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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Thursday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. The Governor will be presenting her budget address in Joint Session that day. Please tentatively plan for a session on February 22.

Immediately following session on February 15 new members are invited to stay in the chamber for an orientation follow up.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Thursday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. David M. Scanlan, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 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: Rooms 305-307, 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

HOUSE DEADLINES

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.
March 14, 2001, Wednesday	Last day to report House FN bills referred to a second committee.
March 22, 2001, Thursday	Last day to act on House FN bills being referred to a second committee.
April 11, 2001, Wednesday	Last day to report all House FN bills and budgets.

April 19, 2001, Thursday	Last day to act on all House FN bills and budgets.
	Last day to hold public hearings on all House bills retained in committee.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 238, relative to interstate banking. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Leo W. Fraser, Jr. for Commerce: When interstate banking (SB 75) was adopted in 1995, included in the legislation was a five-year aging requirement of new acquisitions of financial institutions. This was included in the law to prevent purchase of financial institutions for the sole purpose of re-sale. In the year 2000, the General Court passed de novo banking (SB 310) which made the five-year requirement unnecessary. The committee was unanimous in recommending that the bill be reported out with a recommendation of ought to pass. Vote 15-0.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 103, relative to the possession of double-edged knives by convicted felons or during the commission or attempted commission of a violent crime. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr. for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee felt that rather than adding a possible laundry list of weapons to the current statute, it was more desirable to clarify the existing statute by replacing "dangerous weapon", which doesn't have a definition in current law with the phrase "deadly weapon as defined in RSA 265:11, V." This change will allow all jurisdictions to work from the same definition with a better chance of consistency when dealing with felons who are armed with a varying assortment of weapons. Vote 13-0.

HB 132-FN, relative to the damage or destruction of an emergency vehicle or emergency services equipment. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr. for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The original bill, as introduced, would have created a class B felony for recklessly causing damage or destruction to emergency equipment under certain circumstances. It was not clear what amount of damage would initiate the felony. The committee felt that the subject should be included in the criminal mischief statute. The amendment adds to RSA 634:2, II, making the reckless damage to an emergency vehicle that it places "out of service" (unable to respond to an emergency) a class B felony, requires a minimum fine of \$1,000, and requires that restitution be made for the damages. There was testimony that a town suffered considerable monetary loss (in the thousands of dollars) that was not reimbursable as well as extensive loss of the use of the vehicles resulting in a potential public safety issue due to the unavailability of fire and ambulance vehicles. The loss of emergency equipment can greatly affect the public safety and in extreme cases prevent the saving of lives. Vote 15-0.

HB 211-FN, establishing a restricted probationary permit to drive and correcting the ignition interlock program laws. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Beth Rodd for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill gives the Department of Safety the discretion to issue a restricted, probationary permit to an offender who has had a license suspended or revoked but has completed all criminal penalties associated with the revocation/suspension. The probationary permit applies only to the certain Administrative License Suspension (ALS) penalties, those penalties added to the criminal penalties associated with the suspension/revocation. ALS penalties result from the refusal of the driver to submit to breathalyzer tests at the time of arrest and must be served in addition to criminal penalties. The committee believes that giving this discretion to the Department will allow offenders to work and become productive members of society. Vote 14-1.

HB 296-FN, relative to receiving stolen property. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Stephen H. Nedeau for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill adds two provisions to RSA 637:7, the theft statutes. It establishes the offense of "receiving stolen property" for situations where an undercover law enforcement officer or his agent sells stolen property to an individual or entity where such property has explicitly been represented as stolen. Additionally, the bill provides for penalty of a Class B felony when property or services are stolen from 3 separate business establishments within a 72 hour period. The bill provides support for law enforcement in combating organized theft rings and fencing operations which have become more and more prevalent in our state. This problem has cost millions of dollars in losses to retail establishments across the state. These issues ultimately impact all of our constituents. Vote 13-0.

HB 325-FN, relative to certain acts of sexual assault. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Maxwell D. Sargent for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill is the result of a study committee of legislation submitted last session. This bill reduces the penalty from a Class B felony to a Class B misdemeanor for underage persons having consensual sex. It provides an exception to the statutory rape laws by placing an age differential of 4 years or less between the actor and a person who is between the ages of 13 and 16, where there is no evidence of coercion, force or intimidation on the part of the actor. This age differential is mirrored in the laws of other states. Much of the wording in the bill was provided by a county prosecutor supporting this change. The philosophy in the bill also has the support of the director of the Sexual Offender Program at the Dept. of Corrections and the NH Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. Vote 15-0.

EDUCATION

HB 193, establishing a committee to study state payments for court-ordered placements of special education pupils. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. P. Judith Sullivan for Education: This bill establishes a committee to study the efficiency of New Hampshire's current system of state payments for the court-ordered placements of our special education pupils. The testimony given before the Education Committee was unanimously in support of this bill. Vote 16-0.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 267, relative to increasing the membership on the retirement system board of trustees. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee felt that the current board, as constituted, is adequate. In addition, it felt that having the party represented to also be the fiduciary presented a potential conflict of interest and was likely not in consonance with IRS policy. The board as constituted with non-retired members has a good check and balance. The minority in disagreement felt that group I being the largest number of the retirement contributors should have greater representation on the board and that the board membership should have been increased. Vote 12-1.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 143, establishing a committee to study the shortage of health care providers in New Hampshire. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Walter D. Ruffner for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: Because of the critical problem involving the shortage of healthcare personnel and support staff, the need for a committee to address this problem is self-evident. This committee will place special consideration on methods to encourage persons to enter the areas of the medical profession where a critical shortage of personnel exists. Vote 19-0.

HB 233, amending the duties of the oversight committee for the severely developmentally disabled. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Daniel M. Burnham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill poised the question of whether the responsibilities of the oversight committee for the severely developmentally disabled should be expanded to include review of the allocation of funds to persons with acquired brain disorders. The committee heard compelling testimony concerning the increasing number of people impacted by brain injuries, the expenses of treatment for such disorders and the problems connected with medicaid funding. The committee overwhelmingly voted to include the brain injured among the oversight committee's responsibility. Vote 16-0.

HB 240, requiring the department of health and human services to develop a plan reducing the number of persons awaiting

certain services for developmental disabilities. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Daniel M. Burnham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill, as amended, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to eliminate lists of those with developmental disabilities who, today, wait for extended periods of time for housing, daycare and counseling services. The bill asks the Department to reduce such wait lists to less than 90 days, over a five-year period. Vote 18-0.

HB 433, clarifying the duties of the oversight committee on health and human services. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Andre A. Martel for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill continues the Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs oversight committee. This bill simply clarifies the duties of the oversight committee, which oversees the various programs of the Health and Human Services Commission and makes recommendations from a legislative prospective. The committee meets at least quarterly and makes their recommendations accordingly. Vote 16-0.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 232, relative to compensability of work-related stress injuries under the workers' compensation act. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Gary P. Torressen for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: This bill simply closes a loophole in the New Hampshire Workers Compensation statute relating to the definition of the word "injury" in regards to stress. Stress is a common occurrence in the workplace and should be recognized. This bill does not restrict an employee to file a stress-related claim. This bill does protect the Workers Compensation Act from fraudulent stress claims. The loophole is closed by excluding stress that results from a lawful reprimand by an employer. Vote 16-1.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 119, relative to exemptions and credits to property taxes when the property is sold. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. William G. Johnson for Municipal and County Government: The current assessment practice is to value all properties in a municipality as of April 1 each year. Exemptions and credits are also determined as of April 1 every year. If a change of ownership happens during the ensuing year and the new owner is not eligible for the exemption or credit, no added property tax is collected by the municipality based on the ownership change. This bill would require that any exemption or credit that applied to a certain parcel of land expire with a change of ownership. No mechanism for the additional collection of taxes or policy change for addressing mid-year eligibility was addressed in the bill. The committee views the April 1 assessing date as providing stability to the tax rate. Given that the entire system of property assessment is under scrutiny and may be changed, the committee found overwhelmingly that this idea should not be implemented now. Vote 13-1.

HB 168, relative to transfers of ownership of cemetery plots or burial spaces. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Richard S. Eaton for Municipal and County Government: The bill expands the current law in RSA 289 to include municipal cemetery trustees in the process of determining ownership of cemetery lots or burial spaces. Whenever there is a transfer of ownership the new owner will need to comply with the local municipal regulations. This legislation is by no means a total solution to all cemetery issues brought up during the hearing. However, according to cemetery trustees testifying before the committee, this is a major improvement and will contribute to building a more effective law. Vote 11-0.

HB 187-FN-LOCAL, relative to the Manchester airport authority security force. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Ronald A. Giordano for Municipal and County Government: The Rockingham County Delegation reviews the Sheriff's budget which includes the contract for the security force at the Manchester Airport. According to RSA 24:1, the county convention consists of "the State Representatives of the representative districts of the county." RSA 23:1 allows the counties, as a body corporate, to make contracts. The proposed bill required that the Manchester Airport Authority organize a separate security force that is not comprised of the Rockingham County Sheriff's deputies to patrol the airport. The Manchester Airport Authority was not included in any discussions of the proposal and sees no reason to alter the current contract. The majority of the Rockingham County Delegation is not in favor of this change. The committee realizes that this contract between the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office and the Manchester Airport Authority is viable and under the jurisdiction of the Rockingham County Delegation and voted unanimously to report this bill Inexpedient To Legislate. Vote 13-0.

HB 216-FN-LOCAL, requiring a permit for ownership of a pit bull, rottweiler, or doberman. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Mary E. Griffin for Municipal and County Government: The purpose of this bill was to require owners of a doberman, rottweiler, or pit bull to obtain a permit to keep them in their homes as pets. The bill also required the governing body to hold a hearing and grant a permit to own these specific dogs. The committee heard testimony from approximately 50 people who were in opposition. The sponsor was the only person in favor. Committee members also received numerous calls and e-mails from the public expressing their opposition as most every person had a concern that this bill was "breed specific" and was unfair. They further stated that if their dogs are targeted, all dogs should be targeted. The message heard at the hearing was that much of the problem was due to negligence of owners' relative to dog care. This would include the need for obedience training, education, adherence to current laws on the books, and minimizing or eliminating the abusive use of these dogs, such as in programmed dog fights and drug trafficking. It was also suggested that there is a need to train dog owners, even to the extent that it might be considered as part of the school curriculum. Although the committee opted to recommend this bill be found inexpedient to legislate, partly based on possible Article 28-a unfunded mandates issues, it acknowledged that the issues raised by the sponsor should not be overlooked. Rather, these awareness issues need to be reviewed and addressed by the current Pet Overpopulation Committee. Vote 13-0.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 148, establishing a committee to study the feasibility and value of encouraging the construction and operation on state park lands of publicly or privately-owned hotels, conference centers, and other resort facilities. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for Resources, Recreation and Development: The committee appreciates that the goal of the sponsors was to investigate the possibility of generating revenue by encouraging the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) to allow private resort type operations on state park land. However, it was the overwhelming conclusion of the committee that such a policy would be contrary to the traditional intent of the state park program. The department also stated that a process is already in place to allow such operations if a suitable opportunity presents itself. Examples are special agreements with the Division of Parks for the New Hampshire Audubon Society to operate the Science Center at Odiorne State Park, also, a portion of White Island in the Isles of Shoals to Atlantic Aqua Sports of Rye, New Hampshire. Vote 18-0.

HB 278, naming Langmaid Brook in the town of Pembroke. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. David M. Lawton for Resources, Recreation and Development: HB 278 seeks to solidify a local initiative to name a small, previously unnamed brook in Pembroke, New Hampshire. After the U.S. Board on Geographic Names rejected an attempt to name the brook "Dykeman Creek" a local group organized and proposed the name "Langmaid Brook." This brook was to be so named to honor the memory of Josie Langmaid, a student at Pembroke Academy, who was the victim of the famous Pembroke Murder of 1875. Although the committee was in general agreement that the brook should be named for Josie Langmaid, they also found that the Pembroke Selectmen have the authority to take such action without legislative approval. Vote 16-2.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 104, relative to dial-up Internet service providers. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Roy D. Maxfield for Science, Technology and Energy: The committee reviewed various Internet Service Provider concerns raised by this bill. Expansion of Internet Service Providers to all areas of the state has been realized and the focus now has shifted to quality. The committee recognizes the sponsor's intent with his proposal, however in a competitive market such as this, quality and speed will determine customer choice and their satisfaction will determine which Providers succeed. Information regarding modem ratios and speed of connection are available on various Web sites. Vote 13-0.

HB 166, establishing a committee to study gas and hazardous substance pipeline safety. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert E. Introne, Jr. for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill establishes a committee to study gas and hazardous substance pipeline safety. This bill also requires the Gas Utility Restructuring Oversight Committee to study gas and hazardous substance pipeline safety after this study committee completes its final report. The committee determined the establishment of this study committee was both timely and appropriate given the concerns expressed regarding recent catastrophic pipeline explosions in the United States and elsewhere, and the impending gas pipeline construction in New Hampshire. Vote 14-0.

HB 167, relative to the authority of the consumer advocate. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Harold V. Lynde for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill adds the authority to promote and further consumer

knowledge and education to the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA). This authority was part of the predecessor organization to the OCA and its absence was likely an oversight when the OCA legislation was created. The committee felt consumer education was an appropriate function of the OCA. Vote 12-1.

HCR 4, encouraging New Hampshire Public Radio to extend its broadcast signal to all of Coos county including the Connecticut River Valley area. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Michael D. Harrington for Science, Technology and Energy: New Hampshire Public Radio has been contacted on this issue. They are working on expanding their broadcast signal to this area and support this resolution. Vote 13-0.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 146, requiring any driver to have headlights on when continuously operating windshield wipers during inclement weather. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: When this bill was first presented, the committee was made aware of other RSAs pertaining to headlights. A subcommittee was assigned to review headlights RSAs and add an amendment for windshield wiper use. The subcommittee decided to take existing RSA 266:31, and in the first paragraph add ... "when windshield wipers are on in continuous use because of inclement weather." This bill would take effect on January 1, 2002. Vote 10-4.

HB 174-FN, relative to license plates for deaf and hard-of-hearing drivers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: This was an interesting bill in the fact that some deaf drivers spoke against the bill. The committee was informed that the Department of Safety was willing to work with people to design a decal to be placed on the back window instead of on current plates. We felt that the department would handle this fairly if there was enough public interest. Vote 13-0.

HB 287-FN-LOCAL, relative to provision of a drivers training program before certain persons can be required to undergo drivers license reexamination. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: Part of what this bill requested is currently being done by the American Association of Retired People (AARP) and the American Automobile Association (AAA). Also, something is being looked at in a subcommittee on graduating licenses for repeat offenders. There is no financial backing for these courses, and currently there are no other courses being taught or given. Vote 18-0.

HB 335-FN, relative to the uniform fine schedule for motor vehicle violations. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: This bill was a request to add the demerit point system to the existing fine schedule. It was noted that since there are two point systems, both would have to be added. The New Hampshire Department of Safety currently has boxes full of current forms and said they would take it under consideration when it is time to reorder. They also informed us that the demerit point system is now listed on the web site. Vote 18-0.

HB 340-FN, requiring parental notification when a person under the age of 18 receives a penalty for a traffic law violation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill would require parental notification when a person under the age of 18 receives a penalty for a traffic violation. Testimony revealed that this bill was brought forward because a parent received incorrect information from a clerk at the New Hampshire Department of Safety (DOS) in regards to the Driver Privacy Act. License suspensions, revocations and driving violations are not protected by this act. A parent may request information from the DOS. Additionally, committee members felt that parents should be able to acquire that information from their minor children. Testimony also revealed that there were 12,000 license suspensions last year for under the age of 20 alone. That number doesn't include other violations. The cost far outweighs any benefit this bill could realize. Vote 17-2.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

REGULAR CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 122-FN-L, relative to euthanizing repeatedly vicious dogs. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert M. Fesh for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill, as amended, clarifies current law RSA 466:31, which states what courts may order. It was unclear to some if euthanizing was a court option. This bill, as amended, clarifies current law by adding that a court may upon satisfaction that the vicious dog (described in current law) has committed vicious acts, order the dog euthanized. Providing such dog was "at large", running loose, not under control, and committed 2 or more such vicious attacks within a 12-month period. Disposal cost shall be borne by the owner or keeper. The behavior of the dogs presents a threat to public safety. Vote 12-3.

EDUCATION

HB 190, relative to prayer in the public schools. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Russell N. Cox for Education: The committee had considerable discussion encompassing the entire spectrum of permissive direction to school boards relating to school prayer, pledge of allegiance and silent reflection and considered four amendments to the bill. It became obvious that this issue generated more heat than light and since the existing legislation is permissive only, is utilized fully by very few school districts and the proposed modification was not a substantive improvement, the present law was best left undisturbed. Vote 12-5.

JUDICIARY

HB 217-FN, prohibiting the courts from charging fees. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Rep. Tony F. Soltani for Judiciary: The committee recognized the value of the ideological support for this bill. The New Hampshire system of government requires the courts to be readily accessible to the public. Presently, the courts charge a flat fee to all litigants regardless of their economic position. The committee is mindful that the system needs to be changed in order to make courts more accessible. However, the complete abolition of all fees is, at this point, impractical and inexpedient. Vote 11-4.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 218-FN, relative to the motor vehicle road toll law and motor vehicle registration fees. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill makes several changes to the road toll statutes: first, it deletes the maximum amount for road toll bonds required of licensed distributors of motor fuels; permits the Commissioner of the Department of Safety to waive interest assessed for road toll violations; requires the Commissioner of Safety to establish the interest rate assessed on road toll violations; requires special fuel users to retain records necessary for purposes of administering to road toll laws and; repeals road toll provisions relating to heating oil suppliers. This bill also increases the

motor vehicle registration fee by \$6.00. This would increase the highway fund by approximately \$6 million (six million dollars). Additionally, \$720,000 would be distributed to the cities and towns by statutory requirement. The New Hampshire Highway Fund badly needs this increase to maintain current services. The last registration increase was in 1989, and the cost of services has increased dramatically since that time. This bill also establishes a Motor Vehicle Safety and Inspection Fund. This would be used to fund Motor Vehicle Inspectors pursuant to RSA 266:1-a. This bill has the support of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, New Hampshire Department of Safety, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, American Automobile Association and the Governor's office. Vote 14-0.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on *HB 326-FN-A*, relative to the continuation of the New Hampshire task force on deafness and hearing loss and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

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

1:30 p.m. *HB 289-FN*, implementing procedures for a hospital to assume care and custody of an abandoned child and creating an exception to the crime of endangering the welfare of a child.

2:15 p.m. *HB 405*, establishing a committee to study the creation of an at-home infant child care program in New Hampshire.

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

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

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.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *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.

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.

1:30 p.m. **HB 557-FN-A**, establishing a sexual assault victim services program to be funded by a tax on video games, video movies, video game players, and video movie players.

2:00 p.m. **HB 545-FN**, establishing the railroad trespass prevention act.

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2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 271**, relative to criminal liability for the conduct of another.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 412**, establishing a committee to study the granting of state franchise rights to providers of on-line education courses.

11:00 a.m. **HB 237**, relative to filling a vacancy in an alumni trustee position on the board of trustees of the university system.

1:00 p.m. **HB 425-FN**, establishing a practical living skills course for certain high school pupils.

2:00 p.m. **HB 487**, establishing a committee to study safety issues relating to the transportation of kindergarten students.

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:45 a.m. **HB 418**, relative to requirements for recounts.

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 225**, relative to applications for recounts.

10:15 a.m. **HB 368**, relative to the time for processing absentee ballots.

10:45 a.m. **HB 391**, establishing a commission to review the state's election laws and balloting procedures.

11:00 a.m. **HB 399**, relative to proof of qualifications for voter registration.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

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

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1:00 p.m. Discussion of RSA 28-a.

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.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 428**, relative to claims against the state by certain victims of Judge John C. Fairbanks.

9:45 a.m. **HB 536-FN-A-LOCAL**, making an appropriation to the town of Conway for the purpose of burying utility lines.

10:30 a.m. **CACR 15**, relating to a balanced budget. Providing that the governor shall not propose, nor shall the general court approve, an operating budget in which expenditures exceed estimated revenue.

11:15 a.m. **HB 123-FN**, relative to the retirement system classification for the director of the division of safety services, department of safety.

1:00 p.m. **HB 105-FN-A**, establishing an agricultural nutrient management program and making an appropriation therefor.

1:30 p.m. **HB 208-FN**, changing the license requirement for operators collecting the meals and rooms tax.

Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

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.

1:15 p.m. **HB 471-FN**, relative to fish and game licenses issued to resident and nonresident minors.

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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 227**, clarifying certain definitions relating to emergency medical and trauma services.

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.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 382**, relative to the office of the governor and the right-to-know law.

HB 383, making the state courts subject to the right-to-know law.

11:00 a.m. **HB 450**, relative to work product under the right-to-know law.

1:00 p.m. **HB 467**, relative to a term for the chief justice of the supreme court.

1:30 p.m. **HB 490**, requiring public access to law libraries.

2:00 p.m. **CACR 8**, Relating to: the term of office for judges. Providing that: the tenure of judges shall be during good behavior except as otherwise provided by the general court.

2:30 p.m. **HB 457-FN**, establishing a process for reviewing judges.

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.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 440**, relative to the establishment of instream flows.

11:30 a.m. **HB 556-FN-A**, making certain appropriations to the department of cultural resources and the department of safety.

1:30 p.m. **HB 539-FN-A**, creating certain positions within the division of forests and lands and making an appropriation therefor.

2:30 p.m. **HB 592-FN-A**, relative to a milfoil prevention and research grant program and fund.

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

RULES, Room 100, State House

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

Executive session to follow.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 489**, relative to the regulation of rural electric cooperatives by the public utilities commission.

11:00 a.m. **HB 583**, making certain changes to the underground utility damage prevention system.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the

time the committee is initially convened.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HCR 7**, urging the federal government to allow a deduction for personal credit card interest from the federal income tax.
- 10:45 a.m. **HCR 9**, urging the President of the United States to increase the administration's efforts to mediate a peaceful resolution to the dispute in Cyprus between Turkey and the Republic of Cyprus.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 397**, establishing a committee to study the status of veterans in New Hampshire.
- 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 **HCR 5**, urging the federal government to consider the impacts on New Hampshire and the smaller states of interstate waste legislation.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 366**, relative to antique former military vehicles.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 306-FN**, relative to driver education training reimbursement.
- 10:45 a.m. **HCR 8**, encouraging more direct flights and international flights from the Manchester airport.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 513**, establishing a committee to study the disposition of revenue from fines for violations of the motor vehicle laws.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 459-FN**, relative to inspection requirements for antique vehicles.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 456**, relative to automobile insurance for teenage drivers.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 496**, establishing a committee to study the method by which low-digit license plates are issued by the department of safety and any alternatives to the presently-used method.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 209-FN**, relative to original and youth operators' licenses.

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.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 427**, establishing a commission to study the taxation of trusts and the control of beneficiaries over trust management.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 551-FN**, establishing a homestead exemption from the education property tax.
- 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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 246**, relative to marriage between first cousins.

11:00 a.m. **HB 449**, relative to access to adoption records.

2:00 p.m. **HB 416**, relative to fire safety inspections for foster family homes.

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. **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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 301-FN**, requiring that the department of corrections be charged the lowest rate for inmates who need medical services within the community.

11:00 a.m. **HB 437-FN**, relative to certain changes to the child pornography statutes.

1:30 p.m. **HB 475**, establishing a commission for the development of a statewide protocol for interviewing victims of sexual assault crimes.

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

EDUCATION JOINT WITH SENATE EDUCATION, Rooms 205-207, LOB

9:00 a.m. Members of the Career and Technical Student Organizations will be coming to speak to the members of the House and Senate Education Committees. We will be presenting them with a Joint Resolution.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

11:00 a.m. **HB 486**, relative to vocational education alternatives for public school pupils.

1:00 p.m. **HB 552-FN-A-LOCAL**, restructuring the delivery of a public elementary and secondary education and related educational services in New Hampshire.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 314-FN***, relative to administrative rules governing privacy.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 344-FN***, establishing a state office of privacy.

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.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

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

HB 189-FN, increasing the facility funding limits under the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund.

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.

HB 536-FN-A-LOCAL, making an appropriation to the town of Conway for the purpose of burying utility lines.

HB 428, relative to claims against the state by certain victims of Judge John C. Fairbanks.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

1:00 p.m. Work and executive session on the following bills:

HB 310-FN-A, setting the rate for the medicaid enhancement tax for the biennium ending June 30, 2003.

HB 351-FN-A-LOCAL, requiring the state to fully fund school building aid payments for fiscal year 2001 and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 354-FN-A-LOCAL, extending the kindergarten construction program.

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

1:30 p.m. Work session on ***HB 295-FN***, relative to medicaid recoveries from third party settlements.

Executive session on pending legislation to follow.

FINANCE – (DIVISION IV), Rooms 210-211, LOB

3:00 p.m. Work and executive session on the following bills:

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.

CACR 1, relating to the rate of taxation of a tax dedicated to funding an adequate education. Proving that a two-thirds vote of the house of representatives and the senate shall be required to increase the rate of taxation of a tax dedicated to funding the state’s obligation to provide an adequate education from the rate initially established.

CACR 15, relating to a balanced budget. Providing that the governor shall not propose, nor shall the general court approve, an operating budget in which expenditures exceed estimated revenue.

HB 286-FN-LOCAL, relative to the calculation of the adequate education grant amount.

HB 291-FN-LOCAL, revising the procedure for determining the cost of an adequate education.

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.

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

11:00 a.m. **HB 485**, relative to physicians employed by hospitals.

1:15 p.m. **HB 463-FN**, relative to protective services to adults.

2:15 p.m. **HB 479**, relative to dead bodies.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **CACR 10**, relating to term of office for judges and judicial retirement age. Providing that all judges appointed on or after January 1, 2003 shall serve a 5-year term which may be renewed by vote of the governor and council, and that the mandatory judicial retirement age shall be repealed.

10:00 a.m. **HB 444**, relative to mental health services and records.

1:00 p.m. **HB 465**, relative to the admission to practice law and to bar association membership for attorneys.

2:00 p.m. **HB 495**, relative to judicially appointed officials.

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **CACR 4**, relating to the administrative head of the courts. Providing that article 73-a of the second part of the New Hampshire constitution, relative to the chief justice of the supreme court as the administrative head of all the courts, be repealed. and **CACR 5**, relating to the rulemaking authority of the supreme court. Providing that supreme court rules are effective only when not inconsistent with statute.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 261-FN**, including the judiciary as a public employer under the public employee labor relations act.

10:00 a.m. **HB 448**, relative to procedures for crews and provision of counseling services following a railway accident.

10:30 a.m. **HB 346-FN**, relative to requirements for medical examination and determination of gainful occupation for group II retirees injured in the performance of duty.

1:00 p.m. **HB 347-FN**, relative to terminal pay for certain state officials or employees.

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

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.

Rooms 301-303, LOB

2:30 p.m. Briefing on Law-Net Statewide Infrastructure for law enforcement communications.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PORT AUTHORITY ORGANIZATION STUDY (HB 1559, Chapter 153:2, Laws of 2000), Room 201, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 203, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 476**, relative to the definition of a campsite.

11:00 a.m. **HB 472**, requiring that land transferred to the White Mountain National Forest and the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge include a covenant granting access to the citizens of New Hampshire.

1:45 p.m. **HB 537-FN-A**, relative to a dedicated revenue source for the land and community heritage

investment program and the state’s travel and tourism promotion and development effort.

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.

1:00 p.m. **HB 578**, relative to requirements for nonpublic utility providers of telephone services.

1:30 p.m. **HB 613**, establishing a task force relative to fuels.

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. Telecommunications subcommittee work session on **HB 374**, establishing a committee to study the assessment of surcharges on pay telephone use, **HB 403**, relative to the effective date of special contracts for telephone utilities and **HB 578**, relative to requirements for nonpublic utility providers of telephone services.

TOBACCO USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 126-K:19), Room 103, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 185-FN-LOCAL**, repealing the prospective repeals of the education property tax and related laws.

9:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 294-FN**, excluding certain pension income from household income for purposes of determining education property tax hardship relief.

9:45 a.m. **HB 50-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to sources of funding an adequate education.

11:15 a.m. **HB 424**, establishing a committee to study the exemption from property taxes for not-for-profit hospitals.

1:30 p.m. **HB 558-FN-A-LOCAL**, increasing certain state taxes, establishing a tax on gambling winnings, and expanding the meals and rooms tax to include a tax on entertainment.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

2:30 p.m. Judicial branch budget presentation.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

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

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

Immediately following the House session executive session and revenue work session.

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.

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 470**, relative to caller identification requirements for persons engaged in telephone solicitation.

11:00 a.m. **HB 534**, relative to "salvage" motor vehicles.

1:15 p.m. **HB 488**, relative to the confidentiality of patient prescription records.

2:00 p.m. **HB 514**, relative to uniform prescription drug information cards.

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 481**, relative to access to certain communications common carrier records.

11:00 a.m. **HB 508**, relative to third party contact in orders of protection from domestic violence.

11:30 a.m. **HB 521**, relative to an exception for hunter safety instruction to negligent storage of firearms.

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 515-FN-LOCAL**, establishing parental choice scholarships.

1:00 p.m. **HB 594**, establishing a committee to study the law on justification for the use of physical force and its implications for teachers or other persons entrusted with the care and supervision of minors.

2:00 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.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:45 a.m. **HB 468**, relative to declaration of party affiliation in primary voting.

10:15 a.m. **HB 441**, relative to qualifications of candidates.

10:30 a.m. **HB 430**, establishing a commission to study the feasibility of implementing a computerized voter registration system.

11:00 a.m. **HB 376**, allowing county commissioners serving 4-year terms to vote at state party conventions.

11:15 a.m. **HB 411**, requiring that New Hampshire's presidential electors be bound to vote for the candidates of the party which nominated the electors.

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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 348-FN**, prohibiting the land application of sludge in certain excavation areas.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 353-FN-A**, relative to diversified agricultural development, and making an appropriation therefor.

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.

1:30 p.m. **CACR 11**, relating to mandatory retirement age for sheriffs. Providing that the mandatory retirement age for sheriffs shall be abolished.

2:15 p.m. **HB 453**, establishing a 4-year term for the commissioner of the department of corrections.

2:45 p.m. **HB 548-FN-A**, relative to the powers and duties of the office of the attorney general.

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 445**, relative to hunting in the town of Bow.

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.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 466**, relative to the selection of replacement justices for supreme court justices who are disqualified to hear cases.

11:00 a.m. **HB 499**, making state-appointed advisory committees subject to the right-to-know law.

1:00 p.m. **HB 550-FN**, relative to remedies under the right-to-know law.

1:30 p.m. **HB 409**, relative to qualification for admission to the New Hampshire bar.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 543-FN**, establishing the division of ports and harbors within the Pease development authority and transferring all functions, powers, and duties of the New Hampshire state port authority.

1:00 p.m. **HB 561-FN-A**, abolishing tolls along state highways and increasing the gasoline tax.

2:15 p.m. **HB 547-FN**, authorizing participation in a regional electronic toll collection system.

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

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 480**, relative to the divisions within the department of resources and economic development.

11:00 a.m. **HJR 3**, encouraging the preservation of the system of locks on the Merrimack river.

1:00 p.m. **HB 455**, relative to personal flotation devices.

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

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HCR 11**, to evaluate regional transportation infrastructure links.

10:45 a.m. **HCR 12**, requesting that the federal government lift federal preemption of regulation of gas pipelines and pipelines carrying other hazardous substances.

11:15 a.m. **HCR 10**, supporting the electoral college.

1:15 p.m. **HJR 4**, urging Congress to amend the Pipeline Safety Act.

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 473-FN**, authorizing the department of safety to issue special amateur radio operator plates.

11:00 a.m. **HB 474-FN**, relative to motor vehicle plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers.

1:00 p.m. **HB 283-FN**, establishing a low-digit plate lottery for plates reacquired by the department

of safety and for low-digit plates not yet issued by the department.

2:00 p.m. **HB 460-FN**, relative to the form of drivers' licenses.

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 562-FN-A-LOCAL**, establishing a New Hampshire education tax on consumption and transactions and accumulating certain principal sums in a state trust for education to provide for future education funding.

1:30 p.m. **HB 571**, establishing a commission to study the feasibility of creating a statewide land value assessment system for the purpose of creating a revenue source for funding education.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 497**, prohibiting banks from charging customers fees for accessing funds from their own accounts.

10:30 a.m. **HB 529**, relative to advertisements for sweepstakes and gambling.

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 565-FN**, relative to liability for providing alcoholic beverages to minors.

11:00 a.m. **HB 567-FN-LOCAL**, granting female inmates access to certain rehabilitation related programs.

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 379**, apportioning the executive council districts.

9:35 a.m. **HB 380**, apportioning county commissioner districts.

9:40 a.m. **HB 419**, apportioning delegates to state party conventions.

9:45 a.m. **HB 420**, apportioning state representative districts.

10:00 a.m. **HB 268**, relative to apportioning presidential electors.

10:15 a.m. **HB 234**, relative to the jurisdiction of the ballot law commission.

10:30 a.m. **CACR 9**, relating to the term of office for governor. Providing that beginning with the 2004 general election, there shall be a 4-year term of office for governor.

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 510**, establishing a commission to assess increasing government efficiency through the expansion of interstate computer networks.

10:30 a.m. **HB 502**, establishing a state government reorganization task force.

11:15 a.m. **HB 464**, encouraging all state departments to improve efficiencies with the goal of a 25 percent budget reduction, adjusted for inflation, by 2005.

1:30 p.m. **HB 458-FN-LOCAL**, establishing a defined contribution retirement option in the New Hampshire retirement system.

2:15 p.m. **HB 477-FN**, relative to supplemental allowances for certain retired group I members of the New Hampshire retirement system.

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, Rooms 205-207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 532**, establishing a committee to study the adequacy of funding for the continued universal distribution of children's vaccines.

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.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 505**, limiting the liability of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

11:00 a.m. **HB 492**, requiring a clear statement of which justices rendered each supreme court order or opinion.

1:00 p.m. **HB 533-FN**, relative to disqualification of judges.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 229**, relative to third person liability under the workers' compensation law.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Briefing re: Capital bonding by State Treasurer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMISSION (RSA 21-K:18), Room 203, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (HB 1390, Chapter 114:2, Laws of 2000), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 518**, relative to increases of motor vehicle policy premiums because a person reaches a certain age.

11:00 a.m. **HB 526**, establishing a committee to study recodification of the motor vehicle insurance laws.

1:15 p.m. **HB 524**, relative to unfair insurance trade practices.

2:00 p.m. **HB 525**, relative to property and casualty insurance.

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 462-FN**, requiring state regulatory boards, commissions, advisory boards, advisory committees, and authorities to develop an orientation manual for new members.

10:30 a.m. **HB 483**, repealing the Uniform Aircraft Financial Responsibility Act.

11:15 a.m. **HB 438-FN**, relative to the sale of dogs and cats.

1:30 p.m. **HB 493**, relative to exemptions from the New Hampshire real estate practice act and relative to the definition of a short term rental.

2:15 p.m. **HB 554-FN**, establishing a division of information technology within the department of safety.

3:00 p.m. **HB 523**, establishing a commission to investigate the possibility of setting up a division of hearings within the department of justice.

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

9:45 a.m. **HB 553-FN-LOCAL**, requiring background checks for nursing home employees.

11:00 a.m. **HB 540-FN-A**, relative to prescription benefit management companies and continually appropriating a special fund.

1:30 p.m. **HB 538-FN**, requiring photographs on walking disability placards.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

11:30 a.m. **HB 528**, relative to rental vehicle insurance disclosure.

1:15 p.m. **HB 541-FN**, requiring certain hospitals to provide charity care and continually appropriating a special fund.

2:00 p.m. **HB 542-FN**, requiring cellular telephone carriers to notify customers before the service is disconnected.

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 560-FN-A**, establishing a contributory judicial retirement plan.

1:30 p.m. **HB 585**, relative to the membership and duties of the council on resources and development.

2:15 p.m. **HB 598**, adding the New Hampshire housing finance authority to the council on resources and development.

3:00 p.m. **HB 587-FN-A**, establishing a commission on the status of men, 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.

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

9:30 a.m. **HB 569**, establishing a committee to study the education of family caregivers in New Hampshire.

11:00 a.m. **HB 576**, establishing a committee to study the manner in which certain drugs are prescribed to children with behavior disorders.

1:15 p.m. **HB 573**, relative to the role of advanced registered nurse practitioners in the state mental health services system.

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

BOARD OF CLAIMS (RSA 541-B:3), Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. *HB 511*, relative to continuing medical education requirements for physicians.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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

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

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Strafford County Delegation will meet on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administrative Building for a workshop on the proposed 2001 Strafford County Budget.

Rep. Gary R. Gilmore, Chairman

Strafford County Delegation

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.

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, 179, 180, 184, 186, 189, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 214, 218, 282, 283, 286, 287, 289, 293, 302, 308, 309, 318, 319, 325, 327, 335, 344 and 346.

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.

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

All Legislators are invited to join family members of NH Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade as we dedicate a bronze plaque in honor and recognition of their fight for freedom and democracy against Hitler, Mussolini and Franco in the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939. The ceremony will be held on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m. on the 1st floor in the south corridor of the State House.

Rep. James A. Whittemore

"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

The House Republican Alliance will be holding a joint meeting with the Pro-Life Caucus on Wednesday, February 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Upham Walker House. It is hoped that Bishop John MacCormack will be present to greet pro-life Representatives. Bring a lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Reps. Robert J. Giuda and Phyllis L. Woods

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

The Main Street Republicans will meet in the Upham Walker House from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Upham Walker House on February 15th. Bring your lunch.

Reps. Peter F. Bergin and Cynthia J. Dokmo

The Board of Directors of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce cordially invite all legislators to a "2001 Legislative Welcome Breakfast Reception" on Thursday, February 15, 2001 from 8:30 am - 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord.

Rep. Elizabeth S. Hager

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.

Rep. Warren C. Henderson

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

Legislators for Limited Spending are sponsoring a New Member Reception on Thursday, February 22 at the Upham Walker House at 3:00 p.m. or after session. All freshmen House members are invited.

Rep. David A. Welch

Members are invited to view a model of the proposed Alan B. Shephard Discovery Center and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium on display in the Visitors' Center.

Reps. Gary R. Gilmore and James R. MacKay

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

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. 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 15

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2001-0021h

Amendment to HB 103

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - C

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

AN ACT relative to the possession of deadly weapons by convicted felons or during the commission or attempted commission of a violent crime.

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

1 Pistols and Revolvers; Convicted Felons; Prohibition on Deadly Weapons Added. Amend RSA 159:3, I (a) to read as follows:

(a) Owns or has in his possession or under his control, a pistol, revolver, or other firearm, or slungshot, metallic knuckles, billies, stiletto, switchblade knife, sword cane, pistol cane, blackjack, dagger, dirk-knife, ~~[or any other dangerous weapon]~~ **or other deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V**; and

2 Pistols and Revolvers; Possession of Dangerous Weapon While Committing a Violent Crime; Double-Edged Knives Added. Amend RSA 159:15, I to read as follows:

I. A person shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor if that person uses or employs slung shot, metallic knuckles, billies, or other ~~[dangerous weapons]~~ **deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V** during the commission or attempted commission of a violent crime.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a convicted felon from possessing any deadly weapon, as defined in statute, during the commission or attempted commission of a violent crime.

2001-0038h

Amendment to HB 122-FN-LOCAL

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - R

Amend RSA 466:31, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. Upon 2 or more vicious attacks upon humans or domestic animals, as provided in RSA 466:31, II(g), that result in death or injury to humans or domestic animals, the local law enforcement authority shall recommend to the district or municipal court that the dog causing such injuries or death be euthanized, and upon satisfaction by the court that the dog has committed such vicious acts, the court may then so order that the dog be taken into custody by local law enforcement and euthanized. Costs for such euthanization and disposal shall be borne by the owner or keeper.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides:

I. After 2 or more vicious attacks by a dog causing injury or death to domestic animals or humans, and with a recommendation by the local law enforcement authority, a court may, upon satisfaction that the dog has committed such vicious acts, order the dog euthanized. Costs for such euthanization and disposal shall be borne by the owner or keeper.

II. Any person owning or keeping a dog that commits a second or subsequent vicious attack shall be liable for a civil forfeiture of \$200, notwithstanding when the vicious attacks occurred.

III. In the case of a vicious dog presenting a threat to public safety, court proceedings may be initiated regardless of payment of the civil forfeiture.

2001-0070h

Amendment to HB 132-FN

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Criminal Mischief; Damage to an Emergency Vehicle or Emergency Equipment. Amend RSA 634:2, II to read as follows:

II.**(a)** Criminal mischief is a class B felony if the actor purposely causes or attempts to cause:

~~[(a)]~~ **(1)** Pecuniary loss in excess of \$1,000; or

~~[(b)]~~ **(2)** A substantial interruption or impairment of public communication, transportation, supply of water, gas or power or other public service; or

~~[(c)]~~ **(3)** Discharge of a firearm at an occupied structure, as defined in RSA 635:1, III; or

~~[(d)]~~ **(4)** Damage to private or public property, real or personal, when the actor knows that the property has historical, cultural, or sentimental value that cannot be restored by repair or replacement.

(b) Criminal mischief is a class B felony if the actor recklessly causes or attempts to cause:

(1) Damage to any emergency vehicle, emergency, apparatus, or private vehicle containing emergency equipment which causes the vehicle, equipment, or apparatus to be taken out of service. In this subparagraph, "emergency vehicle" means any land, air, or water vehicle of a fire department or police department, and any similar ambulance or emergency vehicle of a municipal or state department or private organization, company, or corporation contracted to perform emergency services. "Emergency equipment" means any equipment used by emergency personnel in the performance of their official duties. "Out of service" means any condition that by rule, regulation, or actual damage which renders the vehicle, equipment, or apparatus unusable or unable, in whole or in part, to perform its intended function.

(2) A person found guilty under subparagraph (b)(1) shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and shall be liable for full restitution to the injured party.

(3) Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to prohibit prosecution for manslaughter under RSA 630:2, negligent homicide under 630:3, or both.

2001-0067h

Amendment to HB 143

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - C

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to address the problem created by the shortage of health care personnel and support staff in New Hampshire.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1-4 with the following:

1 Purpose. The general court recognizes that there exists an acute shortage of health care personnel, in particular nurses and other health care workers, in New Hampshire. This bill establishes a committee to study and develop approaches to encourage persons to prepare to enter and continue serving in such professions and vocations.

2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to address the problem created by the shortage of health care personnel and other health care workers in the state of New Hampshire.

3 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be from the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(b) Up to 2 members of the senate, one of whom shall be from the senate public institutions, health and human services committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. The committee may solicit information from the following:

(a) The New Hampshire Nurses Association.

(b) The New Hampshire Hospital Association.

(c) The New Hampshire Medical Society.

(d) State of New Hampshire State Employees Association.

(e) New Hampshire Association of Home Care Facilities.

(f) Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire.

(g) New Hampshire Health Care Association.

(h) Granite State Home Health Care Association.

(i) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

(j) The New Hampshire board of nursing.

(k) The New Hampshire Association of Counties.

(l) Any other person or entity the committee deems relevant to its quest.

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

4 Duties. The committee's study shall include, but not be limited to the following:

I. How to encourage persons to enter health care personnel professions, especially the nursing profession.

II. How to expand the educational facilities in nursing.

III. Whether to give tax credits to hospitals, nursing homes, and other appropriate facilities.

IV. Whether to award scholarships to health care personnel candidates.

V. Other methods of increasing the availability of health care personnel in New Hampshire.

VI. Whether to establish a statutory advisory committee on the shortage of health care personnel in New Hampshire and determine the nature and scope of such committee.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to address the problem created by the shortage of health care personnel and support staff in New Hampshire.

2001-0066h

Amendment to HB 146

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Front Lights; Lights Required During Windshield Wiper Use. Amend RSA 266:31 to read as follows:

266:31 Front Lights. Every motor vehicle driven during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and whenever rain, snow, or fog shall interfere with the proper view of the road so that persons and vehicles on the way are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1000 feet ahead, ***or when windshield wipers are on in continuous use because of inclement weather***, shall display at least 2 lighted lamps on the front; provided, however, that one suitable lighted lamp on the front of a motorcycle shall be sufficient. The headlamp shall throw sufficient light ahead within the travelled portion of the way to make clearly visible all vehicles, persons, or substantial objects within a distance of 200 feet, except that the headlamps of motorcycles shall be sufficient if they make clearly visible objects within a distance of 150 feet. No headlamp shall be used unless it is approved by the director and is equipped with a proper lens or other device designed to prevent glaring rays. All headlamps on every motor vehicle shall be located at a height of not more than 54 inches nor less than 24 inches from the ground on an unladen vehicle. The measurement shall be made from the ground to the center of the lens. No device which obstructs, reflects, or alters the beam of such headlamp shall be used in connection therewith unless approved by the director. Every lens or other device to prevent glaring rays, the use of which on motor vehicles has been approved by the director, shall be arranged, adjusted, and operated in accordance with the requirements of the certificate approving the use thereof. Every lamp, bulb, or light used in any headlamp shall be of such candle power as may be specified for the approved device in the certificate approving the use thereof. Every reflector which is used as a part of such headlamp shall have a reflecting surface approved by the director after satisfactory tests have been made, and every reflecting surface shall be free from dents, rust, and other imperfections. The driver of every motor vehicle shall permit any properly authorized person to inspect the headlighting equipment of such motor vehicle and to make such tests as he ***or she*** may deem necessary to determine whether the provisions of this section are being complied with.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that headlamps be displayed on a vehicle when windshield wipers are in continuous use because of inclement weather.

2001-0075h

Amendment to HB 166

Proposed by the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

(b) Up to 5 members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

Amend the bill by replacing sections 4-6 with the following:

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

5 Report.

I. The committee shall submit an interim report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2001.

II. The committee shall submit its final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2002.

6 New Subparagraph; Gas Utility Restructuring Oversight Committee; Duties; Pipeline Safety. Amend RSA 374:60, IV by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

(c) Study gas and hazardous substance pipeline safety.

7 Effective Date.

I. Section 6 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2002.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a committee to study gas and hazardous substance pipeline safety. This bill also requires the gas utility restructuring oversight committee to study gas and hazardous substance pipeline safety after the study committee has submitted its final report.

2001-0025h

Amendment to HB 218-FN

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - R

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

6 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Registration Fees; Fees to be Collected; Prorated Fees for Motor Vehicles. Amend RSA 261:141, III(g) to read as follows:

(g)(1) For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I:

0-3000 lbs. [~~\$19.20 (\$1.60)~~] **\$25.20 (\$2.10** per month)

3001-5000 lbs. [~~\$31.20 (\$2.60)~~] **\$37.20 (\$3.10** per month)

5001-8000 lbs. [~~\$43.20 (\$3.60)~~] **\$49.20 (\$4.10** per month)

8001-73,280 lbs. \$.84 per hundred lbs. gross weight.

(2) \$1.00 of each annual registration fee collected under this subparagraph shall be appropriated to the motor vehicle safety and inspection fund established pursuant to RSA 21-P:8-a.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following and renumbering the original sections 7-8 to read as 9-10, respectively:

7 New Subparagraph; General Revenue Exceptions; Motor Vehicle Safety and Inspection Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I by inserting after subparagraph (dddd) the following new subparagraph:

(eeee) Moneys deposited in the motor vehicle safety and inspection fund established in RSA 21-P:8-a.

8 New Section; Department of Safety; Motor Vehicle Safety and Inspection Fund. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting after section 8 the following new section:

21-P:8-a Motor Vehicle Safety and Inspection Fund. There is established in the office of the state treasurer a separate nonlapsing and continually appropriated fund to be known as the motor vehicle safety and inspection fund from which the state treasurer shall pay expenses as determined by the commissioner of safety for the purposes of employing motor vehicle inspectors pursuant to RSA 266:1-a.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

I. Deletes the maximum amount for road toll bonds required of licensed distributors of motor fuel.

- II. Permits the commissioner of safety to waive interest assessed for road toll violations.
- III. Requires the commissioner of safety to establish the interest rate assessed on road toll violations.
- IV. Requires special fuel users to retain records necessary for purposes of administering the road toll laws.
- V. Repeals road toll provisions relating to heating oil suppliers.
- VI. Increases registration fees for motor vehicles and dedicates a portion of each annual fee collected to a special fund established to pay for the employment of motor vehicle inspectors.

This bill is a request of the department of safety.

2001-0037h

Amendment to HB 240

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - C

Amend paragraph I(a)(1) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

- (1) A method to reduce the waitlist over a period of 5 years and to reduce the waiting period to 90 days.