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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

I would like to thank all who attended our September 24 House session. I know that many had to rearrange schedules to participate in the debate. Your constituents are fortunate to be represented by such dedicated public servants. I hope that you will now have an opportunity to enjoy New Hampshire's spectacular autumn.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

HOUSE DEADLINES

House Rule 64:

September 9, 1998, Wednesday

First day for incumbents who are candidates for the House to file LSR's with complete information.

October 5, 1998, Monday

The 10-day sign-off deadline begins (Rule38 (b))

October 30, 1998, Friday

Final day to file, with the Clerk of the House, all 1998 interim study reports.

November 4, 1998, Wednesday

First day for new members to file LSR's with complete information.

November 6, 1998, Friday

Final day to file, with complete information, all bill drafting requests from 1998 interim study work.

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 304, LOB to receive input on a proposed Advisory Opinion. The proposed Advisory Opinion is printed below in its entirety.

Representative Jeb E. Bradley, Chairman

Senator Richard L. Russman, Vice-Chairman

Senator John A. King

Representative Sarah K. Bonneau

Shawn N. Jasper

Peter C. Scott

PROPOSED

ADVISORY OPINION

The Legislative Ethics Committee received and reviewed a request for an Advisory Opinion to provide guidance for legislators for complying with the financial disclosure and conflict of interest disclosure provisions of the Ethics Guidelines.

Ethics Guidelines Section 3, Legislator's Financial Disclosure Form, requires every legislator to file a Financial Disclosure Form with the Office of the Secretary of State on or before January 31 of each year. The form consists of two sections. Completion of Section 1 of the form, which requires a legislator to identify sources of income in excess of \$10,000 during the preceding calendar year, is mandatory. Completion of Section 2 of the form, which affords a legislator the opportunity to disclose and describe any financial interest that the legislator or legislator's spouse may have in certain businesses, professions, occupations, groups, or matters, is optional. Section 2 of the form is intended to eliminate the requirement in most circumstances for a legislator to file a specific Declaration of Intent Form, as provided in Ethics Guidelines Section 5, at the time of participation in any official activity in which a legislator has a potential conflict of interest.

Conflicts of interest, as defined for legislators in Ethics Guidelines Section 2, exist when a legislator's participation in any legislative activity has a direct material financial effect upon the legislator, or the legislator's spouse, which is distinguishable from its effect upon the general public. It is the responsibility of legislators to determine when a conflict of interest exists and to act accordingly through the use of the appropriate disclosure procedure.

There are 3 ways for a legislator to proceed when the legislator believes that a conflict of interest exists.

Option #1: Completion of Section 2 of the Legislator's Financial Disclosure Form. The so-called "checklist" allows a general disclosure of a legislator's financial interests in certain issues likely to come before the General Court. Although disclosure of financial interests on the checklist would satisfy the Ethics Guidelines' disclosure requirements in most circumstances, it will not relieve a legislator from the requirement of filing a specific Declaration of Intent Form if a legislator's participation in pending legislation or other official activities could reasonably be expected to result in any benefit that is either: (1) limited to the legislator or the legislator's spouse (or a small group which includes the legislator or the legislator's spouse); or (2) of a significantly greater magnitude than would result to other individuals with similar financial interests. In such cases, the legislator must choose either Option #2 or Option #3.

Option #2: Filing a Declaration of Intent Form and indicating "I will participate." When a legislator becomes aware

that participation in an official activity could reasonably be expected to result in any benefit that is either limited to the legislator or the legislator's spouse (or a small group which includes the legislator or the legislator's spouse) or is of a significantly greater magnitude than would result to other individuals with similar financial interests, the legislator must file a Declaration of Intent Form. On the form, a legislator may elect to declare an intention to participate in the activity but must detail the nature of the conflict of interest in order to do so. Use of the Declaration of Intent Form is also required for disclosure of any conflicts of interest which have occurred subsequent to filing the checklist form in January of the current year.

Option #3: Filing a Declaration of Intent Form and indicating "I will not participate." When a legislator becomes aware that participation in an official activity could reasonably be expected to result in any benefit that is either limited to the legislator or the legislator's spouse (or a small group which includes the legislator or the legislator's spouse) or is of a significantly greater magnitude than would result to other individuals with similar financial interests, the legislator must file a Declaration of Intent Form and may elect to abstain from participation in any activity relating to the issue. The decision to participate or not to participate is solely that of each individual legislator. The greater the perceived financial benefit is to the legislator, however, the more seriously the legislator may want to consider electing not to participate.

The Committee believes that the following hypothetical examples may be helpful in understanding the conflict of interest disclosure procedure and choosing an appropriate disclosure option:

The legislator is a lawyer and a partner/owner of a two-person law firm. The legislature is considering one bill relating to the Business Enterprise Tax and another relating to the regulation of lawyers. The legislator has disclosed the financial interest in checklist categories: "(k) the practice of law," and "(q) New Hampshire Taxes: Business Enterprise Tax." No filing of a specific Declaration of Intent Form is required because these generic disclosures on the checklist adequately cover these general pieces of legislation.

The legislator owns a restaurant and has disclosed this financial interest in checklist category "(i) restaurants and lodging." There is a bill before the legislature to raise the Rooms & Meals Tax generally. As in the example above, the legislator is not required to file a specific Declaration of Intent Form before voting on or participating in any official activity relating to the bill because the legislator's generic disclosure on the checklist adequately covers this legislation which is of a general nature.

The legislator is a member of the New Hampshire Retirement System and has disclosed this financial interest in checklist category "(g) the New Hampshire Retirement System." Advisory Opinion 1992 - #3 has previously held that membership in the System constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to any proposed legislation which would affect the amount or timing of benefits payable by the System to the legislator or a member of the legislator's immediate family. The legislature is considering a bill to increase the state's contribution to the System for all members. The legislator stands to derive a direct financial benefit from passage of this legislation, however, this benefit would presumably be no greater than the benefit derived by the many other members of the System throughout the state. Therefore, the legislator's disclosure of membership in the System on the checklist would satisfy the requirements of the Ethics Guidelines' disclosure provisions in this example. Although not required, the legislator may elect to file a Declaration of Intent Form and declare an intention to participate or not participate. The greater the perceived financial benefit is to the legislator, the more seriously the legislator may want to consider choosing these options.

The legislator owns land subject to current use assessment. Advisory Opinion 1996 - #1 has previously held that the current use tax system constitutes a financial interest, and therefore a potential conflict of interest, with respect to any official activity pertaining to the tax. The legislature is considering a bill to change the land use change tax, a tax assessed when land which has been classified as open space land is changed to a use which disqualifies it for current use assessment. This bill would potentially affect the financial benefit of current use land ownership for every owner of land in current use. The legislator has disclosed the ownership of land in current use in checklist category "(h) the current use land assessment program." This disclosure would be sufficient in most cases given the large number of individuals in the state owning land subject to current use assessment and the probability that the financial benefit or detriment of the bill would affect all such landowners similarly. As in the example above, the legislator may elect to file a Declaration of Intent Form and declare an intention to participate or not participate. The greater the perceived financial benefit is to the legislator, the more seriously the legislator may want to consider choosing these options.

The legislator is an attorney who represents an electric utility. The legislature is considering one bill relating to the Public Utilities Commission and another relating to the regulation of electric utilities. The legislator has disclosed the financial interest in checklist category "(k) the practice of law." This disclosure would be sufficient if the legislator receives very little income from the utility. If, however, the legislator receives a significant income from the utility, the legislator must in addition either: (1) check checklist category "(l) any business regulated by the Public Utilities Commission" and disclose the name of the

utility; or (2) file a specific Declaration of Intent Form for each of the two bills. As a practical matter, the legislator may not want to disclose the names of all businesses with whom the legislator deals. Accordingly, the usual and preferred course would be to file a Declaration of Intent Form as the need arises. In some circumstances, the legislator may consider declining to participate, depending on the nature of the legislator's relationship with the utility, the amount of income generated, and the terms of the legislation.

The legislator is a developer and has disclosed this financial interest in checklist category "(d) real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords." There is a bill to construct a new exit ramp off of a state highway. The legislator owns a parcel of land the value of which would be directly affected by construction of the exit ramp. Because the legislator stands to benefit directly from this specific legislation, the legislator's generic disclosure on the checklist form is inadequate. The legislator in this example must also file a specific Declaration of Intent Form and declare an intention to participate or not participate.

The legislator is not a developer or professional Realtor and therefore has not made any disclosure in checklist category "(d)" or elsewhere on the checklist regarding a parcel of land owned by the legislator. The bill referenced in the above example would affect the value of this legislator's land. The legislator in this example must file a specific Declaration of Intent Form and declare an intention to participate or not participate.

The legislator has an ownership interest in a hotel and makes disclosure of such in checklist category "(i) restaurants and lodging." There is a bill to allow video gambling in a few specific hotels, including the legislator's. Although the legislator has disclosed ownership in a hotel, the legislator could reasonably be expected to financially benefit from the bill in a way that only a few other individuals in the state would. The legislator must file a specific Declaration of Intent Form and declare whether the legislator will participate or will not participate.

The legislator's spouse is a teacher in the state's public school system. The legislator could have elected to disclose this financial interest by checking checklist category "(n) education" and writing on the line below "My wife/husband is a public school teacher." Instead the legislator has chosen not to complete the optional checklist section of the Legislator's Financial Disclosure Form. There is a bill relating to teacher tenure. Because the legislator has made no disclosure of this financial interest, the legislator must file a specific Declaration of Intent Form and declare an intention to participate or not participate before voting on or participating in any official activity relating to this bill.

In adopting the Ethics Guidelines, the General Court has sought to balance the need of the public to know when a member may have a conflict of interest with the goal of providing a disclosure process that is clear and uncomplicated for members to use. The Committee recognizes that the application of any guideline to individual circumstances may pose questions not easily addressed in an advisory opinion which is general in nature. The Committee is available to provide advice with respect to specific situations as they arise.

LAI D ON TABLE

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

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.

HB 1679-FN-A-L, relative to local property taxation and state aid to support public education.

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

CHILD CARE AND FAMILY RESOURCE GROUP STUDY, (SB 360, Chapter 122:2, Laws of 1998), University of New Hampshire Elliot Alumni Center (1925 Room), 9 Edgewood Road, Durham

3:00 p.m. Public hearing.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIAL PENSIONS STUDY (HB 300, Chapter 192, Laws of 1997), Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PRESERVATION OF AND ACCESS TO RECORDS OF LEGISLATION AT ARCHIVES (HB 111, Chapter 36:2, Laws of 1998), Division of Records Management and Archives, 71 South Fruit Street, Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:25-a), , Room 105A, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

ADOPTION OF ARTICLES 41, 72-a AND 73-a OF THE SECOND PART OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTION STUDY, (HB 1338, Chapter 330:1, Laws of 1998), Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

CABLE CONSUMERS AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF CABLE ELECTRONIC SERVICES PROTECTION STUDY, (HB 1651, Chapter 52:1, Laws of 1998), Room 304, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION REGULATION OF PERSONNEL STUDY, (HB 1438, Chapter 82:1, Laws of 1998), Room 202, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTION LAW, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1207-LOCAL***, relative to the disqualification of election officials.

HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS STUDY (HB 1247, Chapter 34:1, Laws of 1998), Room 207, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FUNDING STUDY, (SB 443, Chapter 160:1, Laws of 1998), Room 101, LOB

1:30 p.m. Public hearing. Department of Education and two school districts will present financial and special education issues.

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INFERTILITY STUDY, (SB 357, Chapter 92:1, Laws of 1998), Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work session.

LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION (RSA 17-C:2), Room 201, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MARINE PATROL SERVICES STUDY, (HB 1605, Chapter 178:1, Laws of 1998), Room 204, LOB

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY STUDY, (SB 507, Chapter 221:2, Laws of 1998), The Gallen Building Community Area, 198 Hanover Street, Manchester

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TELEMEDICINE USE STUDY, (SB 383, Chapter 157:1, Laws of 1998), Concord Hospital, Conrad Auditorium

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

UPDATING NEW HAMPSHIRE LAWS RELATED TO FENCES STUDY, (HB 1154, Chapter 62:1, Laws of 1998), Room 301, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 451***, providing that health care providers shall determine the appropriate course of patient treatment.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 605***, relative to procedures regarding delinquent children under RSA 169-B.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 606***, relative to procedures regarding children in need of services under RSA 169-D.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1258***, establishing a committee to study and investigate issues related to The State of New Hampshire v. Edward Silva.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 481***, relative to the availability of school building aid for year-round schools.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled subcommittee work session on ***HB 1477***, clarifying the waste reduction goals for the state of New Hampshire.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 367***, relative to the public protection fund administered by the New Hampshire Bar Association.

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

9:30 a.m. Dredging subcommittee meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATION NUMBER PLATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (RSA 261:97-d), Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1187***, relative to breakwater permitting.

WINNIPESAUKEE WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (RSA 483-D), Room 105A, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

ADOPTION OF ARTICLES 41, 72-a AND 73-a OF THE SECOND PART OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTION STUDY, (HB 1338, Chapter 330:1, Laws of 1998), Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY SPECIAL EDUCATION ISSUES, (SB 462, Chapter 267:2, II, Laws of 1998), Room 102, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting to hear presentation by the State Board of Education, the LBA and the Legislative Oversight Committee relative to special education costs.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE STATE'S FARMLAND, RURAL CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AGAINST LOW DENSITY SPRAWL, URBAN AS WELL AS RURAL, AND THE LOSS OF SENSE OF PLACE STUDY, (HB 1238, Chapter 197:2, Laws of 1998), Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Skyhaven Airport subcommittee meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 543***, relative to valuation of aeronautical facilities for purposes of payments in lieu of property taxes.

STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDY, (HB 1159, Chapter 31:1, Laws of 1998), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UNDER THE STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DELIVERY SYSTEM, (HB 1174, Chapter 247:1, Laws of 1998), Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

1:00 p.m. Technical presentation regarding communication towers. Members of the Telecommunications Oversight Committee are invited to attend.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

AUTHORITY, FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, FUNDING AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STUDY, (HB 1150, Chapter 30:1, Laws of 1998), Room 302, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 647-FN-A-L***, relative to a centralized computer checklist of voters and making an appropriation therefor.

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

9:00 a.m. Public hearing on a proposed Advisory opinion to provide guidance for legislators for complying with the conflict of interest disclosure procedure of the Ethics Guidelines. Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY AND FAMILY LAW, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on all interim study bills.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

ADOPTION OF ARTICLES 41, 72-a AND 73-a OF THE SECOND PART OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTION STUDY, (HB 1338, Chapter 330:1, Laws of 1998), Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS EFFECT AND JURISDICTION COMMISSION, (HB 1120, Chapter 103:1, Laws of 1998), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

BUILDING TRADES CONSOLIDATING UNDER A SINGLE LICENSING BOARD FEASIBILITY STUDY, (SB 364, Chapter 123:1, Laws of 1998), Room 101, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CHILD CARE AND FAMILY RESOURCE GROUP STUDY, (SB 360, Chapter 122:2, Laws of 1998), Rooms 201-203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1546-FN***, extending consumer protection rights to purchasers of farm equipment.

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

10:30 a.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.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on interim study bills.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1612-FN**, establishing a public information system to ensure electronic access to public records.
- 11:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1415**, relative to the regulation of the practice of optometry.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1528**, relative to the transfer of certain administratively attached agencies from the secretary of state to the department of administrative services.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES STUDY (HB 1215, Chapter 144:1, Laws of 1998), Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

ADOPTION OF ARTICLES 41, 72-a AND 73-a OF THE SECOND PART OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTION STUDY, (HB 1338, Chapter 330:1, Laws of 1998), Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDY, (HB 1159, Chapter 31:1, Laws of 1998), Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

CHILD CARE AND FAMILY RESOURCE GROUP STUDY, (SB 360, Chapter 122:2, Laws of 1998), Nashua City Hall, Third Floor Auditorium, 229 Main Street

- 2:00 p.m. Public hearing.

DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR OLDER DRIVERS STUDY, (SB 316, Chapter 212:1, Laws of 1998), Room 102, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EVENING SESSIONS IN DISTRICT COURTS STUDY, (HB 734, Chapter 29:1, Laws of 1998), Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FUNDING STUDY, (SB 443, Chapter 160:1, Laws of 1998), Room 101, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Public hearing. Families will talk about their concerns of children with disabilities.

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

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY STUDY, (SB 507, Chapter 221:2, Laws of 1998), Exeter Senior Citizens Center, 30 Court Street, Exeter

- 2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

UPDATING NEW HAMPSHIRE LAWS RELATED TO FENCES STUDY, (HB 1154, Chapter 62:1, Laws of 1998), Room 301, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

ELECTRIC RATE REDUCTION FINANCING COMMITTEE, (HB 651, Chapter 263:1, Laws of 1998), Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: Department of Regional Community Technical Colleges. Veterans' Home.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. County subcommittee study committee.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

ADEQUATE EDUCATION COSTS PROVISION AND GRANT DISTRIBUTING MUNICIPALITIES COMMISSION (SB 462, Chapter 267:1, III, Laws of 1998), Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on interim study bills.

STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDY, (HB 1159, Chapter 31:1, Laws of 1998), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL (RSA 494), Room 208, LOB

12:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FUNDING STUDY, (SB 443, Chapter 160:1, Laws of 1998), Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee review of draft report due November 1st.

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY STUDY, (SB 507, Chapter 221:2, Laws of 1998), Plymouth Regional Senior Center, Railroad Square, Plymouth

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

STRATEGIES FOR INCREASING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDY, (HB 1159, Chapter 31:1, Laws of 1998), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

FOSTER CARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE STUDY, (SB 346, Chapter 277:1, Laws of 1998), Room 308, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on interim study bills.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work and executive session on interim study bills.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on interim study bills, if needed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Belknap County Delegation will meet on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the new County Headquarters located at the County Home Building, Laconia. Subject will be the selection of a Commissioner for the Gunstock Ski Area.

Rep. Gordon E. Bartlett, Chairman

Belknap County Delegation

The Nuclear Decommissioning Financing Committee (RSA 162-F:15) will be conducting hearings regarding North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation's (North Atlantic) Annual Decommissioning Update from September 28 through October 2 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307, LOB. Further hearings on North Atlantic's Annual Decommissioning Update will be held as needed October 19 through October 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the same location.

Rep. Jeb E. Bradley

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.

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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Prints of the 1997-98 class photo can be ordered from Susan Wood in the House Information Office, Room 314, or by calling 271-3666. A copy of the picture is available in Room 314 for anyone who wants to look at a print before placing an order. The cost is \$10.00 for an 8 x 10 print. Only checks will be accepted for payment. Please place your orders as soon as possible and no later than October 1 to ensure prompt delivery of the prints.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

Please drop by and view fifteen inspirational quilts produced by the students of the D. J. Bakie Elementary School of Kingston. These quilts were created by students in grades one through five during an artist-in-residence program guided by Merrilyn SanSoucie, quiltmaker/fabric artist. The program was supported in part by the NH State Council on the Arts. The student work will be on display in the Visitors' Center until the end of December.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

In recognition of your support, the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Committee cordially invites all members of the House to the dedication ceremony of the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial. The ceremony for the memorial will be held on Saturday, September 26, beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. at the Legislative Office Building in Concord. The ceremony will proceed rain or shine. Refreshments will be served immediately following the event. Please contact Amy Parker-Donovan at 539-1316 or Chief John Curran of the Meredith Police Department at 279-4561 if you have any

questions.

Rep. Allen K. MacNeil

The 11th Annual Harry S. Truman Dinner, sponsored by the Coos County Democratic Party, will be held Saturday, September 26th at the Town and Country Motor Inn, Route 2, Shelburne. Social hour with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Keynote speaker will be US Senator Paul Wellstone from Minnesota. Tickets \$25 per person. For tickets call Rep. Paula E. Bradley at 466-2574.

Rep. Paula E. Bradley

The House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) at 9:00 a.m. on the following Wednesdays: September 30, October 14 and October 28. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Robert K. Boyce

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Upham Walker House.

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

The Nashua Area Women's Republican Club will meet on October 19th at the Tara Hotel. The Honorable Rudolph Guiliani, Mayor of New York City, will be the speaker. Dinner tickets are \$50. For tickets contact Reps. Susan B. Durham (465-7920) or Joan Tate (883-0951).

Rep. Susan B. Durham

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

Sept 28 - Enfield Town Hall, Main Street, Enfield, 7:00 p.m. Public officials meeting, Enfield, replacement of Shaker Hill Road bridge.

Sept 29 - NHDOT, Room 3, 1 Hazen Drive, Concord, 1:00 p.m. Commission meeting, Claremont, NH Route 11.

Sept 29 - Auburn Town Hall, 47 Chester Road, Auburn, 7:00 p.m. Public officials meeting, Auburn, NH 28 bypass bridge.

Oct 6 - Hooksett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Hooksett, 7:00 p.m. Public officials meeting, Hooksett, US 3/NH 28 bypass intersection.

Oct 29 - Carroll Town Hall Gym, PO Box 146, Carroll, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (Commission), Carroll-Bethlehem, US Route 302.

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 October, 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>
Oct 1	8:00 & 9:45	Merrimack Valley High School	10/60
Oct 2	9:30	Alton Central School	4/46
Oct 5	10:00	Claremont Christian School	4/16
Oct 5	10:00	Victory Baptist School, Londonderry	4/14
Oct 6	12:30	Sullivan Elem. School	4/40
Oct 7	10:00 & 12:15	Sandown Central School	4/100
Oct 8	10:00 & 12:30	Windham Center School	4/90
Oct 9	10:00 & 12:30	Windham Center School	4/90
Oct 13	12:00 & 1:30	Hinsdale Elem. School	4/60
Oct 14	10:00 & 11:30	Wilkins Elem. School, Amherst	4/75
Oct 15	9:00	Manchester School of Technology	HS/25
Oct 15	10:30	Deerfield Community School	4/23
Oct 16	10:30	Manchester School of Technology	HS/25
Oct 19	10:00 & 11:30	Wilkins Elem. School, Amherst	4/75
Oct 20	10:00 & 11:15	Dr Crisp Elem. School, Nashua	5&6/52
Oct 22	9:45 & 12:00	Chester Elem. School	4/70
Oct 23	10:00	Gilsum Elem. School	4/25
Oct 23	12:00	Calvary Christian School, Derry	4/36
Oct 26	10:00 & 12:00	Chamberlain Street School, Rochester	4/80
Oct 27	10:30 & 12:45	Charlestown Primary School	4/50
Oct 28	9:30 & 3:00	Berlin High School English	HS/100

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Oct 28	10:30 & 12:00	Wilton-Lyndeborough High School	8/60
Oct 29	9:30	Westmoreland School	4/20
Oct 30	9:30,11:00 &12:30	Pelham Memorial School	6/160