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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. to complete our work on Senate bills. A session is planned for Wednesday, May 31 as well.

Be sure to attend the legislative briefing on SB 472, the electric rate reduction financing bill, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17. Members of the Science, Technology, and Energy Committee will be available to answer your questions prior to the vote next week. Also, copies of all the information on electric utility restructuring which has been mailed to you periodically over the last few months are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms or on the Legislature's website www.state.nh.us/gencourt/iegencourt.html.

The Rules Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB to conduct a hearing on a proposed amendment to the House Rules setting dates for Interim Study reports and filing of bills for the 2001 session. The amendment is printed in this calendar.

Many thanks to Stan Kelly and the crew at Information Systems for their extraordinary efforts last week dealing with the "love bug" computer virus. They worked through Thursday night and had the system back in working order the next morning. We are fortunate to have such capable and conscientious employees.

Our class photo, taken last week, turned out great. You may order your 8 1/2 x 11 color prints from House Information Officer Susan Wood in Room 308. The cost is \$12 and orders must be placed by May 31.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB.

Donna Sytek, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Thursday, May 18 at 9:15 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

Members of the Science, Technology and Energy committee will hold a forum on **SB 472**, the legislation regarding the settlement with the Public Service of New Hampshire.

The forum will occur at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17th in Rooms 302-304, LOB.

Rep. Jeb E. Bradley, Chairman

Science, Technology and Energy Committee

House Judiciary Committee Progress Report to the House

The Judiciary Committee and its counsel have had another busy week taking depositions Tuesday through Friday with a brief "respite" on Friday morning for an appearance before the Supreme Court to argue the motion by the Judicial Conduct Committee to allow its attorney to attend the depositions of its employees. Further depositions are anticipated for next week. At this point, we are on schedule and expect public sessions during the month of June.

Rep. Henry P. Mock

Judiciary Committee Chairman

HOUSE DEADLINES

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**CONSENT CALENDAR****COMMERCE****SB 310**, relative to New Hampshire state-chartered banks and interstate banking. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur for Commerce: This bill will increase the maximum dollar volume of a bank's deposits as a percentage of the dollar volume of total bank deposits in the state from 20% to 30%. This total includes deposits, time, savings and demand accounts in state-chartered banks, national banks and federal savings and loan associations. Deposits in Credit Unions are not included in this total. The current deposit cap of 20% was instituted in 1963. Currently 40 states have deposit caps higher than New Hampshire. This bill also specifies the conditions required for an out-of-state bank to establish branches in New Hampshire and allows state-chartered banks to participate in activities authorized by the Financial Modernization Act. Vote 19-0.

SB 316, relative to "most favored nation" or "equally favored nation" provisions in insurance provider contracts. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Tim S. McGough for Commerce: Most favored or equally favored nation provisions in insurance provider contracts refer to language in a contract between a doctor or hospital and an insurance carrier that require the provider to give the same or better fee scale to any carrier with this clause in the contract. For example, an insurance plan negotiates a price for a given service from a hospital and they have a most favored nation clause in their contract, then another plan negotiates a better price from the same hospital. The hospital must now offer that better price to the first plan because of the MFN clause. The committee felt that this type of contract provision discourages competition in the market and unfairly allows certain insurance plans with very large market share to benefit from the negotiating of smaller plans trying to break into the New Hampshire health care marketplace. Although the committee is usually uncomfortable intruding into contract negotiations between private parties, the committee feels the health care consumer is best served by prohibiting this type of provision in order to encourage more insurance plans to enter into our state's market. In the past many types of legislative remedies involving health insurance contracts have passed including terms of payment, review period for new contracts and many benefit mandates. The committee examined this issue in subcommittee and found that many small providers such as small family practice physician groups are forced to "take it or leave it" when it comes to contracts with large insurance plans. Larger hospitals have the ability to refuse these provisions but many of the state's 26 acute-care hospitals do not have that luxury. Only one insurance plan, the state's largest, appeared in opposition to this bill, and the insurance department, the NH Medical Society, and several other insurance plans appeared in support. While we found only one such EFN agreement in place and no MFN clauses readily apparent, the committee believes passage of this legislation is in the best long-term interest of the New Hampshire health insurance market and in the best interest of the consumer. Vote 18-1.

SB 332, relative to risk-based capital for health organizations. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Tim S. McGough for Commerce: This bill adds health organizations to the law regarding risk-based capital for insurers. In doing so, health maintenance organizations, health service corporations, and dental and vision insurance plans will be subject to the same scrutiny to ensure fiscal soundness based on the amount of risk-based capital held by a given organization that life insurance plans currently are subject to. This bill was requested by the Department of Insurance and was not opposed by the industry because most companies affected by this legislation currently conform to its requirements. Vote 19-0.

SB 359, establishing a committee to study the issues relative to manufactured housing parks in New Hampshire. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Anthony R. DiFrancia for Commerce: The subject matter of this legislation is currently in interim study by the Senate so there is no need for this study committee. Vote 14-2.

SB 368, relative to insurance fraud. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Tim S. McGough for Commerce: In order to clarify the duties and powers of the insurance fraud investigation unit, this bill

was requested by the New Hampshire Department of Insurance. The language in the amendment broadens the type of law enforcement agency the unit may assist or request assistance from in carrying out their duties to detect and prosecute insurance-related criminal activity, and corrects a typographical error in current statute. No one appeared in opposition to this legislation that the committee viewed as a positive step to protect the consumer from rising insurance costs due to fraudulent claims. Vote 13-0.

SB 375, relative to motor vehicle dealerships. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Gene B. Marshall for Commerce: As introduced, this bill totally restricted the circumstances under which any auto manufacturers could operate dealerships in competition with area dealers or franchisees. The committee worked with representatives of all concerned parties to craft a solution which meets the needs of all while preserving a high degree of protection for New Hampshire businesses and consumers alike. The bill also includes amendments requested by the Division of Motor Vehicle clarifying procedures of the NH Motor Vehicle Industry Board for dealing with challenges to (dealer service) chargebacks and with appeals from the board’s decisions. Vote 14-0.

SB 378, relative to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Tara G. Reardon for Commerce: This bill changes the effective date of the computerized filing system for security interests under Article 9 of The Uniform Commercial Code from July 1, 2001 to the earlier of July 1, 2002 or a date 3 months after the secretary of state certifies to the governor that the participating cities and towns are prepared to accept filings on behalf of the centralized filing system. Additionally, the bill clarifies the fee for filing each debtor name and replaces the 75 cents per page copy fee inadvertently deleted from 382-A:9-407(2). Vote 17-0.

SB 383, requiring the department of health and human services and insurers to make prompt payments. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur for Commerce: This bill, as amended, requires payment from the department of health and human services within 45 days of the receipt of a clean claim. The bill also requires insurers to make payment within 45 calendar days upon receipt of a clean written claim or 15 calendar days upon receipt of a clean electronic claim. The amendment also provides an exception if the failure to make payment in a timely manner is caused by a directive from a federal, state, or court agency, or if the insurer is in liquidation or rehabilitation. Vote 17-0.

SB 393, relative to single producer licensing. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Tim S. McGough for Commerce: This legislation is a request of the New Hampshire Department of Insurance and has been worked and reworked over the course of the last year to resemble a model act put forth by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. When passed it will streamline the licensing process for insurance agents and simplify the requirements to keep a license current. No persons appeared in opposition to the bill and the fee structure was agreed to by all involved. The industry professionals request support of this revised process to facilitate ease of licensing and consolidation of fees. The amendment makes minor technical changes recommended by the Commissioner after the bill passed the Senate. Vote 14-0.

SB 425-FN, relative to the private activity bond limit. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Gene B. Marshall for Commerce: This bill proposed an ongoing formula for allocating the state ceiling on private activity bond capitalization among users, including provisions for future increases in the ceiling. Establishing a stable, predictable base level of support for higher education loan programs was of particular interest. The committee felt that a statutory allocation was too rigid, and the matter could better be settled by agreements among the parties. The parties succeeded in arriving at written agreements acceptable to all, making this bill unnecessary. Vote 16-0.

SB 437-FN, relative to retail selling. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Stephen G. Avery for Commerce: This bill would have negated a bill that the House passed just last year. The committee felt it should not be a burden for businesses to supply both a phone number and an address for people with complaints or other inquires to access. Vote 14-2.

SB 459, relative to underinsured motorists. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Griffin T. Dalianis for Commerce: The Committee found no evidence that consumers were disadvantaged in any way by the existing system. Even the proponents of this bill acknowledged that the problem, if it exists, is very rare, and the Committee felt that the solution proposed was worse than the problem. Vote 16-0.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 302, relative to certain employment requirements for liquor licensees. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert M. Fesh for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill specifies that restrictions on liquor licensees relating to the employment of convicted felons apply only to the designation of persons to be in charge of the premises. This bill also establishes a limited time period (60 days) within which to obtain the necessary waiver for the designation as a person to be in charge of the premises if the licensee is to employ a convicted felon to sell, serve, or otherwise handle alcoholic beverages. It also establishes a fine for noncompliance. The liquor commission agreed to this bill as amended. The bill would take effect 30 days after passage. Vote 15-0.

SB 413-FN, relative to confidentiality of addresses for victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. William V. Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This legislation makes it more difficult for a perpetrator to locate his or her victim in cases of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault. They may use the address of the attorney general's office as their official address and he will forward their first class mail to them at their confidential address. Vote 15-0.

SB 436-FN, relative to permanent revocation of drivers' licenses for causing a fatality or serious bodily injury while driving intoxicated. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Andrew Christie, Jr. for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee amended the bill to provide that an indefinite license revocation may be ordered by the sentencing judge in those cases where a person has been convicted of manslaughter or DWI negligent homicide resulting from the driving of a motor vehicle. A further amendment just clarifies that certified habitual offenders with a prior DWI, felony or misdemeanor offenses, who drive under license suspension are guilty of a felony. Those certified habitual offenders who without a prior DWI, felony or misdemeanor traffic offense, drive under license suspension are guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Additionally, the committee has added the House passed version of HB 1621 which allows the court to order certain misdemeanor habitual offenders, those in county jails, to be sentenced to home confinement. Vote 15-0.

SB 439-FN, relative to motor vehicle offenses resulting in serious bodily injury. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr. for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill creates a misdemeanor to the motor vehicle code to fill the gap between a violation of the rules of the road and negligent homicide. The language mirrors the changes made to RSA 263:64, driving after revocation. It provides for an increased penalty for violating rules of the road when death or serious bodily injury results. Vote 14-2.

SB 444-FN, relative to methadone maintenance treatment. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Maxwell D. Sargent for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee received two methadone maintenance bills at the same time, SB 444-FN and SB 445-FN. The decision was made to combine the material from both into SB 445-FN, and therefore, this bill was no longer needed. Vote 14-0.

EDUCATION

SB 470, relative to the administrative authority of the board of trustees for the regional community-technical colleges. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Warren C. Henderson for Education: As amended, SB 470 directs the Commission on the status of community-technical education to examine the feasibility of allowing the regional community-technical college board of trustees to appoint and fix the compensation of the college presidents, as part of their existing study. That report is due by November 1, 2000. The committee supports the goals and the work of the community-technical college system and believes that this measure will assure that the subject of compensation for the community-technical college presidents is addressed within the context of other issues related to the system. Vote 12-0.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1369-FN-L, clarifying authority to regulate asbestos. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert S. Mercer for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill was referred to the Executive Departments and Administration Committee to review the rulemaking provisions. The committee amended the bill to clarify certain authority given to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Environmental Services to regulate asbestos licensing and disposal sites. No changes were made that would compromise the states authority to run the federal program. No changes were made regarding the policy established by the House Environment and Agriculture Committee. Vote 16-0.

SB 226-FN, relative to the real estate practice act and the powers and duties of the real estate commission. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Alida I. Millham for Executive Departments and Administration: The New Hampshire Real Estate Practice Act regulates the practice of real estate brokers and salespersons. This bill makes revisions in the act that are mostly clarifying and editorial in nature. Also included is a process for appointing and swearing in alternate members to ensure a quorum for hearings; a requirement of 60 hours of approved study as a qualification for licensure; and revising the law regarding prohibited conduct about paying commissions to unlicensed persons. Vote 16-0.

SB 326, relative to the joint health council. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Alida I. Millham for Executive Departments and Administration: The amendment replaces the entire bill. It provides for the appointment to membership of the joint health council by staggering terms. This includes the appointment of two newly added council members. The committee agreed that without the amendment, too much institutional memory could be lost. Vote 15-0.

SB 328, making corrections to statutory references in certain fish and game laws and adding a rulemaking provision. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert S. Mercer for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill was referred to the Executive Departments and Administration Committee to review the rulemaking provisions. The committee amended the bill to change the procedure for adopting rules relating to the regulation of marine species. The amendment allows the executive director of the Fish and Game Department to promulgate rules with the approval of the Fish and Game Commission and upon the advice and cooperation of the advisory committee on shore fisheries. This continues the present practice and maintains the sportsmen's voice on these matters. Vote 15-0.

SB 446, relative to the integration of information technology at the state, county and municipal levels. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Sylvia A. Holley for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill clarifies the process for developing information technology plans and modifies the membership of the New Hampshire Council on Applied Technology and Innovation. The amendment defines the term "stakeholder". Vote 16-0.

SB 457, relative to ownership of certified public accounting firms. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Carolyn A. Virtue for Executive Departments and Administration: SB 457 changes the ownership requirements for firms of certified public accountants and public accountants from 66 2/3 percent to 51 percent. The bill maintains majority ownership be held by a licensee, but allows more flexibility for firms wishing to retain non-CPA employees. All actions of the firms will still be subject to the laws and rules of the board of accountancy. Vote 13-1.

SB 461, establishing a committee to study the creation of a flag to honor all police departments in the state. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. David G. Poulin for Executive Departments and Administration: The majority of the committee does not feel that a study committee is needed or appropriate to design a flag that honors police departments. The majority believes that the appropriate design for such a flag would best be created by the members of law enforcement agencies themselves. No need exists for legislature involvement in this matter except to approve the final design, which represents all police departments in the state. The majority is not opposed to creation of a flag but does not see the need for a study committee. Vote 15-0.

FINANCE

HB 1469, relative to the organization of the juvenile justice system in New Hampshire and making an appropriation therefor.

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Marjorie K. Smith for Finance: The amendment to this bill is supported by both the Finance and Children and Family Law (CFL) committees. The chair and several CFL committee members participated in Division III's executive sessions concerning HB 1469, and other key House members particularly interested in the subject matter of the bill were consulted and agreed to the amendment. As amended, the bill accomplishes two important tasks. First, it creates an advisory board to review the activities of the Department of Youth Development Services and to make recommendations about program and other matters to the administration of DYDS as well as to the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. It is the committee's hope that the work of the board will result in increased accountability, improved services for juveniles under the jurisdiction of DYDS, and better fiscal management.

Secondly, the bill, as amended, changes the job title of those DHHS employees who work directly with Children in Need of Services (CHINS) and delinquents from "Juvenile Services Officers" to "Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers". The legislation makes clear that the change in title does not reflect any change in job responsibilities and will not result in eligibility for Group II retirement, the law enforcement salary schedule, or for certification and training at the Police Standards and Training Council, except as otherwise provided by statute. The name change is supported by the department and the JSOs, the latter having advocated for this change for many years. Vote 24-0.

SB 136-FN, allowing certain state employees to take paid leave to participate in disaster relief service work. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Margaret A. Lynch for Finance: This bill allows the State of New Hampshire to join forty other states in promoting volunteerism among state employees. It allows a certified disaster relief services volunteer, employed by the state, to take up to fifteen working days a year of paid leave if requested for service by the American Red Cross. The leave must be approved by the employee's supervisor and would only be granted if there were no additional financial burdens caused by the employee's leave. There are currently only three state employees certified by the Red Cross as a "disaster relief volunteer."

The amendment clarifies the intent of the sponsor of the bill and the ED&A Committee that the leave is intended to cover requests for assistance anywhere within the United States and not restricted to service only in New Hampshire.

Training and expenses for participating employees are provided by the American Red Cross. Vote 25-0.

SB 318-FN, relative to proposed joint maintenance agreements. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Norman L. Major for Finance: This bill is the product of a study committee and enables school districts to utilize joint maintenance agreements and to issue bonds and be eligible for school building aid grants. It also amends existing legislation by repealing a specific existing joint maintenance agreement that was never consummated. This bill provides a process for school districts to combine for the purposes of building and maintaining a high school or other public school. The LBAO is unable to estimate the fiscal impact of this bill because the school districts that would enter into a joint maintenance agreement are unknown; the effect on local expenditures as a result of a joint maintenance agreement is not known; the cost of building and maintaining a school may be more or less costly than the existing tuition contracts; and the increase in the amount the state will pay for building aid as a result of joint maintenance agreements cannot be estimated. Despite this uncertainty it is believed the fiscal impact will not be significant. Vote 22-1.

SB 324, relative to personal care services and providers. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Francine Wendelboe for Finance: This bill allows certain individuals eligible under Medicaid to receive home care services the option of receiving personal care services, including consumer-directed services, from a home health agency or other qualified agency. This option would increase consumer choice, provide improved services and availability of caregivers and potentially reduce costs. There was strong policy support during the hearing. The Department of Health and Human Services gave strong assurances that this would neither expand eligibility nor increase costs. Finance amended the bill to include periodic fiscal and quality-based reports on the results of this option. The definition of eligible consumer was also clarified. Vote 24-0.

SB 389-FN, relative to benefit options for surviving spouses and designated beneficiaries of deceased members of the retirement system. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Joseph E. Stone for Finance: This bill updates the year of eligibility of active and retired group II members for the payment of medical benefits costs by the New Hampshire retirement system. The system indicates this bill extends group II medical benefits to policemen and firemen who became members of the retirement system prior to July 1, 1997 and group II employees

who became members between July 1, 1997 and July 1, 2000, and subsequently become disabled at any time in the future. The current provisions under RSA 100-A:55 limit this benefit to only those who became members of the system before July 1, 1995. There will be no fiscal impact on state, county and local revenues or expenditures according to the New Hampshire retirement system. Vote 22-1.

SB 392-FN, relative to the use of nonlapsed funds by the regional community-technical colleges. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Linda T. Foster for Finance: This bill gives the community technical colleges needed flexibility to respond to emergency expenditures without resorting to raising tuition costs. Presently, the community technical colleges can use lapsed funds only for establishing or enhancing academic offerings. In other state agencies, lapses are deposited in a salary adjustment account. The technical colleges currently budget and pay for these adjustments from revenue. Under this bill they will continue that practice. Moreover, the case for determining an "emergency" would still be made before the commissioner, the board of trustees, the fiscal committee and the governor and council. Vote 25-0.

SB 399-FN-A, making an appropriation to the fish and game department for the purposes of the wildlife damage control program. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Dennis F. Abbott for Finance: This bill, as passed by the Senate, appropriates the sum of one dollar for establishing a game damage fund. Obviously this amount will not accomplish the intended result. Also, the bill does not address the necessary details needed to establish such a program. For example, who will administer the program and funds, who will be eligible to participate, what crops will be considered in the program and how much funding would be required? But the most important question will be whether or not the legislature wishes to expend general funds for such purposes. Presently the Fish and Game Department is beginning a major fencing program required by the passage of HB 704 earlier this year and it would be prudent to monitor the results of that program as it relates to the crop damage issue. It would be in the best interest to at least establish a direction for further legislation if deemed appropriate by the legislature so it is recommended that this bill be referred to study. Vote 23-1.

SB 415-FN-L, relative to payment of group health insurance premiums for eligible retired members of the retirement system. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Margaret A. Lynch for Finance: This bill provides for the payment of the cost of group health insurance for eligible retired political subdivision employees. The cost of this benefit has no fiscal impact on the general fund. The bill is terminally funded from the special account. The cost figures have been adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the terminal funding and the amendment reflects the correct figures (\$36,384,000 from the group I employee special account and \$16,781,000 from the group I teacher special account). Vote 21-1.

SB 422-FN, relative to the housing security guarantee loan program. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Marjorie K. Smith for Finance: This bill clarifies the process of securing funding for the Department of Health and Human Services housing security guarantee loan program and establishes reporting requirements. Vote 23-0.

SB 428-FN-A, relative to the development of certain public health initiatives and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. William S. Belvin for Finance: This bill, as originally drafted and passed by the Senate, concerns the funding of the Health Care Fund used to financially support grants to local health agencies and organizations. These programs usually have been quite successful. However, by agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Senate prime sponsor, the amendment removes sections 1 through 3 on purpose, a million dollar appropriation, and a reporting requirement. The remaining two sections in the original bill, continually appropriating Health Care Fund earnings to the fund, and maintaining the July 1, 2000 effective date, now constitute the entire bill. This approach accomplishes much of the original intent while recognizing the state's current fiscal circumstances. Vote 25-0.

SB 432-FN-A, relative to state assistance for teachers applying for national board certification. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Charles L. Vaughn for Finance: The chairman of the Education Committee and the bill's prime sponsor deemed the bill unnecessary. Although both wholeheartedly support teachers pursuing national professional teaching certification, thereby becoming master teachers, sufficient funding exists within the Department of Education for implementing the intent and purposes of the bill. Vote 20-4.

SB 448, establishing a guardians ad litem board. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Susan W. Almy for Finance: This bill came to Finance without funding or administrative attachment, but will have difficulty achieving its purpose without both. The Judicial Council agreed to give the new board a home and advocate for it, and we have transferred the never-used appropriation of \$10,000 per annum for guardian ad litem regulation from the Judicial Branch’s budget to fund the start-up of this new board, which will fulfill the same functions as the original budget line. Vote 21-3.

SB 450-FN, prohibiting the importation of tobacco products that violate federal law. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Charles L. Vaughn for Finance: This bill prohibits the importation of tobacco products that violate federal law. The legislation protects revenues to which the state is entitled under the Master Settlement Agreement, at the same time contributing to public health and safety. Amendments were added with the advice and consent of the attorney general’s office refining legal definitions and terms in the original bill. The enforcement of the bill can be accomplished with existing resources in the Department of Revenue Administration. Vote 24-0.

SB 453, relative to the expending of legacies or gifts and the transfer of funds by the regional community-technical colleges. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Norman L. Major for Finance: This bill allows the regional community-technical colleges to expend legacies and gifts without the approval of the governor and council and allows for the transfer of funds between line items within and among any budgetary unit in the regional community-technical colleges. This is largely a housekeeping bill that restores and clarifies flexibility within the community and technical colleges in two important areas. 1.) The first area is in the acceptance of legacies and gifts by the foundation. When the community and technical college system foundation was created in SB 503 (1999), the dollar limitation that could be accepted by the agency without governor and council approval was removed. When the dollar amount was removed, the language that allowed acceptance without governor and council approval was inadvertently dropped. This bill restores that language. 2.) The second area is in the ability to transfer funds between line items within and among any budgetary unit. As a revenue-generating agency, the community and technical colleges may move funds throughout the system as necessary. The agency has been exercising this ability for several years. Recently, administrative services noticed that the last sentence of section 188-F:14, section I, contradicts that flexibility. This bill removes the contradictory language. Vote 24-2.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SB 367, establishing a prescription drug access study committee. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Marion L. Copenhaver for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee strongly supported this prescription drug access study committee. The cost of prescription drugs is the "number one" issue facing the public today. Both the House and Senate are fully committed to doing a thorough study of this most important issue. Vote 18-0.

SCR 5, urging the New England states and New York to consider cooperative strategies to address the challenge of the high cost of prescription medicines. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Phyllis M. Katsakiores for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee voted Ought to Pass on this very important issue. The high price of prescription drugs in this country impacts most severely those most unable to pay, including many of our senior citizens. A recent study indicates that New Hampshire seniors pay a much greater amount for prescriptions than preferred customers, who obtain their prescription drugs through HMO’s, hospitals, the federal government and other large insurers. It was agreed that an ongoing multi-state working group was needed to explore a range of options, including the feasibility of multi-state group purchasing agreements and the benefits of sharing best practices. Vote 17-0.

JUDICIARY

SB 335, allowing physicians to make a report when a person is unfit to drive a motor vehicle. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Cynthia J. Dokmo for Judiciary: The intent of this legislation is to provide immunity to physicians who choose to notify the department of safety of the physician’s concern that a person poses a risk to him/herself or to others by operating a motor vehicle. The committee wishes to study this matter to explore the concept of a medical review board and also to take into consideration a recent Supreme Court case regarding a physician’s duty to warn. Vote 12-0.

SB 338, relative to trustee process. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. James W. Craig for Judiciary: Trustee process is the term used to describe the legal means by which a person can tie up another person's assets which are held by a third party such as a bank. This bill changes many of the technical aspects of the existing statute and it is the result of input and compromise by the legal and banking communities. Vote 12-0.

SB 424, relative to controlled substances used for pain management. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill clarifies the professional use of controlled substances for pain management and encourages physicians in the proper application of pain medication. Physicians testified that appropriate pain management greatly aids patients with acute or chronic pain. This bill enhances the quality of life for those who are terminally ill. SB 424 does not provide immunity from liability when drugs are used in an improper manner or for the illegal purpose of causing death. Vote 13-0.

SB 464, relative to the use of municipal and school district facilities for stunt biking and relative to the sale of bicycles at public auction. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Loren J. Jean for Judiciary: This bill limits the liability of municipalities and school districts which allow stunt biking on public facilities by adding stunt biking to the statute which already limits liability for skateboarding. The amendment further amends RSA 471-C:13 to allow police departments to sell abandoned or lost bicycles regardless of their value (present statute sets a value of less than \$250) and the monies from the sale to be used for the support of local bicycle safety programs. Vote 12-0.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

SB 467, relative to the exemption from regulation of certain elevating devices. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Robert E. Clegg, Jr. for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: This bill allows the Commissioner of Labor to exempt from certain elevator requirements, elevating devices used as "dumbwaiters" in restaurants. Vote 12-0.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SB 345, relative to real estate transfers. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Anthony F. Simon for Municipal and County Government: There was considerable testimony on this bill. While the sponsors' intent is laudable, the Committee is concerned about the negative unintended consequences. There was testimony that eliminating a filing requirement would make it more difficult to detect fraudulent, or less than full value, real estate transfers. Additionally, at least some municipal officers utilize the data contained in the filings involving small consideration transfers. The Committee also feels that municipal officials already have sufficient authority to properly administer the reconveyance of tax taken property. Vote 19-0.

SB 471, relative to authorizing the town of Seabrook to establish a reserve fund for tax stabilization related to the decommissioning of the Seabrook nuclear plant and ratifying articles 12 of the 1999 Seabrook annual town meeting. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Betsey L. Patten for Municipal and County Government: This bill enables the town of Seabrook to create a tax stabilization fund to offset the potential tax rate increases due to future property devaluation caused by the decommissioning of Seabrook nuclear plant. The bill also ratifies the Newfields School District annual meeting and the Milan Annual Town Meeting, both held in March 2000. The Hampton Beach Village District needs to clarify their charter definition of "single family dwelling". Since the charter was created by statute, the Municipal and County Government Committee voted to enable the district to hold a referendum vote. Vote 18-0.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SB 72, exempting certain portions of Seabrook Beach Village District and certain portions of Hampton Beach from certain provisions of the excavating, filling, and construction permit laws. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill addresses problems obtaining building permits

and their associated wetland permits for areas in the vicinity of Seabrook and Hampton Beaches. The Committee agrees that this is a significant issue which should be addressed. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) has assured the committee that rules will be in place in a reasonable time which will satisfy the intent of the bill. Therefore, this bill is not needed. Vote 15-0.

SB 406-FN-L, prohibiting the use of reformulated gasoline with watercraft on or in bodies of water that provide public water supplies. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. David M. Lawton for Resources, Recreation and Development: HB 406 would prohibit the operation of gasoline-powered watercraft on all waters of the state which are sources of drinking water. Among the many lakes that would be closed would be the state's largest lake, Lake Winnepesaukee, as well as the Connecticut River, the Merrimack River and Lake Sunapee. Such a broad-reaching boating ban would devastate both recreational and tourist-related industries throughout the state. Further, this bill would be impossible and dangerous to enforce since both reformulated gas and normal (mbte-lite) gas are readily available and therefore would require open-water fuel sampling by Marine Patrol to determine which type of fuel was in the fuel tank. Phasing out reformulated gasoline across the fuel market place is the solution to this problem with mbte. Vote 15-0.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

SB 460-FN, establishing a grant program to reimburse eligible districts served by municipal waste combustors. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Harold V. Lynde for Science, Technology and Energy: The committee is supportive of the goal of the bill's sponsors in reducing mercury emissions at the Claremont municipal waste incinerator, but felt certain aspects of the bill required more study. The committee is also aware the subject matter of this bill has been added to HB 1349 by the Senate and will come before the House for action. Vote 17-0.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SCR 7, urging the federal government to consider the impacts on New Hampshire and the smaller states of interstate waste legislation. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. James J. Fenton for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: Public testimony left the committee with concerns relative to the solid waste disposal costs to our communities. Further investigation indicated two firms control waste management in New Hampshire. This coupled with the efforts to discourage the use of community incinerators may create a quasi-monopoly thus establishing "tipping" fees in a "hostage" environment. The community wishes to study this waste problem and voted to refer to interim study. Vote 14-0.

SJR 1, concerning the status of the White Mountain National Forest within the U.S. Forest Service's forest management plan. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Margaret E. Lynott for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The White Mountain National Forest has successfully operated by the guidelines set in the 1911 Weeks Act for 90 years. Diversion from this approach will have an adverse affect on the ability to continue to meet the needs of the communities of the North Country and its 5,000,000 users per year. The traditional income generating uses of the forest that will provide a stable source of revenue to the forest, the state, and the towns should be continued and Congress should define ways to allow the revenues from these forest service related activities to remain with the White Mountain National Forest with a portion reimbursed to local communities. If the White Mountain National Forest is to continue under budgetary constraints and Congress does not fully fund its payments in lieu of taxes, the citizens of the North Country should be exempt from the Fee Pilot Program. Vote 14-0.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 337-FN, requiring any new resident applying for a permanent driver's license to be checked through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) for outstanding warrants or court defaults, as a precondition to issuance, and authorizing interest penalties on unpaid violations. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill would require any new resident applying for a permanent New Hampshire driver's license to be checked through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) for outstanding warrants or

court defaults as a precondition to issuance. This bill, while having a worthwhile intent, has many problems with its drafting. During the public hearing it was revealed that the Department of Safety did a pilot program in 1995. The department ran 16,000 checks yielding 1,600 possible hits which were then reviewed by civilian personal in the NHSP. All but 33 were then ruled out. These 33 were then turned over to SIU (State Police Intelligence Unit), of these 7 were correct. Of these 7, 3 should no longer be listed on the NCIC, leaving 4 names on the list. State Troopers were dispatched to the last known address of these individuals and none of the 4 could be located. This would be a labor-intensive program requiring at a minimum a labor grade 8 to 13 clerk in licensing, a second clerk in SIU, and a labor grade 17+ trooper to investigate possible hits. Each of these persons would require special NCIC system training. There would be the cost of additional troopers going into the field to check positive hits. The department estimates that the cost of this program would be a half a million dollars in the first half of 2001, with an annual cost of approximately \$350,000, if all license renewals were considered. This bill as amended by the Senate would only require those coming from out of state to be checked. Startup cost associated with this version would be approximately \$272,000, with an annual cost of approximately \$100,000 plus. However, this would cause the constitutionality of this measure to be suspect. To pass constitutional muster you must be able to show that out of state drivers are more likely to be criminals or have outstanding warrants or unpaid fines, thereby forcing the state to consider all license renewals. The committee also felt that this bill came with an incorrect fiscal note and was not able to properly consider the bill in the short time available to work on this proposed legislation. There were many doubts that this legislation would produce successful results. With the state in a fiscal deficit, the committee felt that the state resources could be better employed. Vote 15-0.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

REGULAR CALENDAR

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SB 231, relative to termination of water service from a water utility in the town of Pittsfield. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for the Majority of Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill, as passed by the Senate, would prohibit anyone from disconnecting from the local public water utility and then secure water from an alternative source. The ban would last for 2 years, but the committee amendment reduced the interval to one year. This would allow the town of Pittsfield to take appropriate measures to insure the water safety of the community and to address the increasing financial burden on the customers of the water system. The majority of the committee felt this would be an appropriate response to this problem. Vote 9-8.

Rep. John T. Gallus for the Minority of Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill would prohibit the public from disconnecting from the privately owned water system in the town of Pittsfield, New Hampshire for a period of one year, as amended. Public safety issues are not addressed by this bill and the general public is protected by the New Hampshire Safe Drinking Water Act. The minority felt the town of Pittsfield, New Hampshire should address any problems with local ordinances and that this bill is unfair to local citizens and ratepayers. This bill is precedent setting and should be voted down as it was in its first committee vote of ITL of 9-5.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

SB 472, relative to final authorization of electric rate reduction financing and commission action. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.

Rep. Jeb E. Bradley for the Majority of Science, Technology and Energy: This bill is the legislation necessary to implement the secure bonding provision (securitization) of the Settlement with PSNH. Work on this legislation began when HB 464 was enacted last July and in earnest in October when consultants were hired to advise the joint House and Senate Electric Utility Restructuring Oversight Committee. Members of the STE Committee have met numerous times with these consultants as well as senior staff of the PUC to review the Settlement, analyze other options, and draft this legislation. Per this amendment the average rate reduction of all customers in the first year will be 16.3% and remain relatively stable. The consultant has built in price increases for the actual electricity (the competitive portion of a customer's bill) due to inflation and pressure on fossil fuel prices. Other analyses do not take these factors into account. It should be noted that residential customers will see about 3% greater immediate rate reduction than industrial customers. It is anticipated that this will be balanced by industrial customers' likely future ability to buy actual power at a slightly lower cost. The majority amendment clarifies that PSNH must write-off or

otherwise reduce their stranded costs by \$474 million or securitization will not be available to PSNH. The majority amendment also insists upon other key conditions as a quid pro quo for securitization, including minimizing costs that could be deferred into the future, using realistic power prices in the first years of deregulation, barring PSNH from bidding to reacquire their generation assets, and establishing dates by which customer choice shall begin and the generation assets sold. Other key conditions include a five-year cap on the delivery charge if a merger occurs in order to capture savings from the merger, and a ban on recovery in delivery rates of any premium paid for PSNH in a merger. The amendment limits total securitization for PSNH itself to \$688 million, minus \$6 million per month of implementation delay, since customers are paying that \$6 million to PSNH every month in existing rates. The bill also allows for up to \$137 million of additional securitization financing to reduce the financing costs of the high price wood and trash plant contracts if agreements can be renegotiated with any of those plants. The majority believes that, although securitization creates a guaranteed recovery of the bonds from PSNH customers, it also provides considerable financing savings on these amounts that customers are already currently paying in their bills. The majority believes these conditions in the amendment, in particular the \$474 million reduction of stranded costs by PSNH, are critical. The conditions make the upfront securitization payment to PSNH balanced for both customers and PSNH, and produces net benefits for customers.

The committee and its consultants also carefully examined other alternatives to the Settlement, most notably a rate case. Some people believe that a rate case produces a better outcome than the Settlement when securitization is combined with a "Best Case" rate case outcome. The consultant's analysis has consistently concluded that though the amendment and the "Best Case" rate case have similar outcomes, the Settlement with the conditions imposed by amendment is about \$114 million better for customers over 13 years than the "Best Case" rate case. Competition is also implemented immediately. The downside risk of an outcome far worse for customers than a "Best Case" in a rate case is also eliminated. It should be noted that this legislation does not approve the entire Settlement, nor does it create any guaranteed obligations on the part of PSNH customers other than payment of the bonds, which are costs customers are already paying in existing rates. Finally, this Settlement with the conditions imposed on securitization will substantially reduce the rate gap between New Hampshire and other Northeastern states and will provide long term economic benefits to the state's economy. Vote 17-2.

Rep. Gary R. Gilmore for the Minority of Science, Technology and Energy: Despite the extremely diligent and meritorious work of the committee, the minority recommends this legislation be referred for interim study. Competition is not the panacea one might be expecting. The savings (if any) will come with serious risks incurred by the state in the form of securitization. While ratepayers will initially receive a significant decrease in rates, it is what happens over the next 3 to 8 years that most concerns the minority especially since PSNH ratepayers will almost certainly be paying the highest stranded cost charges in the nation.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

REGULAR CALENDAR

COMMERCE

SB 334, relative to credit unemployment insurance. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Tim S. McGough for Commerce: This bill authorizes insurers to sell credit unemployment insurance. This insurance product is similar in nature to credit life and disability insurance commonly offered by credit card companies and banks in conjunction with credit card and loan accounts. It provides for payment of credit accounts in case of loss of employment. The practice of offering this product is common and has been overseen by the Department of Insurance but no statutory authority exists so this bill was submitted to clarify that this product can be offered and is subject to the constraints and controls of any insurance product sold in New Hampshire. Although the product has already been sold commonly in our state, in order to protect the consumer the majority of the committee felt that it was important to include this type of insurance under the purview of the insurance department and to formally mention it in statute. Vote 14-5.

SB 353, relative to sales of insurance by financial institutions. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur for Commerce: This bill amends the laws regulating the sale of insurance by financial institutions and removes the restriction on financial institutions offering insurance products in communities exceeding populations of 5000. The bill also includes provisions regarding the separation of banking and insurance activities. The amendment gives the Commissioner of Insurance rule-making authority for the administration of any provision or provisions required by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (public law 106-102) which relates to insurance. Vote 11-7.

SB 363, relative to the sale of malt beverages. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Stephen G. Avery for Commerce: This legislation will give the police and liquor enforcement personnel an important tool in helping find people who supply alcohol to minors. It requires that all kegs of beer that are sold directly to consumers have identification on them so that if a keg is found at an underage drinking party, it can be traced to the purchaser. While all direct purchasers are now required to produce identification and to register when purchasing kegs of beer, there has been no way to trace particular kegs. Also in this bill is an easing of the requirements for out-of-state alcohol beverage manufacturers and importers to register for in-state direct shipping, and a reorganization of wine vendor fees and the repeal of the registration requirement of wine brand sizes. This bill is strongly supported by the Liquor Commission, Police Chiefs Association, and colleges and universities within the state. Vote 15-1.

SB 409-FN, relative to health insurance coverage of qualified clinical trials. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur for Commerce: This bill, as amended, requires a policy, plan or contract to provide coverage for all medically necessary, routine patient care costs, when the covered person is participating in Phase III or Phase IV clinical trials for cancer, or if the treatment is being provided for any other life-threatening condition. Coverage for Phase I or Phase II clinical trials shall be decided on a case by case basis. Routine patient care costs are those for which the health plan regularly reimburses its members and would not include the cost of drugs and devices subject to the clinical trial. The amendment specifies that a clinical trial must meet certain criteria. The bill also requires that the health plans and the providers participating in clinical trials develop a process to share clinical and financial data on the progress and outcome of clinical trials. Also, the member's primary care provider shall be informed of the clinical data. The amendment also provides for the establishment of a committee to study whether mandatory insurance coverage for autologous bone marrow transplants for treatment of breast cancer should continue. Recent data suggests that this treatment is not effective and this new legislation would cover the current application on this previously passed mandate. The committee felt that this issue should be reviewed in-depth this summer for potential repeal next year. Vote 18-0.

SB 469, relative to mutual insurance holding companies. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Griffin T. Dalianis for Commerce: This bill authorizes mutual insurance companies in New Hampshire to convert to stock ownership and establish a holding company. The bill requires an affirmative vote of policyholders and approval of the Insurance Commissioner following a public hearing. This is important legislation for the handful of mutual insurance companies incorporated in New Hampshire. This bill creates opportunities for those companies to raise capital to become stronger. Under the provisions of the Gramm, Leach, Bliley Act, states are encouraged to pass this legislation; if a state does not have such a law, its domestic mutual insurance companies can leave the state, preempting state laws to the contrary. Half the states have already enacted this legislation, most recently the State of Maine. The Committee believes this legislation will encourage existing insurers to stay in New Hampshire and may make our state more attractive to other insurers. The Insurance Department participated in the drafting of this bill and strongly supports it. Vote 13-3.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 419-FN, establishing the crime of negligent storage of a firearm. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.

Rep. Beth Rodd for Criminal the Majority of Justice and Public Safety: The committee agreed that the original version of the bill was unnecessarily punitive towards negligent gun owners, criminalizing behaviors that could be better addressed through education. The amended version removes the incarceration penalty, a class A misdemeanor, and replaces it with a violation with a possible fine of up to 1,000 dollars. It also lowers the age of a "child" under the bill from 18 years to less than 16 years old. Youths who have passed the state hunter education course can obtain a hunting license at age 16. The added language, section V (a), is true to the original intent of the bill because it focuses primarily on education and safety to prevent harm or loss of life without interfering with the right of gun owners to constitutionally protected rights to keep and bear arms. The amended version of this bill more fairly and sensibly addresses issues associated with the negligent storage of firearms and accessibility by children, protects responsible gun owners and holds negligent owners responsible for their failure to ensure the safety of children if a child obtains access to an easily accessible firearm. Existing statutes allow for civil penalties when harm is done. Vote 11-3.

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr. for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety: Last year, SB 163 was enacted into law. It established a commission (reducing violent incidence involving children and guns commission) to study ways to reduce violence with children and guns. This commission is made up of a broad spectrum of members from legislators, medical professionals,

mental health professionals, educators, firearms manufacturers and sportsmen's clubs among others. The commission has been meeting and is not due to report until November 2000. Rather than wait for its recommendations, the prime sponsor of SB 163 filed several bills pertaining to the subject, including SB 419. The filing of these bills was premature since the commission wasn't due to file its report for at least 11 months. SB 419 will not prevent injuries or deaths, it will only punish. The minority of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee feels that SB 419 should be referred for Interim Study.

SB 445-FN, relative to methadone maintenance treatment. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Kathleen M. Flora for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill, as amended, closes a loophole in current law by repealing RSA 318-B:10, VII under which methadone detoxification treatment programs for heroin addiction have been allowed to operate without the oversight of state rules. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to adopt rules relative to methadone detoxification and methadone maintenance treatment for heroin addiction by June 30, 2001. In addition, SB 445, as amended, allows methadone maintenance treatment programs to operate in New Hampshire once rules are adopted. These rules will require that methadone maintenance be provided within a rehabilitative framework. This brings New Hampshire law for the treatment of heroin addiction in line with the most current recommendations of the National Institute of Health, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the New Hampshire State Medical Society and our own division of Alcohol, Drug Abuse Prevention and Recovery as an effective treatment modality for this addiction. Testimony from the medical community strongly supports this action to enable the addicted persons to return as quickly as possible to contributing members of society. Patients on methadone are able to become functional members of their families and communities. They are able to maintain employment and get the necessary counseling, needed to achieve long term success in defeating their addiction. Law enforcement officials including the New Hampshire Attorney General supported enforcement, education and treatment as a three pronged approach to eradicate illegal drug use in the State of New Hampshire. Studies have demonstrated a decrease in criminal activity corresponding to the initiation of methadone treatment. We have a growing, statewide heroin problem in New Hampshire. SB 445, as amended, allows for the provision of well-regulated comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation for heroin addition. Vote 13-2.

ELECTION LAW

CACR 20, relating to the election of governor and senators. Providing that beginning with the 2002 general election, and every 4 years thereafter, the governor and senators shall be elected. MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Lynn C. Horton for the Majority of Election Law: The majority of the committee feels that the present system of having to be elected every two years for governor and senators keeps them closer to the people and more accountable for their actions. Vote 11-6.

Rep. Christine M. Konys for the Minority of Election Law: The minority of the committee feels that the state of New Hampshire would be better served with four-year terms for governor and senators. Instead of spending a great part of their second year in office focusing on running a campaign, those officials could instead take the necessary time to thoroughly explore and address complex issues facing the legislature.

SB 303, relative to campaign contributions by business organizations. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Election Law: As amended, this bill is the work of a bipartisan subcommittee of Election Law. It also has the unanimous support from the Election Law Committee. The bill, as amended, is true campaign finance reform. A recent court decision declared New Hampshire's longstanding ban on corporate contributions unconstitutional. The judge also noted that a similar ban on union contributions was likely unconstitutional, but has yet to be challenged in court. This area is also addressed in this bill. During testimony on these bills, the Election Law Committee also heard a need to further refine our laws concerning campaign finance. The committee amendment provides that both corporate and union contributions must come from segregated accounts (PAC's). Neither can force employees or members to contribute to the PAC, nor can dues or deductions be placed in the PAC without the permission of the employee or member. Candidates under the amended bill will now be required to report all money received and expended. The bill also addresses the practice of not reporting certain contributions until after the election. In addition, the bill provides that all candidates must report any new contributions and expenditures within 24 hours during the week before the primary or general elections. As under current law, candidates who do not receive or spend \$500 on the campaign would not have to file a report. Now voters will know who or what special interest is financing the campaign before they go to the ballot box. The committee also heard complaints about the costs of voter lists. With the advent of technology, lists are now computerized. The cost to copy the list onto disk or tape is far less than the old method of employees going to the copy machine. Under the amended version, no checklist of voters in a community will cost more than \$25. The

committee feels this amended bill is true campaign finance reform which members of both parties have been requesting for years. The voters should go to the ballot box with full knowledge of whose interests will be served. A knowledgeable voter means a better government. Vote 17-0.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

SB 465-FN-L, relative to the definition of "sugar orchard" for purposes of the timber yield tax. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Suzan L R Franks for Environment and Agriculture: The Environment and Agriculture Committee agrees it is important to define "sugar orchard" for purposes of clarifying current law. However, it was found to require more time than was allotted and therefore recommends interim study. Vote 11-1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 181-FN, relative to the licensure of geologists. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.

Rep. Alida I. Millham for the Majority of Executive Departments and Administration: This bill establishes the board of professional geologists and authorizes the regulations of the practice, examination, licensure, and discipline of professional geologists. The professional geologists will become part of the joint board of professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, foresters and natural scientists. The amendment reflects a carefully crafted approach to "grandfathering" of geologists. The amendment was agreed to by the professional engineers and the professional geologists Vote 14-3.

Rep. Carolyn A. Virtue for the Minority of Executive Departments and Administration: SB 181-FN establishes licensure for professional geologists, a profession not currently regulated in New Hampshire. The requirements for licensure (RSA 310-A:125,I(a)) includes in addition to education, presentation of "evidence suitable to the board of at least 5 years of experience in the practice of geology, of which at least 3 years must have been under the supervision of a licensed professional geologist or a geologist who otherwise meets the requirements of a licensed professional geologist as determined by the board." The "grandfather clause" (RSA 310-A:125,II) states "Following the effective date of the initial adoption by the board of rules under RSA 541-A, the board may issue licenses without examination to applicants whose applications for licensure have been received during a one-year period following the effective date of adoption of rules and who either meet the education and experience requirements of subparagraph I(a) of this section, or who provide evidence satisfactory to the board of knowledge and experience equivalent to such requirements" (which is also referenced in (RSA 310-A:125,I(b)). "Experience in the practice of geology, obtained before the expiration of the period described in paragraph II of this section, may count towards the experience in the practice of geology under the supervision of a professional geologist required in subparagraph I (a) of this section if the supervising geologist met the education and experience qualifications of paragraph II at the time of the relevant experience. For purposes of this section, experience in the practice of geology does not include routine sampling, laboratory work or geological drafting." The minority is very concerned that few, if any, geologists currently practicing in New Hampshire would meet these requirements. SB 181-FN also provides for certificates and seals and requires that they be applied to all documents involving the practice of geology when issued or filed for public record. This requirement will be just another bureaucratic expense for the residents of New Hampshire. The issue of the grandfather clause and expense to the citizens deserves further consideration, while the geologists continue to practice in New Hampshire, just as they have been.

SB 458, increasing the salary of the executive secretary of the retirement system and changing the title to executive director. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Michael O'Neil for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill will change the salary range of the executive secretary of the New Hampshire Retirement System from Group N (\$50,323-\$64,036) to Group S (\$66,325-\$83,477). The salary will be paid from the administrative account of the New Hampshire Retirement System and will not effect the state general fund or local expenditures. The bill also changes the title from executive secretary to executive director and the deputy executive secretary to deputy executive director. Vote 11-5.

FINANCE

SB 128, replacing the housing assistance fund trust fund with a homeless prevention fund, and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. William S. Belvin for Finance: This bill replaces the current Housing Assistance Trust Fund with a more narrowly focused Homeless Prevention Fund. Its purpose is to recognize the growing pressures on persons with minimum incomes to find affordable housing. The Finance Committee amendment removes the following provisions: a drafting error with an unused definition is deleted, as is an unconstitutional reference to months of New Hampshire residency. Also removed is a landlord refund process which would be awkward to administer. Finally, references to the general fund, and an appropriation of \$1 were taken out. Testimony was received that the Department of Health and Human Services was pursuing federal dollars through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). Language that allows other funding sources was retained. No additional provisions were added by the amendment. Homelessness remains as a serious New Hampshire problem, and the bill advances possible solutions to this issue . Vote 21-5.

SB 206-FN-A-L, relative to distribution of tobacco settlement funds. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Francine Wendelboe for Finance: This bill designates that the first \$3,000,000 of the tobacco settlement money be used to fund the tobacco use prevention fund established in RSA 126-K:15. The allocation of the funds are established under HB 1594 which designated prevention program categories. The tobacco settlement funds remaining go to the education trust fund in the amount of \$40 million. If there is still a balance remaining, the money goes to the general fund. The majority of the committee felt that the funding required by statute very appropriately should come from tobacco settlement funds rather than a general fund appropriation. Vote 21-2.

SB 210-FN-L, relative to payment by the state for certain court-ordered placements of special education students. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Bruce F. Hunter for Finance: This bill would require that the state pay the full cost of special education services provided to all court-ordered, out-of-district placements of special education pupils and would additionally require that the department of education seek reimbursement for all such costs from the sending districts. In theory, the bill appears to present a fiscal impact which is neutral. Upon further review, crucial questions were raised regarding the ability of the state department of education to take on this responsibility and its capacity to act as a bill collector responsible for billing and collecting funds from the local school districts. The answers to the questions raised by the committee could have a significant fiscal impact on the state and cannot accurately be determined or identified at this time. The committee believes that the proposal has merit and should be completely investigated to identify its true fiscal impact. Vote 17-5.

SB 379-FN, relative to lottery scratch tickets. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Jean R. Wallin for Finance: This bill increases the price the Sweepstakes Commission may charge for instant scratch tickets to \$10. The current limit is \$5 per ticket. In order to prevent the decline of net profits from instant ticket sales, it is necessary to keep the games exciting by matching price competition in adjoining states. When Vermont introduced higher priced tickets for the 1999 holiday session they were sold out by the first of the year. The commission plans to market a \$7 ticket in December 2000 that would be replaced by a \$10 ticket in December 2002. Scratch tickets represent the largest profit center for the commission with sales of \$120,000,000 of the total \$198,000,000 sold. Vote 18-7.

SB 397-FN-A-L, making an appropriation from the education trust fund for public kindergarten programs and relative to the adequate education grant amount and property tax warrant for the town of Orange. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Susan W. Almy for Finance: This bill appropriates \$950,000 from the Education Trust Fund for kindergarten programs the legislature had thought it appropriated in HB 117 (Chapter 17, 1999) last year, and corrects the property tax warrant of the small town of Orange, which, inadvertently included a state park and had burdened the citizens of that town with a higher state property tax than deserved. The effect of the latter correction is to increase our Education Trust Fund deficit by \$22,786 in this biennium. The amendment fixes two errors to maintain the intent of the bill. Vote 21-3.

SB 401-FN-A-L, establishing the New Hampshire land and community heritage investment program and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. David J. Alukonis for Finance: Senate Bill 401 is landmark legislation which establishes the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). The Finance Committee concurs with the overwhelming House vote previously taken on this bill in now unanimously recommending this proposal as ought to pass with amendment. The most important component of the committee amendment regards the initial appropriation for the program. Rather than being funded with a bonded appropriation, the amendment calls for an appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the New Hampshire Economic Development Fund. This money has recently been realized and received from a significant return on investments made by the fund over the past nine years. The state's general fund was the original source of the funds which were so wisely invested in venture capital funds

which had invested in New Hampshire. The \$3,000,000 will be transferred to the fund upon passage, but will not be available for distribution until April 1, 2001. This delay will allow the LCHIP Authority to organize itself and to accept private and federal funds. In addition, and most importantly, this time lag will allow our local communities to go through an annual town meeting and budget cycle prior to the actual distribution of funds. This puts all potential applicants (cities, towns, and non profits) on equal footing with the equal opportunity to be "at the door when the store opens." The administrative funding remains as previously passed by the House with the exception that the authority may draw no more than \$200,000 annually from the conservation plate fee fund for the purposes of administration of the authority. The committee amendment also requires that the \$3,000,000 appropriation "and any interest thereon, shall not be for administrative purposes." The amendment also requires that any interest earned on the fund accrue to the fund and not to the general fund.

Numerous technical and minor changes were also made to the bill in order to clarify the legislation and to accurately reflect the intent of this noteworthy legislation. These changes were made in consultation with the sponsors of the bill as well as with its champions and supporters. The Finance Committee amendment also adds a "recapture clause" which requires that any LCHIP funds invested in a property be returned to the LCHIP Fund upon the sale or transfer of any interest in such property to an otherwise not eligible applicant. Vote 24-0.

SB 421-FN-A, establishing a child day care program credit against the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax. REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Rep. Charles L. Vaughn for Finance: Questions raised by a proposal -- having state government subsidizing child care programs for business, large, medium or small, by tax reductions in their business profits tax and the business enterprise tax -- engendered lengthy debate by the Finance Committee. The scepter of socialism, unfair business competition, tax breaks to large corporations and supporters of laissez-faire, on the one side. Creation of incentives for private employers to subsidize costs of child care by providing tax credits; discussion of shortages of affordable, high-quality child care creating difficulties for working parents as well as employers; with suggestions of joint business/state cooperatives on the other. Both sides of the issue agreed that businesses, large and small, as well as child care advocates, should be engaged in a discussion of the availability and affordability of child care in New Hampshire. Vote 22-4.

SB 449-FN, clarifying that employees in certain department of health and human services' positions are entitled to certain salaries and raises. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Marjorie K. Smith for Finance: This bill attempts to correct an unintended and inequitable consequence of the passage of HB 32 by which the legislature gave the then-Commissioner of Health and Human Services unprecedented power to reorganize.

Despite the sunset provisions of HB 32 and the restoration of seniority rights to DHHS employees, 24 employees were moved to lower grades and, in part because of long service (averaging twenty-four years), their salaries were frozen. They have already missed the 5% pay raise in June, 1998 and the 3% raise in October, 1999 which every other employee, whether classified or unclassified, received. Indeed, Chapter Law 225:43 currently authorizes downgraded state employees to continue to receive cost of living increases. Nothing in their work histories or job evaluations suggest anything less than satisfactory work. A number of these workers have continued to do the same work they did before reclassification.

This bill would permit this limited number of employees who are still working at DHHS, but at the lower grade, to receive certain salaries and raises. The cost from June 1998 through FY 2001 is approximately \$173,000, about half of which represents federal funds. Vote 22-2.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SB 323, relative to ambulatory surgical facilities in service areas of rural hospitals. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. James P. Pilliod for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: SB 323 as amended preserves the House position on clarifying the determination of project costs and thresholds as well as the process of licensure of ambulatory surgical centers. Vote 12-6.

JUDICIARY

SB 358, relative to court reporting services. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Terri C. Dudley for the Majority of Judiciary: The committee felt that court reporters, as officers of the court, should be

completely impartial and neutral. Court reporters who enter into exclusive contractual relationships with insurance companies could become partial or could be perceived to be partial. The committee felt that an affiliation arrangement with insurance companies should be prohibited. This will help to insure independence and balance in this aspect of the judicial process. No person or entity should control the process or should have a financial interest in the outcome. Vote 10-2.

Rep. Sandra B. Keans for the Minority of Judiciary: This bill appears to be a restraint of trade issue which does not safeguard against potential improprieties that proponents claim could happen. Court reporters have a code regulating behavior and are subject to sanctions if they're in violation. What it does do is restrict with whom a court reporter can sign a contract for employment. Is that the proper jurisdiction of the legislature?

SB 468, relative to the family division of the courts and relative to the jurisdiction of the family division in Rockingham county. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Tony F. Soltani for Judiciary: This bill establishes the family division of the courts as a permanent entity. The committee was impressed with the success of the pilot program in Rockingham and Grafton counties. However, the Senate bill eliminated certain requirements which were previously passed by the House; i.e. relative to the appointment of marital masters. The committee hopes to resolve the different versions of the bill in a committee of conference. Vote 9-3.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SB 132, requiring a review of public safety communications requirements regarding the summit of Mount Kearsarge, establishing an advisory committee regarding the review, and placing a moratorium until July 1, 2001 on new leases, use permits, or extensions of lease or permit terms for telecommunication facilities on the summit of Mount Kearsarge. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael D. Whalley for the Majority of Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill, as amended, requires the commissioner of Resources and Economic Development and Commissioner of Safety to retain an independent, outside consultant with appropriate expertise to review the technical requirements for public safety and quasi-public communications on the summit of Mount Kearsarge and alternatives to the existing 180-foot tower. The Commissioner of Resources and Economic Development and Commissioner of Safety shall report on any findings including any funding needs for any plan for removal or alteration to the tower on Mt. Kearsarge to the Senate President and Speaker of the House on or before November 1, 2001. The original bill required the Commissioner of Resources and Economic Development and the Commissioner of Safety to undertake a review of the tower on their own, with advice from an advisory committee made up of three members of the Senate, three members of the House and ten other members representing five surrounding towns, Merrimack County, the NH State Troopers Association, the NH Fish and Game Department, Save Our Mountain, and the NH Society for the Protection of Forests. Upon completion of their review, the commissioners would report any findings and recommendations for legislative action. To make certain that the study be done without prejudice, the committee amendment replaces the advisory committee with an independent, outside consultant who has the technical expertise, which the advisory committee would not have, to advise the state and the legislature on the issues revolving around the tower on Mount Kearsarge. Vote 13-3.

Rep. Judith T. Spang for the Minority of Resources, Recreation and Development: In a straw poll of the committee, a majority supported an amendment to reinstate the original bill's public advisory committee to participate in this study process. Because of committee time constraints, this is now being offered as a minority amendment to the committee amendment. The minority amendment will allow for both the technical expertise and public involvement which should have been brought to bear in the approval of this tower to begin with. The due date of the report is extended to allow more time for the research and the advisory committee will also sunset on that date.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SCR 6, a resolution urging the President and Congress to address the challenge of high prescription medication prices. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

2000-4495h

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Proposed by Reps. Chandler and Burling

Amend House Rule 64 by adding:

September 13, 2000, Wednesday – First day for incumbents who are candidates for re-election to file LSR's with complete information.

November 1, 2000, Wednesday – Final day to file interim study reports with the house clerk.

November 8, 2000, Wednesday – First day for new members to file LSR's with complete information;

Begin requirements of 10 day sign-off rule.

CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

CHAIRMEN'S EXPLANATIONS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1424, relative to reevaluation of a person's competency to stand trial.

This bill clarifies the process for evaluating a person's competency to stand trial. The Senate amendment changes a reference to "proceedings against him" to read "proceedings against him or her" and the committee agrees with the change. Accordingly, the committee recommends that the House concur with the Senate amendment.

Rep. David A. Welch

EDUCATION

HB 304, relative to school employee and volunteer background investigations.

The House Education Committee concurs with the Senate amendment adding two additional felony offenses of indecent exposure and lewdness against children to the list for purposes of school employee criminal background checks.

Rep. Jane O'Hearn

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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.

The Senate amendment removes the words "mentally retarded" and adds "persons with brain injuries". The committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs agrees with the Senate amendment and asks the House to concur.

Rep. Lawrence A. Emerton

JUDICIARY

HB 1448, relative to the partition of real property.

Currently, the procedures for "partitioning" or settling an estate occurs in the Probate Court as far as real estate and monies are concerned. However, the distribution of household items such as kitchen utensils, furniture, etc. is settled in Superior Court. The Senate amendment places the entire ordeal in the Probate Court saving the concerned parties much time and frustration. The Judiciary Committee concurs.

Rep. Henry P. Mock

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 521-L, allowing municipalities that have adopted the municipal budget act to override the 10 percent limitation on exceeding appropriations recommended by the budget committee.

The Senate amendment simply removes the word "initial" from the bond request to be sure there is no confusion on which bond request it applies to. Also, the amendment addressed by this bill cleans up the bond request question that will be placed on the ballot to be compatible with other existing law.

Rep. David W. Hess

HB 1124-L, relative to local building codes.

The Senate amendment improves this bill by making it applicable to all towns and cities which adopted these local building codes prior to the enactment of this bill unless there is clear and convincing evidence of current state law requiring otherwise.

Rep. David W. Hess

LAI D 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.

LAI D ON TABLE – 2000 SESSION

CACR 33, relating to meetings of the legislature. Providing that the legislature shall assemble biennially. (Pending question is interim study.)

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 – ought to pass with amendment.)

HB 1229, requiring the completion of a rate proceeding prior to legislative approval of a settlement agreement with PSNH. (Pending question is the adoption of the majority committee report – interim study.)

HB 1375, establishing financial assurance for guaranteed promise of customer repayment of rate reduction bonds. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report – interim study.)

HB 1625, requiring the attorney general to initiate a declaratory judgment action concerning record title matters related to the Green Hills subdivision in the town of Raymond. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report – interim study.)

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

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

(House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 2/3/00)

HB 97, relative to the right to farm. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 2/24/00)

HB 226-L, establishing municipality bond payment schedules and percentages. (SJ 4/20/00)

HB 228, clarifying permissible political expenditures. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 2/17/00)

HB 235-FN-A, increasing exemptions under the interest and dividends tax. (House Concurred 5/4/00)

HB 304, relative to school employee and volunteer background investigations. (SJ 4/21/00)

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. (House Concurred 4/13/00)

HB 312, relative to the carrying of firearms in courthouses. (House Concurred 5/4/00)

HB 422, relative to advertising by rent-to-own business. (House Concurred 2/3/00)

HB 449-FN, requiring boating safety education. (House Concurred 3/23/00)

HB 505-FN, establishing a special license plate for veterans. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 5/4/00)

HB 521-L, allowing municipalities that have adopted the municipal budget act to override the 10 percent limitation on exceeding appropriations recommended by the budget committee. (SJ 4/6/00)

HB 522, relative to the public's access to sex offender registry information. (House Concurred 5/4/00)

HB 542-FN-A, repealing the legacies and succession tax. (Not considered per House Rule 35 (e) 5/4/00)

HB 553-FN-A, establishing a commission on the status of men. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 2/17/00)

HB 640-FN, relative to grievance procedures of managed care organizations. (House Concurred 2/17/00)

HB 690-FN-L, relative to charter schools and open enrollment districts. (SJ 2/3/00)

HB 1105, ratifying article 9 of the 1999 Seabrook annual town meeting and the 1999 Epping annual town meeting. (House Concurred 2/10/00)

HB 1124-L, relative to local building codes. (SJ 4/6/00)

HB 1161, making technical changes to the New Hampshire Aeronautics Act and establishing a committee to study revisions to the state aeronautics laws. (House Concurred 4/13/00)

HB 1198, establishing a procedure for the 2001 voter checklist verification. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 3/23/00)

HB 1200-FN, relative to the application of education property tax hardship relief to estate planning trusts and relative to eligibility for hardship relief. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 3/23/00)

HB 1212, relative to extending the reporting date of the open adoption study committee. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 4/20/00)

HB 1242, relative to the standard for modification of a child custody order. (House Concurred 5/4/00)

HB 1264-FN, relative to the unlawful use of theft detection shielding devices. (House Concurred 4/13/00)

HB 1287, relative to the membership of the water council. (House Concurred 3/23/00)

HB 1301, relative to regional appointments to the state committee on aging. (House Concurred 4/13/00)

HB 1374, extending the reporting date for the sex offender issues study committee. (House Concurred 3/29/00)

HB 1377, prohibiting managed care organizations from excluding certain physicians as providers and establishing a committee to study contracting methods. (SJ 4/27/00)

HB 1378, establishing a task force to conduct an ongoing study of the feasibility of re-establishing passenger rail service on the Eastern Line from Newburyport, Massachusetts to Kittery, Maine. (House Concurred 3/23/00)

HB 1409, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of reestablishing the Lawrence, Massachusetts to Manchester, New Hampshire rail service line and the Concord to Lebanon Northern passenger rail service line. (House Concurred 3/23/00)

HB 1413, relative to the rights of ownership of cemetery plots or burial spaces. (House Concurred 4/13/00)

HB 1424, relative to reevaluation of a person's competency to stand trial. (SJ 4/47/00)

HB 1435, 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. (House Concurred 3/29/00)

HB 1448, relative to the partition of real property. (SJ 4/20/00)

HB 1455, relative to the authority of the fish and game department for the electronic issuance of licenses, permits, stamps, and tags. (House Concurred 3/23/00)

HB 1559-FN, establishing a committee to study the organization and functions of the New Hampshire state port authority. (House Concurred 5/4/00)

HB 1583, increasing the education requirement for estheticians and manicurists and relative to the board of barbering, cosmetology, and esthetics. (House Concurred 4/13/00)

HB 1588, relative to the authority of the department of transportation regarding rail safety inspections. (House Concurred 4/13/00)

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. (SJ 4/20/00)

HCR 21, urging the federal government to increase the pay to military personnel. (House Concurred 3/23/00)

HJR 6, encouraging the revitalization of the northern rail line from Concord to Lebanon. (House Concurred 2/3/00)

HJR 21, calling for changes in the federal Clean Air Act regarding best available control technology and lowest achievable emission rate. (SJ 4/27/00)

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 additive and to promptly eliminate Clean Air Act requirements for oxygenates in gasoline. (SJ 4/27/00)

2000 House Committee of Conference Procedures

- The Chairmen of the policy committees will receive bills amended by the Senate and should check with their committees to determine whether the committee will concur, non-concur, or request a Committee of Conference.
- When a committee requests that the bill be sent to a Committee of Conference, the Speaker generally will appoint members from those committees which have heard the bill. Chairmen will recommend members for appointment. If the bill has gone to more than one committee, the members may come from the different committees. Chairmen should recommend only those members from their policy committees. In the case of a bill which has gone to a policy committee and Finance, one slot is generally reserved on the four member Committee of Conference for a member from the Finance Committee.
- For House bills in Committee of Conference, the House Committee of Conference Chairman shall set the time and place of the first meeting and shall chair each meeting of the Committee of Conference. Each meeting shall be posted in the Clerk's Office and outside the committee room at least 24 hours in advance.(House Rule 43(c))
- The House and Senate Committees of Conference on a bill shall meet jointly but vote separately while in conference.

The Committee of Conference may not change the title of the bill. The Committee also may not add amendments to the bill which are not germane to the subject matter of the bill or contain subject matter that has been indefinitely postponed. A non-germane amendment is one in which the subject matter is not contained in either the House or Senate version of the bill.(House Rule 49 (b))

- The sponsor of a bill which is in Committee of Conference shall, upon request, be provided an opportunity to be heard.
- A unanimous vote of both the House and Senate Committees of Conference voting separately is necessary for an agreed upon report to be sent to the House and Senate.
- Reports of all Committees of Conference must be filed with the Office of Legislative Services by the deadline adopted by the House in Rule 64. All Committee of Conference members must sign all Committee of Conference reports in the Office of Legislative Services.
- The first-named House member on all bills in Committee of Conference must prepare an analysis of the report for printing in the House Calendar. This statement should contain a complete explanation of all changes made to the bill since it was passed by the House. This will be submitted to the House Clerk's Office for printing in the calendar.
- All Committee of Conference reports shall be distributed in seat pockets to be acted on some subsequent day. (House Rule 49 (a)).
- A Committee of Conference report on either a House or Senate bill may be placed on the Consent Calendar only upon a unanimous vote of all House conferees.(House Rule 49 (d)).

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

HB 75, changing the number required for a quorum on the commission for human rights. (Reps. O'Neil, Mercer, Zolla and Murphy; Sens. Cohen, Larsen and Roberge)

HB 97, relative to the right to farm. (Reps. Babson, K. Marshall, Patten and Phinizy; Sens. Below, Wheeler and Krueger)

HB 228, clarifying permissible political expenditures. (Reps. Clegg, Horton, Letourneau and Clemons; Sens. Trombly, Eaton and McCarley)

HB 505-FN, establishing a special license plate for veterans. (Reps. Packard, Letourneau, J. Flanders and Peter Cote)

HB 553-FN-A, establishing a commission on the status of men. (Reps. Sapareto, Zolla, Boyce and Burkush; Sens. Cohen, Larsen and Brown)

HB 1198, establishing a procedure for the 2001 voter checklist verification. (Reps. Clegg, Horton, Stritch and Buckley; Sens. Trombly, Disnard and Eaton)

HB 1200-FN, relative to the application of education property tax hardship relief to estate planning trusts and relative to eligibility for hardship relief. **SENATE AND HOUSE ADOPTED REPORT 4/20/00**

HB 1212, relative to extending the reporting date of the open adoption study committee. (Reps. Lyman, Gile, Arnold and Bickford; Sens. Trombly, Squires and Pignatelli)

SB 135-FN, relative to water supply land protection grants. (Sens. Russman, Johnson and Pignatelli; Reps. Royce, Whalley, Downing and Stone)

SB 143, relative to penalties for incest. **HOUSE ADOPTED REPORT 5/4/00**

SB 186-FN, relative to additional cost of living adjustments and increased minimum allowances for certain retired group II members, and relative to requiring spousal acknowledgement of a member's election of an optional retirement allowance. **HOUSE AND SENATE ADOPTED REPORT 4/20/00**

SB 403-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of agriculture, markets, and food for the inspection of apiaries and honeybee swarms. (Sens. Disnard, Russman and Below; Reps. Scanlan, L. Pratt, Babson and Phinizy)

SB 431, relative to certain secondary vocational education programs. (Sens. Larsen, McCarley and Gordon; Reps. Daniels, Ward, Alger and Guest)

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

MONDAY, MAY 15

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled end of session full committee meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Presentation and informational meeting by the New Hampshire Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture on preserving rural character through agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 201, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

RULES COMMITTEE, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on a proposed amendment to Rule 64. The amendment sets November 1 as the reporting deadline for Interim Study bills, September 13 as the first day for incumbents to file LSRs and November 8 as the first day for new members to file LSRs. The proposed amendment is printed in this calendar.

Executive session to follow.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY (HB 535, Chapter 92:3, Laws of 1999), Rooms 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled meeting to receive testimony from environmental and conservation groups and from State employees who work on a daily basis in the State Park system.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES, Keene Parks and Recreation Department, Washington Street, Keene

9:00 a.m. Crossbow Demonstration.

10:00 a.m. Interim study subcommittee work session on *HB 1152*, relative to the establishment of crossbow hunting seasons.

MONDAY, MAY 22

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WAITLIST FUND ALLOCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 171-A:1-b),

Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Rescheduled trip to the University of New Hampshire.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee interim study work session on ***HB 641-L***, clarifying the value of public utility property for property tax purposes, ***HB 1590***, relative to prohibiting a zoning ordinance from a residential preexisting nonconforming property owner’s ability to rebuild after a fire loss and ***HB 696-FN-L***, relative to the taxation of land held by municipalities for water supply purposes.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (HB 379, Chapter 201:2, Laws of 1999), Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WAITLIST FUND ALLOCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 171-A:1-b), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3), Room 205, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting with area agencies.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

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

9:00 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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Coos County Delegation will meet May 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Forests and Lands Building, Route 3, Lancaster. Purpose of the meeting is to set salaries for county officials.

Rep. Lynn C. Horton, Chairman

Coos County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Hillsborough County Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17th in Room 202, LOB.

Rep. Robert S. Mercer, Chairman

Hillsborough Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Hillsborough County Delegation will meet in convention immediately following the session on Thursday, May 18th in Representatives Hall consistent with RSA 23:7 (1) establishing compensation for elected officials, (2) and any other business to come before the delegation.

Rep. Winston H. McCarty, Clerk

Hillsborough County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

The Merrimack County Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, May 25 at 6:15 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is as follows: To vote on the recommendation for salaries of the Merrimack County Elected Officials. First quarter financial report. Other business.

Rep. Ray F. Langer, Chairman

Merrimack County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

The Merrimack County Delegation will meet on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Executive Committee. The purpose of this meeting is as follows: To act on the Elected Officials Salaries for Merrimack County for the

biennium 2001-2002. Other business.

Rep. David W. Hess, Chairman

Merrimack County Delegation

The Sergeant-at-Arms "Buffalo" Barbecue will be held Wednesday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m. at Bear Brook State Park. Tickets are \$9 and will be available from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office starting later next week. All are invited and welcome.

Reps. Gene G. Chandler and Peter H. Burling

The hard-cover 1999 Permanent House Journals have been delivered. Representatives who last fall ordered copies may pick them up at the House Sergeant-at-Arms counter.

Also, all State Agencies and Private Sector firms/individuals who ordered '99 Journals have received them. Invoices soon will be issued to those Private Sector firms/individuals. If there are any questions please call Leo Callahan at 271-2548.

Leo J. Callahan

Assistant House Clerk

REVISED AMENDED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have a revised or amended fiscal note: HBs 86, 235, 239, 273, 279, 305, 417, 618, 648, 1114, 1188, 1200, 1234, 1238, 1251, 1259, 1264, 1265, 1270, 1342, 1377, 1419, 1448, 1450, 1459, 1467, 1485, 1494, 1511, 1521, 1522, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1543, 1544, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1575, 1579, 1584, 1586, 1587, 1591, 1595, 1602, 1606, 1608, 1612, 1615, 1616, 1619, 1621, 1628 and 2000.

Leo J. Callahan, Assistant Clerk

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.

Attention Bookworms. The New Hampshire Order of Women Legislators (OWLS) have their "bring-a-book" and "buy-a-book" table in the basement of the LOB. Those funds are used for the OWL scholarship fund, so drop by and roost a while.

Rep. Donald B. White

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 Fresh Air Fund of NYC sponsors two week summer vacations for more that 10,000 low income children who are guests in many states from Maine to Virginia. If you are interested in having more information about this program or have room in your heart and home to host a child, please contact Rep. Beth Rodd at 938-2692.

Rep. Beth Rodd

The New Hampshire Order of Women Legislators (OWLS) will be having its First Annual Golf Tournament this summer at the Passaconway Country Club in Litchfield. For more information please contact Reps. Betsy McKinney or Janet Wall.

Reps. Betsy McKinney and Janet G. Wall

The Strafford County Republicans will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Gateway Restaurant, Somersworth.

Rep. Robert E. McKinley

Members of the Wildlife and Marine Resources Committee will hold three Saturday public work sessions during the month of May on HB 1152, to expand the legitimate means of taking game with a crossbow, for all properly licensed sportsmen. Watch House Calendars for dates, times and locations of meetings.

Reps. Robert L'Heureux and Mary Gorman

The Million Mom March was the inspiration of a mother from New Jersey, Donna Dees-Thomases, who had seen too many children killed at the hands of gun violence. She petitioned to have a March in Washington, DC for Mother's Day, 2000 and received permission. In the eight months since, the MMM has grown and swelled to a huge grassroots movement with Marches happening throughout the US. Concord, New Hampshire is no exception. The organizers have a permit to gather at the State House lawn concurrently with mothers and others on Mother's Day, May 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a rally. Speakers will include Senator Cohen and Senator Larsen. There will also be activities from children, musicians and other entertainment.

Reps. Christine Konys and Martha Fuller Clark

The New Hampshire Good Roads Association, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, is hosting a Legislative Bus Tour to view various highway and bridge construction projects in the Hillsborough, Henniker, Windham and Raymond areas on Tuesday, May 16. Transportation and a luncheon will be provided. Reservations are needed by May 12. Please contact the New Hampshire Good Roads office at 224-1823. All Representatives are invited to participate.

Rep. Edwin O. Smith

There will be a free seminar on the Constitution of the United States of America to be held in two parts. Part I will be held May 16 and Part II will be held May 23 at Green Pastures Estate, Route 27, Epping from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. To reserve seats call 679-1320 or Email: chat@nhccs.org.

Rep. Ronald J. Nowe

A biosolids/sludge informational tour along with a land application demonstration is being held on Tuesday, May 16 beginning at 8:15 a.m. (please note time change) at the Concord Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). All legislators are welcome. For directions to the WWTF call 225-8691. For any other information contact Reps. Patten and Melcher.

Reps. Betsey L. Patten and Harold P. Melcher

Legislators for Limited Spending will meet on Wednesday, May 17 at noon in the Upham Walker House. Bring your lunch. Coffee will be served.

Rep. Sylvia A. Holley

The New Hampshire Chapter of the March of Dimes, the "healthy baby" people, will be holding its first Advocacy Breakfast, Thursday, May 18 in the State House Cafeteria from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. Come find out what the March of Dimes is doing to improve the health of babies in New Hampshire. Complimentary continental breakfast will be provided. For more information please contact Joy Nolan at 228-0317.

Rep. Harry T. Hinman

The House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 18. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

The New Hampshire Straight Chiropractic Society and the New Hampshire Chiropractic Association will host a Legislative Reception and Luncheon on Thursday, May 18 at noon at the New Hampshire Historical Society, 20 Park Street, Concord. All legislators are invited to attend.

Reps. Gene G. Chandler and Peter H. Burling

Osteoporosis Legislative Awareness Day, sponsored by the Osteoporosis Advisory Council, will be held on May 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 103, State House All kinds of great lunch snacks will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Rep. Barbara C. French

Representatives are cordially invited to attend a Legislative Luncheon sponsored by the Women's Fund of New Hampshire during the lunch recess on Thursday, May 18th. Join us to learn more about the progress of the Women's Fund which has been established as a charitable endowment to serve the needs of women and girls of New Hampshire for generations to come. The Women's Fund will announce the grant recipients for 2000 during the luncheon. The event will be held at Rath, Young and Pignatelli Professional Association, One Capital Plaza, Concord (Citizen's Bank Building, 2nd Floor, corner of Main and School Streets).

Rep. Martha Fuller Clark

A "Political Forum" featuring the Republican candidates for Governor will be sponsored by the Manchester Republican Committee. The panelists are John Toole from the Manchester Union Leader and Scott Spradling from WMUR-TV. Mayor Ray Wiezorek will be Moderator. The event will take place at the Center of New Hampshire on May 19th starting at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a table of ten. For more information call Hon. Bobbi Arnold, 669-4814, Rep. Marc Pappas, 669-6488 or Rep. Winston McCarty, 668-4263.

Rep. Winston H. McCarty

The New Hampshire Republican State Committee will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 20th starting at 10:00 a.m. at Concord High School. All Republican legislators are invited to attend. A bag lunch will be served. For directions or other questions, call the Committee at 225-9341.

Rep. Gene G. Chandler

On Sunday, May 21 there will be "A Great Stride Walk" for Cystic Fibrosis. The great granddaughter of the late Rep. Charles Felch is stricken with the disease. I will be walking to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. All funds raised will be donated in his name. If anyone wants to make a donation, pledge or participate please contract me (474-9454).

Rep. Everett A. Weare

The New Hampshire Women’s Lobby is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Wednesday, May 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Please join us in honoring Rep. Carol Moore who will be receiving the Women in Leadership Award which has been awarded only four times in the lobby’s 20 years. The previous recipients were Rep. Caroline Gross, Sen. Susan McLane, Governor Jeanne Shaheen and Rep. Elizabeth Hager. Other honored guests will include all past Women’s Lobby board chairs and staff. Tickets are \$10 for lobby members and \$15 for nonmembers and are available from the lobby office (224-9105), Sen. Wheeler, Reps. Sandra Keans, Frances Potter or Marjorie Smith, or from other lobby members.

Reps. Sandra B. Keans, Frances D. Potter and Marjorie K. Smith

Ward 2 Republican Committee in Manchester Clarence Ferry Award Dinner will be held in the Backroom on May 25th at 6:00 p.m. to honor deserving Ward 2 Republicans. Tickets are \$18 and are available from Rep. Winston McCarty.

Rep. Winston McCarty

Save the Date! Thursday, June 8 is New Hampshire Political Traditions Day for the Celebrate New Hampshire Culture festival at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. Admission for legislators and a guest is being provided by Bell Atlantic, the event’s lead sponsor. Join festival participants for a pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and dedication ceremonies at 9:15 a.m. Admission buttons and details about other events during the day will follow.

Rep. Donna Sytek, Speaker

The New Hampshire Federation of Republican Women will hold their Lilac Luncheon on Monday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Center of New Hampshire, Manchester. Guest speaker will be US Senator Fred Thompson. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Rep. Betsy McKinney

Granite State Independent Living cordially invites all members of the House to attend its 20th anniversary celebration on Wednesday, June 28th. Join GSIL in celebrating twenty years of promoting independent living for people with disabilities in New Hampshire. The open house will run from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the GSIL Office, 21 Chenell Drive, Concord. RSVP to 800/826-3700 if you can attend.

Reps. Eugene L. Gagnon and Carol A. Williams

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

May 18 – Tilton Town Hall, 257 Main Street, Tilton, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Tilton, East Main Street (US 3/NH 11).

May 23 – Canaan Senior Center, Church Street, Canaan, 6:30 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Canaan, replacement of US4 bridge.

May 23 – Troy Town Library, 4:30 p.m. Meeting with Conservation Commission, Troy, NH 12 bypass.

May 25 – Center of NH, Manchester, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Second Annual Bike/Pedestrian Conference.

May 30 – Belmont Middle School Café, School Street, Belmont, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Belmont, US 3/NH 11.

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 May 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. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year. Please contact the Visitors’ Center concerning school tour booking information. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

DATE	TIME	GROUP	CLASS/Size
May 15	9:00	Bow Elem. School	4/30
May 15	9:30	Mountain View Middle School – Goffstown	4/50
May 15	11:00	Hillsboro Deering Elem. School	4/40
May 15	12:30	Conant Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 16	9:30&11:00	Thornton’s Ferry – Merrimack	4/50
May 16	12:30	Conant Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 17	9:30&11:00	Thornton’s Elem. School – Merrimack	4/50
May 17	12:30	Conant Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 17	2:00	Madison Elem. School	4/28
May 18	9:30&11:00	Thornton’s Ferry – Merrimack	4/50
May 18	12:30	St. John Elem. School – Concord	4/30
May 19	9:30	Mountain View Middle School – Goffstown	4/50
May 19	11:00&12:30	Lakeway Elem. School – Littleton	4/90
May 22	9:30ish	Linwood Elem. School – Lincoln	4/29
May 22	11:00&12:30	Little Harbor Elem. School – Portsmouth	4/75
May 23	10:00	Underhill School – Hooksett	4/50
May 23	11:00&12:30	Milford Elem. School	4/75

May 24	10:00	Underhill School – Hooksett	4/50
May 24	11:00&12:30	Milford Elem. School	4/75
May 25	10:00	Underhill School – Hooksett	4/50
May 25	11:00	Dondero Elem. School – Portsmouth	4/42
May 25	12:30	Ed Fenn Elem. School – Gorham	4/44
May 25	12:30	Bethlehem Elem. School	4/20
May 26	9:30&10:45	St. Anthony’s School – Manchester	4/65
May 26	1:00	Berlin Junior High School	8/35
May 30	9:30&11:00	Plymouth Elem. School	4/66
May 31	9:30&11:00	Green Acres School – Manchester	4/90
May 31	12:30	Webster Elem. School	4/23

NOTICE

The **27th Annual Bill White Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament** is scheduled for Monday, June 26 at Bretwood Golf course in Keene. The entry fee for this annual tourney is \$60 per person and includes greens fee, cart, dinner and prizes. A *shot-gun* start is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. The format is "Captain and Crew." Sign-up as a foursome or sign-up by yourself and be placed in a foursome. A maximum of 120 players will be allowed. Please return your entry and payment no later than June 12th to Sandy Wheeler at the LOB Lobby Desk. Please make checks payable to Legislative Golf Tournament, care of David S. Saltmarsh.

Reps. Gene G. Chandler and Peter H. Burling

27th Annual Bill White Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament

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Telephone No: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____