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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. Future sessions are tentatively set for April 16th and 23rd.

I commend the members for their efficiency and cooperation in completing action on House bills a day early for the crossover deadline. We are now at the halfway point in the session. I hope the fine spring weather lifts everyone's spirits and inspires us for the tasks ahead.

The House has welcomed many special guests this year, recognizing excellence in athletics, poetry, academics and other achievements. We are blessed with so many champions that we now have a waiting list for groups and individuals who deserve our special acknowledgment. If you have a team or group you would like to have at a House session, please coordinate their visit with Susan Wood, the House Information Officer, in Room 314 of the State House. Susan has done a phenomenal job trying to accommodate the large number of requests that we have received. We will continue to do our best to present as many as possible in the remaining session days.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

Parliamentary Points to Ponder

The usual manner of voting is for the presiding officer to call for the "yeas" and "nays" on a question and judge the vote by the sound…If certain of the vote, the presiding officer may immediately announce the result, but if not certain, the presiding officer may say, "the yeas seem to have it," or "The nays seem to have it," in order to give any member an opportunity to request a verification. If no member requests a division or otherwise requests a verification, the presiding officer may announce the result.

Mason's Legislative Manual

Section 532 Paragraphs 1 & 3

After a voice vote I frequently say "The ayes appear to have it," and then pause to see if anyone has a doubt about the vote before I officially declare the result, "The ayes have it." This is to give members who may have heard the vote

differently the chance to request a division to verify the vote. After the vote is declared, the only way to challenge it is to appeal the ruling of the chair, a situation every presiding officer tries to avoid.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 385, relative to reporting and registration requirements for lobbyists and clients of lobbyists. (SJ 3)

HB 517, relative to aggravated felonious sexual assault. (House Concurred 3/5/98)

HB 544, relative to dwellings which extend over public waters. (House Concurred 3/19/98)

HB 1119, relative to the town line between the towns of Groton and Plymouth, New Hampshire. (House Concurred 3/5/98)

HCR 21, encouraging the designation of the Connecticut River as an American Heritage River. (House Concurred 3/19/98)

LAID ON TABLE

HB 643-FN, establishing an industry average performance system for air pollution control and establishing certain pollution control funds. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee amendment.)

HB 1520-FN, relative to primary petitions, political expenditures, and the jurisdiction of the ballot law commission. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee amendment.)

HB 1577-FN-A, relative to campaign finance expenditure and contribution reform. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report.)

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 30

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A STATEWIDE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HB 262, Chapter 191, Laws of 1997), Centennial Inn, 96 Pleasant Street, Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 372,*** relative to forms and rates for large scale commercial insurance policies.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 344,*** clarifying requirements regarding certain trusts.

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 377,*** authorizing the organization of merchant banks to provide equity financing and related services to small businesses and exempting certain New Hampshire banks from the aging requirement of the interstate acquisition and merger laws.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 336,*** relative to small group and individual insurance.

1:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 308***, relative to the board of directors of Delta Dental Plan of New Hampshire, Inc.

2:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 337,*** relative to the order of distribution of claims from an insurer's estate.

3:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 340,*** relative to the filing fee for securities in a combined prospectus offered for sale in New Hampshire by a mutual fund.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 304,*** allowing juvenile case and court records to be unsealed in certain cases.

10:30 a.m. ***SB 418 -FN,*** making a person driving under the influence of a controlled drug subject to an administrative loss of license.

11:00 a.m. ***SB 319,*** establishing a committee to study the parole system and methods to increase its efficiency.

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 incinerator closures.

11:00 a.m. ***SB 402,*** extending the reporting date for the pet overpopulation committee.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on sludge and biosolids.

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. ***SB 364,*** establishing a committee to study the feasibility and advisability of consolidating building trades under a single licensing board.

11:00 a.m. ***SB 362,*** relative to classification of certain department of corrections personnel in the retirement system.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1663-FN***, relative to rulemaking under the administrative procedures act.

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

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1668-FN-A-L***, establishing a personal income tax and a statewide school property tax to fund public education and making an appropriation therefor.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1679-FN-A-L***, relative to local property taxation and state aid to support public education.

2:00 p.m. ***SB 483-FN,*** exempting certain businesses from the electronic filing requirement under the meals and rooms tax.

3:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1676-FN-A-L,*** relative to collection by the state of local property taxes paid by business, industrial, and public utility properties and redistribution to municipalities for education purposes on a per pupil basis.

3:15 p.m. ***SB 417-FN,*** continuing the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments.

Executive session may be held throughout the day.

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

11:30 a.m. Work and executive session on ***SB 497,*** relative to disbursement of tobacco settlement funds received by the state.

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

10:00 a.m. ***SB 373,*** protecting quality assurance information of home health care providers from discovery.

10:45 a.m. ***SB 210-FN,*** relative to an exemption from licensing for day care in private homes.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 476-FN,*** relative to ambulatory surgical facilities.

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

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 446,*** relative to estate planning by a guardian.

10:45 a.m. ***SB 438,*** relative to the authority of a voluntary corporation to indemnify its directors and officers.

11:30 a.m. ***SB 420,*** preventing a child from being required to have visitation with a parent incarcerated for the murder of the other parent.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 433-FN,*** relative to computing average weekly wages for the purpose of determining workers' compensation benefits.

10:00 a.m. ***SB 331,*** eliminating work certificates for 16 and 17 year old youths.

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

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 366,*** establishing a study committee to examine the purging of archaic laws.

10:15 a.m. Full committee work session to discuss the Senate amendment to HB 385.

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. Subcommittee work session on excavation of bedrock.

1:00 p.m. Seminar session with the New Hampshire Municipal Association re: municipal charters.

PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 307, LOB

4:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 341***, relative to the decommissioning finance committee.

Executive session on ***SB 390,*** relative to the application of the law governing foreign business entities to a merger or other reorganization of a gas utility.

Subcommittee work session on ***SB 140***, relative to the obligations of joint owners to the nuclear decommissioning finance fund following the executive session.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

1:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on health insurance for individuals.

COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (RSA 169-H:1), Room 204, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***SB 331,*** eliminating work certificates for 16 and 17 year old youths.

10:30 a.m. ***SB 448,*** establishing a committee to study joint maintenance agreements in school districts.

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

EDUCATION - Joint Public Hearing with Finance, **Representatives Hall**

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1075-FN-A-LOCAL,*** implementing the Advancing Better Classrooms program to provide a constitutionally adequate public education to all the children of New Hampshire. (The hearing will not conclude until all testimony has been heard.)

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:30 a.m. Discussion on campaign finance reform including HB 1520 and HB 1577 which are Laid on Table in the House. Discussion will include proposed amendment to HB 1577.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 406,*** establishing a legislative task force to develop a state government restructuring plan.

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

FINANCE - Joint Public Hearing with Education**, Representatives Hall**

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1075-FN-A-LOCAL,*** implementing the Advancing Better Classrooms program to provide a constitutionally adequate public education to all the children of New Hampshire. (The hearing will not conclude until all testimony has been heard.)

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. WORK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 405-FN, relative to a specific time period by which the state is required to have an audited financial statement available to the public.

SB 428-FN, relative to firearm lock boxes in state facilities.

SB 462-FN, relative to any general fund surplus at the close of the current biennium.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 415,*** relative to the authority of zoning boards of adjustment to grant variances from certain zoning ordinances.

11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on ***SB 353-FN,*** relative to official ballot procedures.

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

NH-CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-A:2-g), Room 120, State House

10:00 a.m. Agenda: Reports from executive committee.

Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to ***HB 1000-FN-L***, relative to a 10-year transportation plan and authorizing construction on the Spaulding Turnpike. (The proposed amendment adds $311,600 from the Turnpike Retained Earnings account to allow for the Turnpike System to be included in the bids for and the installation of radios, in the statewide Department of Transportation radio system upgrade.)

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***SB 439-L,*** relative to the adoption of rules by local school district governing bodies concerning pupil discipline and behavior.

10:30 a.m. ***SB 301,*** relative to teacher renomination and the application of teacher professional and performance standards.

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. Full committee work session on comparative risk.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1681-FN-A,*** increasing the tobacco tax on all tobacco products and designating the increase in revenue for the advancing better classrooms program.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 209, LOB

WORK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1666-FN-A-L,*** establishing a new statewide tax on land values to fund a constitutionally adequate education.

HB 1669-FN-A-L, adding a capital gains tax to the interest and dividends tax, and designating all revenues from the interest and dividends tax for funding education.

HB 1670-FN-A-L, relative to a statewide school tax on income for purposes of funding a constitutionally adequate education and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 1671-FN-A-L, establishing a securities transfer excise tax to meet state obligations in funding education.

HB 1672-FN-A-L, replacing the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax with a reform business tax and establishing a committee to recommend a rate for the reform business tax.

HB 1674-FN-A-L, establishing a proportional statewide property tax to provide equal per student funding for state-mandated education and funding for kindergarten and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 1675-FN-A-L, establishing a referendum for a new taxation plan to fund public education.

HB 1676-FN-A-L, relative to collection by the state of local property taxes paid by business, industrial, and public utility properties and redistribution to municipalities for education purposes on a per pupil basis.

CACR 44, clarifying the phrase "proportional and reasonable" in the constitution. Providing that to the extent local property taxes are used to fund an adequate education, tax rates among different local taxing districts shall be proportional and reasonable if, utilizing real property valuations equalized throughout the state, the lowest tax rate utilized by any one local taxing district is not less than 50 percent of the highest tax rate utilized by any other local taxing district.

CACR 47, relating to use of personal income taxes. Providing that the general court shall use net revenues from personal income taxes exclusively for educational purposes.

CACR 48, relating to restricting any statewide property tax to education funding. Providing that all revenues resulting from a statewide property tax shall be used exclusively for elementary and secondary education.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Rooms 201-203, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***SB 339,*** relative to the bidding for design and construction of a new medium security prison in the city of Berlin and to the closure of the lakes region facility and making appropriations therefor.

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

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 403,*** relative to mooring on Spofford Lake.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 493,*** establishing a commission to determine the feasibility of a new public-private partnership to conserve New Hampshire's priority natural, cultural, and historical resources.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on ***SB 140***, relative to the obligations of joint owners to the

nuclear decommissioning finance fund.

Full committee work session on ***SB 341***, relative to the decommissioning finance committee, will follow if needed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

FINANCE - Joint with Senate Judiciary**, Rooms 210-211, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***CACR 46,*** relating to the right of each educable child to an adequate education, and the proportionality and reasonableness of local taxes for education. Providing that the right of every child to an adequate education shall be enforced by appropriate legislation, that the state may delegate to its political subdivisions the duty to provide an adequate education, and that a tax imposed to implement such a delegated duty shall be proportional and reasonable and ***CACR 45,*** relating to the right of every educable child in the public schools to an adequate education, and the proportionality and reasonableness of local taxes for education. Providing that the right of every educable child in the public schools to an adequate education shall be enforced by appropriate legislation, that the legislature may delegate to the state's political subdivisions the duty to provide an adequate education, and that a tax imposed to implement such a delegated duty shall be proportional and reasonable.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3), ROOM 103, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374:22-h), Representatives Hall

9:00 a.m. Public forum in conjunction with the Public Utilities Commission.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), Room 205, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Department of Revenue Administration and the Municipal Association on taxation of sand and gravel.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. County committee study work session.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON THE SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE (SJR 20, Chapter 204, Laws of 1996), Room 307, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits:

1. State of New Hampshire Sweepstakes Commission audit report for the years ended June 30, 1997 and 1996.

2. State of New Hampshire State Treasury audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1997.

3. State of New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Safety Services Marine Patrol Bureau Staffing performance audit report March 1998.

LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 203, LOB (Please note room change.)

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

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

MONDAY, APRIL 13

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205, LOB

9:30 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.

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 233-A:2), Director's Conference Room, Fish and Game Department, 2 Hazen Drive, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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

8:30 a.m. Public hearing on a request for an advisory opinion concerning the participation of legislators and staff in certain fundraising or commercial activities on state property.

Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, LOB Lobby

7:30 a.m. Trip to UNH. Meet at the lobby in the LOB. Van available.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. County committee study work session.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

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

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

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood.

Rep. Sherman A. Packard, Chairman

Rockingham County Executive Committee

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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

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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

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Legislators are entitled to receive soft-bound copies of the session laws. The 1997 Session Laws are ready for printing and we need to know how many copies to order. If you would like a copy of the 1997 Session Laws, please notify the Office of Legislative Services, Room 109, State House by April 10.

Richard E. Amidon, Director of Legislative Services

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REVISED AMENDED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have a revised or amended fiscal note: HBs 111, 177, 204, 256, 443, 467, 485, 552, 559, 565, 579, 587, 605,

606, 651, 670, 676, 686, 697, 707, 717, 730, 734, 736, 747, 749, 753, 774, 784, 1000, 1011, 1100, 1115, 1121, 1141, 1211, 1224, 1259, 1280, 1284, 1291, 1298, 1303, 1328, 1330, 1331, 1336, 1338, 1350, 1354, 1377, 1384, 1387, 1396, 1399, 1456, 1490, 1513, 1517, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1555, 1573, 1579, 1582, 1588, 1593, 1594, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1617, 1639, 1644, 1660, 1662, 1664, 1671, 1673, 1674, HJR 24 and SB 485.

Leo J. Callahan, Assistant Clerk

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

Charles W. Ferguson, 160 Foster Road, Milford, New Hampshire 03055-3608

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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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.

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I would like to remind members that you may have your paychecks deposited directly into your bank account. The Direct Deposit program is convenient for you and saves the State considerable money as well. You will continue to receive a mock check with your attendance dates listed for your record keeping. Please see Carol Dunning in the Speaker's Office for details.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

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Manchester Delegation will meet Monday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the School Administrative Building, 3rd floor.

Rep. Lou D'Allesandro

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The Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet on Tuesday, March 31 at noon in the Upham Walker House.

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

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Sullivan County Democrats will meet Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sugar River Savings Bank Community Room to discuss county caucus results, the May State Democratic Convention and other county business.

Rep. Celestine K. Wiggins

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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, April 1st. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Robert K. Boyce

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Three April Open Houses will be open to the public in different locations throughout the Route 16 Corridor:

April 1 - Chocorua, Runnells Hall, Route 113 from 1:00 to 9:30 p.m.

April 9 - Newington, Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

April 15 - Berlin, N. Forest Heritage Park's Brown Co. House Museum, 961 Main Street from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Reps. Lawrence J. Guay and Gene G. Chandler

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The Democratic Alliance for Women will host a reception for Newsweek editor and McLaughlin Group Star, Eleanor Clift, Thursday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Council Chambers. All women legislators and House and Senate staff are invited.

Rep. Marion L. Copenhaver

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US Senate candidate George Condodemetraky will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of Manchester City Democrats on Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Black Brimmer Restaurant, 1087 Elm Street. Future meetings will be the first Monday of each month at the same location.

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt

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The New Hampshire Public Health Association will be holding its 7th Annual Meeting and 2nd Roger Fossum lecture on Wednesday, April 8 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. at the Kimball Jenkins Estate, Concord. Michael Eriksen, Director of the Office on Smoking as well as the Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US Public Health Service and Philip T. McLaughlin, New Hampshire Attorney General will make presentations on "The Tobacco Industry and the Public's Health: Going Up In

Smoke". All legislators are encouraged to attend this informative event. For more information contact Rep. Alphonse A. Haettenschwiller.

Rep. Alphonse A. Haettenschwiller

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The State of New Hampshire will be celebrating New Hampshire Tartan Day the week of April 6. The House will be celebrating on Thursday, April 9 with pipers and dancers from different parts of the State. All legislators are asked to wear their tartan. If you don't have a family tartan, you can wear the New Hampshire Tartan. Ties and scarves are available from the gift shop in the State House lobby.

Rep. Stephen G. Avery

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SPACE (Statewide Program of Action to Conserve Our Environment) is celebrating the 25th anniversary of current use legislation and invites all legislators to the NH Historical Society on Thursday, April 9 at noon. A delicious buffet lunch will be served. Former Governor Walter Peterson will be there as well as several legislators who were instrumental in the passage of this legislation. We look forward to welcoming you at noon on April 9. For further information please call SPACE Office at 224-3306.

Reps. Katherine H. Metzger, George T. Musler and H. Charles Royce

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There will be a forum on ***HB 1674-FN-A-LOCAL,*** establishing a proportional statewide property tax to provide equal per student funding for state-mandated education and funding for kindergarten and making an appropriation therefor and ***CACR 48,*** relating to restricting any statewide property tax to education funding. Providing that all revenues resulting from a statewide property tax shall be used exclusively for elementary and secondary education, at noon on Thursday, April 9th in rooms 201-203, LOB. Details of these two proposals will be presented by Reps. Sapareto and Allen. All legislators and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Rep. Frank V. Sapereto

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Belknap County Republican Committee will meet on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Jacks Lakeside Restaurant on Route 3 in Tilton.

Rep. John Thomas

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

Mar 30 - Haverhill Town Office, Morrill Municipal Building, Route 10, North Haverhill, 7:00 p.m. Public officials meeting, Haverhill, NH-Newbury, VT, US 302 bridge over the Connecticut River.

Mar 31 - Rollinsford Town Office, 667 Main Street, Rollinsford, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Rollinsford, replacement of the Rollins Road Bridge.

April 1 - Runnell's Hall, Chocorua, 2:00 p.m. Open house, Route 16 corridor study.

April 8 - Mabel Brown Room, Keene State College, 7:00 p.m. Special committee public hearing, Keene-Swanzey.

April 9 - Newington Town Hall, Newington, 3:00 p.m. Open house, Route 16 corridor study.

April 14 - Claremont Middle School Gymnasium, 107 South Street, Claremont, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing, Claremont, Washington Street widening and improvements.

April 15 - Northern Forest Heritage Park, Berlin, 3:00 p.m. Open house, Route 16 corridor study.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Chairman

Public Works and Highways

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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 March and April 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

DATE	***TIME***	***GROUP***	***CLASS/Size***
3/30	10:00; 11:15 & 12:30	Mount Pleasant School - Nashua	4 / 75
3/31	9:15 & 10:45	Bristol Elementary	4 / 60
3/31	1:00	Walker School - Concord	4 / 36
4/1	9:15 & 10:45	Bristol Elementary	4 / 60
4/1	1:15	Concord Christian School	9 / 31
4/2	10:00	Newmarket Elementary	4 / 24
4/2	12:00	Holderness Central	4 / 24
4/3	9:00	Broken Ground - Concord	4 / 48
4/3	10:30 & 11:45	Maple Avenue - Claremont	4 / 60
4/3	1:00 & 2:15	Lincoln- Akerman - Hampton Falls	3&4/60
4/6	9:00	Broken Ground - Concord	4 / 24
4/6	10:00; 11:00 & 12:00	Hampstead Central	4 / 60
4/6	1:30	Library Street - Hudson	4 / 54
4/7	9:00	Broken Ground - Concord	4 / 48
4/7	10:00 & 11:30	Hampstead Central	4 / 60
4/7	1:30	Crossroad Academy - Lyme	5 / 14
4/8	10:00 & 11:15	Rindge Memorial	4 / 50
4/8	1:00	Henniker Elementary	4 / 20
4/8	3:15	Leadership Concord	Adults

4/9	8:15	Jennie D. Blake School - Hill	4&5/21
4/9	9:30;10:30; 11:30; 12:30	McClellend School - Rochester	4 / 100
4/10	10:00 & 11:15	Bethlehem Elementary	4 / 38
4/10	1:00	Henniker Elementary	4 / 18
4/13	10:00	East Kingston Elementary	4 / 25
4/13	11:00 & 12:15	Linwood Elementary - Lincoln	4 / 36
4/14	10:00 & 11:15	Reeds Ferry - Merrimack	4 / 50
4/14	12:30	Warren Elementary	6 / 14
4/15	10:00 & 11:15	Reeds Ferry - Merrimack	4 / 50
4/15	12:30	Chester Elementary	4 / 50
4/16	10:00 &11:15	Reeds Ferry - Merrimack	4 / 50
4/16	12:30	Lafayette Regional - Franconia	4 / 22
4/17	9:30 & 11:00	Jaffrey Grade School	4 / 75
4/17	10:30	Surry School	1 to 6 / 52
4/20	9:00 & 10:00	Barnstead Elementary	4 / 60
4/20	11:00 & 1:00	Bedford Memorial School	4 / 80
4/21	10:30 & 11:30	Danville Elementary	4 / 60
4/21	12:30	MT Vernon Village School	4 / 43
4/22	8:30	Concord Christian School	4 / 20
4/22	10:00 & 1100	East Rochester School	4 / 60
4/22	2:00	Laconia Senior Center	18 adults
4/23	9:30;10:30 & 11:30	Interlakes Elementary - Meredith	4 / 75
4/24	11:00 & 11:30	New Searles Elementary - Nashua	4 / 75
4/27	10:00	Dondero Elementary - Portsmouth	4 / 43
4/27	11:00 & 12:00	Little Harbor School - Portsmouth	4 / 80
4/28	10:00 & 11:15	Symonds School - Keene	4 / 60
4/28	12:30	Trinity Homeshool - Bow	3-6 / 20
4/29	10:00	Salisbury Elementary	4 / 12
4/29	12:30	Bluff Elementary - Claremont	4 / 45
4/30	9:30	Seminary Hill - West Lebanon	4 / 40
4/30	11:00	Cornish Elementary	4 / 15

4/30	11:00	Den 1 Pack 610 - Pelham	4 / 5