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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on June 4 at 10 a.m. We do not anticipate a lengthy session on that day.

We are working to reach agreement with the Senate on a day for both bodies to meet during the second week of June to complete the appointment of all committees of conference. While the House schedule currently anticipates a Tuesday session that week and the Senate schedule contains a Thursday deadline, it is possible that an agreement will be reached for both bodies to meet on Wednesday.

I appreciate your flexibility and encourage you to maintain your sense of humor as we approach the traditional crunch time of our legislative session.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Thursday, June 4th at 9:30 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Robert Wheeler, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, June 4th at 9:15 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter Hoe Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Chairmen's and Vice Chairmen's meeting Thursday, June 4th at 8:45 a.m. in Room 201, LOB.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

CHANGES IN HOUSE AND SENATE DEADLINES

House Rule 64: (Senate deadlines appear in parentheses):

May 28, 1998 - Last day to report all bills, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

June 9, 1998 - Last day to act on all bills, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

(June 11, 1998 - Last day to act on House bills, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.)

(June 11, 1998 - Last day to form Committees of Conference, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.)

June 12, 1998 - Final day to sign-off all Committee of Conference Reports at 5:00 p.m., excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

(June 16, 1998 - Final day to sign-off all Committee of Conference Reports at 5:00 p.m., excluding those related to the Claremont decision.)

June 17, 1998 - Last day to act on Committee of Conference Reports, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

(June 18, 1998 - Last day to act on Committee of Conference Reports, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.)

June 19, 1998 - All bills to the Governor, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

(June 23, 1998 - All bills to the Governor, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.)

(June 30, 1998 - Veto Day.)

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

FINANCE

SB 417-FN, continuing the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert G. Holbrook for Finance : This bill re-establishes the Court Modernization Fund until June 30, 2001 and the amendment appropriates \$59,780 to the Department of Administrative Services for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration building as it appears to be ready for occupancy earlier than expected. Vote 18-0.

SB 423-FN, relative to eligibility for cost of living adjustments for retired members or beneficiaries in the New Hampshire retirement system. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Arthur P. Klemm, Jr. for Finance: This bill allows COLAs on the members' latest anniversary date of their retirement. The amendment changes the waiting period a person must be retired before they are eligible for a COLA from 24 months to 12 months. The reason for this is that as of June 30, 1997 there was \$234.6 million in the special account with the expected balance as of June 30, 1998 to increase to \$267 million. The cost of a COLA depending upon the percentage of increase would be between \$1 million and \$5 million. The Committee felt that, since this was the members' own money, they should be allowed a COLA after 12 months instead of 24. Vote 17-0.

Sb 457-FN, relative to the eligibility of employment program participants for workers' compensation. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Robert G. Holbrook for Finance: This bill clarifies certain statutory provisions whereby participants in the New Hampshire employment program are eligible for workers' compensation benefits. The participants are to be considered employees of the state and the sponsor for workers' compensation purposes only. There is no fiscal effect on the state budget. Vote 19-0.

SB 490-FN, relative to life and accident and health insurance and relative to certain salaries. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Arthur P. Klemm, Jr. for Finance: This bill as it came over from the Senate clarified the definition of indebtedness with respect to credit life insurance, clarifies the coverage for mental and nervous conditions under HMO's and swaps the salary grades of two positions in the Department of Insurance. Since the salary level of the two positions was approved in the current budget, there is no additional fiscal impact to this bill. Vote 19-0.

SB 503-FN, relative to the New Hampshire community technical college system. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. David J. Alukonis for Finance: This bill initiates the first step in assisting the regional community technical college system to attain a greater level of independence from the state in accordance with the recommendations made by the joint legislative university oversight committee. The bill will allow greater flexibility in the operation of the college system while allowing the legislature to maintain its current level of budgetary control. The bill will also exempt instructional staff from the hiring freeze which affects the current biennium. This exemption will impact the general fund by a maximum of \$60,000 during the last six months of FY 1999. Vote 19-0.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SB 346, establishing a task force to study the foster care system. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Daniel M Burnham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill establishes a task force to study the foster care system, including the issues of overall efficiency, retention, foster parent training, and monetary reimbursement within the system. Vote 16-0.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

REGULAR CALENDAR

FINANCE

SB 312, relative to the health care transition fund. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Neal M. Kurk for Finance: This bill is intended to protect the principal of the Health Care Transition Fund. The Committee amendment provides that, after the current biennium, the principal in the fund cannot be diminished except by separate legislation whose content relates to the fund only. A non-germane amendment, on which a public hearing was held, was added to the bill. Through it, the legislature approves a settlement of a suit by the NH Health Care Association against the state. This is required by RSA 14:35-b for any settlement the value of which exceeds ¼ of one percent of state general fund revenues. The settlement involves the payment in FY 1998 of some \$2.6 million to private and county nursing homes and provides for two 3% nursing home rate increases in the future. The Department of Health and Human Services states that current appropriations in their budget's nursing home line are sufficient to cover the cost of the settlement in this biennium. Vote 13-6.

SB 462-FN, relative to any general fund surplus at the close of the current biennium. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert G. Holbrook for Finance: This amended bill creates three study commissions as described in HB 1075, dealing with the cost of a constitutionally adequate education, special education and school facilities. \$55,000 is appropriated to the

commissions to facilitate this work. These studies need to be started this year. Also, the sum of \$163,000 is appropriated to the New Hampshire Veterans' Home for unanticipated expenses, especially medical expenses and utility costs. Vote 16-2.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT

NOTICE

No. 98-322, Requests of the Senate for an Opinion of the Justices (School Financing)

The following requests of the senate for an opinion of the justices were adopted on May 21, 1998, and filed with the supreme court on May 22, 1998:

SENATE RESOLUTION 3

Whereas, there is presently pending before the Senate, Senate Bill 508-FN, as amended by document number 1998-1787s, an act relative to foundation aid to schools and the Augenblick formula; and

Whereas, the bill is designed to respond to the recent Claremont decision (Claremont School District v. Governor, 142 N.H. ___, 703 A.2d. 1353 (1997), hereinafter "Claremont II"); and

Whereas, the bill contains provisions regarding the calculation of a school district's equalization factor and the amount of foundation aid for school districts, but does not alter the present property tax method for education; and

Whereas, a question has been raised that the adoption of the bill may be in violation of the language of Claremont II, and of Part II, Article 5 of the state constitution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the justices of the supreme court be respectfully requested to give their opinion upon the following important question of law:

Would enactment of SB 508-FN as amended, and its funding allocation formula and method of dedicating such funding fulfill the mandates of Claremont II or violate Part II, Article 5 of the New Hampshire constitution?

SENATE RESOLUTION 4

Whereas, there is presently before the Senate HB 1280-LOCAL, an act clarifying the procedures for background criminal checks for school employees and volunteers; and

Whereas, there is also presently pending before the Senate, an amendment to HB 1280-LOCAL (document number 1998-1849s), which would amend HB 1280-LOCAL to: an act implementing the Advancing Better Classrooms program to provide a constitutionally adequate public education to all the children of New Hampshire; and

Whereas, the bill as amended is designed to respond to the recent Claremont decision (Claremont School District v. Governor, 142 N.H. ___, 703 A.2d. 1353 (1997), hereinafter "Claremont II"); and

Whereas, the bill as amended contains provisions regarding the calculation of a state education tax, the calculation of a per pupil cost of an adequate education, and special abatements for certain communities; and

Whereas, a question has been raised that the adoption of the bill as amended, including the abatement provisions, may be in violation of the language of Claremont II, and of Part I, Article 28-a and Part II, Article 5 of the state constitution; and

Whereas, the majority opinion of the honorable court in the Claremont II decision called into question the constitutional validity of the entire local property tax system for the periods after "the 1998 tax year" thereby creating an imminent risk of fiscal crisis for local school budgets throughout the state, which places a great premium on ensuring that any legislative solution adopted be consistent with the Claremont II decision prior to its implementation; and

Whereas, HB 1280-LOCAL as amended reflects the efforts of the executive and legislative branches of our state government to address public education financing issues in response to the decision of the honorable court in Claremont II and therefore raises issues of constitutional dimension; and

Whereas, HB 1280-LOCAL as amended would undertake substantial reevaluation of the traditional means of financing public education within New Hampshire, with great impacts on the traditional relationships among school districts throughout the state, and between the state and local governments, all on the assumption that such substantial reevaluation would be consistent with the decision in Claremont II; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate:

That the justices of the supreme court be respectfully requested to give their opinion upon the following important questions of law:

1. Would enactment of HB 1280-LOCAL as amended, and its funding allocation formula and property tax abatement scheme violate Part II, Article 5 of the state constitution requiring that all taxes be proportional and reasonable?
2. Would enactment of HB 1280-LOCAL as amended, violate the express language of this court in Claremont II, that to the extent that the property tax is used to fund the provision of an adequate education, to be constitutional, the tax must be administered in a manner that is equal in valuation and uniform in rate throughout the state?
3. Would enactment of the multi-variant funding allocation formula using both local income and property wealth factors in section 86 of HB 1280-LOCAL as amended as it amends RSA 198:27-37 violate Part II, Article 5 of the state constitution relative to uniformity and proportionality or the express language of Claremont II?
4. Would enactment of the multi-variant funding allocation formula in section 86 of HB 1280-LOCAL as amended as it amends RSA 198:27-37, if coupled with the property tax abatement scheme in section 15 of HB 1280-LOCAL as amended, and resulting in continued disparity of effective property tax rates to support a constitutionally adequate education violate Part II, Article 5 of the state constitution or the express language of Claremont II?
5. Would enactment of HB 1280-LOCAL as amended, violate Part I, Article 28-a of the state constitution by requiring in section 59 of the bill as amended that every school district prepare and implement a local education improvement and assessment plan by requiring in sections 48 and 54 of the bill as amended that every school district provide approved schools subject to mandatory minimum approval standards set by the state board of education without providing every school district funding sufficient to pay for such mandates?

6. Would the enactment of any other provision of HB

1280-LOCAL as amended: (a) result in a violation of the "proportional and reasonable" requirements of Part II, Article 5 of the New Hampshire constitution; or (b) create an impermissible classification of property in violation of Part II, Article 6 of the New Hampshire constitution; or (c) violate any other provision of the New Hampshire constitution?

That the senate clerk transmit copies of this

resolution and HB 1280-LOCAL as amended (1998-1849s) to the justices of the supreme court.

Typewritten memoranda on the questions presented by the requests may be furnished by any legislator, attorney, organization, interested party, or member of the public on or before June 2, 1998. An original and fifteen copies of any memorandum must be filed with the clerk's office. The memorandum shall indicate whether the party filing it desires oral argument. Oral argument on the questions presented by the requests shall take place at a special session of the court at 9:00 a.m. on June 5, 1998. The court shall issue an order on June 3, 1998, regarding who shall present oral argument and the times allotted therefor.

Date: May 22, 1998 Howard J. Zibel,

Clerk

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

HB 170, exempting temporary, demountable, plastic-covered greenhouses from property taxation. (Reps. Hess, Teschner, Noyes and Coes; Sens. F. King, Johnson and Blaisdell)

HB 385, relative to reporting and registration requirements for lobbyists and employees of lobbyists. (Reps. Wheeler, Lozeau, Hager and A. Merrill)

HB 505, relative to smoking in indoor public places. (Reps. Hunt, M. Fuller Clark, Tsiros and Belanger)

HB 529, relative to excluding from the definition of subdivision the placement and maintenance of wireless communication facilities. (Reps. Dokmo, Stone, Brundige and Fraser; Sens. Rubens, Whipple and Barnes)

HB 707, relative to municipal taxation of telecommunications poles and conduits. (Reps. Hess, Alukonis, L. Foster and Teschner)

HB 1103, relative to the state representative districts and towns. (Reps. Arnold, Horton, J. Clemons and Gibbons)

HB 1118, relative to the expiration of contact lens prescriptions. (Reps. Emerton, Morello, French and Dawe; Sens. D. Wheeler, McCarley and Squires)

HB 1123, relative to the control of wolf hybrids. (Reps. Mock, MacNeil, R. Rogers and L'Heureux)

HB 1205, making technical corrections to the securities laws. (Reps. Lindblade, W. McCarthy, Mittelman and Klemm)

HB 1234-FN, establishing an office of volunteerism. (Reps. M. Dyer, Thulander, Stickney and Gile)

HB 1291, relative to management of the state ski areas at Mount Sunapee and Cannon Mountain. (Reps. Royce, Whalley, P. Bradley and F. Torr; Sens. F. King, Johnson and Hollingworth)

HB 1339, regulating the sale by mail of liquor, wine, and beer. (Reps. F. Torr, Klemm, R. Kelley and Pantelakos)

HB 1371, requiring the collection of certain data on children and parents in the state case registry for use in child support enforcement. (Members to be named later)

HB 1384, making an appropriation for use by the New Hampshire Commission on the Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife. (Reps. Klemm, Alukonis, Holbrook and Lynch)

HB 1448, relative to confidential communication between victims and counselors. (Reps. Lyman, Sargent, C. Wiggins and Knowles; Sens. Gordon, Pignatelli and D. Wheeler)

HB 1501, relative to amending certain provisions of the charter school law. (Reps. Belvin, O'Hearn, Durham and Snyder)

HB 1514, setting the biennial rate for the medicaid enhancement tax. (Reps. Weyler, Nichols, Dowd and P. Dwyer)

HB 1517, establishing a fund for dredging to maintain harbors in New Hampshire. (Reps. G. Chandler, Kurk, Klemm and Vaillancourt)

SB 102-FN, relative to the possession of certain weapons in the commission of a violent crime. (Sens. Gordon, D. Wheeler and Hollingworth; Reps. Lyman, Christie, Mikowski and Knowles)

SB 197, relative to final dispositional orders in child protection cases. (Sens. Gordon, Squires and Pignatelli)

SB 333, allowing any registered voter who is unable to vote in person, by reason of extended work hours, lack of transportation, or illness in the family, to vote by absentee ballot. (Sens. Roberge, Whipple and K. Wheeler; Reps. A. Torr, Flanagan, Langley and Buckley)

SB 397, relative to the composition of the pharmacy board. (Sens. Danaïs, J. King and Francoeur)

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 147, relative to disclosure of certain information relating to tobacco products. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 170, exempting temporary, demountable, plastic-covered greenhouses from property taxation. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/7/98)

HB 177, increasing the wild bear license and tag fee. (House Concurred 4/10/98)

HB 385, relative to reporting and registration requirements for lobbyists and employees of lobbyists. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 4/10/98)

HB 485, relative to limited electrical energy producers. (SJ 16)

HB 497, excluding domestic septage from regulation as sludge or biosolids. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 505, relative to smoking in indoor public places. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/20/98)

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

HB 529, relative to excluding from the definition of subdivision the placement and maintenance of wireless communication facilities. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/7/98)

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

HB 697, establishing a homeless coordination council. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 707, relative to municipal taxation of telecommunications poles and conduits. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/20/98)

HB 1103, relative to the state representative districts and towns. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1109, allowing prepayment of property taxes before April 1. (SJ 15)

HB 1112, relative to the placement of articles on the official ballot. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1113, relative to reports of town and school district meetings to be certified to the department of revenue administration. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1114, relative to registration procedures for the use of antique plates. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1118, relative to the expiration of contact lens prescriptions. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/20/98)

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

HB 1120, establishing a commission to study the effects of and jurisdiction over alternative agricultural products. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 1123, relative to the control of wolf hybrids. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/7/98)

HB 1126, relative to municipal debt limits. (House Concurred 4/23/98)

HB 1128, relative to space heaters. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 1131, relative to the sale of liquor and beverages and relative to enforcement of the liquor laws. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 1158, changing the process for designating a part-time district court justice a full-time district court justice. (House Concurred 4/23/98)

HB 1165, relative to the incorporation, management, branching and merger of banks. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 1167, relative to a reapproval process for community mental health programs and area agencies. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1175, relative to authorizing the state board of education to adopt rules on teacher education programs, teacher certification fees, and recertification standards. (House Nonconcurrent 5/20/98)

HB 1182, establishing an oversight committee to review the allocation of funds dispersed for the developmental disabilities waitlist. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1189, increasing the limits of direct off-premises sales from breweries and brew pubs. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1196, relative to coordinating and compiling studies and establishing a lead education program concerning the effects of lead on water birds and other wildlife. (SJ 16)

HB 1205, making technical corrections to the securities laws. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1209, revising the interagency agreement for special education. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1215, establishing a committee to study the shortage of qualified and certified personnel in the delivery of services related to special education. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1221, relative to the acceptance of personal property donated to towns or village districts. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1224, requiring the department of environmental services to test sludge or biosolids to be used for land application and assessing fees to sludge quality certification holders. (SJ 14)

HB 1234-FN, establishing an office of volunteerism. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1238, establishing a committee to study ways to manage land use and to preserve and protect the state's farmland, rural and community character, and environmental quality against low density sprawl and the loss of sense of place. (House Concurred 5/28/98).

HB 1245, relative to the management of New Hampshire retirement system funds by the board of trustees. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1291, relative to management of the state ski areas at Mount Sunapee and Cannon Mountain. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1295, relative to reimbursing the state medical assistance program. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1298, requiring health care providers to wear identification. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1314, relative to enforceable provisions in retail installment contracts for motor vehicles. (SJ 16)

HB 1320, amending provisions of the advisory committee on the education of students with disabilities. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1328, extending the exemption period for motor vehicle titles and modifying the process for obtaining a duplicate motor vehicle certificate. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1330, naming the bridge over the Newfound River on route 104 west in the town of Bristol, New Hampshire, the Richard W. Musgrove bridge. (House Concurred 4/23/98)

HB 1339, regulating the sale by mail of liquor, wine, and beer. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1347, preserving relationships between siblings who are separated as a result of court ordered out-of-home placements. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1361, relative to rulemaking authority, subpoena powers, and establishment of civil penalties by the board of professional engineers. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1369, revising the student membership of the university system of New Hampshire board of trustees. (SJ 15)

HB 1371, requiring the collection of certain data on children and parents in the state case registry for use in child support enforcement. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1374, relative to increasing the minimum amount of a state capital improvement project requiring competitive bidding and relative to contracts for major capital projects of the department of fish and game and resources and economic development. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1384, making an appropriation for use by the New Hampshire Commission on the Smithsonian Festival of American

Folklife. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1407, clarifying the unlawful practice of medicine. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1421, relative to review of drugs by the board of nursing and the joint health council. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1428, establishing requirements for teachers and teacher preparation programs to ensure that teachers are prepared to teach to a broad range of students including exceptional learners. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1430, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts. (SJ 8)

HB 1444, requiring a special primary for all parties if there are at least 2 candidates for election from one party. (SJ 16)

HB 1448, relative to confidential communication between victims and counselors. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/20/98)

HB 1468, clarifying the legal status of home brewers of beer. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 1493, relative to clarifying school district liability for certain placements of children pursuant to juvenile proceedings. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1498, authorizing emergency medical care providers to inform patients of transport options. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1501, relative to amending certain provisions of the charter school law. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1513, relative to vehicle emissions control equipment and testing. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1514, setting the biennial rate for the medicaid enhancement tax. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1517, establishing a fund for dredging to maintain harbors in New Hampshire. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/28/98)

HB 1527, relative to unauthorized switching of telecommunications or energy-related service procedures. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1529, reinstating the corporate charters of Hampstead Garage, Inc., Shannon Ridge Development, Inc., and Raycor Corporation and establishing a committee to study the process for reinstating a corporate charter. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1536, establishing a committee to study women's health care. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 1539, relative to property tax billing procedures for land parcels having multiple owners. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1562, excepting cannabis-type drugs from forfeited drugs which may be delivered to the department of health and human services for medical use. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

HB 1605, establishing a study committee on marine patrol services. (House Concurred 5/20/98)

HB 1627, relative to deposits with the state treasurer of amounts due certain stockholders and creditors on the dissolution of a corporation. (House Concurred 5/7/98)

HB 1652, establishing a pilot program relative to the administration of medications in residential care facilities. (House Concurred 5/28/98)

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

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 1

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

WATER QUALITIES ISSUES STUDY (HB 693, Chapter 213, Laws of 1997), Room 305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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

IF PERMITTED BY THE HOUSE:

10:00 a.m. WORK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ***SB 409-FN***, relative to long-term care and extending the moratorium on new nursing home beds.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1433-FN***, relative to physician aid-in-dying for certain persons suffering from a terminal condition.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1317***, relative to termination of parental rights upon a finding of either child abuse or the commission of certain criminal offenses.

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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

11:00 a.m. Full committee meeting re: interim study bills.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

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

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 209, LOB

11:00 a.m. Work and executive session, if needed.

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

IF PERMITTED BY THE HOUSE:

10:00 a.m. WORK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ***SB 409-FN***, relative to long-term care and extending the moratorium on new nursing home beds.

LOCAL AND REGULATED REVENUES, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 1566-FN-LOCAL***, providing that state-owned lands leased to or under an operating agreement with a private business entity are subject to the local property tax.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Executive session at the conclusion of the House session.

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

IF PERMITTED BY THE HOUSE:

. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HOUSE SESSION: WORK AND EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ***SB 409-FN***, relative to long-term care and extending the moratorium on new nursing home beds.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, School administration Building, 196 Bridge Street (corner of Bridge and Maple Streets) Manchester

7:00 p.m. Public forum on negotiations and other NH labor laws.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

HERITAGE COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE (RSA 227-C:18), Division of Historic Resources, 19 Pillsbury Street, Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee 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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on incinerator closures.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department audit report for the fiscal year

ended June 30, 1997.

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

10:30 a.m. Full committee work session on assignments for interim study bills.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

10:00 a.m. Complaint hearings.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL (RSA 494), Room 208, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

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

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), Room 103, State House

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Cheshire, Sullivan and Grafton County Delegations will meet together immediately after Session in Section 3 in Thursday, June 4th for a short briefing on SB 409.

Rep. Stephen G. Avery, Chairman

Cheshire County Delegation

Rep. Merle W. Schotanus, Chairman

Sullivan County Delegation

Rep. Paul I. LaMott, Chairman

Grafton County Delegation

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

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, 1189, 1193, 1211, 1224, 1259, 1280, 1284, 1291, 1298, 1300, 1303, 1328, 1330, 1331, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1350, 1354, 1374, 1377, 1384, 1387, 1396, 1399, 1400, 1456, 1473, 1490, 1509, 1513, 1515, 517, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1555, 1573, 1579, 1582, 1588, 1593, 1594, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1617, 1636, 1639, 1644, 1660, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1668, 1671, 1673, 1674, 1676, 1679, 1680, 1681, HJR 24 and SB 485.

Leo J. Callahan, Assistant Clerk

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.

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

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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.

Manchester City Democrats will meet Monday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Black Brimmer Restaurant, 1087 Elm Street. Recruitment of 36 quality candidates to run for the legislature in the fall election will be a priority. Voting patterns and registration in the city will be analyzed. Also, in what has become a favorite segment of monthly meetings, Chairman Raymond Buckley will present a plaque or two to Democrats who have displayed a lifetime commitment to our party and our people.

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt

The Governor is going to recognize with a proclamation all New Hampshire cities and towns which have consistently celebrated "Old Home Day (OHD)," not missing a year, from 1899 to the present. Such towns will have their 100th OHD this summer. Please let me know of any city or town eligible for this honor. (Tel/fax: 786-9562/9463).

Rep. John R.M. Alger

The New Hampshire Federation of Republican Women will be holding its annual Lilac Luncheon on June 1st at the Castleton in Windham. The guest speaker will be United States Senator John McCain (Arizona). Tickets are \$25 and available from Reps. Joan Tate, Cynthia Dokmo and Susan Durham.

Rep. Joan C. Tate

Legislators and legislative staff are cordially invited to a Legislative Lunch hosted by the Home Care Association of NH, the NH Hospital Association and the NH Medical Society on Thursday, June 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the NH Historical Society (next to the LOB).

Reps. Robert L. Wheeler and Peter H. Burling

The Friends of Merle Schotanus will host a reception for Rep. Merle Schotanus at the Holiday Inn, Concord on Thursday, June 4th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$25 each.

Reps. Katherine H. Metzger, Joseph E. Stone and Robert A. Lockwood

The Strafford County Republican Party will have a meeting on Saturday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the Gateway Restaurant, Somersworth.

Rep. Robert E. McKinley

The Executive Council will hold a public hearing regarding the privatizing/leasing of the Mt. Sunapee Ski Area on Monday, June 8 in Representatives Hall in Concord at 4:00 p.m. We welcome your participation.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler

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, June 10th. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Robert K. Boyce

On June 26, 1996 the then Public Protection and Veterans Affairs Committee (now the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee) held a hearing to express concerns regarding fire training mandates and perceptions. At that time, the committee promised a follow-up hearing. The hearing is now scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 222 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Concord to give New Hampshire Fire Service members the opportunity to air their thoughts and concerns regarding fire training in the State. Written testimony will be appreciated even if it formalizes verbal testimony. This will assure the most accurate record keeping of the evening's proceedings. All New Hampshire Fire Service members are invited to attend and participate.

Rep. David A. Welch

The Belknap County Republican Committee will hold its annual picnic and barbecue on June 13 at the Smith Meeting House in Gilmanton. For tickets call Rep. John Thomas at 528-5112.

Rep. John Thomas

In an effort to organize a Legislative Masonic group, all House members who are Free Masons are asked to contact me at home (926-7106) or see me during session.

Rep. Andrew Christie, Jr.

Manchester City Democrats will present a Flag Day Celebration, a tribute to former Chair C. Arthur Soucy on Friday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chateau Restaurant, 201 Hanover Street. Tickets for the reception are \$30; \$100 for a pre-reception cocktail

party. For tickets contact Rep. Raymond Buckley at 668-7151.

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt

All Representatives and State House staff are invited to Governor Shaheen's 2nd Annual Legislative Barbecue at Bridges House on Thursday, June 25th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Bernadette in the Governor's Office at 271-2121 by June 19th

Rep. Peter H. Burling

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

June 3 - Lin-Wood Public School, Multi-purpose Room, Main Street, Lincoln, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Lincoln, sidewalk/bicycle pedestrian path NH Route 112.

June 4 - Troy Elementary School Gymnasium, 44 School Street, Troy, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (special committee), Troy, NH Route 12.

June 11 - Grafton Fire/Ambulance Station, Library Road, Grafton, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Grafton, removal of railroad bridge over US Route 4.

June 16 - Anchor Darling Building (formerly Scott & Williams), 32 Moulton Street, Laconia, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (commission), Laconia, Elm Street.

June 23 - Holderness Town Hall, Route 3, Holderness, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (commission), Holderness, NH Route 3/25

Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Chairman

Public Works and Highways

Pursuant to RSA 228:93, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the Department of Safety will be conducting the following 1998 Regional Safety Conferences on highway related issues in each county, except Coos and Hillsborough where two are scheduled. The purpose of these conferences is to receive comments from representatives of local police, the public works department and the general public on highway issues such as speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the State highway system.

Date	Location	Time
June 2	Cheshire County - Keene Recreational Center 312 Washington Street, Keene	10:00 a.m.
June 2	Sullivan County - Newport Sugar River Savings Bank Community Room 10 North Main Street, Newport	2:00 p.m.

June 4	Coos County #1 - Berlin City Hall 168 Main Street, Berlin	10:00 a.m.
June 4	Carroll County - Ossipee Town Hall 55 Main Street, Ossipee	2:00 p.m.
June 10	Coos County #2 - Lancaster Town Hall 25 Main Street, Lancaster	10:00 a.m.
June 10	Grafton County - Haverhill Town Hall Main Street, Haverhill	2:00 p.m.
June 16	Hillsborough County #2 - Nashua Public Library 2 Court Street, Nashua	10:00 a.m.
June 18	Rockingham County - Exeter Town Hall 10 Front Street, Exeter	10:00 a.m.
June 23	Belknap County - Laconia City Hall 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia	10:00 a.m.
June 23	Merrimack County - Concord City Council 35 Green Street, Concord	2:00 p.m.
June 25	Strafford County - Dover City Hall 288 Central Avenue, Dover	10:00 a.m.
Rep. Gene G. Chandler		

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 June, 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>
6/01	9:00 & 10:15	St. Anthony's School - Manchester	4 / 60
6/01	11:30 & 12:30	Pollard Elem. - Plaistow	4 / 48
6/02	10:00 & 11:00	Fred C. Underhill - Hooksett	3 / 50

6/03	10:00 & 11:00	Fred C. Underhill - Hooksett	3 / 50
6/04	10:00	Kensington Elementary	4 / 25
6/04	11:30	Mtn. Shadows School - Dublin	6 / 9
6/05	10:00 & 11:30	Ray School - Hanover	3&4/ 90
6/08	10:00; 11:00 & 12:00	Epping Elementary	4 / 60
6/08	2-2:30ish	Florence Rideout Elem. - Wilton	4 / 60
6/09	9:00 & 10:30	Beaver Meadow - Concord	4 / 50
6/10	9:30 & 11:00	Hillsboro-Deering Elementary	4 / 75
6/11	9:00 & 10:30	Beaver Meadow - Concord	4 / 50
6/12	10:00	Gilmanton Elem.- Gilmanton Iron Works	4 / 38
6/12	11:00 & 12:30	Lakeway Elementary - Littleton	4 / 96
6/15	10:00 & 12:00	Milford Elementary	4 / 75
6/18	11:45	Centerwoods - Weare	4 / 45

NOTICE

The **25th Annual Bill White Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament** is scheduled for Friday, June 19 at the John Cain Golf Club in Newport. The entry fee for this annual tourney is \$55 per person and includes greens fee, cart, dinner and prizes. A *shot-gun* start is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. The format is "Captain and Crew." Sign-up as a foursome or sign-up by yourself and be placed in a foursome. A maximum of 120 players will be allowed. Please return your entry and payment no later than June 5th to Sandy Wheeler at the LOB Lobby desk. (Checks should be made payable to David S. Saltmarsh.)

Reps. Gene G. Chandler and Peter H. Burling

25th Annual Bill White Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament

Names (1)_(2)

(3)_(4)

Telephone No: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

THURSDAY, june 4

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

1998-1914h

Amendment to SB 312

Proposed by the Committee on Finance

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

AN ACT relative to the health care transition fund and approving the settlement between the department of health and human services and the county nursing homes.

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

1 New Paragraphs; Limitations Added. Amend RSA 167:74 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraphs:

IV. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary and beginning with the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2001, the amount of principal in the health care transition fund established in RSA167 shall remain at least the same at the end of each biennium as it was at the beginning of the biennium, unless specifically authorized by both houses of the general court in separate legislation, specifically containing only legislation relative to the health care transition fund established in RSA167.

V. Notwithstanding paragraph IV or any other law to the contrary, the cap on the health care transition fund shall be \$100,000,000

2 Legislative Approval of Settlement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the agreement executed by and between the New Hampshire department of health and human services, Terry L. Morton, commissioner, the New Hampshire Health Care Association by and on behalf of all its members and member facilities and the New Hampshire Association of Counties by and on behalf of all of its members and member facilities, in resolution of the dispute between them including all issues related to the amendments to the New Hampshire Medicaid state plan implemented in October 1995 and October 1996 and the lawsuit entitled *The New Hampshire Health Care Association on behalf of all its association members, Petitioner v. Terry L. Morton, individually and as he is the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services of the State of New Hampshire and the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Respondents* (Docket No. 97-E-0106), is a settlement of a court claim against the state requiring the approval of the legislature pursuant to RSA 14:35-b and the legislature hereby approves such settlement.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

The bill requires the principal in the health care transition fund to remain at least the same amount at the end of each biennium as at the beginning of such biennium, unless specifically authorized by the general court. The bill caps the fund at \$100,000,000.

The bill also establishes that the agreement by and between the department of health and human services and the county nursing homes is a settlement of a court claim which, if it is in excess of ¼ of one percent of the total reported general fund revenues for the previous fiscal year, shall be subject to the approval of the legislature and that the legislature approves such settlement.

1998-1890h

Amendment to SB 417-FN

Proposed by the Committee on Finance

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

AN ACT continuing the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments and making an appropriation for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration building.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 3 with the following:

4 Appropriation; Administrative Services. The sum of \$59,780 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, is hereby appropriated to the department of administrative services to provide funding for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration

building. This sum shall be utilized for the following purposes: \$4,000 for current expense; \$47,880 for utilities; \$1,000 for building security safety; and \$6,900 for building and grounds maintenance. This appropriation shall be in addition to any other sums appropriated to the department of administrative services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

5 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect June 29, 1998.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill continues the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments until July 1, 2001.

The bill also makes an appropriation to the department of administrative services for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration building.

1998-1841h

Amendment to SB 423-FN

Proposed by the Committee on Finance

Amend RSA 100-A:41-A, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. ~~[On July 1, 1994, and on every July 1 thereafter,]~~ Any retired member of the New Hampshire retirement system or any of its predecessor systems, who has been retired for at least ~~[24]~~ **12** months, or any beneficiary of such member who is receiving an allowance, shall be entitled to receive supplemental allowances, also known as cost of living adjustments or COLA's, ***on the retired member's latest anniversary date***. The amount of such supplemental allowances shall be limited to from one percent to 5 percent, with increments of no less than 1/2 of one percent.

1998-1892h

Amendment to SB 462-FN

Proposed by the Committee on Finance

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

AN ACT establishing certain commissions relative to educational issues, and making an appropriation therefor, and making an appropriation to the New Hampshire Veterans' Home.

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

1 Creation of a Commission to Study Costs of Providing an Adequate Education and Methods of Distributing Grants to Municipalities.

I. Within 14 days after the effective date of this section, a commission shall be established to undertake a rigorous and complete review of both the methodology used to calculate the cost of a constitutionally adequate education and the formula used to distribute grants to municipalities. The department of justice shall provide the commission with such legal assistance as the commission deems necessary.

II. The issues considered shall include, but not be limited to, education system delivery efficiencies and geographic and demographic factors.

III.(a) The voting members of the commission shall be:

(1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(2) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(3) Three individuals appointed by the governor.

(b) The nonvoting members of the commission shall be:

(1) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

(2) The commissioner of the department of revenue administration, or designee.

(c) The commission shall elect its own chairperson from among the membership of the commission.

IV. The commission shall issue its report and recommendation to the speaker of the house, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the state library, and the governor no later than December 1, 1998.

V. The sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this section. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for this sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2 Creation of a Commission to Study Special Education Issues.

I. Within 14 days after the effective date of this section, a commission shall be established to review and analyze special education issues. Such issues shall include, but not be limited to, identification of students with disabilities, delivery of special education and educationally-related services, unique needs or circumstances of individual districts, and costs and funding of services. The department of justice shall provide the commission with such legal assistance as the commission deems necessary.

II.(a) The voting members of the commission shall include:

(1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(2) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(3) Three individuals appointed by the governor.

(b) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the commission.

(c) The commission shall elect its own chairperson from among the membership of the commission.

III. The commission's final report shall be filed with the speaker of the house, the senate president, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the state library, and the governor by December 1, 1998.

IV. The sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this section. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for this sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Commission Study Concerning Public School Facilities and the Distribution of Building Aid. By July 1, 1999, the state board of education shall commission a statewide qualitative study to determine the adequacy and condition of all New Hampshire public school facilities and to review the current method for distributing school building aid. Based on this study, the board shall make recommendations to the legislature and the governor by September 1, 2000.

4 Appropriation; New Hampshire Veterans' Home. The sum of \$163,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire veterans' home. This appropriation shall be in addition to any other sums appropriated to the New Hampshire veterans' home. Of this \$163,000, \$153,000 is appropriated to PAU 05, 02, 01 to fund unanticipated increases in the costs of prescription drugs and medical supplies, the payment of holiday pay for the remainder of the fiscal year, and the payment of compensatory pay for direct care personnel accumulated for more than one year, and \$10,000 is appropriated to PAU 05, 02, 02 to fund higher than expected utility costs. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, federal revenue received by the New Hampshire veterans' home in excess of the amounts provided in the operating budget shall be transferred to the general fund until the total of such transfers equals \$163,000.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.