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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Thursday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. The Governor will be presenting her budget address in Joint Session on the 15th.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Thursday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. David M. Scanlan, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

House Continuing Education

TOPIC: The ins and outs, ups and downs of Parliamentary Procedure.

PRESENTER: Honorable Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2001

TIME: Noon

PLACE: Room 308, LOB

Do you wonder why there is such a thing as a third reading motion? What is a "true" parliamentary inquiry as opposed to the other kind? What is "personal privilege?"

These and many other questions will be answered by the House Clerk on February 14 from 12-1:30. The format will be informal with lots of time for questions and answers. Bring your lunch.

Rep. Douglass P. Teschner

NOTICE

The House Calendar is put on the Web site as soon as it is sent for printing, and members who have access to the web site are encouraged to check the calendar on-line for their Committee work. We have met with officials of the US Postal Service in an effort to ensure that you receive your calendars in a timely manner. Please let me know on Monday if you fail to receive your calendar on Saturday.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

Shuttle Service

The local transportation company that has been providing shuttle service is unable to continue that service.

We have made arrangements for a local cab company to provide complimentary rides in the morning for members from the Storrs Street Garage to the State House and LOB. We are working toward restoring the afternoon service as well.

Please call the Speaker’s office if you have any questions or see the attendant in the garage for assistance.

HOUSE DEADLINES

November 8, 2000, Wednesday	First day for new members to file LSR’s with complete information; begin requirements of 10 day sign-off rule.
December 22, 2000, Friday, by 3:00 p.m.	Last day to file LSRs with complete information.
January 19, 2001, Friday	Last day to sign-off all bills with fiscal notes.

January 26, 2001, Friday	Last day to sign-off all other house bills.
February 8, 2001, Thursday	Last day to introduce all bills.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 106, relative to honey products. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Stephen G. Avery for Commerce: This bill is a request of the Department of Agriculture (Markets & Food) and amends the requirements regarding the labeling of honey and honey products. The bill also adds a definition of honey products. The amendment allows producers to also list honey as "not graded" on its labels. The bill is supported by local producers as well as the New Hampshire Beekeepers Association. Vote 15-0.

HB 108, prohibiting retailers from selling wine, beer, and cigarettes below the wholesale cost. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Stephen G. Avery for Commerce: The committee feels strongly that this legislation would be a restraint of free trade. New Hampshire did have a law back in the late 70's and 80's that said the price of wine could not fall below that of the liquor commission. That law was repealed in 1988. None of our bordering states have this kind of law and both the liquor commission and the retail grocers opposed the bill. While the committee felt some sympathy for small corner stores not being able to compete with larger retailers, the committee felt that this legislation was not appropriate. Vote 12-0.

HB 114, relative to notice requirements governing self-storage facility liens. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Jane S. Langley for Commerce: The committees found that notice of non-payment of self-storage fees were provided for under existing law. Currently the law provides for notice to the occupant which includes any personal representative or agent designated, and testimony from the industry indicates they actively pursue other notice not currently mandated. Vote 14-0.

HB 129, relative to amending condominium instruments governing assignment of limited common areas. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Tara G. Reardon for Commerce: The committee heard extensive testimony from the industry with regard to the burden placed on condominium associations to garner 100% agreement in controlling the limited common area and common areas. While agreeing to the change to 2/3 of the voting members to create or expand limited common area, the bill provides that unit owners undivided interest may not be altered; the condominium documents may create a more restrictive standard, and any cost associated with the expansion or creation of limited common area must be borne by the unit benefited. Vote 15-0.

HB 136, making attorneys subject to the Consumer Protection Act. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Anthony R. DiFruscia for Commerce: The bill created much discussion about whether lawyers should be singled out or all occupations that have state regulated boards should be included in the consumer protection act. Currently the law exempts any trade that is regulated by a state board. The sponsor agreed with the committee that the subject can be taken up with a previously passed bill (HB 109), relative to a chapter study on the consumer protection law. Vote 15-0.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 123-FN, relative to the retirement system classification for the director of the division of safety services, department of safety. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Charles Q. Hall for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill allows the director of safety services, if certified as a police officer with 10 years of vested service, to maintain group II membership in the New Hampshire retirement system. After due deliberations at the public hearing and in two subsequent subcommittee sessions, the committee determined that the policy outlined in HB 123-FN would provide the department of safety with an appropriate incentive for the recruitment and retention of a well qualified person for the position of director of safety services. Vote 16-1.

HB 145-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing the position of state animal control officer and making an appropriation therefor. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Carl G. Robertson for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill was designed to establish the position of state animal control officer to be funded by dog license fees assessed by local communities. It was the overwhelming opinion of the committee that this bill created more problems than it could resolve. It did not clearly establish whether that position would be advisory or enforcement and it was very clear that one person could not do either job on statewide basis. The logistical costs to support such a position were not presented and the committee felt that other factors could increase the cost significantly. A survey of several local police departments indicated strong opposition to the plan. They felt the position would be redundant and that this was a local matter better served by someone who was familiar with the community. There was no evidence to show a need for the position. Vote 14-0.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 228, relative to dealing in and possessing prescription drugs by podiatrists. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Alida Millham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended to include podiatrists on the list of health care practitioners that are allowed to possess, compound, personally administer or distribute prescription drugs to meet the immediate medical needs of their patients. This is an action to correct an inadvertent omission in the Pharmacy Act. This is fundamentally a housekeeping correction. Vote 18-1.

JUDICIARY

HB 140, relative to interest on judgments. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. James W. Craig for Judiciary: In civil lawsuits in New Hampshire, interest is awarded to a winning party from the date that the suit is filed. This is to compensate a prevailing party for the loss of the use of that money and to encourage settlement. The award of interest is codified in two statutes, RSA 524:1-B and RSA 527:10. These statutes create a gap in the award of interest between the time of verdict and the time of judgment. This bill simply closes that gap and is meant to be a technical correction. Vote 17-1.

HB 160, establishing a committee to study the issue of one-day/one-trial jurors. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Peter F. Bergin for Judiciary: After hearing testimony, the committee felt that this bill had merit. Currently, a person if called to jury duty, must serve for one month. This often causes a hardship on some jurors because of the amount of time required to serve. The one day/one trial jury system concept is worth studying especially in the southern part of the state where there is a larger population from which to draw jurors. The study committee could also recommend whether this system should be initiated, and if so, whether it should be extended into the northern part of the state. Vote 16-0.

HB 161, establishing a committee to study the use of jurors 16 years of age or younger in criminal trials where the defendant is a juvenile. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Christopher P. Reid for Judiciary: While the committee supports ideas involving youth participation such as peer mediation, and while some members of the committee feel that advisory jurors 16 years of age or younger may be worth studying in the future, the committee was concerned that jurors 16 and under in felony cases raises too many constitutional and logistical questions. Vote 16-0.

HB 175-FN-LOCAL, relative to the amount and scope of the homestead right. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Jane Wood for Judiciary: The Homestead Act was passed July 4, 1851 to provide a home for the spouse when the husband left home to go west in search of fortune. What began as a life estate for the spouse to reside in the home owned by the husband is now a monetary safeguard in case one's home is lost to creditors. The subcommittee studying this bill decided unanimously that only two changes were recommended: 1) the monetary amount be raised from \$30,000 to \$50,000; 2) language regarding property interest should be inclusive of his "or her" interest. Note that the homestead amount is not intended to necessarily allow a person to keep one's home but to be left with something, to re-establish a living arrangement so as not to be "homeless". Vote 14-0.

HB 182-FN, increasing the number of supreme court justices. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. John M. Pratt for Judiciary: This bill would have increased the number of supreme court judges from five to seven. The sponsor thought that such a change would help to alleviate the backlog at the court and would further allow for a greater number of cases to be heard. The committee was of the opinion that the question of the number of supreme court justices is a part of the larger question of our state's increasing appellate caseload, and that issue will be addressed in a study conducted under HB 135 which has already passed the House. Vote 16-1.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 230, relative to scheduled permanent impairment awards under the workers' compensation law. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Edgar H. Mears for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: The committee heard compelling testimony from citizens, whose lives have changed drastically as a result of brain injury or seriously disfigured as a result of burns. The committee overwhelmingly supports the need to include these devastating injuries in the schedule impairment awards under Workers Compensation RSA 281-A:32. Vote 18-0.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 101, relative to suspension of lobbyists for false statements or misrepresentation of material facts. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Maurice E. Goulet for Legislative Administration: Although well intentioned, this bill could create unintended consequences, if passed. In the "real world" one can only imagine the considerations of proving intent, on one hand, and the real problem of a lobbyist being falsely accused. The Committee unanimously agreed that this approach would be dangerous. Vote 13-0.

HB 163, establishing a committee to study opening the state house to the public on weekends. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Peter F. Bergin for Legislative Administration: The committee after hearing testimony felt that this bill had merit. A great number of citizens and tourists who visit Concord during the weekend are disappointed that the State House is closed. The study will analyze the cost and feasibility of keeping the State House open during the weekend. Vote 13-0.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 113-LOCAL, relative to the Nute High School and library trustees. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Richard C. Leone for Municipal and County Government: In 1889, the New Hampshire Legislature passed an act incorporating the Nute High School and Library in the Town of Milton. The 19th century act capped the Trustee non-taxable assets at \$300,000. Since this is a well administered fund used for the betterment of the operation of the school and community library at Nute High School, the committee felt that a cap was not needed. Vote 16-0.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 107, naming a certain bridge in the town of Milford. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Lawrence J. Guay for Public Works and Highways: This bill names the bridge at route 101 and North River Road over the Souhegan River in the town of Milford the Veterans Bridge. The committee appreciates what the veterans have done for our country and that it is a great honor to pass this bill. Vote 17-0.

HB 125, naming New Hampshire route 12-A from West Lebanon to the Cornish-Windsor Bridge the Maxfield Parrish Highway. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. John R. Cloutier for Public Works and Highways: This bill as amended would name a section of route 12-A from West Lebanon to the Cornish-Windsor Bridge for American artist Maxfield Parrish, who lived and worked in the area, through which the highway passes, for many years before dying in 1966. The amendment insures that the cost of design, construction, maintenance and installation of any signage, replacement signage, or other markers necessary for the naming would not be a charge to the state, though such work shall be approved by the state Department of Transportation. Vote 15-0.

HB 178-FN, permitting certain village districts to become eligible for state highway aid apportionment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Saghir A. Tahir for Public Works and Highways: Towns have the authority to accept and maintain roads within their towns. Village districts have the option to turn their roads over to the town. In each case that the committee heard testimony from one or the other, parties chose not to do this. As town roads, they would be eligible for apportionment and state highway aid. The committee felt that since this could be settled locally, it should be, and not have the state interfere. Although the committee could see the dilemma faced by the village districts, the members felt this change would not be in the best interest of the state. Vote 14-2.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3, rescinding all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention and urging other states to withdraw similar requests. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Frank C. Guinta for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee unanimously agrees that rescinding all requests by the NH legislature for a federal constitutional convention, and urging other states to withdraw similar requests, would limit the state’s ability to call for a constitutional convention and would deem null and void, without reason, all prior requests made by the General Court. The committee feels strongly in supporting previous calls for constitutional conventions made by the NH legislature. Vote 12-0.

HJR 1, urging Congress to expand eligibility for membership in the American Legion. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Russell A. Albert for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee was unanimous in supporting this resolution for Congress expanding the eligibility for members in the American Legion. The committee felt that many otherwise qualified veterans are prevented from joining, due to the restrictions on dates of service. This would allow many more veterans who served honorably to be eligible for membership in the American Legion. Vote 12-0.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 127, relative to motor vehicle dealer plates. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: The committee found no practical reason to amend this RSA. The legislative intent of this RSA is to insure that those who are using dealer plates are legitimate businesses and conforming to the law. The committee did extensive changes on the dealer and repair plate RSAs in 1997. These changes were needed to curb the many abuses that were occurring at that time. The amended law is working well. Vote 13-0.

HB 258, establishing a task force to conduct an ongoing study of the feasibility of re-establishing the Lawrence, Massachusetts to Manchester, New Hampshire rail service line and the Concord to Lebanon northern passenger rail service line. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. George N. Katsakiores for Transportation: Establishing a task force to monitor, provide information, be a resource, and assist in any way possible the reestablishment of the Lawrence-Manchester rail corridor, as well as the northern rail line corridor from Concord to Lebanon is the next step in reestablishing rail service in New Hampshire. All testimony was favorable. Vote 13-0.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 208-FN-A, changing the license requirement for operators collecting the meals and rooms tax. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Norman L. Major for Ways and Means: This bill, which was requested by the department of revenue administration, eliminates the requirement that the licenses for meals and rooms operators be renewed every two years for a fee of \$5.00 per license. While these license fees have been used by the department to offset the direct costs associated with the licensing process; the department recognizes that the costs of the process outweigh the benefits as the renewal process has become a major undertaking for the department involving three of the department’s divisions: Document Processing, Collections, and Information Services. The current meals and rooms tax collection system is much more sophisticated and automated than it once was and because of these changes, the department has determined that a one-time license of indefinite duration is

sufficient. As structured in this bill, once an operator receives a license, it will be valid indefinitely or until the business is sold or goes out of business. While the bill will decrease state revenues by \$38,000 per biennium, the loss of revenues will be more than offset by the reduction in direct costs experienced by the department in issuing the licenses. Vote 14-0.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 102, allowing bankruptcy judges to perform marriages after obtaining a special license. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Barbara Hull Richardson for Children and Family Law: Only two federal bankruptcy judges in New Hampshire will be affected by this bill. It allows them to perform marriage ceremonies after obtaining a special license from the secretary of state. It was probably an oversight in the original law which excluded this category of judges. Vote 9-3.

HB 138, relative to participation by minors in certain athletic activities. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Thomas I. Arnold, Jr. for Children and Family Law: The majority believed that while elimination of purposeful blows to the head is a desirable goal, the incidence of such injuries is insufficient to offset the intrusiveness of government if it were to prohibit such activities. Additionally, the waivers which participants and parents are required to sign clearly specify the risks involved. Vote 9-4.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 105-FN-A, establishing an agricultural nutrient management program and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Leighton C. Pratt for Environment and Agriculture: Relative program shall assist agriculture land and livestock owners with efforts to minimize potential adverse effects on water of the state resulting from agriculture compost. This will provide provisions for federal funding to assist in administering this program. Vote 17-0.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 139, relative to administrative rules proposed by agencies, boards, and commissions regulating occupational licenses. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Carl G. Robertson for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill was relative to the process of proposed changes in rules regulating occupational licenses. It was an amendment to RSA 541-A:12. Even though the committee acknowledges that a problem may exist, this bill would not resolve the problem. After three meetings and two attempts at rewriting the amendment in a way that it would not hamper the process of establishing rules for licensed groups, it became clear to the committee that the bill would create a complex and burdensome process that had no means of enforcement. Further investigation showed that the issue that caused the filing of the bill was very narrow in scope. It was basically a communication problem between two groups and did not represent all licensed groups regulated by RSA 541-A:12. Vote 13-1.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 198-FN, relative to state imposed time limits on public assistance eligibility. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Phyllis M. Katsakiores for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee voted House Bill 198 inexpedient to legislate after hearing approximately 15 witnesses. The vast majority of the witnesses opposed the bill and consisted of the state welfare director, local welfare administrators and social service agencies. No evidence was cited evidencing that residents of other states are moving to New Hampshire to take advantage of the five-year time limit. The current TANF welfare program is successfully moving people towards self-sufficiency. No data supports the position that the five-year time limit is more liberal than neighboring states. A decrease in the TANF time limit will result in a significant financial burden on local welfare

administrators, which will adversely impact taxpayers in New Hampshire. Vote 18-1.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 110-LOCAL, increasing the period of years the city of Laconia may use a certain parcel of state land. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. William E. Leber for Public Works and Highways: This bill would amend the Laws of 1998, 223:10, III relative to the city use of a parcel of state land in the Lakes Region Correctional Facility for a period (change from 5 years to 99 years). The sponsor and others who testified indicated it is thought that the law was written in error since three other parcels across Eastman Road were leased to the city for 99 years to be used as recreational facilities. Assuming it was an administrative error, it should be corrected. However, committee research found that the Senate Journal of June 18, 1998, reflected the discussion of the Committee of Conference report on HB 1100-FN, relative to the construction of a prison in Berlin, and the agreement between the state of New Hampshire and the city of Laconia, relative to the future use of the Lakes Region Correctional Facility. A Senator who was a member of the conference committee reported on the floor of the Senate, "The three parcels that were discussed and **there is a fourth parcel also, that I would call the main part of the prison complex, it is a relatively flat piece of land now. The city will have an opportunity to use that for five years to enable the other parcels to be developed. There is extensive work to be done on those other parcels to make them ball fields and the state will do that work as the Senate President said.**" In view of the foregoing it is the opinion of the committee that it was **not an error** and it was specifically intended to be a temporary use for five years to permit development of the other parcels leased to the city for 99 years. Further, the committee's position is that the agreement should run its course to 2003, and review the law as to the completion of all commitments by the state and the city. Also, to determine the future needs for the state use of the land. Vote 14-2.

HB 116, establishing a policy for naming state highways, bridges, and buildings. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. John R. Cloutier for Public Works and Highways: This bill as amended would establish a broad, comprehensive policy for naming state highways, bridges and buildings. Persons for whom such structures would be named would have to be deceased at least two years. Also, persons and organizations for which such structures would be named shall have made a positive contribution to a local community, and/or the state, and/or the nation. The cost of any signage, replacement signage, or other markers required for such naming shall not be a cost to the state, but the design, construction and installation of such signage and markers shall be approved by the state Department of Transportation. Finally, no structure presently named shall be renamed, including those named for persons now living. Vote 19-0.

HB 172-FN-A, to construct a noise barrier along a portion of I-95 and making an appropriation therefor. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Lawrence J. Guay for Public Works and Highways: The committee realizes that this neighborhood does have a problem created by traffic on I-95. The bill asks for a \$10,000 appropriation to complete the project, however, the Fiscal Note estimates the cost to be \$1.2 million. Our committee has to be mindful of the 10-Year Plan process. Projects of this nature originate from the Regional Planning process and work their way up to the Legislature over a two-year period. If we approve this legislation some other project already approved will be displaced. If any other community is willing to step aside and give their funding slot to this project, it would be easy. The early part of the planning process at the local level is now in progress, so it is not too late to appeal to the local planning origination and try to get this project included. The recommendations for funding the next 10-year cycle are do to be reported to the Department of Transportation on April 1, 2001, by the local planning organization. The committee also heard about a safety issue concerning a gas pipeline in the neighborhood. This was not mentioned anywhere in the bill, and our committee did not feel that we could deal with this issue under this bill. The committee thought that the safety concerns should be addressed. The DOT is checking on this, and the committee will respond in any way that we can if action is necessary for this concern by us. Vote 11-5.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

CERTIFICATE OF NEED TASK FORCE (RSA 151-C:16), Rooms 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 232**, relative to compensability of work-related stress injuries under the workers' compensation act.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee tour of the Philbrick Building.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 191**, permitting unmarried adults to adopt jointly.

9:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 179-FN**, relative to raising the age of minority for the purposes of juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age.

11:00 a.m. **HB 246**, relative to marriage between first cousins.

1:00 p.m. **HB 269**, requiring parental consent for tongue piercing.

2:00 p.m. **HB 260**, establishing a commission to examine child care resources for parents who work hours other than first shift.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 264**, relative to the state treasurer and relative to certain unclaimed or abandoned property.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 147-FN-A**, requiring annual registration by condominium unit owners' associations.

10:00 a.m. **HB 304-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for prostate cancer testing.

11:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 250**, prohibiting managed care organizations from disqualifying certain entities from their networks.

11:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 153**, lowering the minimum medical cost coverage for motor vehicle liability policies.

11:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 238**, relative to interstate banking.

1:15 p.m. **HB 372**, requiring prepaid home heating oil delivery companies to be bonded.

2:00 p.m. **HB 307-FN-A**, increasing the tax on beer and wine.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 315-FN**, relative to the registration of criminal offenders.

10:45 a.m. **HB 356**, prohibiting persons convicted of any criminal offense or found guilty of violating any law governing gambling conducted by charitable organizations from participating in the conduct of lucky 7 or sale of lucky 7 tickets.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 210-FN***, relative to the penalties for persons convicted of subsequent DWI offenses and ***HB 211-FN***, establishing a restricted probationary permit to drive and correcting the ignition interlock program laws.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 325-FN***, relative to certain acts of sexual assault.

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EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 322-FN-LOCAL***, establishing a maximum per pupil amount for high school tuition contracts.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 349-LOCAL***, relative to parental choice in public education.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 355***, relative to the contents of the department of education report on the condition of education statewide.

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ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 293-FN-A***, authorizing the production of industrial hemp.

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11:00 a.m. Introduction to lobbyists.

Department of Environmental Services, Rooms 112-113, Hazen Drive, Concord

1:00 p.m. Department of Environmental Services briefing .

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. ***HB 282-FN-LOCAL***, enabling political subdivision employers to establish minimum hours of service for optional membership in the retirement system by political subdivision employees.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 324-FN***, relative to the classification of certain service of correctional line personnel as group II service and making an appropriation therefor.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 302-FN***, relative to an optional retirement allowance for certain spouses upon a retiree's remarriage.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 318-FN-LOCAL***, relative to payment of group health insurance premiums for eligible retired political subdivision members of the retirement system.

2:45 p.m. ***HB 323-FN-LOCAL***, relative to eligibility for payment of medical insurance premiums for retired group I teachers.

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FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. Continuation of Department of Health and Human Services briefing.

9:45 a.m. ***HB 310-FN-A***, setting the rate for the medicaid enhancement tax for the biennium ending June 30, 2003.

10:15 a.m. **HB 295-FN**, relative to medicaid recoveries from third party settlements.

11:00 a.m. **HB 351-FN-A-L**, requiring the state to fully fund school building aid payments for fiscal year 2001 and making an appropriation therefor.

1:00 p.m. **HB 276-FN-A**, relative to reimbursement of legal fees of supreme court employees who retained counsel during the impeachment proceedings regarding chief justice David A. Brock and making an appropriation therefor.

1:30 p.m. **HB 291-FN-L**, revising the procedure for determining the cost of an adequate education.

1:45 p.m. **CACR 7**, relating to the state's responsibility to provide to all citizens the opportunity for a public education. Providing that the general court shall have the exclusive authority to determine the content, extent, and funding of a public education and that the state may fulfill its responsibility to provide to all citizens the opportunity for a public education.

2:15 p.m. **HB 286-FN-L**, relative to the calculation of the adequate education grant amount.

2:45 p.m. **HB 354-FN-A-L**, extending the kindergarten construction program.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 236**, relative to the registration of deer.

10:30 a.m. **HB 273**, relative to the purpose of state jurisdiction of fish and game regulation.

11:00 a.m. **HR 6**, recognizing the ancient and aboriginal claim of Indians in the state to hunt and fish.

1:15 p.m. **HB 339**, prohibiting the taking of deer by baiting.

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

10:00 a.m. **HB 332-FN-LOCAL**, permitting emergency medical care providers to make death pronouncements, relative to payment of autopsy expenses, and eliminating a requirement for an investigation by the medical examiner.

11:30 a.m. **HB 326-FN-A**, relative to the continuation of the New Hampshire task force on deafness and hearing loss and making an appropriation therefor.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 157**, clarifying the immunity from liability of police officers, firefighters, and bystanders who apply lifesaving measures in emergencies.

10:00 a.m. **HB 256**, limiting the liability of law enforcement agencies and their employees for injuries caused by dogs used in law enforcement work.

11:00 a.m. **HB 377**, permitting the state of New Hampshire to file petitions with the probate court seeking review of actions by a power of attorney.

1:00 p.m. **HB 360**, establishing terms for the offices of administrative judges of the courts.

2:00 p.m. **HB 328-FN-LOCAL**, relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 130**, relative to the maintenance of boundaries and fences.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 278**, naming Langmaid Brook in the town of Pembroke.

11:00 a.m. **HB 367-LOCAL**, relative to the establishment of a town forest in the town of Randolph.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 337-FN**, relative to the administration of the public utilities commission and establishing the position of executive director of the public utilities commission.

11:00 a.m. **HB 402**, relative to the establishment of a state universal service fund.

1:00 p.m. **HB 403**, relative to the effective date of special contracts for telephone utilities.

2:00 p.m. **HB 374**, establishing a committee to study the assessment of surcharges on pay telephone use.

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

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 287-FN-LOCAL**, relative to provision of a drivers training program before certain persons can be required to undergo drivers license reexamination.

10:45 a.m. **HB 369**, relative to driving in highway construction and maintenance areas.

11:30 a.m. **HB 366**, relative to antique former military vehicles.

1:15 p.m. **HB 335-FN**, relative to the uniform fine schedule for motor vehicle violations.

2:00 p.m. **HB 340-FN**, requiring parental notification when a person under the age of 18 receives a penalty for a traffic law violation.

2:30 p.m. **HB 320-FN**, relative to leasing certain portions of railroad properties.

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

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 185-FN-LOCAL**, repealing the prospective repeals of the education property tax and related laws.

11:00 a.m. **HB 294-FN**, excluding certain pension income from household income for purposes of determining education property tax hardship relief.

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

1:00 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services work session on revenue estimates.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 265**, prohibiting the sale of rolling papers to minors.

10:30 a.m. **HB 299-FN**, relative to telephone solicitation and the creation of a "no sales solicitation calls" list of consumers.

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

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 262**, establishing a commission to study the status of the relationship between physician hospital organizations and independent provider associations and **HB 112**, establishing a study committee on antitrust laws as they apply to hospital business practices.

1:30 p.m. **HB 272**, requiring bottled water labels to indicate the source of the water.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 343-FN-LOCAL**, relative to certain individuals taken into protective custody.

10:30 a.m. **HB 363**, relative to buildings damaged or destroyed by arson.

11:15 a.m. **HB 296-FN**, relative to receiving stolen property.

1:30 p.m. **HB 361**, establishing a committee to study certain policies and procedures in the department of corrections.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 298-FN-LOCAL**, relative to charter schools.

11:00 a.m. **HB 329-FN-LOCAL**, relative to school safety.

1:00 p.m. **HB 290-FN-LOCAL**, relative to eliminating adequate education grant weighting for free and reduced-price meals and relative to modifying the formula for weighting certain home schooled pupils.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 353-FN-A**, relative to diversified agricultural development, and making an appropriation therefor.

10:00 a.m. **HB 392**, establishing a committee to study the property tax status for land of agricultural fairs.

11:00 a.m. **HB 393-FN**, relative to plant nurseries and nursery stock.

1:00 p.m. **HB 348-FN**, prohibiting the land application of sludge in certain excavation areas.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 344-FN**, establishing a state office of privacy.
 - 11:15 a.m. **HB 314-FN**, relative to administrative rules governing privacy.
 - 1:30 p.m. **HB 331-FN-LOCAL**, relative to payment of the medical insurance premium subsidy for a family plan for eligible retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system.
 - 2:15 p.m. **HB 309-FN**, relative to the registration of radon testers and mitigators.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

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

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 345**, requiring hospitals to maintain permanent medical records of stillborn infants.
 - 11:30 a.m. **HB 396**, relative to the practice of physicians and surgeons.
 - 1:15 p.m. **HB 433**, clarifying the duties of the oversight committee on health and human services.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I), Room 103, State House

- 3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 357**, relative to periodic payments of judgments.
 - 9:30 a.m. **HB 352**, limiting railroad liability for passenger rail service.
 - 10:30 a.m. **HB 281-FN**, establishing an independent administrative office of the courts.
 - 1:00 p.m. **HB 280-FN**, transferring the responsibility and authority of the judicial conduct committee and the attorney’s professional conduct committee to the legislature.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 261-FN**, including the judiciary as a public employer under the public employee labor relations act.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 270-FN**, increasing the mileage reimbursement rate for members of the legislature.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 249-LOCAL**, relative to the records of property tax abatements.

11:00 a.m. **HB 251**, establishing that local zoning ordinances regulating location are applicable to community living facilities.

1:00 p.m. **HB 277-LOCAL**, clarifying the penalties for violations of statutes or ordinances where no penalty is specified.

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 196-LOCAL**, relative to civil forfeiture for failure to license or renew a dog license.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Rooms 201-203, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 358-FN**, relative to tolls on the Everett turnpike.

Room 201, LOB

1:15 p.m. **HB 417**, requiring bidders for state contracts to have completed a training program of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

2:00 p.m. **HB 421**, establishing a committee to study the procedure for sale of lands purchased with state funds.

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

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Rooms 305-307, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 410**, relative to the designation of a portion of the Merrimack river.

11:00 a.m. **HB 414**, relative to the adoption of instream flow rules.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 423**, relative to public utilities mergers.

1:00 p.m. **HB 443**, relative to a 20-year state comprehensive energy plan.

2:00 p.m. **HB 316-FN**, establishing the position of state energy manager.

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

WATER WITHDRAWALS ON INSTREAM FLOWS STUDY (SB 330, Chapter 242:2, Laws of 2000), Rooms 305-307, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 297-FN-LOCAL**, eliminating excess education property tax payments.

10:30 a.m. **HB 333-FN-A**, relative to the rate of the real estate transfer tax.

1:30 p.m. **HB 338-FN-A**, increasing the rate of the meals and rooms tax.

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

2:00 p.m. Work session on revenue estimates.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

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

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Air subcommittee work session on ***HB 274-FN***, banning the residential open burning of trash and relative to a dioxin emissions reduction and control program, ***HB 253-FN***, relative to mercury reductions and ***HCR 6***, urging New Hampshire to use the "precautionary principle" when determining the safety and feasibility of using products, techniques, and technologies.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

COMMISSION ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF (HB 1283, Chapter 43:2, Laws of 2000), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATUS OF MEN STUDY (HB 553, Chapter 272, Laws of 2000), Room 206, LOB

12:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Informational meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services.

1:15 a.m. ***HB 313-FN***, limiting access to certain business records.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 303-FN-A-LOCAL***, relative to funding of training and certification of fire fighters and

emergency medical service providers programs in the department of safety, extending certain motor vehicle license expiration dates, and increasing certain motor vehicle license fees.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 308-FN***, relative to administrative fees added to restitution payments.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 293-FN-A***, authorizing the production of industrial hemp.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. ***HB 341-FN***, adding police officers of the New Hampshire hospital campus police force to group II of the New Hampshire retirement system.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 359-FN***, requiring data collected by state agencies to be analyzed relative to age and gender.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 385***, changing the name, membership and duties of the office of volunteerism.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 371***, relative to fiscal impact statements for proposed administrative rules prepared by the legislative budget assistant.

2:15 p.m. ***HB 327-FN***, relative to review of final proposed rules under the administrative procedures act.

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

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 305-FN-A***, establishing a dedicated fund for certain fish and game funds to be expended for the purpose of operation game thief.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 312-FN***, increasing the agent fee for fish and game licenses.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 370***, relative to the regulation of the trapping by the fish and game department.

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

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

10:00 a.m. ***HB 389***, establishing a committee to study the nursing home industry in New Hampshire.

11:15 a.m. ***HB 388***, clarifying the rights of patients of nursing facilities in the event of a proposed transfer or discharge from the facility.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 434***, relative to persons who die in nursing homes.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 432***, relative to the limit on appropriations to the capital reserve fund of a county.

11:00 a.m. **HB 442**, establishing a study committee to examine the effects of protective custody on county correctional facilities.

1:30 p.m. **HB 330-FN-LOCAL**, relative to meetings requested of municipal governing bodies.

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

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 334-FN-A**, adopting a single sales factor method of apportionment under the business profits tax.

10:45 a.m. **HB 378**, requiring organizations engaged in the conduct of charitable gambling to reserve at least 80 percent of the revenue for use within New Hampshire.

1:30 p.m. **HB 375**, making technical corrections in the tax laws.

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

Immediately following the hearing of the last bill there will be a work session on revenue estimates.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Work session.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 394**, relative to short-term health insurance policies for certain persons.

10:30 a.m. **HB 407**, establishing a committee to study the fair pricing of prescription drugs.

1:15 p.m. **HB 404**, allowing licensed alcohol and drug counselors to obtain third party payment and establishing a committee to study levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. **HB 373**, relative to requirements for a private detective's license.

11:00 a.m. **HB 408-FN**, relative to the regulation of nursing by the board of nursing.

1:30 p.m. **HB 362-FN**, regulating the practice of adjunctive therapy for animals.

2:30 p.m. **HB 387**, relative to the regulation of dentistry by the board of dental examiners.

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

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire single audit of federal financial assistance programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000.

New Hampshire Retirement System management letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 244**, establishing a commission to examine the size, compensation, and staff requirements of the legislature.

2:30 p.m. **HB 452**, establishing a committee to study the reimbursement for expenses of legislators.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 342-FN**, relative to the enforcement of applicable law and rules concerning contractors for appraisals of taxable property.

11:00 a.m. **HB 365-LOCAL**, requiring the department of revenue administration to establish a uniform system of property classification for assessment purposes.

1:30 p.m. **HB 381**, changing the appointing authority for board of tax and land appeals members from the supreme court to the governor and council.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 321-FN**, relative to certain construction projects in Rollinsford.

10:45 a.m. **HJR 2**, directing the department of transportation not to proceed with construction of a new visitor’s center at the Intervale scenic vista in North Conway without approval of the Conway design review committee and the Conway board of selectmen.

11:30 a.m. **HB 413**, relative to ownership of rail properties.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 284-FN**, relative to additional emissions reductions from grandfathered fossil fuel burning steam electric power plants.

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

friday, february 16

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Leave from the LOB for committee tour of Turnkey Landfill.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. **HB 288-FN**, relative to the licensure of interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing.

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

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

10:00 a.m. **HB 390**, relative to the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act.

1:00 p.m. **HB 406**, prohibiting electro-convulsive therapy on children under 16 years of age.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 435**, relative to assessment of service charges by municipalities and counties that accept credit cards for payment of local taxes, utility charges, or other fees.

11:00 a.m. **HB 431**, establishing a committee to study the proceeds from the sale of tax-deeded property.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Rooms 205-207, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 350-FN**, relative to persons with disabilities participating in the work incentive program.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Merrimack County Executive Committee will meet on the following days to review the 2001 Merrimack County Budget. The meetings will be held in the lower level conference room of the McDonnell Building at 4 Court Street, Concord:

Friday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. to review the County Attorney, Medical Referee, Sheriff and Dispatch.

Monday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. to review the Human Services, Adult Diversion, Juvenile Diversion, Bridge Program, Grant Agencies and Cooperative Extension.

Friday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. to review the Delegation, Treasurer, Administration, Concord Complex Maintenance, Registry of Deeds and Miscellaneous.

Friday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m. to review the Corrections/Merrimack County Academy Program.

Monday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. to review the Nursing Home and Residential Properties.

Rep. Ray F. Langer, Chairman

Merrimack County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Delegation will meet on Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, RCNH, Brentwood to adopt the budget for 2001.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet on Friday February 16 at 9:30 a.m. to vote on the budget to be presented to the full Delegation and on Friday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. to finalize any unfinished business prior to the full Delegation meeting.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County Executive Committee

Pursuant to RSA 326-B:12, the Joint Health Council will meet at the NH Board of Nursing, Room 17, 78 Regional Drive, Building 2, Concord, on Monday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

Copies of the document entitled "State of New Hampshire Official Statement" are now available for members of the House. This important and informative document, which was compiled by the State Treasurer in conjunction with the sale of \$90,000,000 of general obligation bonds last December, contains a comprehensive collection of financial tables and other valuable information relative to the finances of the state. Copies may be obtained at the Sergeant-at-Arms counter.

Rep. David J. Alukonis

When the House Clerk’s Office is aware of House Members who are hospitalized or homebound by serious illness, we will publish a list of names and addresses requested.

Natalie S. Flanagan, PO Box 959, Atkinson, New Hampshire 03811-0959.

Phyllis L. Woods, 1 Barry Street, Dover, New Hampshire 03820-2417.

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

REVISED AMENDED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised or amended fiscal notes: HB 123, HB 169, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 180, 184, 186, 189, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 214, 218, 283, 287, 289, 302, 308, 309, 318, 319, 325, 327 and 344.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS’ NOTICES

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

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet February 5 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 206, LOB. This meeting will be to review the bills and establish the caucus priorities. All Representatives and Senators are welcome.

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos

Legislators for Limited Spending will meet at the Upham Walker House at noon on February 6th. Everyone is welcome

Rep. Donald B. White

The Legislative Caucus Against the Expansion of Gambling will meet at noon on Tuesday, February 6 in Room 207, LOB. Please bring your lunch.

Reps. Susan W. Almy and Warren C. Henderson

All legislators from Rockingham County are invited to the 17th Annual Legislative Forum , sponsored by the Rockingham Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Complex, Brentwood. Bills of interest re: transportation, local, and regional planning, turnpike tolls, rail initiatives, liability, LCHIP funding and others will be discussed.

Reps. Kenneth L. Weyler and Martha Fuller Clark

The House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) at 8:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays: February 7, February 21, March 7 and March 21.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

The University of New Hampshire Alumni and Parents Association invites members of the General Court to the Annual UNH Legislative Breakfast on February 8th, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the NH Historical Society.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Marjorie K. Smith

American Legislators Exchange Council (ALEC) members will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Room 212, LOB on February 8th .

Rep. Ronald J. Nowe

The New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association cordially invites all legislators to attend its "Regions for all Seasons" Government Affairs Legislative Reception on Thursday, February 8 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park Street, Concord. Once again, this annual reception will prove to be a fun evening of great food, beverage and entertainment. Please join us.

Reps. Stephen G. Avery and Martha Fuller Clark

Legislators are invited to a complimentary lunch at the Upham Walker House on Thursday, February 8th at noon to hear a presentation/question and answer session by members of the NH Open Adoption Records Coalition to help inform House members about the bill that will be coming up this session. It is hoped that many Representatives will come to question and learn.

Rep. Jane Wood

The Kids Cabinet will meet in the Governor and Council Chambers on February 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Rep. Raymond Buckley

Women singing out, in partnership with the Multiple Sclerosis Society, will present "Our Love is Here to Stay". February 10th at 8:00 p.m. and February 11th at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 1035 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets will be sold: Online: Rock Bottom CD's: www.rockbottomcds.com/concertlistings.html, Bull Moose Music Inc; find nearest location by dialing 1-603-422-9525, Artistic Amazon, 28 Chapel Street, Portsmouth; 1-877-422-0702. For more information contact Ellen Gagnon at 335-0763 or Rep. Marlene DeChane at 335-0860.

Rep. Marlene DeChane

All House and Senate members are invited to a day long forum sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures and hosted by the Legislative Caucus for Young Children on Monday, February 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Rooms 205-207, LOB. The forum will focus on State Early Childhood Policies. Greg Duncan from the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University will speak on brain development research and implications for state policy. Lunch will be provided.

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos

"NH in the 21st Century: Competing in the New Economy"

NetworkNH and Fidelity Investments invites members of the NH Legislature to attend a breakfast briefing on NH's New Economy and for an unveiling of our latest research on NH's Financial Services Industry. The forum is designed to help members of the legislature understand the principles driving our State's success in the New Economy and the public policies that will influence it. The forum is being held from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. on February 13th at the Concord Holiday Inn. Please RSVP attendance to info@networknh.com.

Rep. Terie T. Norelli

Pro choice legislators are invited to a meeting of the reproductive rights caucus on Tuesday, February 13 at noon in the Upham Walker House to discuss upcoming legislation. Please feel free to bring a bag lunch.

Reps. Cynthia J. Dokmo and Terie T. Norelli

President Don Wharton would like to invite all members of the General Court to the Annual Plymouth State College Breakfast on Thursday, February 15th at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant . Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. A short program will be held at 8:00 a.m. followed by an opportunity for questions and answers. Adjournment is 8:45 a.m. Please join us to learn more about this excellent North Country institution.

Rep. Fran Wendelboe

On Wednesday, February 21, the New Hampshire Community Technical College campus in Manchester invites all interested legislators to an open house at their campus on 1066 Front Street. There will be a luncheon reception at 12:00 p.m., followed by a brief presentation by President John O'Donnell and the Student Senate. After the presentation, there will be tours of the college facility conducted by NHCTC students. For more information, please contact Louise LaChance at 668-6706.

Rep. Warren C. Henderson

On Wednesday, February 21, the New Hampshire Community Technical College campus in Stratham invites all interested legislators to an open house at their campus on 277 Portsmouth Avenue. There will be a breakfast reception at 8:30 a.m., followed by a brief presentation by President John O'Donnell and the Student Senate. After the presentation, there will be tours of the college facility conducted by NHCTC students. For more information, please contact Mary Williams at 772-1194.

Rep. Warren C. Henderson

On Wednesday, February 21, the New Hampshire Community Technical College campus in Laconia invites all interested legislators to an open house at their campus on 379 New Prescott Hill Road, Route 106. At 9:30 a.m. there will be a brief presentation by President Alex Easton, the Student Senate and community leaders. After the presentation, there will be tours of the college facility conducted by NHCTC students and administrators.

The tour will include the college's academic programs currently located on the prison property in Laconia. These three programs are general public programs, and are not connected with the Department of Corrections.

Following the tours, lunch will be served at the college operated restaurant, the Food for Thought Café at the Belmont Mill. For more information, please contact Don Morrissey at 524-3207.

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On Wednesday, February 21, the New Hampshire Community Technical College campus in Manchester invites all interested legislators to an open house at their

There will be an MtBE forum on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Salem High School Auditorium. Mr. Fred McGarry, DES, will be the main speaker. Open to all members, local government officials and constituents.

Rep. Robert M. McGuire

The New Hampshire Psychological Association cordially invites all legislators to attend a breakfast reception on Thursday, February 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church (Ordway Hall in the basement), Park Street, Concord. The reception will include a catered breakfast, mingling between legislators and Association members, and a brief discussion of legislative priorities.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

Feb 6 – Newfields Town Hall, Route 85, Newfields, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (commission), Newfields, NH Route 85 bridge over B&M Railroad.

Feb 13 – Swanzey Town Hall, 620 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (Commission), Swanzey, bridge replacement over NH Route 32 over South Ashuelot River.

Mar 1 – City Hall, 99 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 7:00 p.m. Combined officials/informational meeting, Seabrook, begins on NH 286 at Mass state line and the B&M Rail Line.

Mar 14 – City Hall, City Council Chambers, 316 Central Avenue, Franklin, 7:00 p.m. Combined officials/informational meeting, Franklin, reconstruction of existing pavement and addition of 1.2m(4 ft) shoulders on NH Route 11.

Mar 20 – Banquet Room, Milford Town Hall, 1 Union Square, Milford, 7:30 p.m. Combined officials/informational meeting, Wilton-Milford, reconstruction of existing pavement on NH 101 at the intersection of NH 31 south in Wilton proceeds 3 miles to the RR Cross in Milford.

Mar 28 – Pelham Town Hall, 2nd Floor, 6 Main Street, Pelham, 6:00 p.m. Combined officials/informational meeting, Pelham, project begins on NH 38 at the MA State line, proceeds north 3 miles. Reclaiming, guardrail replacement miscellaneous drainage and signal work on NH 38/Bridge Street/NH 38/Main Street/Old Gage Hill Road.

Rep. Edwin O. Smith

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors’ Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in February 2001. 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
Feb. 5	9:30 & 11:00	South Londonderry School	4/70
Feb. 6	9:30	Laconia Christian School	4/10
Feb. 6	11:00 & 12:30	Southwick School- Northfield	4/75
Feb. 7	9:30 & 11:00	Parker Varney School- Manchester	4/60
Feb. 8	9:30 & 11:00	Parker Varney School- Manchester	4/60
Feb. 9	9:30 & 11:00	South Londonderry School	4/70
Feb. 9	1:00	Centerwoods Elem.School- Weare	4/50
Feb. 12	10:00 & 11:15	Hollis Upper Elem School	4/50
Feb. 13	9:30 & 11:00	Crescent Lake School- Wolfboro	4/80
Feb. 14	9:30 & 11:00	St.Anthony School- Manchester	4/70
Feb. 15	11:00 & 12:30	Sunset Heights School- Nashua	6/50
Feb. 16	9:30 & 10:30	Washington St. Elem School- Penacook	4/60
Feb. 16	12:00 & 1:00	Washington St. Elem School- Penacook	5/60
Feb. 16	9:45 & 11:00	Bicentennial Elem School- Nashua Walk Thru	4/50
Feb. 20	9:00	Broken Ground Elem School – Concord	4/25
Feb. 20	11:00 & 12:30	Antrim Elem School	4/58
Feb. 21	9:00	Broken Ground Elem School- Concord	4/25
Feb. 21	11:00 & 12:30	Sunset Heights School- Nashua	6/50
Feb. 22	9:00	St.John Elem School- Concord	4/30
Feb. 22	11:00 & 12:30	Moultonboro Central School	4/50

Feb. 23	10:00 & 11:15	Hollis Upper Elem School	4/40
Feb. 23	9:45 & 11:00	Bicentennial Elem School- Nashua Walk Thru	4/75
Feb. 27	9:30 & 11:00	Woodman Park School- Dover	4/95
Feb. 28	10:00 & 11:00	Maplewood Elem – Somersworth	4/54
Mar. 1	9:30	SENH Christian Academy-Somersworth	4/15
Mar. 1	11:00 & 12:30	Mastway Elem School – Lee	4/40
Mar. 2	11:00 & 12:30	Mastway Elem School – Lee	4/40

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2001-0005h

Amendment to HB 102

Proposed by the Committee on Children and Family Law - R

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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

2001-0044h

Amendment to HB 106

Proposed by the Committee on Commerce - C

Amend RSA 429:20, I as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Every shipment, package or container of honey packed, sold, offered or exposed for sale or distribution by any person shall be plainly marked for packaging and labeling ~~[rules]~~, and shall include:

- (a) The name, address and zip code of the packer, ***distributor, or producer***;
- (b) The true name of the product;
- (c) The grade, ***or the term " not graded"***; and
- (d) The volume of the contents at 68 degrees Fahrenheit or 20 degrees Celsius ***or the net weight of the contents.***

2001-0027h

Amendment to HB 116

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - R

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

1 New Section; The State and Its Government; Powers of the Governor and Council; Criteria for Naming State Highways, Bridges, and Buildings. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 43 the following new section:

4:43-a Criteria for Naming State Highways, Bridges, and Buildings.

I. A person after whom a state highway, bridge, or building is named shall:

(a) Have been deceased for at least 2 years.

(b) Have made a positive contribution to his or her local community, and/or the state, and/or the nation.

II. An organization or other entity after which a state highway, bridge, or building is named shall have made a positive contribution to its local community, and/or the state, and/or the nation.

III. The cost of design, construction, maintenance, and installation of any signage, replacement signage, or other markers required under this section shall not be a charge to the state. However, the design, construction, and installation of any signage or other markers required under this section shall be approved by the department of transportation.

IV. No state highway, bridge, or building shall be renamed as result of this section.

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

2001-0027h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes certain criteria for naming a state highway, bridge or building after a person or organization.

2001-0012h

Amendment to HB 125

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Signage. The cost of design, construction, maintenance, and installation of any signage, replacement signage, or other markers required under section 1 of this act shall not be a charge to the state. However, the design, construction, and installation of any signage or other markers required under this act shall be approved by the department of transportation.

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

2001-0043h

Amendment to HB 129

Proposed by the Committee on Commerce - C

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

1 Condominium Act; Amending Assignment of Limited Common Areas. Amend RSA 356-B:19, III to read as follows:

III. A common area not previously assigned as a limited common area shall be so assigned only pursuant to RSA 356-B:16, I(f), ***except that limited common areas may be created or expanded pursuant to an amendment to the condominium instruments consented to by 2/3 of the votes in the unit owners association, or such higher percentage as the condominium instruments may provide, and then thereafter assigned as therein provided.*** The amendment to the declaration making such an assignment shall be prepared and executed by the principal officer of the unit owners' association, or by such other officer or officers as the condominium instruments may specify. Such amendment shall be delivered to the unit owner or owners of the unit or units concerned upon payment by them of all reasonable costs for the preparation and acknowledgment thereof. Said amendment shall become effective when the aforesaid unit owner or owners have executed and recorded it, and the recordation thereof shall be conclusive evidence that the method prescribed pursuant to RSA 356-B:16, I(f) was adhered to. ***The creation or expansion of limited common areas pursuant to this paragraph shall not alter the amount of undivided interest in the common areas allocated to any unit.***

2 Condominium Act; Liabilities for Common Expenses. Amend RSA 356-B:45, I to read as follows:

I. Except to the extent that the condominium instruments provide otherwise, any common expenses associated with the maintenance, repair, renovation, restoration, or replacement of any limited common area shall be specially assessed against the condominium unit to which that limited common area was assigned at the time such expenses were made or incurred. ***This provision shall also apply to the expansion or creation of limited common areas pursuant to RSA 356-B:19, III.*** If the limited common area involved was assigned at that time to more than one condominium unit, however, such expenses shall be specially assessed against each such condominium unit equally so that the total of such special assessments equals the total of such expenses, except to the extent that the condominium instruments provide otherwise.

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

2001-0007h

Amendment to HB 140

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

Amend RSA 524:1-b as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

524:1-b Interest from Date of Writ. In all other civil proceedings at law or in equity in which a verdict is rendered or a finding is made for pecuniary damages to any party, whether for personal injuries, for wrongful death, for consequential damages, for damage to property, business or reputation, for any other type of loss for which damages are recognized, there shall be added forthwith by the clerk of court to the amount of damages interest thereon from the date of the writ or the filing of the petition to the date of ~~[such verdict or finding]~~ ***judgment*** even though such interest brings the amount of the ~~[verdict or findings]~~ ***judgment*** beyond the maximum liability imposed by law.

2001-0035h

Amendment to HB 175-FN-LOCAL

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

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

AN ACT relative to the amount of the homestead right.

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

1 Homesteads; Amount. Amend RSA 480:1 to read as follows:

480:1 Amount. Every person is entitled to ~~[\$30,000]~~ ***\$50,000*** worth of his ***or her*** homestead, or of his ***or her*** interest therein, as a homestead. The homestead right created by this chapter shall exist in manufactured housing, as defined by RSA 674:31, which is owned and occupied as a dwelling by the same person but shall not exist in the land upon which the manufactured housing is situated if that land is not also owned by the owner of the manufactured housing.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the amount of the homestead right under RSA 480.