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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Wednesday, January 5 and Thursday, January 6, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

Please notify the Clerk's office as soon as possible if you are requesting that any bills be removed from the consent calendar and/or are planning a debate on any of the re-referred bills scheduled for consideration on the floor.

The bills for our 2000 session are being posted on the internet. You can access them at www.state.nh.us/gencourt.

The Rules Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 22, at 1:00 p.m. on proposed deadlines for the 2000 session and other changes to the rules which are printed in this calendar.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 22 in Room 201 LOB.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

INVITATION

Please join us on Wednesday, December 22, 1999

At 3:00 p.m. in Rooms 210-211 LOB

For our annual holiday reception.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

House Calendar schedule for December:

CLOSES: TO BE MAILED:

Noon **Wednesday**, December 29 **Thursday**, December 30

Please Note: There will be **NO CALENDAR** the week of December 20-24.

Karen O. Wadsworth
Clerk of the House

NOTICE

DEADLINES FOR FILING THE YEAR 2000 BILLS

SEPTEMBER 7 - Tuesday	First day that requests for drafting of bills for introduction in the second-year session may be filed with the Office of Legislative Services.
OCTOBER 7 - Thursday	Last day to file bill drafting requests.
NOVEMBER 1 - Monday	Last day to report all re-referred bills from the first-year session.
NOVEMBER 10 - Wednesday	Last day to file legislation relating to subject matter of study committees.
NOVEMBER 22 - Monday	Last day to sign off all bills requiring fiscal notes (FNs) and study committee bills. Sign-off shall be 10 calendar days after receipt by the sponsor of the draft legislation, or November 22, whichever day is earlier.
DECEMBER 6 - Monday	Last day to sign off all other bills. Sign-off shall be 10 calendar days after receipt by the sponsor of the draft legislation, or December 6, whichever day is earlier.
DECEMBER 21 - Tuesday	Availability of chairmen's copies of all bills and resolutions

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Proposed by the Rules Committee Subcommittee: Reps. Lozeau, Chandler and Buckley

Amend House Rule 36(b) by replacing it with the following:

(b) All bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the House, shall be endorsed with the name and the district of the legislator presenting them. All legislation shall be numbered serially according to type of legislation introduced. Each bill shall be marked on the first page "House Bill"; each joint resolution shall be marked "House Joint Resolution"; each concurrent resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be marked "Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution"; other concurrent resolutions shall be marked "House Concurrent Resolution"; and each house resolution shall be marked "House Resolution."

Amend House Rule 40 by replacing it with the following:

40. All House Bills, House Joint Resolutions, House Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolutions, House Concurrent Resolutions and House Resolutions proposing that the House take a policy position may be introduced at any time prior to any deadline established by the House for their introduction. Exceptions:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Rules, a House Bill, House Joint Resolution, House Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution, or House Concurrent Resolution may be introduced into the House at any time prior to the crossover date specified in Rule 64, if approved by either a majority of the Committee on Rules, or a two-thirds vote on the floor; and
- (b) House Resolutions proposing that the House take a policy position may be introduced into the House at any time after the deadline for introduction of bills and resolutions if approved by either a majority of the Committee on Rules, or a two-thirds vote on the floor.

Amend House Rule 46(b) by replacing it with the following:

(b) All bills and resolutions affecting state revenues or fees shall, if approved by the House when reported from the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Finance. Any bill or resolution establishing, amending, or repealing a state fee established in statute, excluding professional licensing fees, shall, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Amend House Rule 63 by adding the following sentence:

With the exception of devices for the hearing impaired, no member shall operate audible electronic transmitting and/or receiving devices on the floor of the House.

Amend House Rule 64 by inserting the following after the December 21, 1999 entry:

February 10, 2000, Thursday	Last day to act on remaining re-referred bills
February 24, 2000, Thursday	Last day to act on all bills going to a second committee
March 30, 2000, Thursday	Last day to act on all remaining House bills
April 20, 2000, Thursday	Last day to act on all Senate bills going to a second committee
May 18, 1999, Thursday	Last day to act on Senate bills
May 23, 2000, Tuesday	Last day to form committees of conference
May 26, 2000, Friday	Last day to sign off on Committee of Conference reports
May 31, 2000, Wednesday	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

- HB 615-FN-A**, establishing a registry for brain and spinal cord injuries. (SJ 29)
- HB 625-FN-A**, relative to a mercury emissions reduction and control program and a study of mercury in ash landfills. (SJ 30)

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

HB 346-FN-A, relative to permissible fireworks. (Reps. Welch, Hunter, Mikowski and Vaillancourt; Sens. D'Allesandro, Disnard and Johnson)

HB 625-FN-A, relative to a mercury emissions reduction and control program and a study of mercury in ash landfills. (Reps. Bradley, Norelli, MacGillivray and Gilmore)

LAID ON TABLE

CACR 12, relating to a 4-year term for the office of governor. Providing that beginning in the year 2002, the governor shall be elected every 4 years.

CACR 21, relating to gender neutral language in the constitution. Providing that all references to persons in the constitution shall be gender neutral.

HB 116-FN-A-L, establishing an alternative consumption tax as a source of funding for education and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 536, authorizing municipalities to exempt from the local property tax personal property employed in the generation and production of electric power. (awaiting Supreme Court Opinion)

HB 549-L, relative to the minimum vote required for bond issues by municipalities.

HB 550-L, relative to the date town reports must be made available in towns which have adopted the official ballot referenda form of meeting.

HB 612-FN, relative to compensation paid to jurors.

HB 695-FN-A, providing an exemption under the interest and dividends tax for taxpayers on a limited income.

HB 703-FN-A-L, establishing a regional youth center pilot program in the city of Nashua.

HR 10, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5), Rooms 302-304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

RULES COMMITTEE, Room 201, LOB

1:00 p.m. Public hearing.

Executive session to follow.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2000

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR CONTROLLED DRUGS STUDY (HB 84, Chapter 334, Laws of 1999), Room 204, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5), Rooms 302-304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

UPGRADE OF ROUTES 11 AND 140 STUDY (HB 541, Chapter 145:1, Laws of 1999), Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

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

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint hearings.

LAND USE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF FARMLAND, RURAL CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND SPRAWL STUDY (HB 288, Chapter 23:3, Laws of 1999, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PERINATAL ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TASK FORCE (RSA 132:19), Room 102, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:25-a), UNH, Durham

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

REDUCING VIOLENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN AND GUNS STUDY, (SB 163, Chapter 322:2. Laws of 1999), Rooms 202-204, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

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 Judicial Branch Family Division Pilot Program performance audit report January 2000.

State of New Hampshire Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1999

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the New Hampshire Retirement System for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1999.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report New Hampshire Sweepstakes Commission for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 1999 and 1998.

New Hampshire Turnpike System audited financial statements June 30, 1999.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

PET OVERPOPULATION STUDY (RSA 437-A), Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Members of the Rockingham County Delegation can pick up their copy of the Rockingham County Directory of county and town officers from their mailboxes in Representatives Hall.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County Delegation

We have started distribution of bills. Representatives who have requested all bills in their mail slots should check their mailboxes regularly. Also, bill listings are available in seatpockets.

Rob Johnson, Sergeant-at-Arms

MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices and will be limited to legislative policy or social activities and political meetings or events. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the view espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

NH Senators and Representatives may receive complimentary ski privileges at Cannon Mountain for themselves and one guest upon presentation of proper credentials at the ticket window. The elected official must be present to personally present the credentials unless prior arrangement has been made with Commissioner George Bald at the Department of Resources and Economic Development. *(Lift tickets are to be picked up at Guest Services or the ticket window at Cannon Mountain.)*

Rep. Gene G. Chandler

The Governor's Lilac and Wildflower Commission exhibit is on display in the Visitors' Center of the State House through the

holidays.

Rep. Francine Wendelboe

Legislators are cordially invited to attend meetings of the Citizens for Inheritance Tax Equity (CITE). Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Nashua Public Library at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a discussion of the Legacies and Succession Tax, RSA 86.

Rep. Paul A. McGuirk

The Capital Information Exchange Group will meet December 28th in Room 306, LOB at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Rep. Gilman.

Rep. G. Michael Gilman

Legislators are invited to a continental breakfast sponsored by AARP at Ordway Hall of St. Paul's Church (across Park Street from the State House) on January 5 from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m.

Rep. James P. Pilliod

There will be a meeting of the Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources Group at the Upham Walker House on Tuesday, January 11th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a brief presentation by James Griswold on water resource information.

Reps. MaryAnn N. Blanchard, Martha Fuller Clark and Howard C. Dickinson

Strafford County Republican Party regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gateway Restaurant, Somersworth.

Rep. Robert E. McKinley

The New Hampshire Women's Lobby will be sponsoring a "How to Lobby Workshop" on January 22 at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Concord. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills and better understand the legislative process. If interested, please register at 224-9105. The workshop is free for Lobby members and a \$5 donation is requested from non-members.

Reps. Sandra B. Keans and Marjorie K. Smith

The Strafford County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner will be held Thursday, January 27 at the Elks Hall in Rochester. Enjoy the evening while meeting the candidates. Tickets are \$25 each.

Rep. Robert E. McKinley

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

- Dec 20 – New Castle Town Hall, 49 Main Street, New Castle, 7:00 p.m. Public officials/public informational meeting, New Castle-Rye, Paint Bridge: NH 1-B over Little Harbor (at Wentworth-by-the-Sea).
- Dec 20 – Northfield Town Hall, 21 Summer Street, Northfield, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing commission, Northfield-Tilton, NH Route 132 (Park Street).
- Jan 5 – Stratford Town Hall, Stratford, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials meeting, Stratford, widening and overlay of US 3.
- Jan 6 – Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield Street, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Rochester, widening of Spaulding Turnpike to a multi-lane highway.
- Jan 12 – Old Courthouse, North Main Street, Farmington, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Farmington, construction of 700' of sidewalk along Spring Street.

Rep. Edwin O. Smith, Chairman

Public Works and Highways

Schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in December, 1999.

Please contact the Visitors' Center for further information. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

On November 29th, Jonathan Woodbury began employment with the Visitors' Center, stop by and welcome him aboard.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>CLASS/Size</i>
Dec 20	11:00 & 12:30	Cutler Elem – West Swanzey	4/65
Dec 21	9:30 & 11:00	Allenstown Elem	4/75