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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Thursday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Town Meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 13. There will be no legislative business scheduled for that day to allow members to participate in their local activities.

We are aware that some members are having problems parking at the Storrs Street Garage. We apologize for any inconvenience and are taking measures to correct this matter.

The House will break the week of February 26-March 2. There should be no legislative business conducted during that time.

I hope members use and enjoy the vacation week to recharge as we have a lot of work ahead of us upon our return.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Thursday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. David M. Scanlan, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

House Continuing Education

TOPIC: The Dos and Don'ts of Getting Your Bills Passed

PRESENTER: Representative Douglass Teschner

Coordinator of House Continuing Education

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2001

TIME: Noon

PLACE: Room 308, LOB

TOPIC: Legislative Ethics

PRESENTER: Representative Jeb Bradley

Ethics Committee Chairman

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2001

TIME: Noon

PLACE: To be announced

Hold these dates for upcoming forums:

March 28 Budget Process (tentative)

April 25 Committees of Conference (tentative)

May 9 To be announced

May 23 To be announced

June 6 To be announced

All forums will be Wednesdays from 12-1:30 PM in the LOB unless otherwise noted.

Representative Douglass Teschner

Coordinator

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.
April 23, 2001, Monday	Supplemental LSR filing period opens.
April 27, 2001, Friday, by noon	Last day to file supplemental LSRs with complete information.
May 9, 2001, Wednesday	Last day to report Senate bills referred to a second committee.
May 17, 2001, Thursday	Last day to act on Senate bills being referred to a second committee.
May 25, 2001, Friday	Last day to sign-off all supplemental bills.
May 30, 2001, Wednesday	Last day to report all Senate bills for action in the first-year session.
	Last day for committees to report list of retained Senate bills.
June 7, 2001, Thursday	Last day to act on all Senate bills in the first-year session.
	Supplemental day to amend House Rules by majority vote.
June 13, 2001, Wednesday	Last day to form committees of conference.
June 20, 2001, Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.	Last day to sign committee of conference reports.
June 26, 2001, Tuesday	Last day to act on committee of conference reports.
	Last day to introduce supplemental bills.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 120, making the commissioner of the department of youth development services a member of the department of youth development advisory board. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Daniel C. Itse for Children and Family Law: This bill makes three changes to the Department of Youth Development Services Advisory Board, as follows: 1. It requires that the Commissioner of the Department of Youth Development Services and not a designee serve on the board. 2. It broadens the committee membership by adding an additional state representative. 3. It broadens the committee membership by adding a juvenile probation and parole officer. Vote 19-0.

COMMERCE

HB 265, prohibiting the sale of rolling papers to minors. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Kathleen N. Taylor for Commerce: This bill was introduced at the request of a group of Dover students. They feel that there is no reason for anyone under the age of 18 to use rolling papers and that it should be illegal for under 18 year olds to purchase them. The committee agrees with them. This is already the law in Dover. Vote 13-0.

HB 307-FN-A, increasing the tax on beer and wine. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Martha Fuller Clark for Commerce: The Sponsor admitted that increasing the tax by one cent would not generate a lot of money, but because the beer tax is based on "gallnage" and not price, it does not increase with inflation. The sponsor felt it was time to increase the tax to reflect inflation. New Hampshire already has the second highest tax per gallon on wine and beer in New England, and testimony presented stressed that even a one-cent increase would make a difference to purchasers. Vote 13-0.

HB 372, requiring prepaid home heating oil delivery companies to be bonded. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Leo W. Fraser, Jr. for Commerce: It has become fairly common that fuel customers pre-pay for their fuel for the following year. This method of obtaining a firm price has worked well both for the purchaser and the vender. Unfortunately, one new fuel dealer came into the business and commenced obtaining pre-paid contracts at a price even lower than wholesale. The dealers sought assistance from the Attorney General. Rightfully, the AG's office said that until someone was harmed, they couldn't do anything. When this dealer defaulted, the Attorney General did step in. The testimony by all of the fuel dealers (especially the smaller mom and pop venders) showed that the cost of purchasing a bond would, in all likelihood, put them out of business. The committee was unanimous in recommending that this legislation was not appropriate, and should be reported as Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 13-0.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 303-FN-A-L, 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. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Richard E. Kennedy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The purpose of this bill is to establish a non-lapsing, dedicated, funding source for the training and certification of firefighters and emergency medical service (EMS) providers in the state of New Hampshire. We recognize the important roles that fire and EMS responders play in the maintenance of the health and safety of our citizens and visitors to New Hampshire. We are also aware of the ever-increasing requirements placed upon emergency response personnel for enhancing their training in the use of sophisticated fire-fighting and life-saving technologies, which are essential to the health and safety of all citizens. On a daily basis, firefighters and emergency medical service providers respond to and extinguish residential, commercial and industrial fires; extricate victims; provide basic and advanced life support and medical care; investigate the causes of fires; and respond to motor vehicle crashes, car fires, hazardous

materials spills, and other medical emergencies on the state’s roadway system. Firefighter and EMS professionals are present throughout the state, and it is the responsibility of the divisions of fire standards and training and EMS to provide these professions with training programs and certification services at a regional level. It is estimated local communities may pay up to 25% of the costs associated with the training programs. Currently, the communities may pay 100% of the costs. The commissioner will have the authority to waive fees for tuition, services and licenses, for good cause shown. The drivers license fee will increase from \$32 to \$50 under the provisions of this bill and the term of the license will increase from four years to five years. The increase will go to the highway fund. Funding for the firefighter academy has not been sufficient to allow outreach programs to bring training and certification classes to the regional departments as had been promised when the academy was first established. The direct funding of the academy will come from depositing the \$7 fee for motor vehicle records paid by insurance carriers into the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d. Vote 16-0.

EDUCATION

HB 237, relative to filling a vacancy in an alumni trustee position on the board of trustees of the university system. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Claire D. Clarke for Education: This bill retains existing law, which says that the appointment of successors for the filling of vacancies for unexpired terms shall be by appointment or election in the same manner as the original appointment. An exception is created so that a vacancy in an alumni trustee position shall be filled in accordance with the bylaws of the alumni association at the institution with which the position is associated. The committee overwhelmingly voted to accept this bill as recommended. Vote 15-0.

ELECTION LAW

HB 124, establishing a committee to study on-line voting. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Raymond Buckley for Election Law: The committee supports a study of on-line voting. It amended the bill to include studying electronic voting as well. We feel this committee will provide valuable information as we address the changing modes of voting. Vote 19-1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 245, relative to the duties and staff of the state geologist. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Nelson S. Allan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill gives real meaning to "New Hampshire is the Granite State". The activities of geological survey are collected under the director of the New Hampshire geological survey, and under this bill geologic functions will be centralized under the supervision of the state geologist. Resources are drawn from existing functions within the agency. Data collection and research are performed and disseminated through maps, reports, and other publications. Vote 16-0.

HB 279-FN-A-L, relative to the payment of certain unfunded accrued liability of the retirement system and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill authorizes the state treasurer to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$5,250,000, and issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the State of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-A. Payments of principal and interest of the new bonds and notes shall be made from the general fund of the state. The proceeds of this bond issue shall be paid to the New Hampshire retirement system to satisfy a note incurred in the 1992-94 biennium and which is costing the state 9% per annum with a 40-year amortization. The bond issue, if authorized by this bill, will have an interest rate of approximately 4.5%. This bill is similar to refinancing a home mortgage to a lower interest rate. Vote 17-0.

HB 371, relative to fiscal impact statements for proposed administrative rules prepared by the legislative budget assistant. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert K. Dodge for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill will reduce the workload of the legislative budget office. It allows state agencies to forgo the currently required step of receiving an amended fiscal statement on an

amendment to a rule change request, even in the case where the amendment is purely clerical or carries no fiscal impact. Administrative rules are constantly being proposed and if changes do not affect the fiscal statement, this bill will allow savings in time and effective date of the proposed administrative rules. Vote 17-0.

FISH AND GAME

HB 236, relative to the registration of deer. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Robert J. L'Heureux for Fish and Game: This change in the present law would bring us into uniformity with our neighboring states. This change would accommodate the successful deer hunter who gets his deer late in the day, but cannot register it because of the early closing of some registration stations. This bill has the support of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Vote 17-0.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 227, clarifying certain definitions relating to emergency medical and trauma services. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Joseph P. Manning for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: After conferring with the subcommittee and the principals involved, the sponsor feels the best course at this time is to report this bill Inexpedient To Legislate. The committee concurs. Vote 11-0.

HB 326-FN-A, relative to the continuation of the New Hampshire task force on deafness and hearing loss and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Alida I. Millham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: HB 326-FN-A will extend the task force on deafness and hearing loss established in 2000 so it can complete work on behalf of the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing. The task force would remain in effect until November 1, 2001 when a report and recommendations will be submitted to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. In addition, the task force membership was increased to include state department representation (Attorney General, Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Safety, and Commissioner on Disability), as well as, Granite State Independent Living and Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc. \$10.00 is appropriated to support the designated non-profit organization being developed to enhance interpreter referral and related services. Vote 12-0.

HB 389, establishing a committee to study the nursing home industry in New Hampshire. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee felt that scrutiny into the number of critical issues existing now is needed. There is a shortage of health care personnel in New Hampshire. More than one-third of nursing homes are operating under bankruptcy protection. As the elderly population increases in size, state policy should ensure that nursing home facilities are available and providing quality care. Vote 11-0.

HB 434, relative to persons who die in nursing homes. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Phyllis M. Katsakiores for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee strongly felt that circumstances surrounding the death of a person in a nursing home is best left up to the nursing home and its staff, who are trained to handle these situations. The committee also recognizes that the family, surviving residents and facility staff need an opportunity to say good-bye and should not be denied their need and right to grieve. Removing a recently deceased nursing home resident should be treated with dignity and respect. Implementation of this bill would seriously compromise the situation. With all due respect to the sponsors, testimony heard by the committee does not support the need for this legislation. Vote 17-0.

JUDICIARY

HB 157, clarifying the immunity from liability of police officers, firefighters, and bystanders who apply lifesaving measures in emergencies. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Christopher P. Reid for Judiciary: This bill as amended is a technical clarification of RSA 153-A:11. In passing RSA 153-A:11 last year, the legislature did not intend to in any way limit the protection afforded by RSA 508:12, the Good Samaritan Law. This bill simply clarifies the law. Vote 17-0.

HB 173-FN, relative to the place and time of detention. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Larry G. Elliott for Judiciary: The majority of the committee found that the elimination of Saturday arraignments would disproportionately impact indigent defendants. This would be a poor policy for the state to enter into because of its potential effects. The bill also could have an economic impact on individuals who work weekends and were unable to afford bail. Vote 11-5.

HB 203, allowing a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner employed under contract with the department of corrections to be indemnified and defended by the state under the same conditions as psychiatrists. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. John M. Pratt for Judiciary: In the last session, the legislature enacted a law granting immunity to certain medical and psychiatric professionals working under contract with the Department of Corrections. This bill extends that coverage to psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners working under contract with the Department of Corrections. Vote 15-0.

HB 214-FN, requiring transcription of grand jury proceedings. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Thomas Rice, Jr. for Judiciary: Many committee members sympathized with and supported the concept of this bill – that any person secretly indicted by a grand jury should have a transcript in order to defend oneself. However, the compelling objections to this proposition were: (1) destroying the secrecy of the inquiry could inhibit a thorough and conclusive investigation, including jeopardizing the anonymity of witnesses; and (2) the additional cost to the counties for transcriptions was considered a definite violation of Article 28-a. Vote 18-1.

HB 215, relative to publication of status of cases before the supreme court. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill requires the Supreme Court to report records of appeals to the court. The legislature found during the impeachment hearings that documentation of appeals filed were not available. This bill requires the court to provide annual records for review by the legislature and public on a quarterly basis. Vote 19-0.

HB 382, relative to the office of the governor and the right-to-know law. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Peter F. Bergin for Judiciary: Although this bill was well intended, its wording was inadequate to accomplish the intentions of the sponsor. The committee believes strongly that there may be areas in the Governor's Office that should fall under the right-to-know law. However, the entire subject matter is of such magnitude that other priorities should take precedence at this time. Vote 14-0.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 194, relative to municipal budget hearings, recommendations, and reports. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Kimberly O.M. Dionne for Municipal and County Government: This bill reflects a request from the Department of Revenue Administration to make technical corrections relative to certain laws administered by the department. It changes the final date for posting notice of bond hearings in municipalities operating under the official ballot referendum form of meeting (in March, April, and May). The bill also clears up reporting procedures for those municipalities that are not under the Municipal Budget Act. The committee determined that these changes would make an improvement upon the present law. Vote 15-0.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 263, naming a sidewalk in Wolfeboro the Kenneth J. MacDonald Memorial Sidewalk. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Lawrence J. Guay for Public Works and Highways: Ken MacDonald served in both the House and Senate for almost two decades after retiring from the New Hampshire State Police. Ken also served on the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen and the Carroll County Delegation. Ken was extremely well read and respected by all who knew him for his dedication, honesty, common sense and humor. Naming a sidewalk on Route 28 in Wolfeboro for Ken is a fitting tribute to his memory. Ken's efforts were instrumental in creating this sidewalk. Vote 16-0.

HB 417, requiring bidders for state contracts to have completed a training program of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. James B. Rausch for Public Works and Highways: The committee recommends this bill Inexpedient to Legislate. This bill

would require bidders for state contracts whose estimated cost is more than \$50,000.00, to have completed a ten hour construction safety program from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The committee overwhelmingly considered this legislation unnecessary, as requirements for training programs already exist in state law and OSHA regulations. Additionally, many other concerns were raised. Vote 17-0.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 177-FN-A, relative to the purchase of a wheelchair van for the veterans' home in Tilton and making an appropriation therefor. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Matthew J. Quandt for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee feels that providing a wheelchair van for the Veteran's Home in Tilton is a paramount need for the residents so that they can get around to doctors appointments and for recreational trips. The sponsor had looked into trying to get a van donated but that effort was not successful. The committee feels strongly that this is an important need for those who made many sacrifices for their state and country. Vote 12-1.

HR 5, directing the New Hampshire attorney general to report to the house of representatives on the feasibility of filing a class action lawsuit against the federal government to recover special education funding promised by the federal government under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Frank C. Guinta for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee recognizes the importance of the federal government's funding of special education. However, it strongly supports other legislation, HCR 13 which proposes that the House, Senate, and the Office of the Governor that urges the federal government to adequately fund the program for the State of New Hampshire. Because of HCR13, we report this bill as inexpedient to legislate. Vote 10-2.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 320-FN, relative to leasing certain portions of railroad properties. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. John W. Flanders for Transportation: The committee felt that this bill was necessary and it has wide support. The Department of Transportation supported it. This income from such leases will be deposited into the special railroad fund, which is used for rail upkeep. Vote 11-0.

HB 366, relative to antique former military vehicles. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill as written would allow antique military vehicles to operate on a public way without displaying New Hampshire registration plates. The committee felt that the general public would not recognize the difference between current military vehicles and antique military vehicles. A second consideration is law enforcement being able to identify these vehicles. Testimony revealed that a major concern for the owners of these vehicles was that during parades and demonstrations these vehicles be as authentic as possible. The Commissioner of Safety is willing to accommodate these concerns through rule-making. This would alleviate the need for legislation. Vote 11-0.

HCR 8, encouraging more direct flights and international flights from the Manchester airport. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: The committee hears a bill or resolution concerning the Manchester airport on a regular basis. The legislative body has no authority over the airport. The committee finds that the current airport director has been doing a good job concerning what flights are appropriate for the Manchester airport. The airport also runs under Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) rules and regulations. Vote 11-0.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 260, establishing a commission to examine child care resources for parents who work hours other than first shift. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos for Children and Family Law: This bill establishes a commission to study the issue of resources available and the need for second and third shift child care services. It is the Committee's hope that creative and innovative solutions will be discovered. Vote 15-4.

COMMERCE

HB 272, requiring bottled water labels to indicate the source of the water. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Paul D. Spiess for Commerce: This bill would require that water, which is bottled, packaged or sold in the state, include information on the label identifying the specific location from which the water was obtained, and the name and address of the purveyor. The committee did not feel that the inclusion of this information provided any direct benefit to the consumer or served a useful public purpose. The committee learned that bottled water can come directly from municipal water systems, as long as it meets clean water standards. Under federal law any water labeled "spring water" must identify the source. However, the courts found there is no compelling health reason to require bottled water companies to label the sources as long as they meet clean water standards. The committee does urge members who desire more information on the sources of bottled water to read the August 2000 issue of Consumer Reports. Vote 10-3.

EDUCATION

HB 425-FN, establishing a practical living skills course for certain high school pupils. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Bruce L. Dearborn for Education: The committee is very sensitive to the issue of high school dropouts and is sympathetic to the sponsors' concerns. This bill is an effort to provide a certificate program for job survival skills. The committee felt the technical high schools, the technical colleges and the state Department of Education have many developmental programs which are better suited to address students' needs. Consequently, the committee voted to report the bill inexpedient to legislate. Vote 15-0.

ELECTION LAW

HB 159, relative to removal of political advertising. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Richard B. Drisko for Election Law: The intent of the sponsor was to address situations where signs in front of residences were removed from highway rights of way. While the committee was sympathetic with the view that public land in front of private land could present a conflict, testimony from the Department of Transportation and others suggested that more difficulties would arise than problems would be solved. Vote 15-4.

FISH AND GAME

HB 273, relative to the purpose of state jurisdiction of fish and game regulation. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Michael A. Balboni for Fish and Game: The original bill, as introduced, expands the purpose of the fish and game department to recognize, preserve, and promote our special heritage of recreational hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing by providing opportunities to hunt, fish, trap, and view wildlife in accordance with Title XVIII of the Fish and Game laws. The amendment simply removes the word "recreational" from the bill. This bill has the support of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation, and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission.

Vote 16-1.

JUDICIARY

HB 133, relative to an informed jury. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

HB 134, permitting challenges to judges. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tony F. Soltani for the Majority of Judiciary: Presently, there is no requirement that a judge disqualify himself/herself from a case for any reason. The discretion to remain on the case remains with the judge even in the most egregious cases. This bill allows a party to request that a single judge not be assigned to the case. Additionally, the notice must be filed within thirty days of the return date in the initial stage of the legal action. This notice requirement allows more than an adequate opportunity to accommodate a citizen's request through administrative assignment. The judicial system is well capable of accommodating the needs of the people, judges and litigation to ensure that the notion of justice, and the appearance of justice, is well preserved. Vote 9-8.

Rep. Christopher P. Reid for the Minority of Judiciary: Parties to legal actions currently have the right to move to recuse a judge where the judge has a real or apparent conflict of interest. This bill would encourage forum shopping and would create serious administrative burdens and delay justice, especially in the smaller counties, where only one or two judges may be sitting.

HB 256, limiting the liability of law enforcement agencies and their employees for injuries caused by dogs used in law enforcement work. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Peter F. Bergin for Judiciary: This bill was filed to strengthen the limits on liability for law enforcement agencies and their employees for injuries caused by dogs used in law enforcement work. The amendment requires a law enforcement agency using a dog to adopt a written policy on the necessary and appropriate use of a dog. Said written policy shall be available for public inspection at any time. Vote 18-1.

HB 383, making the state courts subject to the right-to-know law **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: The committee felt that the intent of the bill was good, but it was too vague to accomplish the intent of the sponsor. There are areas of the court system that should be more open to public view. This bill may be flawed in that it could be interpreted as giving the public access to judicial functions such as jury deliberations, judges' deliberative sessions, etc. Vote 12-2.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB199, relative to the collection of property taxes assessed on manufactured housing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. William Johnson for Municipal and County Government: Manufactured housing is an essential component of the mix of housing options available in New Hampshire. Both "stick built" homes and manufactured housing are considered real estate for the purpose of taxation. The main difference between "stick built" and manufactured housing is the ownership of the land under the structure. Manufactured housing is organized in three types of locations – individually owned lots, investor-owned parks, and cooperatively owned parks. This bill would shift the responsibility of paying taxes from the property owner to the landowner. During the public hearing, Greenville officials and representatives talked about the burdensome problem posed by owners of manufactured housing who "walked away" from their homes. While the committee recognizes that abandoned manufactured housing presents a problem for certain municipalities, the committee felt that the bill did not specifically address this problem. In addition, the bill would create an adversarial relationship between park owners and housing owners, shift an unfair burden for tax collection on to park owners, and reduce the real estate nature of manufactured housing under existing statutes. Vote 14-2.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 176-FN-L, relative to the port in the city of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael J. Rozek for the Majority of Public Works and Highways: The committee studied both the bill and the amendment offered by the sponsor. In dealing with the bill as proposed, the committee was not in support of the transfer of state owned

property from the Port Authority to the city of Portsmouth. The committee studied the amendment offered by the sponsor. This amendment would have created another study committee for the Port Authority. There is currently a study committee whose members encompass numerous representatives from the city of Portsmouth. This committee is working closely with the city of Portsmouth on this sensitive issue. Over the past several years numerous studies have been conducted, and the latest study has presented legislation, which our committee will be hearing in the near future. Another study committee would only delay and confuse the issue. If legislation proposed by the study committee under HB 1559, Laws of 2000, Chapter 153:2 is successful, the surrounding area, as well as the city of Portsmouth, would benefit. Our committee did not feel that another study committee is needed at this time. Vote 11-5.

Rep. Elizabeth C. Shultis for the Minority of Public Works and Highways: The New Hampshire Port Authority's Marine Terminal occupies 11 acres of prime property in the city of Portsmouth's "Northern Tier District". Recognizing the problems the Port has had generating activity in the past few years, and the unfavorable audit of the Port Authority, this bill would have transferred the Marine Terminal land to the city of Portsmouth. The minority supported an amendment to change this requirement and establish a committee to study the relationship of the Port to the city.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 269**, requiring parental consent for tongue piercing.

10:00 a.m. DCYF workshop continued.

1:00 p.m. **HB 155**, relative to the initial appearance in CHINS cases.

1:45 p.m. **HB 156**, relative to the detention of juveniles in delinquency proceedings.

2:30 p.m. **HB 648-FN**, designating certain child care agencies as homeless youth programs.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 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.

2:45 p.m. **HB 591**, relative to certain prescription discount cards.

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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.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 210-FN**, relative to the penalties for persons convicted of subsequent DWI offenses.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 545-FN***, establishing the railroad trespass prevention act.

2:45 p.m. ***HB 591***, relative to certain prescription discount cards.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 329-FN-LOCAL***, relative to school safety.

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.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 461-FN***, requiring all officers and officials elected by either or both houses of the legislature to file certain reports and register as political committees.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 478***, relative to campaign finance reporting requirements, availability of voter checklists on computer disks, and permissible campaign contributions by business organizations.

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

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 186-FN-A***, establishing a pesticides training program and ***HB 393-FN***, relative to plant nurseries and nursery stock.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE JOINT WITH MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Representatives Hall

12:30 p.m. ***HB 207-FN-LOCAL***, increasing the state aid contribution to municipalities that expand, upgrade, or develop new wastewater treatment facilities to provide for expanded septage handling and disposal capacity.

HB 311-FN-A, increasing the fees under the laws relative to sewage disposal systems to support a position at the department of environmental services to advocate for and implement long-term septage disposal solutions in partnership with New Hampshire municipalities.

HB 439-FN-A, appropriating available funds to provide funding for an engineering feasibility study to assess the viability of constructing new or expanded regional septage disposal facilities in the Rockingham and Strafford county area.

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 181-FN***, allowing police and corrections officers who have been group II members for 5 years to maintain group II membership in the retirement system when they become police trainers, ***HB 183-FN***, relative to the purchase of certain prior service by county corrections officers in the New Hampshire retirement system and ***HB 188-FN***, allowing veterans the right to purchase credit in the retirement system for certain service in the armed forces.

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.

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FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

11:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

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

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

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

9:00 a.m. Work and executive session on ***HB 295-FN***, relative to medicaid recoveries from third party settlements.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 463-FN**, relative to protective services to adults.

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.

2:15 p.m. **HB 658-FN-A**, relative to the homeless prevention fund 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.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 105A, State House

10:15 a.m. Public hearing on the placement of Abraham Lincoln Brigade Plaque.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 450**, relative to work product under the right-to-know law.

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.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 352**, limiting railroad liability for passenger rail service.

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.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 613**, establishing a task force relative to fuels.

10:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 578**, relative to requirements for nonpublic utility providers of telephone services.

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

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 374**, establishing a committee to study the assessment of surcharges on pay telephone use; **HB 402**, relative to the establishment of a state universal service fund; **HB 403**, relative to the effective date of special contracts for telephone utilities; **HB 423**, relative to public utilities mergers and **HB 578**, relative to requirements for nonpublic utility providers of telephone services.

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.

Revenue work session.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 179-FN***, relative to raising the age of minority for the purposes of juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 454***, relative to same-sex civil unions contracted outside of the state of New Hampshire.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 559-FN***, relative to the procedures for assignment of income from child or spousal support orders.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 507***, opening hearings in abuse and neglect cases to members of the general court and to certain other persons.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 422***, establishing a committee to study the prevention of unintended pregnancies.

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. Rescheduled public hearing on ***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.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 304-FN***, relative to insurance coverage for prostate cancer testing and ***HB 257***, relative to disclosure of injuries, medical information, and insurance coverage in claims for bodily injury.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 271***, relative to criminal liability for the conduct of another.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 437-FN***, relative to certain changes to the child pornography statutes.

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.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 301-FN**, requiring that the department of corrections be charged the lowest rate for inmates who need medical services within the community.

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.

1:15 p.m. **CACR 14**, relating to the election of the attorney general and the appointment of county attorneys. Providing that the attorney general shall be elected by the general court and county attorneys shall be nominated and appointed by the governor and executive council.

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; **HB 344-FN**, establishing a state office of privacy and **HB 408-FN**, relative to the regulation of nursing by the board of nursing.

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.

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 362-FN**, regulating the practice of adjunctive therapy for animals.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations On Governor’s Proposed Budget:

9:00 a.m. Opening Session – Governor Jeanne Shaheen

9:30 a.m. Treasury

10:00 a.m. Veterans Home
10:30 a.m. Veterans Council
11:00 a.m. Office Of The Governor
11:15 a.m. Energy And Community Services
11:30 a.m. State Planning Office
11:45 a.m. Commission On Disability
1:00 p.m. Administrative Services
1:30 p.m. Judicial Council
Marital Mediator Board
2:00 p.m. Insurance Department
2:30 p.m. Labor Department

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

9:15 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 490**, requiring public access to law libraries.

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.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 346-FN**, relative to requirements for medical examination and determination of gainful occupation for group II retirees injured in the performance of duty.

10:00 a.m. **HB 469-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the applicable minimum wage for hourly employees.

1:00 p.m. **HB 221**, establishing a right to work act which provides for freedom of choice on whether to join a labor union.

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. **HB 292-FN**, relative to the travel allowance for members of the general court.

2:30 p.m. **HB 574**, establishing a committee to study the recodification of laws relating to the joint committee on legislative facilities and the application of the right-to-know law.

3:00 p.m. **HB 101**, relative to suspension of lobbyists for false statements or misrepresentation of material facts.

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 247**, relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll county.

10:30 a.m. **HB 395**, relative to the time for the first meeting for county conventions following election.

11:00 a.m. **HB 498**, relative to standards for records filed with a registry of deeds.

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

1:30 p.m. **HB 398**, relative to forest fire warden appointments and associated duties.

2:30 p.m. **HB 535-FN-A**, relative to thermal imaging cameras for fire departments, 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.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

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

1:00 p.m. **HB 516**, relative to requirements for bidders on public construction projects.

2:30 p.m. **HB 494**, establishing a committee to study the permitting and hearing processes for proposed highways.

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. Continued public hearing on **HB 556-FN-A**, making certain appropriations to the department of cultural resources and the department of safety.

11:00 a.m. **HB 612**, relative to expenditures from the dam maintenance fund by the department of environmental services.

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **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.

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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 337-FN**, relative to the administration of the public utilities commission and establishing the position of executive director of the public utilities commission and **HB 583**, making certain changes to the underground utility damage prevention system.

11:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 253-FN**, relative to mercury reductions and **HB 274-FN**, banning the residential open burning of trash and relative to a dioxin emissions reduction and control program.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 317-FN**, revising the New Hampshire Aeronautics Act.

10:00 a.m. **HB 584-FN-A**, relative to the registration and licensure of OHRV dealers and rental agents.

10:45 a.m. **HB 609-FN-LOCAL**, requiring passengers on school buses to wear seat belts.

11:30 a.m. **HB 590**, relative to access to motor vehicle records by insurance companies.

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. Revenue work session.

Executive session on pending legislation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations On Governor's Proposed Budget:

1:30 p.m. Revenue Administration

2:00 p.m. Department Of Safety

2:30 p.m. Department Of Employment Security

2:45 p.m. Department Of Environmental Services

Office Of The Commissioner

Division Of Water

Division Of Air Resources

Division Of Waste Management

Plumbers Board

Oil Fund Disbursement Board

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

Immediately following the House session subcommittee work session on **HB 316-FN**, establishing the position of state energy manager and **HB 613**, establishing a task force relative to fuels.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations On Governor’s Proposed Budget:

- 9:00 a.m. Higher Education – University System
- U.N.H. - Durham
- Keene State College
- Plymouth State College
- U.N.H. – Manchester
- Extension Work In Counties
- 10:15 a.m. Postsecondary Education Commission
- 10:45 a.m. Department Of Regional Community-Technical Colleges
- Office Of The Commissioner
- N.H.T.C. - Manchester/Stratham
- N.H.Technical Institute - Concord
- N.H.T.C. - Berlin/Laconia
- N.H.T.C. - Nashua/Claremont
- Police Standards And Training Council
- Christa Mcauliffe Planetarium

GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J), Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Orientation meeting of the task force on public awareness and education.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (SB 313, Chapter 122:3, Laws of 2000), Room 207, LOB

- 2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations On Governor’s Proposed Budget:

9:00 a.m. Health And Human Services

Office Of The Commissioner

Office Of Health Management

Division Children Youth & Families

Division Of Family Assistance

Division Of Behavioral Health

Division Of Elderly & Adult Services

Office Of Administration

Office Of Information Services

Office Of Program Support

Office Of Planning And Research

1:15 p.m. Agriculture, Markets And Food

Veterinary Examiners Board

1:45 p.m. Department Of Justice

2:15 p.m. Office Of Emergency Management

2:30 p.m. Pari-Mutuel Commission

2:45 p.m. Highway Safety

3:00 p.m. Human Rights Commission

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

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

10:00 a.m. **HB 446**, relative to spousal and child support enforcement.

11:00 a.m. **HB 509**, establishing a limitation on the renewal of spousal support orders.

1:30 p.m. **HB 386**, relative to the relocation of the principal residence of a child.

2:30 p.m. **HB 660**, relative to out-of-home placements in juvenile abuse and neglect cases.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 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.

2:30 p.m. **HB 595**, relative to single producer licensing.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 581-FN**, relative to the authority of the commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food to search for invasive species.

11:00 a.m. **HB 426**, relative to the voluntary scrapie flock certification program.

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

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 141-LOCAL**, relative to regulation of junk yards.

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.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 504**, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of requesting the fish and game department to develop shooting ranges in each of the wildlife management units.

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.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 588**, relative to examination of persons called as jurors.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 622**, relative to the time period for the executive council to confirm nominees to the supreme court.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 582**, establishing a judicial nominating commission.
- 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 634**, relative to public/private partnership projects in the department of transportation.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 640**, establishing a committee to study changing the Hooksett liquor store into a family hospitality center.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 653-FN**, relative to certain signs within highway rights-of-way.
- 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 615**, relative to the duties of motor vehicle inspectors.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 618**, relative to charitable auto wholesale dealers.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 663**, relative to lights on school buses.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 669**, requiring certain safety devices on freight locomotives.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 652**, relative to the penalties for reckless or negligent operation of a motor vehicle.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 449**, relative to access to adoption records.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 599-FN**, relative to unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 447**, relative to the establishment of parenting plans in certain domestic cases.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 501**, relative to licensure of foster homes and the duties of the department of health and human services advisory board.
- 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. **HB 563**, requiring drivers to carry automobile insurance and permitting drivers to choose the amount of uninsured motorist insurance that they carry.

10:30 a.m. **HB 577**, relative to credit data for insurance purposes.

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.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 610**, allowing the sale of raw milk cheese and unpasteurized apple cider 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

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.

2:30 p.m. **HB 643-FN**, establishing a committee to study a long-term care protection plan and extending the moratorium on new nursing home beds.

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 624**, establishing a committee to study requiring mandatory ethics seminars for judges.

10:00 a.m. **HB 608-FN**, establishing a judicial ethics advisory committee.

11:00 a.m. **HB 566**, establishing terms for the offices of administrative judges of the courts.

1:00 p.m. **HB 568**, relative to appointment requirements for judges.

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

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 308, LOB

2:00 p.m. **HB 614**, relative to certain duties, responsibilities, and authority of the fiscal committee.

2:30 p.m. **HB 641-FN-A**, relative to a study by the legislature of gender bias in the New Hampshire court system 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 670**, establishing an international trade commission to investigate and report on the effects of international trade agreements on New Hampshire self-governance.

10:00 a.m. **HB 593**, requiring that bingo and lucky 7 distributors only distribute bingo and lucky 7 supplies to recipients licensed to conduct bingo games or lucky 7.

11:00 a.m. **HB 605-FN**, prohibiting televised advertisements of lottery games and prohibiting self-serve lottery game vending machines.

2:15 p.m. **HB 619**, relative to the sale or lease of goods or services to residents of this state via the Internet.

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 511**, relative to continuing medical education requirements for physicians.

11:00 a.m. **HB 667**, relative to certain reporting requirements and relative to meetings of the board of

medicine.

1:30 p.m. **HB 606-FN**, relative to the Christa McAuliffe planetarium.

2:15 p.m. **HB 630**, establishing a committee to study ayurvedic health care.

2:45 p.m. **HB 649-FN**, relative to compensation for time lost by state employees injured in the line of duty.

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 638**, relative to certification of food protection managers.

11:00 a.m. **HB 628**, relative to disclosure of cost of services by medical providers and relative to cost of medical services charged to uninsured consumers.

1:15 p.m. **HB 635**, relative to family mutual support services.

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 580**, requiring health insurance carriers to provide loss information to large employers on a quarterly basis.

11:00 a.m. **HB 668**, prohibiting the use of genetic testing for certain insurance purposes.

1:15 p.m. **HB 672**, relative to coverage for mental and nervous conditions.

2:30 p.m. **HB 564**, requiring insurance coverage for certified midwives.

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 603-FN-A**, providing the commissioner of administrative services an option to self-fund the state employee health plan and requiring a reserve fund therefor.

10:45 a.m. **HB 665**, protecting licensed professionals from retaliation from their licensing boards for criticism of board practices.

11:30 a.m. **HB 657**, relative to bail recovery agents.

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 611-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the availability of certain nursing home beds.

10:30 a.m. **HB 621**, relative to the form of prescriptions.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 632**, allowing the sale of collectible beer without a license.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 26

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.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Cheshire County Delegation has been invited to visit the Cheshire County Superior Court on Monday, March 12th at 9:30 a.m. We will meet first with Court Clerk Stillman "Tim" Rogers who will give us a tour of the facilities and explain the Court's operations to us. We will then proceed to one of the courtrooms to observe the Court in session. Justice Mangones will join us to answer any questions we might have. So that the Court has some idea of how many to prepare for please call the Clerk's office at 352-6902 to let them know that you will be attending.

Rep. John M. Pratt, Chairman

Cheshire County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

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

Friday, February 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 Executive Committee will meet 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

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

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

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, 298, 302, 303, 305, 308, 309, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 325, 327, 335, 344, 346, 544 and 556.

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.

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 Legislative Aviation Group is holding its next meeting on Thursday, February 22 in Room 203, LOB at 2:00 p.m. All legislators interested in Aviation are invited to attend. Kevin Dillon, Director of the Manchester Airport, will be our guest speaker.

Rep. Robert H. Milligan

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

ALEC (American Legislators Exchange Council) members will hold a planning session meeting at the lunch break on Thursday, February 22 in Room 212, LOB. Bring your lunch.

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

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

Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m., or after session in State House Cafeteria. The caucus will be reviewing proposed, pertinent legislation.

Rep. Alida I. Millham

The Strafford County Republican Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gateway Restaurant on Route 108 in Somersworth. All representatives are invited to attend.

Rep. Phyllis Woods

The American Red Cross cordially invites members of the General Court to the annual Legislative Breakfast to be held Thursday, March 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the State House Cafeteria. Representatives from all New Hampshire chapters will be present. The latest in lifesaving equipment, the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), will be demonstrated using the same model possessed by the State House.

Rep. Leo W. Fraser, Jr.

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:

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. 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 22

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2001-0030h

Amendment to HB 120

Proposed by the Committee on Children and Family Law - C

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

AN ACT relative to the membership of the department of youth development advisory board.

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

2 Department of Youth Development Services Advisory Board; Membership. Amend RSA 621-A:9, II(a) to read as follows:

(a) ~~Two~~ **Three** members from the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the house finance committee, appointed by the speaker of the house.

3 New Subparagraph; Department of Youth Development Services Advisory Board Established; Membership; Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer Added. Amend RSA 621-A:9, II by inserting after subparagraph h the following new subparagraph:

(i) One juvenile probation and parole officer, appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of youth development services to be a member of the department of youth development services advisory board. The bill also expands the membership of the advisory board to include three members of the house of representatives and a juvenile probation and parole officer.

2001-0114h

Amendment to HB 124

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law - C

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study on-line and electronic voting.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study on-line and electronic voting.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Duties. The committee shall study the feasibility of on-line and electronic voting as a supplement to or substitute for existing voting procedures. The committee's study shall include the likely effect of on-line and electronic voting on voter turnout.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study on-line voting.

2001-0137h

Amendment to HB 157

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

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

AN ACT clarifying the immunity from liability of persons providing emergency care.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Liability Limitation; Emergency Care. Amend RSA 153-A:11, I to read as follows:

I. Except for automatic external defibrillation pursuant to RSA 153-A:28-31 ***or emergency care as described in RSA 508:12***, a person shall not provide emergency medical services as a paid or volunteer member of a public or private emergency medical services unit in this state, or as a paid or volunteer member of any police or fire department who, as a condition of employment, may be expected to routinely provide emergency medical services in the line of duty, without being licensed by the commissioner.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the immunity from liability of persons who provide emergency care at scenes of emergency or to victims of crime.

2001-0015h

Amendment to HB 176-FN-LOCAL

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Public Works and Highways - R

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the relationship between the city of Portsmouth and the state port authority regarding the use and future of the port in the city of Portsmouth.

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

1 Purpose. The city of Portsmouth recognizes the importance of the state port authority terminal to the economic vitality of the city, region, and state. However, ways to create more local input from the city in the operation of the port terminal would create increased local satisfaction that the vision of the Portsmouth community is being considered and incorporated into the future use of the port terminal. Therefore, this act creates a committee to study the relationship between the city of Portsmouth and the state port authority regarding the use and future of the port terminal.

2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the relationship between the city of Portsmouth and the state port authority regarding the use and future of the port in the city of Portsmouth.

3 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

(b) Two 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.

4 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Examine the structure, organization, goals, and responsibilities of the state port authority.

II. Develop a long-range 20-year vision for the port in the city of Portsmouth that considers quality of life for the city of Portsmouth and environmental protection.

III. Create a way for more local input from the city of Portsmouth in the state port authority's operation and vision as it relates to the port in the city of Portsmouth.

IV. Solicit input from the Portsmouth city manager.

5 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. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the relationship between the city of Portsmouth and the state port authority regarding the use and future of the port in the city of Portsmouth. The committee shall report its findings by November 1, 2002.

2001-0076h

Amendment to HB 203

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 Claims Arising From Clinical Services Provided to Department of Corrections. Amend RSA 541-B:21-a, I to read as follows:

I. Without otherwise limiting or defining the sovereign immunity of the state and its agencies, this chapter shall apply to all claims against any nonprofit entity, or any employee, trustee, or director of such nonprofit entity when acting in the scope of such person's elected or appointed capacity, providing clinical services of psychiatrists ~~[or]~~, other medical doctors, **or psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners** in accordance with any contract limited to such services entered into by the department of corrections.

2001-0163h

Amendment to HB 215

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

Amend RSA 490:8-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

490:8-a Publication of the Status of Cases.

I. Beginning with notices of appeal filed on January 1, 2002, the supreme court shall make available to the public a record of cases pending before the court. The record shall be by calendar year, with the current year recording all cases filed with the court in that year. The record for prior years shall only document cases pending. Cases pending shall be those cases in which a decision has not been made as to accepting the notice of appeal or the accepted appeal has not been decided. The record shall be updated and printed quarterly and shall be available not later than 15 days after the end of each quarter. This report shall be by date of each notice of appeal for each appeal shall list the following data:

- (a) Name and number.
- (b) Date of acceptance or rejection of the notice of appeal and if the appeal was accepted or rejected.
- (c) Date of oral argument.
- (d) Date of decision.

II. At the end of each calendar year, all cases for which the notice of appeal was rejected and all cases decided shall be removed from the list.

2001-0164h

Amendment to HB 256

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - R

Amend RSA 508:18-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

508:18-a Law Enforcement Agencies; Limitation on Liability for Injuries Caused by Dogs Used in Law Enforcement Work.

I. No law enforcement officer or agency shall be held liable for damages resulting from injuries caused by a dog used in law enforcement work provided that:

- (a) The officer and the dog have completed training and received certification from a nationally recognized organization required for police work or other law enforcement work;
- (b) The injury arises out of law enforcement conduct within the provisions of RSA 627:5, I and II; and
- (c) The law enforcement agency using a dog in enforcement work has adopted a written policy on the necessary and appropriate use of a dog for the work enumerated in subparagraphs (a) and (b). Said written policy shall be available for public inspection at any time.

2001-0089h

Amendment to HB 260

Proposed by the Committee on Children and Family Law - R

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

- (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.
- (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (c) A current provider of child care services, appointed by the governor.
- (d) A representative of an industry operating on a multi-shift basis, appointed by the governor.
- (e) A representative of an industry that has experience with in-house children's services, appointed by the governor.
- (f) The commissioner of health and human services, or designee with professional responsibilities associated with child care.
- (g) Two parents who work hours other than first shift, one from an urban area and one from a rural area, appointed by the governor.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

2001-0142h

Amendment to HB 263

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

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

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

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

2001-0086h

Amendment to HB 273

Proposed by the Committee on Fish and Game - R

Amend RSA 207:58 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

207:58 Purpose. The legislature finds it is in the best interests of the state and its citizens to regulate, protect, restore, and conserve the wildlife resources of the state under a uniform scheme of management through the fish and game department. It is the intent of the general court to explicitly reaffirm the state's long-standing exclusive authority and jurisdiction over the wildlife of the state as established by title XVIII. ***The general court further finds that it is in the best interest of the state and its citizens that the fish and game department recognize, preserve, and promote our special heritage of hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing by providing opportunities to hunt, fish, trap, and view wildlife in accordance with title XVIII.***

2001-0058h

Amendment to HB 303-FN-A-LOCAL

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

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following and renumbering the original section 6 - 14 to read as 7 – 15, respectively:

6 Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Records and Certification; Copy Fees Deposited in Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services Fund. Amend RSA 260:14, XIII to read as follows:

XIII. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 91-A, the department may charge reasonable fees for the release of information under this section. In determining a reasonable fee, the department shall consider factors such as labor and production costs, as well as the market value of the information. ***All such fees shall be deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d.***

2001-0159h

Amendment to HB 326-FN-A

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

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

1 Purpose. The New Hampshire task force on deafness and hearing loss, established in 2000, 234, determined that the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing community are complex and will require sustained effort to address, including ongoing support for effective interpreter referral services. The task force also determined that access to qualified interpreters in executive, legislative, and judicial proceedings is a significant concern in the administration of justice and the execution of other critical government functions. The task force has not had the opportunity to include several key state agencies in its discussions of those issues. The task force has identified additional steps that should be taken over the next year to ensure that the work it has begun will continue. It is the intent of the general court that each state department make use of interpreters, utilizing interpreter referral services through Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc. or other qualified deaf and hard of hearing consumer governed organizations, to facilitate the scheduling of appropriately qualified interpreters for citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing.

2 New Subparagraphs; Task Force Established; Membership Enlarged. Amend 2000, 234:2, I by inserting after subparagraph (l) the following new subparagraphs:

- (m) The attorney general, or designee.
- (n) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.
- (o) The commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee.
- (p) The executive director of Granite State Independent Living, or designee.
- (q) The executive director of the governor’s commission on disability.
- (r) The executive director of Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc.

(s) Any other appropriate person designated by the task force.

3 New Paragraphs; Task Force Duties Expanded. Amend 2000, 234:4 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs:

VI. Advise and support the enhancement of interpreter referral and related services offered to state agencies, businesses, and other entities that interact with citizens who are deaf and hard of hearing through Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc. or other qualified deaf and hard of hearing consumer governed organizations.

VII. Consider how Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc., or other qualified deaf and hard of hearing consumer governed organizations can assist state agencies, particularly those involved in the administration of justice, to fulfill their obligations to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, consistent with state and federal law.

VIII. Encourage all state departments to utilize the interpreter referral services made available through Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc. or other qualified deaf and hard of hearing consumer governed organizations.

4 New Section; Extension of Task Force; Final Report. Amend 2000, 234 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

234:5-a Extension of Task Force; Final Report. The task force shall remain in effect until November 1, 2001, and its members shall continue to serve until November 1, 2001. The task force shall submit its final report and recommendations, including proposals for legislation, to the governor and council, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate on or before November 1, 2001.

5 Appropriation. To foster the stability and effectiveness of the newly established Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc., or other qualified deaf and hard of hearing consumer governed organizations, an appropriation in the amount of \$10 is made for each year of the biennium to the governor's commission on disability for the purpose of supporting the designated non-profit organization's development and to assist it in securing contracts, private and public grants, and other funding sources for the organization's continued operation.

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

2001-0145h

Amendment to HB 371

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Amended Fiscal Impact Statements. Amend RSA 541-A:12, II(d) to read as follows:

(d) ***If required pursuant to RSA 541-A:5, VI***, an amended fiscal impact statement from the legislative budget assistant stating ~~[either]~~ that ~~[the rule did not change]~~ as a result of notice and hearing ~~[or, if it]~~ ***the rule*** did change~~[-]~~ ***and*** explaining how this change affects the original fiscal impact statement.