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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. to hear the Governor's State of the State address and to take up the bills in this calendar. We will also be meeting on Thursday, February 10.

I appreciate the cooperation, good will, and Yankee spirit shown by members, staff, and public in dealing with the snowstorm this week. Most hearings went on as scheduled, allowing us to meet the deadlines we adopted without major disruptions. I encourage all committees to accept written testimony from interested parties who may have been unable to attend the hearings.

The master schedule of hearings has been updated in House Record No. 10 which was in seat pockets yesterday. It replaces the schedule previously published. We will continue to list hearings and meetings for the upcoming two weeks in each calendar, so be sure to check for any last minute changes.

Because of the Presidential Primary, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on WEDNESDAY, February 2 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

Legislative Briefing

Wednesday, February 2 2:30 p.m.

Rooms 305-307 LOB

State Treasurer Georgie Thomas and Legislative Budget Assistant Mike Buckley will brief members on the scope of our current fiscal situation, specifically the status of the current shortfall, information from state agencies and our bond rating companies.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Reps. Gene Chandler and Peter H. Burling

HOUSE DEADLINES

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, 2000, 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR JANUARY 27 – SPECIAL ORDERS

EDUCATION

HCR 29, promoting the development and implementation of a financial literacy curriculum for primary school pupils in New Hampshire INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Elizabeth K. Hoadley for Education: The committee agrees with the intent of the bill. Financial literacy, however, is already embedded in New Hampshire's public school curriculum, through the economics portion of the social studies standards at the elementary levels and through the graduation requirement of economics at the secondary level. The selection of instructional materials lies with teachers, administrators and local school policy. Rather than try to legislate a specific curriculum, the committee would urge individuals and organizations to provide both materials and technical support to teachers who are committed to teaching these skills. Vote 14-1.

ELECTION LAW

HB 1198, establishing a procedure for the 2001 voter checklist verification OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Raymond Buckley for Election Law: The Committee strongly supports accurate voter checklists. This bill, supported by the Town Clerk's Association, would significantly aid in our effort to have accurate up-to-date voter checklists by removing the name of **any** person who failed to vote in any election in the calendar year 2000. Any election includes the presidential primary, municipal election, state primary, general election or any special election. With same day voter registration, we believe no actual voter would be disenfranchised. Vote 17-0.

JUDICIARY

CACR 35, relating to malfeasance and crime in state agencies. Providing that a permanent grand jury shall be established to review and investigate all actions by agencies of the state of New Hampshire and all indictments arising therefrom shall be prosecuted promptly and without delay. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. John M. Pratt for Judiciary: Though well intentioned as an effort to insure that all divisions of state government hold themselves accountable to the people they serve, in the judgment of the committee, the proposed constitutional amendment is over broad in its language and could subject every employee of the state, who has taken an "action", to the possibility of a grand jury indictment. Vote 14-2.

HB 1263-FN, establishing the crime of the misrepresentation of law or facts of a case by a state judicial, executive, or legislative official. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill establishes the Judiciary Committee of the N.H. House of Representatives as a judicial power to impose the penalty of a Class B felony on the judicial, executive or legislative offices who knowingly or otherwise misrepresent the law or facts of a case in a ruling, order, judgement, opinion or decree. The committee believes that the bill violates the separation of powers under Article 37 of the N.H. Bill of Rights. However, the committee also believes that the philosophy expressed in this bill has merit, but this bill is not the vehicle to bring the matter into law. Vote 14-3.

HB 1486-FN, making the penalty for the offense of official oppression a felony and creating a civil cause of action against public officials for abuse of office or improper influence. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill dramatically increases the penalties for breach of the public trust, from a misdemeanor to a Class B felony. Further it shifts the burden of proof from the complaining party to prove the allegation against the official, to requiring the public official to prove he or she is innocent. This bill will also authorize a civil cause of action against a public official. This bill might have a chilling effect on volunteerism in all levels of government from towns to state government. Vote 16-0.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1290, relative to liability for motor vehicle state inspection, registration, and equipment violations. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Sherman A. Packard: After hearing the sponsor's intent of this bill, the committee decided to take up the subject matter in HB 1193-FN, currently before the Transportation Committee. The committee felt that this bill did not accomplish the sponsor's goals. It is the committee's intent to accomplish these intentions in HB 1193-FN. Vote 14-1.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 1298, requiring advertisements and postings of meals and rooms prices to include the amount of meals and rooms tax in each price displayed. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Stephen G. Avery for Commerce: The committee felt that this legislation was not necessary. Most properties that are affected by this tax, post that their advertised prices do not include state rooms and meals tax. This law would not have affected national chains advertising in the state and could have an adverse effect on restaurants that print their menus for a year at a

time. Testimony from NHLRA said that none of their members had ever had a complaint about this subject. Vote 12-1.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1351-L, relative to possession of firearms while intoxicated. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Frank M. Schanda for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill would have allowed a law enforcement official to confiscate a firearm from any person who "appears to be intoxicated" immediately in the interests of the state. After reviewing this bill, the committee recommended ITL. There were several reasons for this recommendation. The subject matter is covered in other laws. The committee felt there were at least two violations of the state constitution and there was no provision for the return of the confiscated weapons to the owner. Vote 13-0.

HB 1449, relative to the cost of any and all tests conducted pursuant to DWI convictions. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Andrew Christie, Jr. for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill asks that a D.W.I. defendant, upon conviction, be required to pay for any and all screening tests ordered by law enforcement officials. Our committee felt that once a person was arrested, the custodial agency should then be responsible for the tests it requires. It is a cost of doing business and is properly a responsibility of that agency. Lastly, there was a fear that hospitals would refuse to do the test because they may not be paid. In that case the town would be held liable for the cost of its test anyway. Therefore, we voted Inexpedient to legislate. Vote 14-0.

EDUCATION

HB 1381, relative to the dissolution of the Pawtuckaway cooperative high school district. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. P. Judith Sullivan for Education: This bill permits the Nottingham and Deerfield school districts to dissolve the Pawtuckaway Cooperative High School. Unable to reach an agreement at the cooperative organizational meeting, the voters approved an article to dissolve the articles of agreement. All the testimony the committee heard was to support the dissolution of the cooperative district. The amendment simply changes the effective date from "60 days" to "upon passage", to allow the two towns to vote on the article in the March meeting. The committee unanimously agrees that allowing this dissolution is in the best interest of both towns. Vote 13-0.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1399-FN, relative to the amount payable by the retirement system on account of qualified group II retirees of a political subdivision employer. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Ray F. Langer for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill reinterpreted the definition of disability as "ordinary disability" and removed the requirement that firemen, receiving a permanent disability retirement allowance, must undergo a medical examination within 5 years and every three years thereafter. The committee felt that this action was discriminatory because the requirement now applies to all group I and group II members receiving disability allowance. Vote 13-1.

HB 1539-FN-L, returning to group II of the New Hampshire retirement system all full-time emergency communicators and full-time emergency-911 telecommunicators who staff offices which are part of the 24-hour public safety network. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Michael O'Neil for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee recognizes that emergency dispatchers and emergency 911 telecommunicators play an important and essential role in the public safety network but the legislature has always adhered to the basic premise that group II members must meet the test of direct hazardous duty and the requirements as certified by the director of personnel which this legislation does not meet. Vote 14-0.

JUDICIARY

CACR 37, relating to the right to privacy. Providing that an individual's right to live free from governmental interference in private or personal matters is fundamental. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Dennis J. Withee for Judiciary: Because of developments in modern technology and easy access to personal information, the committee believes this issue deserves in depth study. Vote 18-1.

HB 1435, establishing a committee to study electronic media and the right-to-know law. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Peter F. Bergin for Judiciary: The committee after hearing favorable testimony feels that it is important to study how new electronic and technological changes will impact the methodology of reporting and recording state and municipal meetings in accordance with the right-to-know law – RSA 91-A. Vote 18-0.

HB 1488-FN, relative to witness fees for court attendance in criminal cases. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. James W. Craig for Judiciary: This bill sought to require witnesses at a criminal trial to be paid at the statutory rate for witness fees whether they actually testified or not. The committee was asked to ITL this bill by its sponsor because the existing witness statute already provides for payment whether the witness testifies or not. Apparently there was some misinterpretation of the statute and the state Attorney General’s office has issued a letter clarifying the statute. Also, the Judiciary committee will send a letter to all county attorney offices in New Hampshire indicating that all persons requested to appear will be paid in accordance with the statute to eliminate the need for any future legislation. Vote 19-0.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1105, ratifying the 1999 Seabrook annual town meeting. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert W. Brundige for Municipal and County Government: The town of Seabrook asked for this bill because of procedural irregularities surrounding the adoption of The International Property Maintenance Code, First Addition 1998. The article was approved by the voters 925 to 754. The irregularities involved the Selectmen holding a public hearing instead of the Planning Board (RSA 675:2) The committee amendment addresses only Article 9 of the warrant because of unrelated and ongoing legal disputes on some of the other warrant articles. Vote 13-0.

HB 1332, relative to review of plats or applications submitted to local planning boards. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Paul A. McGuirk for Municipal and County Government: Present law provides a timeline of 65 days for a planning board to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove an application for subdivision. This timeline was a compromise when it was enacted several years ago. Furthermore, the committee believed there are adequate provisions in present law to extend or waive the 65 day requirement. Vote 15-1.

HB 1543-FN-L, repealing the laws on the collection and enforcement of property taxes. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Elizabeth S. Hager for Municipal and County Government: This bill would eliminate the authority that our municipalities now have to enforce the collection of their taxes. It would result in a major decrease in local revenues and would amount to a dramatic change in the way New Hampshire municipalities do business. While the sponsor’s sincerity on this subject is recognized, the committee believes that such fundamental changes in state government should be pursued in accord with New Hampshire constitution, Part First, Article 10 or Part Second, Article 100. Vote 15-0.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 1169, relative to gates and bars on class VI roads. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Gerald P. Merrill for Public Works and Highways: This bill requires that any private land owner erecting gates and bars across any class VI road should receive approval from the selectmen. This will help selectmen know about gates erected on class VI highway for safety reasons, such as fire access. Additionally owners of property beyond the gates will be afforded better protection regarding access to their property. Vote 14-0.

HB 1299-LOCAL, prohibiting elected or appointed public servants from leasing or renting space to private contractors. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Robert A. Daigle for Public Works and Highways: The committee felt that this legislation was unnecessary and would in fact cause great disruption to state government. The constitutional reference by the sponsor was not interpreted the same by any members of the committee. A few examples of the affects would be: 1. The removal of all vending machines at any state rest

areas; 2. Voiding the lease at Mt. Sunapee; 3. Food service at various state parks; 4. Support services at Health and Human Services; 5. Parking spaces at Hampton Beach; 6. The museum at Cannon Mountain. Revenue at parks and recreation alone was \$666,498 in 1999, all for the benefit of park funds. Vote 14-0.

HB 1334-LOCAL, relative to posting municipal roads. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Candace White Bouchard for Public Works and Highways: This bill amends RSA 231:191 by providing that postings of maximum weight limits for class IV, V or VI highways established by municipalities should be in accordance with currently acceptable practices and technology. This bill also retains local control to municipalities concerning posting of roads while at the same time giving an appeal process to aggrieved businesses after a road has been posted. This bill has no affect on state postings of maximum weight limits. Vote 15-0.

HB 1336-LOCAL, relative to posting of roads in municipalities. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Candace White Bouchard for Public Works and Highways: The committee felt that the issue of posting roads would best be addressed with HB 1334-Local, which is the result of a study committee relative to posting roads. Vote 13-0.

HB 1385, relative to creating a crosswalk on a certain road. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Candace White Bouchard for Public Works and Highways: This bill would have authorized the Department of Transportation to allow the city of Dover to create a crosswalk in Dover, at the access road to the Spaulding Turnpike known as the Silver Street Extension. The city of Dover and DOT has come to an agreement without legislation, and the crosswalk will be built in the spring of 2000. The sponsor asked this bill to ITL. Vote 14-0.

HB 1471, repealing the department of employment security's power to approve building projects without legislative oversight. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. John R. Cloutier for Public Works and Highways: This bill as amended would repeal the Department of Employment Security's present exemption from legislative oversight in approval of capital improvements for its buildings. Instead, the department would have to seek the approval of the Joint Capital Budget Overview Committee for such improvements. The Employment Security Commissioner testified that he had no problem with the intent of the bill. However, he stated that subjecting his department to the normal biennial capital budget process would be inconvenient because it is totally funded by the federal government, and most follow the annual federal budget cycle. The bill was filed in response to complaints about the high costs of the department's recent building projects. Vote 14-0.

HB 1528, establishing a commission relative to the New Hampshire International Speedway. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Elizabeth C. Shultis for Public Works and Highways: This bill to establish a commission relative to the New Hampshire International Speedway was opposed by all the sponsors who testified, not because the idea was not worthy, but because all constituencies were not represented, and there was no provision for an oversight committee. Legislation to enable planners to deal with major developments, coordinating land use issues with transportation issues was recommended as an alternative to instituting a new entity on an existing enterprise. Vote 14-0.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1149, commemorating the anniversary of the founding of certain branches of United States armed forces. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. James A. McDonald, Sr. for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee agrees with the sponsors of the bill, that the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard have the honor of flying their respective branch flags over the State House to commemorate the anniversary of their founding. Vote 13-0.

HB 1156, establishing June 20th each year as Destroyer Escort Day. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Dennis H. Fields for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill establishes June 20th each year as Destroyer escort Day to commemorate those who served and lost their lives while serving aboard these gallant vessels during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict. Vote 13-0.

HB 1368, establishing a Civil War memorials commission for the construction and maintenance of New Hampshire Civil War monuments and memorials. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. J. Arthur Tufts for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: Testimony was presented by NH citizens who had visited Civil War monuments and mentioned that the memorials are in disrepair. The proposed life span of fifteen years should be sufficient to receive funds and coincides with the anniversary of the Civil War. Vote 13-0.

HCR 21, urging the federal government to increase the pay to military personnel. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Marshall E. Quandt for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill urges the government to increase the pay to military personnel. The committee, on an affirmative vote of 13-0, agrees that the pay and benefits to our military personnel is inadequate to attract and maintain a professional military organization. Vote 13-0.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1275, requiring school bus drivers to use all safety equipment on the bus or risk revocation of certificate. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Alfred C. Lerandeau for Transportation: The committee felt that this bill as presented offers no new portions to the school bus drivers' responsibility. The safety record throughout the state has been very impressive, and we do not feel that additional laws are necessary at this time. Vote 13-0.

HB 1324, establishing a committee to study the junk yard licensing process. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Alfred C. Lerandeau for Transportation: The committee, having the support of the sponsor, agreed that this bill is more of a local matter, and should be addressed at that level. This bill is also addressed in HB 1423-Local, and we look forward to working with the sponsor of HB 1324 should he need additional support. Vote 13-0.

HB 1370, allowing private investigators access to motor vehicle records for the purpose of conducting insurance fraud investigations. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Robert H. Milligan for Transportation: Both the sponsor of the bill and the New Hampshire League of Investigators asked that this bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. The procedures implemented by the Department of Safety already effectively and efficiently address the issue. Vote 13-0.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

REGULAR CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 1567-FN, extending medical and surgical benefits to domestic partners. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Martha Fuller Clark for Commerce: The committee heard extensive testimony in favor of extending domestic partnership health benefits to state employees. No one spoke in opposition to the bill. At the same time critical and difficult questions were raised regarding defining domestic partnerships and who exactly should be eligible for such benefits. The University of New Hampshire has just adopted a domestic partnership benefit package for their employees. The Vermont legislature is wrestling with domestic partnership issues as a result of the recent ruling by their Supreme Court. For all of the above reasons, the committee felt that interim study would be the prudent way to proceed with this difficult and important piece of legislation. Vote 12-1.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 1594-FN, relative to the allocation of moneys in the tobacco use prevention fund. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Francine Wendelboe for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: House Bill 1594 sets forth the allocation of the moneys in the tobacco use prevention fund established and funded last session. It is the result of a comprehensive tobacco study by legislation with great input by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control and a large coalition of health organizations. The committee heard hours of testimony in support of this bill. Vote 14-0.

JUDICIARY

HB 1517-FN, memorializing the New Hampshire bill of rights as the law of the land. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Martha S. Solow for Judiciary: The committee deemed this bill over broad and unnecessary. It would make any perceived violation of the NH Bill of Rights by any agent of the state a class B felony. If enacted, it would put into jeopardy any vote by a legislator or decision by any judge or any policy adopted by a board of selectmen or other state subdivision. There is currently a mechanism (declaratory judgment) for dealing with violations of the Bill of Rights. Vote 15-2.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 1192-FN, creating an exemption from tolls within the New Hampshire turnpike system for members of the New Hampshire national guard. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Winston H. McCarty for Public Works and Highways: The committee heard support for this bill from only the sole sponsor. While the committee appreciates the commitment of the New Hampshire National Guardsmen, we think there are other ways to show this appreciation in a more broad and beneficial manner. The committee believes it is unfair to give a benefit that would only benefit some 40% of the guardsmen, and not an equal benefit to all. It also targets only one segment of our military forces. There is also an estimated \$10,000 loss of restricted turnpike revenue that is not replaced with another source of revenue. Opening up to this request would lead to many more similar requests. The Department of Transportation is opposed to the bill. Vote 14-0.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 22, urging the federal government to ensure that defense appropriations are spent in support of defense programs. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. David A. Young for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This legislation urges the federal government to ensure that defense spending is specifically used for national defense. The testimony reflected concern that appropriated funds were used for indirect social service programs not directly applicable to our national defense. The discussion also included remarks from US Senator Gregg specific to "pork barrel" politics. Vote 12-1.

LAID ON TABLE – 1999 session

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 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.

LAID ON TABLE – 2000 session

CACR 2, relating to supreme court rules. Providing that supreme court rules may not be inconsistent with statutes. (Pending question is reconsideration.)

HB 637-FN, establishing certain standards of accountability for health maintenance organizations and other entities providing health insurance through a managed care system. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report.)

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 75, changing the number required for a quorum on the commission for human rights.

(SJ 1)

HB 422, relative to advertising by rent-to-own business. (SJ 1)

HJR 6, encouraging the revitalization of the northern rail line from Concord to Lebanon. (SJ 1)

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

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

9:00 a.m. Investment subcommittee meeting.

10:00 a.m. Full commission meeting.

COMMISSION ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (HB 532, Chapter 135:3, Laws of 1999), Room 207, LOB

1:00 p.m. Commission subcommittee meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

Work and executive session on the following bills.

9:30 a.m. **SB 135-FN**, relative to water supply land protection grants.

10:00 a.m. **SB 178-FN**, relative to appropriations to the port authority for dredging projects.

10:30 a.m. **SB 228-FN**, relative to spousal benefits upon the death of certain retired group II members of the New Hampshire retirement system.

11:00 a.m. **HB 725**, relative to rulemaking under the administrative procedures act.

11:30 a.m. **HB 582-FN-A-L**, authorizing a grant from funds appropriated to the joint promotional program for the purpose of marketing the Connecticut river area as a travel and tourism destination.

1:00 p.m. **HB 239-FN-A**, permitting the development of an industrial hemp industry in New Hampshire and continually appropriating a special fund.

HB 735-FN, establishing a contributory judicial retirement plan.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 209, LOB

9:30 a.m. Work and executive session on the following bills:

HB 86-A, making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

HB 305-A, relative to a lease-purchase agreement between Cheshire county and the state for construction of a new district courthouse to be located in the town of Jaffrey.

HB 413-FN-A, relative to the renovation of regional vocational education centers, and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 417-FN-A, relative to the rehabilitation of the Walker building at New Hampshire hospital and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 76-L, allowing certain municipalities to offer tax exemptions to foster commercial and industrial construction.

SB 170-FN-A, establishing a parents as teachers pilot program in Sullivan county and making an appropriation therefor.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1239**, relative to durable powers of attorney.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1110**, establishing a committee to study landlord-tenant issues and **HB 1523**, relative to landlord-tenant obligations.

SEED STERILIZATION TECHNOLOGY STUDY, (HB 291, Chapter 282:2, Laws of 1999), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1562-FN**, establishing criminal penalties for violations of orders of protection under the child protection act.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1565-FN**, relative to defining certain forms of psychological injury in the child protection act.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1547-FN**, relative to raising the age of minority for the purposes of juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1358**, prohibiting smoking in restaurants, **HB 1577-FN**, revising the indoor smoking act, **HB 1579-FN**, establishing a penalty for a third violation of the youth tobacco laws AND **HB 1608-FN-LOCAL**, relative to minors and smoking.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1134**, establishing a committee to study mental health care treatment under managed care plans.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1160**, relative to access to the enhanced 911 system.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1183**, relative to consumer access to providers for the term of the consumer's health benefit plan and extending the reporting date of a committee.

2:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1496-FN**, relative to joint negotiations by physicians with health benefit plans.

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time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1570-FN**, requiring parolees and probationers from other states to comply with the Interstate Compact on Parole in order to be lawfully present in New Hampshire.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1476**, expanding the notification process for victims of crime.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1250**, allowing a psychiatric/mental health advanced registered nurse practitioner to declare a personal safety emergency, to transfer an inmate for a psychiatric inpatient emergency, and to authorize an involuntary emergency hospitalization.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1382-FN**, making it a felony for inmates to harass corrections personnel and others by propelling bodily fluids.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1140**, establishing a committee to study the department of corrections.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1497-FN-LOCAL**, granting female prisoners in-state access to the same type of rehabilitation programs available to male prisoners.

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DAM MANAGEMENT REVIEW (RSA 482:93), Room 305, LOB

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1208**, relative to the appointment of non-certified employees within a school administrative unit.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1157**, establishing a committee to study incentives to attract individuals to the teaching profession.

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ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:45 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1369-FN-LOCAL**, clarifying authority to regulate asbestos and **HB 1416-FN**, establishing a brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1423-LOCAL**, relative to regulation of junk yards and **HB 1252**, establishing a beneficial use policy for wastewater sludge and providing technical and education assistance to municipalities and their residents concerning the beneficial use of sludge.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1115-FN**, relative to purchasing credit for prior service for certain employees in the retirement system.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1114-FN**, relative to creditable service in the retirement system for teachers in a job-sharing position.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1591-FN-LOCAL**, establishing a defined contribution retirement option in the New Hampshire retirement system.

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FIELD ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATIVE TO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES STUDY (SB 65, Chapter 29:2, Laws of 1999), Room 105A, State House

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1572-FN-A-L**, repealing the education trust fund, the sources of funding for the education trust fund, and the procedures for funding state aid for educational adequacy.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1484-FN-A-L**, establishing a 5 percent tax on gambling winnings as a source of funding public education.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1557-FN-A**, increasing the cigarette tax.

1:15 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1546-FN-A-L**, establishing a New Hampshire education tax on consumption as a source of funding for education, reducing the rates of other state taxes, and increasing certain exemptions to the interest and dividends tax.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

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

Work and executive session on the following bill:

8:45 a.m. **HB 405-FN**, relative to the annual funding of placement costs for juvenile diversion and alternative disposition programs.

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

10:00 a.m. **HB 1244**, establishing a committee to study requiring health care workers to use retractable needles.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1607**, establishing a study committee to consider legislation reducing to zero the number of mentally retarded or developmentally disabled individuals in the state who are not receiving or have not received medicaid services.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1602-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire task force on deafness and hearing loss.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1139**, establishing a committee to study involuntary emergency admission hearings.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1438-FN**, relative to transportation of children for involuntary emergency admissions.

1:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1535-FN**, establishing an appellate division of the courts.

3:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1571-FN**, relative to claims arising from clinical services provided to the department of corrections.

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

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1450-FN***, relative to the adoption of the fair pay act.

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1241***, relative to third person liability under the workers' compensation law.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1582***, establishing a committee to study family friendly employment and workplace policies and to determine effects on families and employers.

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1475-FN***, relative to the applicable minimum wage for hourly employees.

3:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1326***, relative to managed care programs under workers' compensation.

3:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1519***, relative to diversity training for law enforcement and educational personnel.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1120-LOCAL***, relative to the definition of net assets in the elderly exemption to property taxes.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1173-LOCAL***, relative to the optional veterans' tax credit.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1144-LOCAL***, relative to the property tax exemption of not-for-profit hospitals.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1205-LOCAL***, relative to tax exemption for noise pollution control facilities.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1132-LOCAL***, relative to exemptions and credits to property taxes when the property is sold.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1614***, naming 2 bridges.

11:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1433***, relative to notice to abutters by the department of transportation of proposed construction projects.

11:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1354-FN***, indexing the rate of the motor fuel tax to changes in the value of the dollar.

1:15 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1222***, relative to outdoor advertising in an unzoned commercial or industrial area.

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1322***, relative to the regulation of certain outdoor advertising devices.

2:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1246***, relative to sign permits for non-tourist-related local businesses.

2:45 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1564-FN***, relative to the placement of certain signs.

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

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1305-LOCAL***, exempting water withdrawals for normal agricultural operations from certain restrictions on water withdrawals and ***HB 1350***, relative to interbasin and interstate transfers of water.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled executive session on pending legislation.

Room 203, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1479-FN-LOCAL***, relative to boat fees.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1209***, restricting construction of class B and class C dams and ***HB 1340-FN-LOCAL***, relative to dam construction permits.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 1372***, relative to open access over some cable facilities in public rights-of-way if used for 2-way telecommunications and if market share of certain users of those facilities is sufficiently large.

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

1:00 p.m. Air pollution subcommittee work session on ***HB 1349-LOCAL***, authorizing the department of environmental services to collect the costs of administering air pollution control from polluters at different rates for different polluters, ***HB 1414***, authorizing the department of environmental services to discuss with other northeastern states the use of a regional gasoline containing less or no MTBE, promoting the use of less polluting marine engines by the state and others, and extending the reporting date of the committee to study the requirements for usage of MTBE, ***HB 1569-FN***, relative to contamination of state water resources and the health and environmental effects of certain gasoline components, ***HCR 30***, urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to adopt recently proposed new automobile emission standards and fuel regulations known as the Tier2/Gasoline Sulfur Rule, at least as stringent as originally proposed, ***HJR 21***, calling for changes in the federal Clean Air Act regarding best available control technology and ***HJR 24***, urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Congress to work with the northeastern states and gasoline refiners to authorize the use of a regional gasoline containing less or no MTBE and to eliminate Clean Air Act requirements for oxygenates in gasoline.

TRANSPORTATION, Representatives Hall

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1458***, relative to the wearing of motorcycle protective headgear.

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

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

10:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

Immediately following the House session, Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1474-FN***, establishing a "no sales solicitation calls" list.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

Immediately following the House session, continued public hearing on ***HB 1554-FN***, prohibiting knowingly remaining in a place where alcoholic beverages or controlled drugs are unlawfully possessed.

Executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Immediately following the House session, executive session on pending legislation.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1508-FN***, directing the attorney general to apply to the supreme court to convene a grand jury to investigate health care and insurance issues and practices and ***HB 1168***, establishing a committee to study the merits of limiting the use of social security numbers as identifiers.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1422-FN***, relative to the composition of and procedures for the appellate board of the department of employment security.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1127***, establishing a committee to study the application and appeal procedures for excavating and dredging permits, ***HB 1235***, relative to fill and dredge in wetlands and ***HB 1289***, relative to defining surface waters, relative to septage and sludge spreading, and relative to rulemaking by the commissioner of the department of environmental services.

3:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1101***, establishing a Pillsbury state park advisory commission.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

Immediately following the House session, full committee work session on the following electric utility bills: ***HB 1229***, requiring the completion of a rate proceeding prior to legislative approval of a settlement agreement with PSNH, ***HB 1281***, relative to disqualification of public utility commissioners, ***HB 1179***, relative to final orders of the public utilities commission, ***HB 1309***, relative to wood-to-energy rate order buydowns, ***HB 1329***, limiting the system benefits charge, ***HB 1375***, establishing financial assurance for guaranteed promise of customer repayment of rate reduction bonds, ***HB 1406***, relative to transition service and ***HB 1470***, relative to divestiture of electric utility assets.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

Immediately following the House session, subcommittee work session on ***HB 1439-FN***, relative to operation of a motor vehicle under a learner's permit and ***HB 1513-FN***, relative to a fine for a youth operating a motor vehicle without an adult present.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND EDUCATION FINANCING COMMISSION (RSA 198:49), Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS REVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 160-B:23), Room 204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

SEED STERILIZATION TECHNOLOGY STUDY, (HB 291, Chapter 282:2, Laws of 1999), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATEWIDE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 193-C:7), Room 207, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TAX EQUITY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION (HB 117, Chapter 17:55, Laws of 1999), Rooms 210-211, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1443-FN**, requiring a hearing prior to issuance of statement of findings on the suspension, revocation, or denial of a daycare provider's license.

11:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1237**, relative to crediting time in counseling sessions toward a waiver from attendance at the child custody and support impact seminar.

1:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1181**, establishing a study committee to examine the costs of private adoption.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1240**, establishing a prompt payment law for managed care organizations.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1428**, relative to the insurance consumer's bill of rights.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1377**, prohibiting managed care organizations from excluding certain physicians as providers and establishing a committee to study contracting methods.

2:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1280**, relative to medical emergencies under managed care organizations.

3:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1119**, establishing a commission to investigate health care issues.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1249**, providing that critical incident reviews conducted by the department of corrections are privileged and protected from discovery in any proceeding.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1429**, relative to requirements for personnel employed in state corrections facilities which are operated by private entities.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1292**, making it a crime to cause the death of an unborn child as a result of committing a violent act against a pregnant woman.

1:30 p.m. Demonstration of automobile alcohol interlock devices.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **CACR 34**, relating to money raised by taxation. Providing that the provision prohibiting money raised by taxation from being granted or applied for the use of schools or institutions of any religious sect or denomination shall be removed from the constitution.

11:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1376-LOCAL**, relative to the procedure for voting on the school administrative unit budget.

1:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1427**, relative to the calculation of the days of school in the school year.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1390**, establishing a committee to study environmental health.

1:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1418-FN-LOCAL**, relative to mercury-containing products.

Immediately following the public hearing, subcommittee work session on **HB 1418-FN-LOCAL**, relative to mercury-containing products.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1404**, creating a study committee to address mechanisms for the disposal of state records.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1592**, relative to the display of the United States flag.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1220**, establishing a New Hampshire conflict of interest law.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1218**, relative to discipline of state employees or officers making willful false statements.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1609**, establishing a commission to study issues of diversity, immigration, and English as a second language in New Hampshire.

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

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 1247-FN-L**, increasing the tax rate assessed on excavated earth.

9:45 a.m. **HB 1261-FN-A**, replacing the excavation tax and excavation activity tax with an excavation yield tax.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1339-FN**, relative to the local option to exempt taxation of certain excavation activity.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1180-FN**, relative to separating the budget for New Hampshire public television from the university system of New Hampshire budget.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1352**, requiring that state funding for public television be used exclusively for the production of original programming.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1282**, establishing a committee to study the possibility of self-insuring state employees.

2:45 p.m. **HB 1178**, relative to using state funds for changing the name of a state agency or department.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

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

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1215**, establishing a committee to study school nurse certification.

11:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1302**, establishing a committee to study issues of senior outreach programs.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **CACR 30**, relating to judicial retirement. Providing that a judge may serve after age 70 if appointed by governor and council to a 5-year renewable term.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1171**, restricting the payment of salaries to suspended judicial officers.

11:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1551-FN**, relative to legislative access to agency information.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1408**, relative to appointment of non-attorneys as judges.

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1537-FN**, increasing the fees charged by sheriffs for service of legal process.

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

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on the proposed amendment to **HB 1126**, relative to requiring certain employers to pay time-and-one-half wages for hours worked on Sundays. (Copies of the proposed amendment are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms office.)

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

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1189-FN**, relative to benefit amounts, fees assessed and the application of the state unemployment compensation law.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1216**, relative to petitions for warrant articles.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1313-LOCAL**, relative to amending official ballot warrant articles.

11:45 a.m. **HB 1482**, relative to funding of municipal projects.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1151**, establishing a committee to study the creation of a New Hampshire local government records management trust and to consider funding alternatives.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1598-LOCAL**, relative to fluoride in drinking water.

2:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1522-LOCAL**, relative to posting warrants in languages

other than English and in large-print format.

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

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1420-FN-LOCAL***, relative to the port in the city of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1355-FN-A***, authorizing funding for a hydrodynamic study of the Hampton/Seabrook harbor and estuarine system.

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

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1613***, exempting police officers on bicycles from certain motor vehicle laws and rules.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1304***, establishing a statutory committee to review and approve any motor vehicle license plate design.

11:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1265-FN***, exempting snowmobiles used by OHRV clubs for trail grooming and other public services from the payment of OHRV registration fees.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1617-FN***, relative to suspension of a driver's license for sufficient cause.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1533***, relative to the child protection act.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 1603***, establishing a committee to study the ages at which persons under 21 years of age become subject to state laws.

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

11:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1293***, relative to same-sex marriages contracted outside of the state of New Hampshire.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1333-LOCAL***, relative to the establishment of parenting plans.

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1217***, establishing a committee to study marriage preparation.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1587-FN***, relative to payment of health insurance costs for certain child day care agencies.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1184***, relative to minimum participation requirements for small employers.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1465***, extending the reporting date of the committee to study the non-group health insurance market.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1457***, establishing a committee to study all aspects of the condominium act established under RSA 356-B.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1451***, establishing a committee to study the concept of a Northeastern regional compact on matters of interstate commerce.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1398***, requiring disclosure of policy limits by insurers.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1164***, relative to insurance compliance self audits.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1503***, establishing a study committee to review the state’s current parole and probation procedures.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1407***, establishing a committee to study the development of standards of conduct governing the reporting of cases of domestic violence by individuals in certain occupations and professions.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1303***, establishing the freedom of education act.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1320***, establishing a committee to study the rights and duties of parents to educate their children.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1610-FN***, regulating indoor tanning facilities.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 1133***, establishing a committee to study issues regarding martial arts instruction in the state.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1195***, making technical changes to the law regulating acupuncture.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1207***, relative to establishing a retired status for licensed plumbers.

2:45 p.m. ***HB 1606-FN***, establishing the governor’s commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment.

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

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 single audit of federal financial assistance programs for the year ended June 30, 1999.

NH Retirement System management letter for fiscal year ended June 30, 1999.

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

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1155**, excepting for-profit blood suppliers from limitations on strict liability.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled continued public hearing on **HB 1441-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to establishing a pilot welfare-to-work program in rural communities and making an appropriation therefor.

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1525**, establishing a legislative oversight committee to review the procedures of the health services planning and review board.

2:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1426**, establishing an appeals board to review decisions of the health services planning and review board.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1360**, prohibiting full-time judges from earning income from sources other than judicial salaries.

11:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 1104**, limiting the liability of paramedics caring for patients in transport between hospitals.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1507**, establishing a committee to investigate allegations against supreme court justice Thayer regarding unreported and underreported income.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND EDUCATION FINANCING COMMISSION (RSA 198:49), Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Cheshire County Delegation meeting scheduled for Monday, January 31 has been cancelled because the RFP proposal to be considered has been withdrawn.

Rep. John M. Pratt, Chairman

Cheshire County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Hillsborough County Delegation will meet at the Hillsborough County Courthouse, 300 Chestnut Street, Manchester on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the factfinder's report for the Sheriffs Department and the Nursing Home and at 7:30 p.m. for a delegation meeting to take action on the factfinder's report.

Rep. Robert S. Mercer, Chairman

Hillsborough County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Merrimack County Executive Committee will meet on the following days to review the 2000 Merrimack County Budget. The meetings will be held in the Lower Level Conference Room, McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord

Monday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Review of Delegation, Treasurer, Administration, Concord Complex, Maintenance, Registry of Deeds and Miscellaneous.

Monday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Review of Nursing Home and Residential Properties.

Friday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Review of Human Services, Adult Diversion, Juvenile Diversion, Bridge Program, Grant Agencies and Cooperative Extension.

Friday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Review of County Attorney, Medical Referee, Sheriff and Dispatch.

Friday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Review of Corrections, Merrimack County Academy Program.

Monday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Final approval.

Rep. Ray F. Langer, Chairman

Merrimack County Executive Committee

REVISED AMENDED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have a revised or amended fiscal note: HBs 86, 273, 305, 405, 514, 522, 553, 580, 605, 615, 625, 630, 637, 648, 699, 730, 733, 1191, 1419, 1511, 1522, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1540, 1541, 1543, 1544, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1551, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1575, 1584, 1586, 1595, 1602, 1606 and 1608.

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 requested.

Patricia L. Cote, 11 Cote Drive, Danville, New Hampshire 03819-3226

Colleagues who so desire may send cards and greetings to the addresses listed above.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS’ NOTICES

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

NH Senators and Representatives may receive complimentary ski privileges 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

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 House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, Wednesday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 22. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

All legislators are invited to a complimentary luncheon reception to be held at the Upham Walker House on February 3, during the luncheon recess. Former US Senator, Gordon Humphrey, will be the featured guest.

Rep. Harry T. Hinman

The Legislative Tourism Caucus will hold a meeting at the Eagles Nest Restaurant (directly across from the State House) from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8th . Wine and cheese will be served courtesy of a generous sponsor and the New Hampshire Travel Council and the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association. Topic of this meeting will be "Investing in New Hampshire’s Land and Community Heritage". Speaker will be Tom Burack, Chair, New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Commission.

Reps. Stephen G. Avery and Martha Fuller Clark

The New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association cordially invites all legislators to attend the Annual Government Affairs Legislative Reception on Tuesday, February 8th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park Street.

Reps. Stephen G. Avery and Martha Fuller Clark

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet on Tuesday, February 8th at noon in Room 306, LOB. Please note new location. Bring a bag lunch.

Reps. Rebecca C. Hutchinson

The Main Street Republican Caucus will sponsor a special forum relative to the "structural deficit" on Tuesday, February 8th from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Rooms 301-303, LOB. Doug Hall will be the guest speaker. All State Representatives and Senators are welcome to attend.

Rep. Richard C. Leone

Legislators for Limited Spending will meet on Wednesday, February 9 at noon at the Upham Walker House. Guest speaker will be Mr. Thomas McCormick, Director of the Granite State Taxpayers, who will present a symposium on the impact of an income tax in NH. All interested representatives are welcome. Dessert and coffee will be served.

Rep. Sylvia A. Holley

President Wharton of Plymouth State College invites all members of the General Court to a breakfast briefing on the state of PSC as it begins the new year. The breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 10 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Eagles Nest at 1 Eagle Square in Concord.

Rep. Harry T. Hinman

Legislators are invited to attend a meeting of the Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources Group at the Upham Walker House on Tuesday, February 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Opening presentations on the Land and Community Heritage legislation.

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

President Victor Montana from the College of Lifelong Learning invites all members of the Hillsborough and Merrimack County Delegations to a breakfast briefing on the state of CLL as it begins the new year. The breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 24 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the CLL Ammon Center, 175 Ammon Drive Unit D, in Manchester.

Rep. David E. Larrabee, Sr.

Ski New Hampshire will be hosting its 8th Annual Legislative Ski Day on **March 19th and 20th** at **Mount Sunapee Ski Resort**. Skiing will be available on Sunday for reduced costs all day to be followed by an apres ski reception at the mountain. A full day of activities for skiers and non-skiers will take place on Monday. **Again**, this year’s event is a fundraiser for **Keep Kids S.A.F.E.** and we hope you can attend. More details will follow shortly.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

- Feb 1 – Meeting Room Town Office, 10 Goodhue Road (behind police station), Jaffrey, 8:00 a.m. Jaffrey selectmen’s meeting, Jaffrey-Peterborough, US 202 rehabilitation.
- Feb 1 – Southern NH Planning Commission, 438 Dubuque Street, Manchester, 4:00 p.m. Organizational meeting of the committee, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Advisory Committee meeting.
- Feb 3 – Somersworth High School Café, Memorial Drive, Somersworth, 6:00 p.m. Meeting #14, Technical Advisory Task Force Meeting, Exit 10 interchange study.
- Feb 16 – Old Town Hall, 45 Summers Street, Bristol, 7:00 p.m. Public officials/public informational meeting, Danbury/Alexandria/Bristol, pavement rehabilitation NH 3A/Smith River Road.
- Feb 16 – Franklin City Hall, 316 Central Street, Franklin, 7:30 p.m. Councilmen’s meeting, Franklin, US Route 3/NH Route 11 with West Bow Street, Franklin, US Route 3/NH Route 11 with Kendall Street.
- Feb 22 – Town House, 1 Grove Street (across from Granite Bank), Peterborough, 7:00 p.m. Peterborough selectmen’s meeting, Jaffrey-Peterborough, US 202 rehabilitation.

Rep. Edwin O. Smith, Chairman

Public Works and Highways

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors’ Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in February 2000. 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 your School Visitation Program.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

DATE	TIME	GROUP	CLASS/Size
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Feb 1	11:00	Holy Trinity School	4/33
Feb 1	9:30	Concord Christian School	4/20
Feb 1	9:30	Rumford School – Concord	1/19
Feb 2	9:30 & 11:00	Great Brook School – Antrim	6/85
Feb 3	9:30 & 11:00	Interlakes Elem School – Meredith	4/75
Feb 3	3:00	Proctor Academy – Andover	HS/25
Feb 4	10:00 & 11:15	Seabrook Elem School	4/65
Feb 4	12:30	Bow High School	HS/40
Feb 7	10:30 & 11:45	Stratham Memorial School	4/75
Feb 7	1:00	Lamprey Health Care – Newmarket	Adult/20
Feb 8	11:00 & 12:30	KA Brett School – Tamworth	3&4/80
Feb 9	9:30 & 11:00	Newmarket Elem School	4/80
Feb 10	9:30 & 11:00	Newmarket Elem School	4/50
Feb 11	10:00 & 11:15	Seabrook Elem School	4/45
Feb 14	9:30 & 11:00	Londonderry South Elem School	4/75
Feb 15	9:30 & 11:00	Londonderry South Elem School	4/75
Feb 16	9:30 & 11:00	Charlotte Ave Elem School – Nashua	4/75
Feb 17	9:30 & 11:00	Charlotte Ave Elem School – Nashua	4/50 Adults/10
Feb 17	1:00	AGC	
Feb 18	11:00 & 12:30	Auburn Village School	4/85
Feb 18	11:30	Russell School – Rumney	4/18`
Feb 21	10:30 & 11:45	Stratham Memorial School	4/45
Feb 22	9:30 & 11:00	Weston School – Manchester	4/55
Feb 23	9:30 & 11:00	Parker Varney School – Manchester	4/55
Feb 24	9:30 & 11:00	Parker Varney School – Manchester	4/55
Feb 24	1:00	Amherst Area Newcomers	Adults/15
Feb 25	9:30	Deerfield Community School	4/20
Feb 28	9:30 & 11:00	Northwood Elem School	4/60
Feb 29	9:30 & 11:00	Towle School – Newport	4/50

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2000-3110h

Amendment to HB 1105

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government - C

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

AN ACT ratifying article 9 of the 1999 Seabrook annual town meeting.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Ratification of Article 9 of the 1999 Seabrook Annual Town Meeting. All acts, notices, and proceedings relating to article 9 of the meeting warrant of the Seabrook annual town meeting first session held on February 4, 1999 and second session held on March 9, 1999 are hereby legalized, ratified, and confirmed.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill ratifies all acts, votes, notices, and proceedings relating to article 9 of the meeting warrant of the first and second sessions of the 1999 Seabrook annual town meeting.

2000-3033h

Amendment to HB 1198

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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

2000-3218h

Amendment to HB 1334-LOCAL

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraph; Maximum Weight Limits Which Restrict Commercial or Industrial Companies; Hearing. Amend RSA 231:191 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VII. The governing body of a municipality who establishes maximum weight limits more restrictive than the limits set forth in RSA 266:17-26, for any class IV, V, or VI highway or portion of such highway, seasonal or otherwise, which restricts a commercial or industrial company operated or located in that municipality, shall hold a hearing if requested by the impacted business. The hearing shall be held within 15 working days of receipt of a certified letter by the local governing body from the impacted business requesting a hearing, otherwise enforcement of the maximum weight limits established by that municipality shall be suspended for the remainder of the year or until such hearing is held.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that postings of maximum weight limits for class IV, V, or VI highways established by municipalities should be in accordance with currently acceptable practices and technology. This bill also requires the governing body of a municipality that establishes maximum weight limits for class IV, V, or VI highways, which restrict a commercial or industrial company operated or located in the municipality, to hold a hearing if requested by the impacted business, and if such hearing is not held within certain time limits, the maximum weight limits shall be suspended for the remainder of the year or until such hearing is held.

This bill is a request of the study committee established under 1999, 36.

2000-3098h

Amendment to HB 1381

Proposed by the Committee on Education - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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

2000-3200h

Amendment to HB 1435

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the immediate and long-term impact of changing methodology of communications and information technology as it applies to the right-to-know law.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the immediate and long-term impact of changing methodology of communications and information technology as it applies to the right-to-know law.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

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

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

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

III. The committee shall seek advice from experts in information technology and the right-to-know law and any other persons the committee deems relevant.

3 Duties. The committee shall study the immediate and long-term impact of changing methodology of communications and information technology as it applies to the right-to-know law, RSA 91-A.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2000.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the immediate and long-term impact of changing methodology of communications and information technology as it applies to the right-to-know law.

2000-3176h

Amendment to HB 1471

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

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

AN ACT relative to the department of employment security’s power to approve building projects.

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

1 Duties and Powers of Commissioner; Establishment and Maintenance of Public Employment Offices. Amend RSA 282-A:112, IV to read as follows:

IV. For the purpose of establishing and maintaining free public employment offices, the commissioner is authorized, notwithstanding any other provision of law, with the ***consent of the joint legislative capital budget overview committee, and with the*** approval of the governor and council, to enter into lease purchase agreements ***and any other agreements for the purpose of establishing and maintaining free public employment offices.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of employment security to receive the approval of the joint legislative capital budget overview committee when entering into lease purchase agreements or any other agreements for the establishment or maintenance of public employment offices.

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NOTICE

HOUSE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

A plan has been developed for the House Leadership to communicate with members of the House at night and at such other times as the members are at home.

In most emergencies the individual member will be aware that an emergency exists, though may be in doubt as to its extent.

The following procedure has been developed:

- 1. Notice of an emergency message will be given to State Police Headquarters in Concord and commercial wire services.
- 2. State Police Headquarters will send the message via computer to the stations listed.
- 3. Reliance will be placed on each individual legislator to call the terminal station nearest his or her home and inquire for any emergency message to legislators in times of emergency or suspected emergency. This will include, but not be limited to cancellation of sessions due to severe weather conditions.

Gilford	Police Station	528-3800
Laconia	Police Station	524-5252
Keene	Police Station	352-2222
Lebanon	Police Station	448-1212
Manchester	Police Station	668-8711
Nashua	Police Station	594-3500
Concord	Police Station	225-8600
Rockingham County	County Sheriff	679-2225

Portsmouth	Police Station	436-2145
Dover	Police Station	742-4646
Claremont	Police Station	542-9538
Newport	Police Station	863-3232
Merrimack	Police Station	424-2222
Salem	Police Station	893-1911
Ossipee	County Sheriff	539-2284
Derry	Police Station	432-6111

In addition to the above listed numbers you can also call the numbers listed below nearest you.

State Police Headquarters Department of Safety 10 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305 Tel: 271-3636	
Rockingham & Strafford Counties Troop - A Route 125 Epping, NH 03042 Tel: 679-3333	Hillsborough County Troop - B 4 Meadowbrook Drive Milford, NH 03055 Tel: 672-3333
Cheshire & Sullivan Counties Troop - C Box 272 Keene, NH 03431 Tel: 358-3333	Merrimack County Department of Safety 10 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305 Tel: 271-3636
Belknap & Carroll Counties Troop - E Box 235 W. Ossipee, NH 03890 Tel: 323-3333	Coos & Grafton Counties Troop - F Box 440 Twin Mountain, NH 03595 Tel: 846-3333

Also in the event members wish to obtain road or weather conditions during periods of inclement weather they should call the nearest Troop Station to their residence or Headquarters Communications in Concord. When calling Headquarters Communications, they should ask to speak with the Communications Supervisor. When calling a Troop Station, inquiries will be handled by the Communications Specialist on duty at the time.

The caller should specify the information he or she wishes to obtain. This information should be readily available to communications personnel and every effort will be made to accommodate these requests in a timely manner.

Please be advised when calling State Police Headquarters to call **271-3636** and not any of the 800 lines, which are used for emergency purposes only.

A toll-free 24-hour weather and traffic hotline is now available at 1-800-918-9993. If you have to call from out-of-state, the number is 1-603-271-6900.