsibility for a decision by Northeast Utilities to acquire additional nuclear generating capacity has the potential to raise PSNH rates and was executed in violation of the 1989 Rate Agreement between Northeast Utilities and the state of New Hampshire and in violation of state law.

TRANSPORTATION, Representatives Hall

9:00 a.m. **HB 1367**, requiring motorcyclists to wear protective headgear.

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WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1436**, exempting resident or landowner permissions for applications and permits for wildlife reductions on Long Island from the right to know law.

10:30 a.m. Full committee work session on pending legislation.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. All day executive session on pending legislation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

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

EDUCATION, Rooms 205-207, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1660-FN-LOCAL**, relative to defining educational adequacy within the public school system.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled subcommittee work session on **HB 1520-FN**, relative to primary petitions, political expenditures, and the jurisdiction of the ballot law commission, **HB 1488**, amending the definition of candidate and requiring additional reporting under the political expenditures and contributions act, **HB 1204**, relative to political party expenditures, **HB 1218**, requiring the secretary of state to print a question to the voters relative to the public financing of political campaigns on the 1998 general election ballot and **HB 1577-FN-A**, relative to campaign finance expenditure and contribution reform.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1431**, prohibiting the aerial spraying of herbicides for forestry purposes.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

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

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1217**, relative to balancing the operating budget.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1300**, relative to the revenue stabilization reserve account.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1644-FN-A**, relative to general fund operating budget surpluses.

1:30 p.m. **CACR 40**, imposing limitations on state government spending. Providing that the legislative and executive budgets cannot be more than 98 percent of the previous year's revenues,

with the remainder being placed into a stabilization fund.

2:30 p.m. **CACR 30**, relating to the levy of taxes. Providing that no taxes shall be levied without the consent of the people through a referendum vote.

3:15 p.m. **CACR 34**, relating to broad-based sales or income taxes. Providing that adopting a broad-based sales or income tax is prohibited.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:00 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to **HB 1194**, prohibiting a minor child from being forced to have visitation with an incarcerated parent. (Copies of the amendment will be available from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office.)

10:00 a.m. All day executive session on pending legislation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1567-LOCAL**, relative to local excavation permits for bedrock quarrying or crushing operations.

10:00 a.m. Briefing on time lines for voting/official ballot.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1252**, relative to the right to farm, **HB 1383-LOCAL**, relative to zoning for small businesses in rural areas, **HB 1388**, establishing a committee to study commercial, suburban, and rural sprawl, **HB 1532**, establishing a committee to study the village plan alternative to municipal subdivision procedures for the purpose of retaining open space in the development process.

1:30 p.m. County Committee study work session.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

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TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1345***, relative to school crosswalks.

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

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ALAN B. SHEPARD PARK COMMISSION (HB 687, Chapter 94, Laws of 1997), Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 308, LOB (Please note room change.)

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

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1376***, relative to co-parenting of children.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25), Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Rooms 205-207, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***CACR 42***, relating to public money used to compensate individuals for sectarian education. Providing that the provision prohibiting public money from being used to compensate individuals for education at sectarian schools be replaced with federal constitutional church-state separation protections.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION (JOINT HEARING WITH SENATE EDUCATION), Rooms 205-207, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1476-LOCAL***, enabling school districts to allow parental choice among public and nonpublic schools and ***SB 456***, enabling school districts to allow full parental choice in education..

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

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

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1400-FN***, relative to the powers and duties of the commissioner of health and human services.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1497***, establishing a committee to study adoption of a single factor method of apportionment for business taxation purposes.

- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1362**, requiring a vote of 2/3 of the house and senate to pass any bill approving the issuance of bonds which would increase state indebtedness.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1555-FN**, relative to including revocable trusts for medicaid estate recovery purposes.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 1521-FN-A**, making supplemental appropriations to certain academic institutions within the university system of New Hampshire for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.
- Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 202, LOB (Please note room change.)

- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1503-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to intergenerational homeshare programs and making an appropriation therefor.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING FINANCE COMMITTEE (RSA 162-F:15), Room 305, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PERINATAL ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TASK FORCE (RSA 132:19), Room 101, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1472**, relative to employment of prisoners.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1227-FN**, authorizing extended terms of imprisonment for persons who assault emergency medical personnel and fire services personnel.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1248-FN**, establishing the crime of assault against a sports official.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1462**, establishing an independent committee to study the university system of New Hampshire.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1465**, relative to eligibility for athletic scholarships with the university system of New Hampshire.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1386**, to establish a committee to study alternative school systems.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1420-LOCAL**, establishing a committee to study the impact of class sizes on overall educational performance.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1225**, restricting the land application of solid wastes within certain distances of natural, rural, and community rivers.

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1453***, relative to products from sludge-treated soil.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1454***, relative to the spreading of sludge or biosolids.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1631-FN***, extending the moratorium on new nursing home beds.

Division work and executive session to follow.

Full committee executive session on pending legislation to follow.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:45 a.m. ***HB 1144***, relative to protecting personal privacy.

10:15 a.m. ***HB 1302***, relative to the liability of the university system of New Hampshire for civil damages arising from snow, ice, or inclement weather.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1325***, relative to the rooms and meals tax and occupants of rooming houses.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1382***, requiring a court order or a power of attorney executed by a beneficiary for sale of estate assets by the administrator of the estate.

1:45 p.m. ***HB 1406***, increasing the maximum amount for a small claim action.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 1408***, requiring a criminal background investigation for certain child care agencies.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1113***, relative to reports of town and school district meetings to be certified to the department of revenue administration.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1112***, relative to the placement of articles on the official ballot.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1434-LOCAL***, simplifying the charter amendment procedure for the purpose of establishing official ballot voting.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1482***, providing a mechanism for optional fiscal year towns to use the official ballot voting procedures.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1491***, making the second Tuesday in April, rather than the second Tuesday in March, the election day for all local offices and for official ballot voting.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 1343***, relative to multiple and contingent warrant articles under the official ballot voting process.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Utilities ubcommittee work session on **HB 1659**, prohibiting the use of eminent domain powers by public utilities to take private property for the construction and operation of electric generating plants, **HB 1560-FN-A**, reestablishing the New Hampshire energy authority, making an appropriation therefor, and directing it to explore the acquisition of the transmission and distribution system of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, **HB 1368**, relative to distribution services and metering and billing in electric utility restructuring, **HB 1496**, relative to energy facility evaluation and **HJR 20**, finding that the contract requiring Public Service Company of New Hampshire to assume financial responsibility for a decision by Northeast Utilities to acquire additional nuclear generating capacity has the potential to raise PSNH rates and was executed in violation of the 1989 Rate Agreement between Northeast Utilities and the state of New Hampshire and in violation of state law, if needed.

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1481**, granting rulemaking authority to the executive director of fish and game to determine the legal length of lobsters.

11:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1409-FN**, relative to licenses for taking lobster and crab.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1448**, relative to confidential communication between victims and counselors.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1561-FN**, preventing computer pornography and child exploitation and increasing penalties for possession under the child pornography laws.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1378-FN**, making the penalty for the offense of official oppression a felony,

1:30 p.m. **HB 1183**, relative to use of force to prevent an unlawful taking of property.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1530**, regarding the reappointment of teachers in their probationary period.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1414**, relative to review of non-renewal of teachers contracts.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 209, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work and executive session.

FINANCE - (DIVISION III), ROOM 210-211, LOB

11:00 a.m. Work and executive session.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1295-FN**, relative to reimbursing the state medical assistance program.

1:45 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1228**, relative to notice required upon an agency's receipt of federal funds.

2:15 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1310**, relative to legislative approval of expenditure of federal and other funds.

3:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1326**, relative to applications for exemption to the state hiring delay.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: (1) New Hampshire Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997

1. State of New Hampshire Retirement System Management Letter for the Year Ended June 30, 1997.
1. State of New Hampshire Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs for the Year Ended June 30, 1997.
2. State of New Hampshire Health Services Planning and Review Board Performance Audit Report January 1998.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1511-FN**, requiring registers of probate to send a notice to each beneficiary when a fiduciary is delinquent in filing an inventory or account.

10:15 a.m. **HB 1519**, requiring registers of probate to be consistent and uniform in the enforcement of delinquency notices, citations, and contempt charges.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1554-FN**, allowing punitive damages in actions for domestic violence and sexual assault.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1565-FN-A**, establishing a joint legislative fiduciary oversight committee and making an appropriation therefor.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1610**, relative to back wages owed by employers.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1622-FN**, relative to remedies and appeals under the whistleblowers' protection act.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1483**, authorizing secret ballot voting at annual meeting.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1608**, providing that the membership on any charter commission established in a multi-town school district shall reflect each town's proportionate membership of the district's school board.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1236-LOCAL**, relative to limitations on the amendment of warrant articles in official ballot voting.

1:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1568**, relative to the timing of special school district meetings.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1571**, relative to the acquisition of abandoned or inactive rail lines in the city of Lebanon.

10:15 a.m. **HB 1585**, requiring the state to notify the town or city in which state-owned real estate is located prior to a change in use of such real estate.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1591**, relative to a width exception for highway building and maintenance equipment owned by private businesses and used for winter snow removal.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1531-FN**, relative to reimbursement for removal of petroleum storage facilities from the oil pollution control fund.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

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

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1559**, legalizing the possession and cultivation of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1562**, excepting cannabis-type drugs from forfeited drugs which may be delivered to the department of health and human services for medical use.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1646-FN**, removing the intent requirement for crimes of possession under the controlled drug law and increasing penalties for violations of the controlled drug law involving marijuana and hashish.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if necessary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

EDUCATION, Representatives Hall

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Vocational Institute Students.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if necessary.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if necessary.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

JUDICIAL COUNCIL (RSA 494), Room 208, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

PERINATAL ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TASK FORCE (RSA 132:19), Room 101, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

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

9:00 a.m. Hearing and regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Carroll County Delegation will meet on Monday, February 2 and Monday, February 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Ossipee to work on the 1998 County Budget.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Chairman

Carroll County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Cheshire County Executive Committee will meet on Monday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Office in Keene to continue hearings on the 1998 budget.

Rep. Paul A. McGuirk, Chairman

Cheshire County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Coos County Delegation will meet on Friday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Coos County Nursing Home, Cates Hill, Berlin.

Rep. Lynn C. Horton, Chairman

Coos County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the Merrimack County Delegation will meet on the following dates: Monday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 1998 Delegation, Treasurer, Administration, Concord Complex Maintenance, Registry of Deeds and Miscellaneous Budgets.

Monday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 1998 Merrimack County Department of Corrections Budget.

Friday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 1998 Human Services, Adult Diversion, Juvenile Diversion, Bridge Program, Grant Agencies and Cooperative Extension Budgets.

Monday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 1998 County Attorney, Medical Referee, Sheriff and Dispatch Budgets.

Friday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 1998 Nursing Home and Residential Properties Budgets.

Friday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the approval of the total County Budget.

Rep. Robert A. Lockwood, Chairman

Merrimack County Executive Committee

The hard-cover 1997 Permanent House Journals have been delivered. Those Representatives who ordered copies can pick them up anytime at the Sergeant-at-Arms counter.

Leo J. Callahan, Assistant Clerk

On House session days and committee days Representatives who do not have reserved LOB or reserved street parking please park in the Storrs Street Parking Garage.

Rob Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms

Pursuant to 1996 HR 62, the Finance Committee has prepared a report dated November 1, 1997, of its study of alternatives to fund public, primary and secondary education. Copies of the report are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms office. Members will find it both interesting and enlightening.

Rep. Neal M. Kurk, Chairman

Finance Committee

Pursuant to RSA 326-B:12, the Joint Health Council will meet at the NH Board of Nursing, Room 17, 78 Regional Drive, Building 2, Concord, on Monday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

REVISED AMENDED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have a revised or amended fiscal note: HBs 111, 467, 552, 565, 579, 587, 616, 630, 651, 670, 697, 707, 734, 736, 747, 753, 1350, 1545, 1579, 1582, 1593, 1594, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1617 and 1644.

Leo J. Callahan, Assistant Clerk

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

Robert W. Foster, PO Box 602, Moultonborough, New Hampshire 03254-0602

Leo P. Pepino, 73 Walnut Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03104-4848

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

Robert H. Turner, 44 Winnicooash Street, Laconia, New Hampshire 03246-3040.

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.

NH Senators and Representatives may receive complimentary ski privileges for themselves and one guest upon presentation of proper credentials at the ticket window. The elected official must be present to personally present the credentials, unless prior arrangement has been 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.)*

Rep. Gene G. Chandler

Please advise me by note at 945 East Rumney Road, Rumney, NH 03266 or by phone at 786-9562 if your town celebrates "Old Home Day" (OHD) or equivalent annually or occasionally. In HCR 20 we will ask the House to recognize the upcoming 100th anniversary of OHD and seek knowledge now of your town or city participation in that New Hampshire tradition. Thanks for your help.

Rep. John R.M. Alger

Perspectives on Assessment. All legislators are invited to a presentation and discussion about educational assessment to be presented by Peg Lusik, a nationally known advocate for responsible and accountable student testing. Ms. Lusik, an educator and former Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate, will explain the content, purpose and uses of various assessment systems now in vogue throughout the country. Date/Time: Saturday, January 31, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Bedford Town Hall. Sponsored by the Citizens Education Association. For further information please call 638-4701 or 669-6621.

Rep. John M. Root

The NH Transportation and Highway Users Coalition invites legislators to a breakfast reception on Tuesday, February 3 at the Historical Society building across from the LOB from 7:30-10:00 a.m.

Reps. George N. Katsakiores and Nancy C. Stickney

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet on Tuesday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 17 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Upham Walker House.

Reps. Julie M. Brown, Iris W. Estabrook, Mary Stuart Gile and James P. Pilliod

The House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4th and Wednesday, February 18th. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Robert K. Boyce

The Judicial Council is holding its Annual Administration of Justice Conference on February 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the LOB. The topic of this year's conference is "Getting Tough on Crime: Understanding Sentencing Options and Alternatives." This interactive seminar program will include presentations on juvenile diversion, sentencing to the House of Corrections and the Academy program and what sentencing to the NH State Prison really means. Participants in the panels will include district and superior court judges, experts from diversion and academy programs, graduates of these programs, prosecutors, and police. Please save this date and plan to attend this very worthwhile program. The program will be interactive and include an opportunity for questions to the panelists.

Information on the program will be sent to each legislator. The Judicial Council will ask legislators to reply to their invitation so that they can plan the program to meet the needs and number of those attending. Please watch for this material.

Reps. Nick Hart and Sandra B. Keans

On Monday, February 9, 1998, the Department of Corrections will host a tour of the Lakes Region Correctional Facility in Laconia. Transportation will be provided, meeting at 9:30 a.m., in front of the LOB for those members not wishing to provide their own transportation.

Please call 271-3565, or stop by Room 201 on Tuesday, February 3 or Wednesday, February 4 by noon, if you are going to use the provided transportation.

Members driving themselves should meet at the Correctional Facility at 10:15 a.m.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler

The New Hampshire Society of CPAs invites all legislators and staff to a reception on Wednesday, February 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Concord.

Reps. Robert L. Wheeler and Peter Hoe Burling

The New Hampshire Psychological Association invites all legislators and staff to a breakfast on Thursday, February 12th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the basement of St. Paul's Church.

Reps. Robert L. Wheeler and Peter Hoe Burling

All legislators are cordially invited to attend a Legislators for Limited Spending Buffet Breakfast on Thursday, February 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the Eagles Nest, Eagle Square, Concord. Noted author and lecturer, Mr. Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform, Washington, DC will be the guest speaker. For tickets contact Rep. Sylvia A. Holley at 882-1891 or Rep. Don White at 886-8267.

Rep. Sylvia A. Holley

The Retail Merchants Association cordially invites all legislators and staff to our "Legislative Reception" on Wednesday, March 11 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord. The reception will be in the Lounge area. We look forward to seeing you.

Rep. Toni M. Crosby

The Belknap County Republican Committee will hold its Lincoln Day Dinner on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club, Country Club Road, Gilford. Featured speaker is former Vice President of the US, Dan Quayle. For tickets please call Reps. John Thomas (528-5112), Ralph Rosen (524-8651) or John Veazey (524-2459).

Rep. John Thomas

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

Feb 5 - Enfield Town Hall, Whitney Hall Auditorium, Main Street, 5:30 p.m. Public officials meeting, Enfield, realignment along US Route 4.

Feb 11 - The Birches Restaurant, Gorham, 6:00 p.m. Working Group Meeting, Route 16 Corridor Study.

Feb 12 - Roberge Center, Rochester, 6:00 p.m. Working Group Meeting, Route 16 Corridor Study.

Feb 17 - Runnell’s Hall, Chocorua, 6:00 p.m. Working Group Meeting, Route 16 Corridor Study.

Feb 17 - Newport Opera House, 20 Main Street, Newport, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing, Newport, Central Street.

Feb 18 - Stratham Municipal Center, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (Commission), Newfields-Stratham, NH Route 108.

Feb 18 - Town Office Building, Route 3, West Stewartstown, 6:00 p.m. Public informational/officials meeting, Stewartstown, NH Route 145 over Bishop’s Brook.

Feb 19 - Room 201, LOB, 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Public hearing on current applications for funding. Transportation Enhancement (TE) Advisory Committee.

Mar 5 - Room 201, LOB, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Committee meeting to discuss project applications. Transportation Enhancement (TE) Advisory Committee.

Mar 10 - Room 201, LOB, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Public hearing on current applications for funding. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Meeting (CMAQ).

Mar 19 - Room 201, LOB, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Committee meeting to select recommended projects for funding. Transportation Enhancement (TE) Advisory Committee.

Mar 24 - Southern NH Planning Commission, 438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Committee meeting to recommend projects for funding. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Meeting (CMAQ).

Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Chairman

Public Works and Highways

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors’ Center offers the following schedule of school groups visiting the State House in February 1998. These listings will replace individual notifications in an effort to reduce paper usage and to ensure all members will be notified in a timely manner. Please contact the Visitors’ Center for further information. Thank you for your continued participation with our School Visitation Program.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>CLASS/Size</i>
2/2	10:00 & 11:15	Presentation of Mary Academy- Nashua	4/47
2/3	11:30	Russell School - Rumney	4/25
2/4	10:00 & 12:00	Swasey Central School - Brentwood	4&5/70
2/4	1:30	League of Women Voters of NH	adults/10
2/5	9:00 & 10:30	St. Catherine’s School - Manchester	4/75
2/6	9:45 & 11:30	Auburn Village School - Auburn	4/80
2/6	2:00	Bow High School	jrs & srs / 35
2/9	9:30 & 10:45	Fairgrounds Elem. - Nashua	4/63
2/9	12:30	Mastway - Lee	4/25
2/10	10:00	Cornish School	4/20
2/10	10:00	Kearsarge Mtn. Home School - Warner	4+/8
2/11	10:00	Sant Bani - Sanbornton	4/14
2/11	11:15	Stoddard Elementary	4&5/15
2/11	1:30	Newmarket Elem. Student Council	4&5/16
2/12	9:15	Washington Street School - Penacook	4/40
2/13	9:30 & 10:45	Fairgrounds Elem. - Nashua	4/63
2/13	12:30	Mastway - Lee	4/25
2/17	9:00 & 10:00	Greenland Central	4/40
2/18	10:00	Liberty School House - Bedford	K/12
2/18	11:00 & 12:30	Infant Jesus - Nashua	4/52
2/19	10:00 & 11:15	Towle School - Newport	4/50

2/19	12:30	Manchester Youthbuild	HS/25
2/20	9:00;10:00 & 11:00	Conant Elementary - Concord	4/75
2/20	12:30	Cardigan School(<i>Finnish Team</i>) - Canaan	14-16/40
2/23	10:00	Troop 22 BSA - Amherst	11-15/20
2/26	10:00	Heritage Heights/Havenwood - Concord	SRS/12
2/26	1:00	K.A. Brett School - Tamworth	3&4/65

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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: 271-3333	
Rockingham & Strafford Counties	Hillsborough County
Troop - A	Troop - B
Route 125	4 Meadowbrook Drive
Epping, NH 03042	Milford, NH 03055
Tel: 679-3333	Tel: 672-3333
Cheshire & Sullivan Counties	Merrimack County
Troop - C	Troop D - Department of Safety
Box 272	10 Hazen Drive
Keene, NH 03431	Concord, NH 03305
Tel: 358-3333	Tel: 271-3333
Belknap & Carroll Counties	Coos & Grafton Counties
Troop - E	Troop - F
Box 235	Box 440
W. Ossipee, NH 03890	Twin Mountain, NH 03595

Tel: 323-3333	Tel: 846-3333
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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 **271-3333** and not any of the emergency lines.

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.