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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed your vacation, or at least a week away from the State House.

The House will meet in Session on Thursday, March 8th, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

There will **not** be a Session on March 15th. Committee Chairmen may use that day to schedule hearings, work sessions and executive sessions.

Town Meeting Day is Tuesday, March 13th. There will be no legislative business scheduled for that day to allow members to participate in their local activities.

Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen will meet Tuesday, March 6th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

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

Rep. David M. Scanlan, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

House Continuing Education

TOPIC: Parliamentary Procedures Revisited

More of your questions will be answered.

PRESENTER: Honorable Karen O. Wadsworth

Clerk of the House

DATE: Wednesday, March 7, 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: Room 307, LOB

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 p.m. 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.
	Last day for committees to report list of retained House bills.
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, MARCH 8

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 407, establishing a committee to study the fair pricing of prescription drugs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Kathleen N. Taylor for Commerce: This bill would create a study committee on a subject that is already being studied. There is also a Northeast Interstate Commission on Prescription Drug Prices that is working on this issue with representatives of all the New England states including New Hampshire. The sponsor has been encouraged to submit legislation to accomplish his intent, rather than for another study committee. **Vote 15-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 180-FN, relative to criminal neglect of elderly, disabled, or impaired adults. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Maxwell D. Sargent for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill addresses the issue of criminal neglect of the elderly by a caregiver. This bill makes it a class B felony for a caregiver to knowingly or recklessly cause serious bodily injury by neglect of an elderly, disabled or impaired adult. Neglect is specifically defined as repeated conduct or a single incident which produces or could reasonably be expected to result in serious bodily injury. The committee heard of a horrifying case of neglect in Manchester, for which the authorities were in a quandary about what charges to bring forth. This bill is intended for those most serious and egregious cases of neglect. It also includes a provision to protect a person's right to self-determination or right to refuse treatment, and also a person's right to spiritual healing even if that conflicts with recommended medical treatment. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 308-FN, relative to administrative fees added to restitution payments. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Patricia M. O'Keefe for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill eliminates a provision of law that would have discontinued the 17 percent administrative fee to the total restitution payment ordered by the court. RSA 651:63, effective 7/1/97, added a seventeen percent (from 2 percent) administration fee to total restitution costs. 15 % of this fee is continually appropriated to the Dept. of Corrections Field Services. Out of the 15% \$22,500 lapses at the end of each quarter to the General Fund if that amount is received. Anything over and above \$22,500 each quarter is kept by the Department of Corrections. The Dept. of Corrections portion of the money has been considered invaluable to the Department and has been used to purchase equipment and to help cover additional probation/parole officer expenses. **Vote 15-0.**

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

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

HB 343-FN-LOCAL, relative to certain individuals taken into protective custody. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr. for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill addresses the need to return a person to the town in which they were taken into protective custody. Testimony revealed that numerous times a person is ready to be released but is not able to obtain transportation from the jail possibly resulting in the person being released in a remote area in bad weather. HB 442 being heard in Municipal and County Government proposes a study of the protective custody issue and will more appropriately address that problem and possible answers. This bill also may create a 28-a problem. **Vote 14-0.**

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

Rep. Robert M. Fesh for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill is intrusive on business and charitable organizations. There appears to be no problem that needs fixing. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 361, establishing a committee to study certain policies and procedures in the department of corrections. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Beth Rodd for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill is a result of recommendations of a study committee that met throughout the spring, summer and fall of last year. In investigating allegations of harassment, misconduct and multiple levels of complaints throughout the Department of Corrections, the committee concluded that a more thorough investigation of the DOC's administrative and personnel issues was warranted. The Commissioner of Corrections is supportive of the bill and has agreed that the DOC will cooperate in the study. This study committee will also consider any recommendations that may be contained in a future performance audit of the Department of Corrections. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 437-FN, relative to certain changes to the child pornography statutes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Patricia M. O'Keefe for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill seeks to make the sale, publication and distribution of certain visual representations of unclothed children a felony. Constitutional issues were raised during the hearing as well as questions regarding the ambiguity and subjectivity of such matters. This bill is well intended but extremely broad in scope. There was testimony from law enforcement at the subcommittee meeting that the current statute is comprehensive and enforceable. The significant changes that this bill would enact could possibly jeopardize the constitutionality of the existing statute. **Vote 14-0.**

EDUCATION

HB 322-FN-LOCAL, establishing a maximum per pupil amount for high school tuition contracts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Charles Sova for Education: This bill would have capped the cost of tuition contracts for out-of-district placements of high school students. The committee felt this would not be fair to the receiving district(s). A school district which capped its tuition costs could find that no receiving district would agree to accept its school children. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 486, relative to vocational education alternatives for public school pupils. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John R.M. Alger for Education: The committee is reluctant to impose requirements on local schools, which this bill requires, especially since testimony from the Department of Education was that the state already has numerous vocational high schools serving about 25,000 students across the state. Also, the sponsor communicated with the committee chairman and suggested that the issue was important, but that the bill was premature. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 487, establishing a committee to study safety issues relating to the transportation of kindergarten students. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Iris W. Estabrook for Education: The transportation safety concerns raised in this bill will be incorporated into a wider discussion of school bus issues by a subcommittee of the Transportation Committee. The Education Committee supports this approach. **Vote 17-0.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 165, relative to the requirement for including constitutional amendments in the warrant posted at the polling place before general elections. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Michael S. Rollo for Election Law: This bill would eliminate the requirement for local election officials to post constitutional amendments prior to state general elections. For many voters this is the first opportunity to see offered amendments that are not highly publicized. The committee believes it is very important to retain this procedure. Therefore, the committee recommends the bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 18-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 188-FN, allowing veterans the right to purchase credit in the retirement system for certain service in the armed forces. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Merton S. Dyer for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would allow members of the New Hampshire Retirement System to purchase up to 4 years of military service time to add to their creditable service time in the New Hampshire Retirement System. The New Hampshire Retirement System was established to provide employees of the state and political subdivisions with an additional benefit for the years they had worked for their employer. The committee respects the

time that many have spent in defense of this country. However, military service is not related to the employment record with the state and should not be counted toward retirement. **Vote 12-2.**

HB 344-FN, establishing a state office of privacy. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Donald R. Lent for Executive Departments and Administration: In addition to creating a state office of privacy, the bill creates a new individual right of privacy which carries with it an opportunity to bring legal action for damages against the state for violations. This is one of two privacy bills the committee has heard. After two subcommittee meetings for both bills and consultation with various state offices, the subcommittee expects a more lengthy study of HB 314 which may prove to be a better vehicle for crafting privacy policy in the state. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 385, changing the name, membership and duties of the office of volunteerism. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Nelson S. Allen for Executive Departments and Administration: Even though Tennessee has the motto, "Volunteer State," New Hampshire is the number one state in the nation for volunteer participation. The Office of Volunteerism was established in an earlier session of the legislature. This bill changes the name to Volunteer NH and describes the duties and supporting organizational structure. The amendment clarifies that the Governor and Executive Council appoint a 15-member board of directors and an executive director, that volunteers will be recognized for service and removes the provision that Volunteer NH reports include recommendations for future legislation. **Vote 14-0.**

FISH AND GAME

HB 312-FN, increasing the agent fee for fish and game licenses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Eric Stohl for Fish and Game: The intent of this bill is to increase the agent's fee from one dollar (\$1.00) to two dollars (\$2.00) per license issued. The majority of the committee found that the agent fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per license sold was a sufficient reimbursement for the services rendered by the agent. The license form itself is comprised of 17 different licenses and the agent receives one dollar (\$1.00) for each different license type sold. **Vote 15-2.**

HR 6, recognizing the ancient and aboriginal claim of Indians in the state to hunt and fish. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gary S. Hopper for Fish and Game: After careful consideration the committee felt that to recognize special hunting and fishing rights of the aboriginal peoples would be inconsistent with Article I of the New Hampshire Constitution. As New Hampshire has no recognized tribe, a workable method to determine who was or wasn't a Native American and the problem of enforcement were major concerns. Furthermore, any such acknowledgement could only serve to divide our citizens. **Vote 15-1.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 388, clarifying the rights of patients of nursing facilities in the event of a proposed transfer or discharge from the facility. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert F. Chabot for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill is basically a housekeeping bill in that the change in wording and meaning and intent is for compliance with federal statutes. The amendment was a result of subcommittee work. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 479, relative to dead bodies. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Joseph P. Manning for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill allows persons to supply their coffins or urns in advance of death. The amendment allows their survivors to do so for them. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 532, establishing a committee to study the adequacy of funding for the continued universal distribution of children's vaccines. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Barbara C. French for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee has learned that the present funding mechanism (federal, state and private) is in jeopardy. The vaccine program has a significant role to play in our children's health. This bill simply establishes a study committee. **Vote 16-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 357, relative to periodic payments of judgments **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. John M. Pratt for Judiciary: This bill requires the court to hold a hearing whenever the conditions of court ordered periodic payments of judgments are to be altered, unless the parties agree otherwise or no objection is filed. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 377, permitting the State of New Hampshire to file petitions with the probate court seeking review of actions by a power of attorney **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill is a name change in the existing statute, changing one of the authorized agencies from "Office of the Ombudsman under RSA 161-F:10" to "Department of Health and Human Services". The change was made at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Attorney General. No material change in the law has been made. **Vote 13-2.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 242, extending the reporting deadlines for certain study committees and commissions. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Maurice E. Goulet for Legislative Administration: This is a consolidated bill to extend the reporting deadlines for the following Study Committees: 1. Priority and Funding of Projects in the 10 Year Highway Plan Study (until November, 2001); 2. Relationship between Public Health and the Environment Study (until November, 2002); 3. Penalties for Driving under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs Study (until November 2001); 4. Land Use Management and Farmland Preservation Study (until November, 2002); and, 5. Women’s Health Care Study (until November, 2001). The committee found no reason not to extend the reporting deadlines. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 244, establishing a commission to examine the size, compensation, and staff requirements of the legislature. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Marsha L. Pelletier for Legislative Administration: The size, compensation, and staff requirements of the legislature are being addressed in other bills separately. The committee felt redistricting should come before evaluating the membership of the House of Representatives. This bill spoke to reducing membership by a committee composed of members other than House Committee Members. The House Rules currently give power to the Speaker for staff requirements. **Vote 13-1.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 149, naming the rest area at exit 6 on the F.E. Everett Turnpike the "Indian Head Rest Area." **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Candace C. W. Bouchard for Public Works and Highways: At this time no Welcome Center (border rest area) or Information Center (interior rest area) is named. The committee understands the historic significance of the "Indian Head" symbol to the city of Nashua, but concurs the purpose of the Welcome/Information Centers are to welcome and inform visitors to the entire state, and best left generic as to not favor one community. There was also conflicting testimony from Nashua citizens as to "Indian Head" being the best name for the rest area at exit 6 on the F.E. Everett Turnpike. **Vote 17-2.**

HB 254, naming a certain bridge in the town of North Charlestown. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. John P. Gleason for Public Works and Highways: The committee felt that it is most appropriate to recognize Brigadier General Ernest A. Bixby with the naming of the bridge on route 12A (River Road) over the New England Central Railroad in the town of Charlestown in his memory. Thanks to the General’s generous foresight, students in the Charlestown area currently enjoy the benefit of a scholarship fund that he provided. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 321-FN, relative to certain construction projects in Rollinsford. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Elizabeth C. Shultis for Public Works and Highways: This bill requires the Department of Transportation to perform certain construction projects including the installation of a flashing yellow light before a fire station, and a sidewalk to replace a cinder path that has been removed. The committee agreed that the procedure for installing a traffic light should begin in the municipality that may have the need. Since sidewalk projects may be eligible for Federal Highway Enhancement funds, the committee recommended that this request go to the Regional Planning Commission for inclusion in 10-Year Plan requests. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 421, establishing a committee to study the procedure for sale of lands purchased with state funds. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Candace C. W. Bouchard for Public Works and Highways: The intent of the sponsor was not clear as to which lands or departments involved with land purchase proposed this committee should study. Our committee heard no testimony that the existing procedure for land purchase, as defined in RSA 4:40, was not working. Parcels being considered for sale are brought before the Council of Resources and Development for review. The review process includes sharing information about the parcel with the community, the county and the Regional Planning Commission in which the land is located. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 561-FN-A, abolishing tolls along state highways and increasing the gasoline tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Michael J. Rozek for Public Works and Highways: The committee found that state revenues needed to repay highway bonds would not be satisfied with a 2-cent increase in the state gasoline tax. A 2-cent increase would yield approximately \$13 million annually in revenue. The New Hampshire Highway Toll System currently collects approximately \$60 million annually. \$370 million is currently outstanding in highway bonds. The committee is waiting for the Wilbur-Smith study to be completed prior to any major changes to the NH Highway Toll System. **Vote 19-0.**

HJR 2, directing the department of transportation not to proceed with construction of a new visitor's center at the Intervale scenic vista in North Conway without approval of the Conway design review committee and the Conway board of selectmen. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. William E. Leber for Public Works and Highways: This resolution would require the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to seek approval of an unofficial committee in a local community. The NHDOT conducted public hearings and held meetings with town and regional officials to review the initial design of the new visitor's center. The design had major problems relative to the size and height of the proposed structure. The NHDOT acknowledged these issues and gave testimony that the NHDOT would satisfy these issues in question prior to any construction. The committee has heard no other evidence that the current hearing process is not working and concluded that the NHDOT did follow the established protocol. **Vote 18-0.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 367-LOCAL, relative to the establishment of a town forest in the town of Randolph. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Stanley E. Czech for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill enables the town of Randolph to assign the management of the town forest to a management body as the town may establish. The bill also allows the town to establish a revolving fund for the management team, as outlined in the bill, to receive income from the forest and to deposit grants and gifts to be used in maintenance of the forest without having to wait for annual town meeting approval. An annual report to the town on this fund will be required. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 410, relative to the designation of a portion of the Merrimack river. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for Resources, Recreation and Development: By repealing the designation of the lower Merrimack River as a "Community River," this bill would effectively remove this river section from the Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP) (RSA 483). The intent of the proponents of this bill is to make this river section not subject to in-stream flow rules, now in preparation. The committee feels that the concerns with the potential in-stream flow rules are being addressed by HB 414 and HB 440, as well as by a study committee presently active. The removal of this river section from the RMPP has not been discussed with all the communities and associations that would be affected by this action. In fact, this bill would reverse the efforts of the many communities and individuals who worked to add this river section to the RMPP in 1990. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 480, relative to the divisions within the department of resources and economic development. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. David M. Lawton for Resources, Recreation and Development: This legislation is the recommendation of a statutory study committee established by the 1999 legislative session. Passage of this bill will simply clarify the purpose and function of the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED). Specifically, the new language emphasizes the fact that each of the four divisions of DRED should be treated as integral parts of the functioning of the whole department. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 612, relative to expenditures from the dam maintenance fund by the department of environmental services. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Pierre W. Bruno for Resources, Recreation and Development: The intent of this bill is to allow the Department of Environmental Services to use money from the dam maintenance fund for certain expenditures associated with repair and reconstruction of state-owned dams and property contiguous to those dams. The passage of this measure would recognize that the safe operation of a dam involves not only the dam itself, but, also the contiguous property. In addition to dam safety, HB 612 shows that the General Court recognizes that maintenance of state-owned dam sites is an integral component of the preservation of our New Hampshire heritage and character. **Vote 16-0.**

HJR 3, encouraging the preservation of the system of locks on the Merrimack River. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Pierre W. Bruno for Resources, Recreation and Development: Passage of HJR 3, encouraging the preservation of the system of locks on the Merrimack River, is a measure that demonstrates the General Court's recognition that preservation of historic structures is integral to the cultural heritage of New Hampshire. HJR 3 does not involve any expenditure. **Vote 16-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 374, establishing a committee to study the assessment of surcharges on pay telephone use. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Jacqueline A. Pitts for Science, Technology and Energy: The committee recognized that surcharges on pay telephones and proper notification of such charges is of concern to many people in the state. This bill, as amended, adds the study of these charges and all applicable regulations to the duties of the existing Telecommunication Oversight Committee. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 403, relative to the effective date of special contracts for telephone utilities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Roy D. Maxfield for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill modifies the filing requirements for special telephone services contracts. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and regulated telephone companies agreed that the expedited approval process provided by this legislation would benefit competition in the communications industry. The bill also provides for increased oversight by the PUC. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 583, making certain changes to the underground utility damage prevention system. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. John H. Thomas for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill exempts certain landscaping and maintenance from the definition of "excavate" and from the notification requirements under the so-called "Dig Safe" Law. The bill also exempts the homeowner excavating on his or her property from civil penalties and also clarifies the responsibilities of the operator relative to the marking of facilities for purposes of complying with the dig safe provisions. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 613, establishing a task force relative to fuels. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Roy D. Maxfield for Science, Technology and Energy: The sponsor intends to achieve the goals of this legislation through other channels including the National Council of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments. **Vote 15-0.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 397, establishing a committee to study the status of veterans in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Greg A. Salts for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This committee strongly agrees that we should establish a committee to study various issues related to veterans living in New Hampshire. With 67 different veterans organizations registered in this state, we feel that the value of a committee to aggregate resources and ideas would be of immense value to the veterans of New Hampshire. **Vote 15-0.**

HCR 5, urging the federal government to consider the impacts on New Hampshire and the smaller states of interstate waste legislation. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Frank C. Guinta for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill, as amended, urges the federal government to consider the impacts on New Hampshire and other small states of interstate waste legislation and also would support legislation which creates incentives for each state to plan for processing and disposal of its municipal solid waste within its own borders. Official year 2000 data is not scheduled to be finalized by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services until March 31st at which time the data is expected to reflect the decreases in waste imports. The committee agrees that this new

information should be provided to the Senate at that time. The committee unanimously supports this resolution. **Vote 16-0.**

HCR 7, urging the federal government to allow a deduction for personal credit card interest from the federal income tax. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Pamela Saia for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: Prior to the Tax Reform Act of 1986, personal credit card interest was fully deductible on an individual's federal income tax return. The deduction was phased out over a period of 5 years and then eliminated by this Act. The reason for the deduction elimination was to raise revenue for the federal government. Since our federal government is currently dealing with a surplus and the raising of extra revenue is no longer needed, we feel that a tax deduction for credit card interest is appropriate and beneficial. **Vote 13-2.**

HCR 9, urging the President of the United States to increase the administration's efforts to mediate a peaceful resolution to the dispute in Cyprus between Turkey and the Republic of Cyprus. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Matthew J. Quandt for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee feels that a resolution of the conflict between the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots is important to many New Hampshire citizens. We feel that the United States should encourage the factions to resolve their differences and adhere to the United Nations Security Council resolutions. **Vote 16-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 460-FN, relative to the form of drivers' licenses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: New Hampshire already has one of the strictest privacy laws concerning the information on licenses. The prime sponsor was concerned about the public having access to home addresses. Law enforcement wants the home address maintained. There was no evidence that anyone has abused the home address data. You can get a picture identification from the Department of Motor Vehicles for identification purposes now and no address is listed. **Vote 14-1.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 184-FN-A, establishing a 3 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding public education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Jeffrey D. Gilbert for Ways and Means: The committee believes that this bill is premature. Several similar bills, including the Governor's proposed sales tax, will be before the committee in due course when they can be more appropriately considered in the context of proposed budgets and other revenue alternatives. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 297-FN-LOCAL, eliminating excess education property tax payments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Christine M. Konys for Ways and Means: The committee feels that this bill is not constitutionally viable. Additionally, we feel that the question of eliminating donor towns should not be addressed separately, but needs to be part of a comprehensive school funding solution. **Vote 16-0.**

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 405, establishing a committee to study the creation of an at-home infant child care program in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos for Children and Family Law: This bill establishes a committee to study the Minnesota at-home infant child care program and solicit such information from program administrators as may be helpful in assessing the program. The committee will review program structure, department administration and funding sources. A report will be due on or before

November 1, 2001. **Vote 12-4.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 545-FN, establishing the railroad trespass prevention act. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr. for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill establishes the crime of trespass on railroad property. The bill provides a clearer definition of the authority of local police in these matters. It adds the crime of railroad stowaway and defines the terms utilized in the new section. With the advent of high speed rail to NH (59-79 mph) the potential for fatalities is greatly increased, due to the higher speed and reduced noise. It takes more than 1 mile to stop a loaded train traveling at 35 mph. It has been years since railroad service has been common in NH and whole generations have been unaware of the dangers of utilizing railroad property as a playground or means of travel. The majority of the committee felt that this is a safety issue. **Vote 11-3.**

Rep. James R. Splaine for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety: Private trespass laws already apply to rail lines. We need not tag rail track walkers taking an evening stroll with their dog or cat as criminals.

FINANCE

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

Rep. Fran Wendelboe for Finance: The committee believes that the CACR as proposed is flawed and perhaps premature in concept. There was concern that a majority vote could be taken to undedicate a tax, increase it, and then re-dedicate the newly-increased tax. **Vote 21-0.**

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

Rep. MaryAnn N. Blanchard for Finance: This bill increases from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 the amount that eligible owners of facilities may apply for from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund created in 1988. This fund, created by fees on motor fuels (gasoline and diesel), is extremely successful as both an environmental cleanup and insurance program. It is available to corporations, small business owners, individuals and state, county and local governments. It is necessary to broaden the amount of coverage due to increasing costs of cleanup, particularly anticipated MTBE remediation projects. **Vote 19-0.**

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

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler for Finance: This bill requires that the average daily membership in residence component of the adequate education grant amount be calculated on an annual basis. The committee felt that although the intent of this bill is laudable it does not fit well with the budgetary process and is premature to the whole educational funding discussion. **Vote 21-0.**

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

Rep. Joseph E. Stone for Finance: This bill assumes that the cost of an adequate education is \$825,000,000. The cost of an adequate education is currently \$881,000,000, is still in flux, and may change during this session.

The committee concluded that any long-term inflexible formula involving a cap on education adequacy does not allow for population increases, inflation, the cost of commodities and utilities, the needs of staff and students – in essence, the educational needs of a community.

Moreover, the committee saw no mechanism for distributing these capped funds and does not believe that the legislation would pass the constitutional challenge that it invites. The bill would also remove the current stability in preparing municipal and school budgets that they have to date enjoyed. **Vote 20-1.**

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

Rep. Linda T. Foster for Finance: This bill continues the medicaid enhancement tax for the biennium ending June 30, 2003. This tax will generate approximately \$70 million in general fund revenues each year of the upcoming biennium. There is no change in rate from the current biennium. **Vote 19-0.**

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

Rep. O. Alan Thulander for Finance: The Department of Education estimates the funding level of school building aid needed for the biennium, based upon information received from the school districts involved in construction projects. This data is subject to adjustments. The estimate for FY2001 was \$19.5 million, but the final amount owed to school districts was \$21.5 million. The legislature has historically funded any shortfall in school building aid, and the committee recommends continuing this practice. The additional \$2 million appropriated under this bill will come from the projected surplus of the current biennium. **Vote 21-0.**

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

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler for Finance: This bill makes an appropriation to the town of Conway for the purpose of burying utility lines. The funds are to be non-lapsing. The committee felt that from a fiscal point of view both the PUC and the Department of Transportation have denied this aspect of the project and dealt with Conway consistently with state policy. As a result, the committee voted unanimously Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 19-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 345, requiring hospitals to maintain permanent medical records of stillborn infants. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Hilda W. Sokol for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: After careful deliberation and much testimony, the committee overwhelmingly came to the conclusion that hospitals currently maintain records of fetal demise and stillborn births for an average of one year in length. If a parent requests a record, a handwritten record is provided to them. The record is also on file at the Bureau of Vital Records and, in many cases, at the funeral directors office if one was utilized. In New Hampshire, a record of all births and deaths are also kept in file at the local town hall. Because a record is somewhere on file and a copy can be obtained under current statutes, the committee felt this bill was not necessary. **Vote 11-2.**

HB 350-FN, relative to persons with disabilities participating in the work incentive program. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Peter L. Batula for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: In 1999 the legislature directed the Health and Human Services Department to investigate how to create better options for that segment of the population with severe disabilities who currently qualify for Medicaid cash assistance and insurance coverage. This Medicaid program, as good as it is, also acts as a disincentive for the person to seek employment. Should one of these persons get a job, they automatically lose their personal care insurance. Through this process, the state is saying, "If you stay home, we will send you a check and pay for your insurance." This bill allows the individual to make plans, set goals, regain their dignity and become a working member of our society. The person with disabilities, once gainfully employed, will pay part of the insurance premium that was once no cost to them. In addition, the person now becomes a part of our taxpaying society and all look forward to sharing in that great American principle. In life, a waste of time is the most extravagant and costly of all expenses. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 406, prohibiting electro-convulsive therapy on children under 16 years of age. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Daniel M. Burnham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill would prohibit use of certain treatments including electro-convulsive therapy for children under 16. The committee heard testimony from those concerned about the misuse of these treatments in the past. The committee also heard from physicians who described how ECT is used by modern medicine as a last resort when other alternatives are ineffective. The committee determined that adequate safeguards are in place to ensure that the treatments described in the bill are only used when necessary and appropriate and only with informed consent. Medical decisions regarding treatments described in the bill should be made by patients, their families and health professionals. For those reasons, the committee thought the bill inappropriate. **Vote 14-1.**

HB 463-FN, relative to protective services to adults. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Joseph P. Manning for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The language in the statute protecting the elderly and certain others from exploitation, neglect or abuse, uses the term "incapacitated." "Incapacitated" as defined elsewhere in our laws has meanings other than what is intended in the adult protection section. For that reason, the more appropriate term

"vulnerable" is proposed by this bill. In addition, immunity from liability is given to those who provide certain information regarding a case. The amendment clarifies requirements to report to law enforcement and corrects a minor typing error. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 485, relative to physicians employed by hospitals. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Fran Wendelboe for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill, as amended, will prevent hospitals and insurers from channeling patient referrals only to the hospital which employs the physician who provided the initial services. For example, some hospitals required their employee physicians to only refer patients to certain specialists who then only do future treatments such as operations at the hospital employing the initial physician. Many times the same system is used for referral of ancillary services, such as physical therapy, radiation treatments, laboratory tests and so on. This is often at the expense of the convenience of the patient. It also totally takes away the choice of provider to people who pay cash or pay significantly extra premiums to be able to use out-of-network physicians and services. This clearly is a patient's protection piece of legislation, as well as a means to prevent the potential of anti-trust or monopolistic practices of any hospital. **Vote 10-6.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 202, relative to the legislative ethics committee. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Donald R. Philbrick for Legislative Administration: This bill makes several changes in RSA 14-B concerning membership, procedures and the attempts to balance the protection of the member and the public's right-to-know law. It establishes procedures from an initial review to determine if the committee has jurisdiction and if the complaint is without merit or unfounded. After the initial review is completed, all records other than work product and internal memoranda will be available for public inspection on any complaint it does not dismissed. All subsequent proceedings, other than deliberations, will be in public session. With respect to disciplinary action against a member, the committee may recommend one or more of the following: A) Reprimand; B) Censure; C) Expulsion from Senate or House of Representatives; D) Denial or limitation of any right, power, privilege or immunity of the legislature that the Constitution of New Hampshire permits the General Court to deny or limit. Before any action is taken against a legislator or officer of the legislature, the report must be ratified by the legislators' respective body. The amendment reversed the order of reprimand and censure and deleted a controversial assessment of related costs of the proceedings. It also changes the effective date to upon passage. **Vote 14-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 337-FN, relative to the administration of the public utilities commission and establishing the position of executive director of the public utilities commission. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Donald B. White for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill makes the position of Executive Director unclassified. This allows the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to make the position more attractive with respect to remuneration so as to attract better-qualified people. The bill also increases the salary grade of the PUC General Counsel for the same reason. The bill changes the restriction or employment prohibition from two to one years, consistent with the state administration's ethics rule. The bill also allows alteration of orders made in cases where no public hearing was required by law, and it deletes a requirement of PUC oversight of removal of railroad lines since this is no longer the PUC's responsibility. **Vote 14-1.**

HCR 6, urging New Hampshire to use the "precautionary principle" when determining the safety and feasibility of using products, techniques, and technologies. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Terie T. Norelli for Science, Technology and Energy: The "precautionary principle" has been introduced by environmental groups in Europe. The language appears in several treaties. The principal calls for using precaution prior to introducing any substance into the environment which might have a harmful impact. The committee was very mindful of the sponsor's goal in introducing this resolution, which would have applied to activities undertaken by the state. Nevertheless, the committee was concerned that adhering to the principal would be difficult, as it is vague. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Department of Health and Human Services testified against the bill. Furthermore, DES has adopted policies over the years designed to prevent pollution. **Vote 16-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 333-FN-A, relative to the rate of the real estate transfer tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert J. Giuda for Ways and Means: The Ways & Means Committee felt it was necessary to evaluate all tax changes in the larger context of the entire budget and revenue debate. The Real Estate Transfer tax provides approximately \$65 million to the General Fund and \$26.8 million to the Education Trust Fund. Accordingly, the committee felt it was appropriate to leave the Real Estate Transfer tax as is, particularly in light of the fact that the committee has numerous other pending bills to which this matter can be appended by amendment. **Vote 16-0.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 5

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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 (Please note room change.)

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 208, 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

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

- 9:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 611-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the availability of certain nursing home beds.
- 10:15 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 628**, relative to disclosure of cost of services by medical providers and relative to cost of medical services charged to uninsured consumers.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 721-FN**, relative to the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 2:15 p.m. Executive session on **HB 390**, relative to the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act.

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, **HB 559-FN**, relative to the procedures for assignment of income from child or spousal support orders and **HB 648-FN**, designating certain child care agencies as homeless youth programs.
- 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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 257**, relative to disclosure of injuries, medical information, and insurance coverage in claims for bodily injury.
- 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.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 765-FN-A**, establishing an historic homeownership mortgage credit program.
- (Bill will be available on-line as of March 5. Copies of the bill are available from the Sergeant-at-

Arms Office.)

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 642-FN-LOCAL**, abolishing county departments of corrections and authorizing the department of corrections to contract with the counties to utilize former county correctional facilities as state facilities.

11:00 a.m. **HB 659-FN**, relative to penalties for attempting to purchase firearms illegally.

1:30 p.m. **HB 623**, relative to the registration of criminal offenders.

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 747-FN-LOCAL**, relative to increases in the cost of an adequate education.

11:00 a.m. **HB 748-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to school building aid grants in the determination of adequate education grants.

1:00 p.m. **HB 656-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the formula for distributing school building aid grants.

2:00 p.m. **HB 645-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to state aid for provision of an adequate education, and for additional local education tax relief.

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 520**, relative to clarifying qualifications of candidates.

10:00 a.m. **HB 436**, eliminating nomination of a party by nomination papers.

10:30 a.m. **HB 579**, relative to nominating a political organization by nomination papers.

11:00 a.m. **HB 677**, relative to certification and filing of nomination papers.

11:30 a.m. **HB 503**, relative to incompatible offices.

11:45 a.m. **HB 597**, relative to the duties of inspectors of elections.

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

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

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 426**, relative to the voluntary scrapie flock certification program.

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 654-FN-LOCAL**, establishing a presorting program to remove mercury from waste prior to incineration at certain facilities.

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 655-FN-A-LOCAL***, establishing an advance disposal fee to fund local mercury presorting and recycling programs.

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 288-FN***, relative to the licensure of interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing.

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 606-FN***, relative to the Christa McAuliffe planetarium.

10:30 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 649-FN***, relative to compensation for time lost by state employees injured in the line of duty.

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. Reschedule public hearing on ***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.

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.

3:45 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 309-FN***, relative to the registration of radon testers and mitigators.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations On Governor’s Proposed Budget:

9:00 a.m. Department Of Corrections

10:00 a.m. Fish And Game

10:30 a.m. Department Of Transportation

11:00 a.m. Adjutant General

11:25 a.m. Sweepstakes Commission

11:50 a.m. Electricians Board (Department Of Safety)

1:00 p.m. Secretary Of State

Auctioneers Board

Records And Archives

Securities Regulation

1:30 p.m. Cultural Resources

2:00 p.m. NH Retirement System

2:30 p.m. Department Of Youth Development Services

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 604-FN**, relative to increasing certain fees and making other changes to fish and game licenses.
- 11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 658-FN-A**, relative to the homeless prevention fund and making an appropriation therefor.
- 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.
- 2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 396**, relative to the practice of physicians and surgeons.

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.
- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 450**, relative to work product under the right-to-know law.
- 2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **CACR 4**, relating to the administrative head of the courts. Providing that article 73-a of the second part of the New Hampshire constitution, relative to the chief justice of the supreme court as the administrative head of all the courts, be repealed and **CACR 5**, relating to the rulemaking authority of the supreme court. Providing that supreme court rules are effective only when not inconsistent with statute.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 130**, relative to the maintenance of boundaries and fences, **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 and **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.

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

1:30 p.m. **HB 546-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to allowing cities and towns to permit slot machines and other games of chance.

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.

2:00 p.m. **HB 730**, establishing a committee to study the transfer of the Goffstown district court to a new location.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 592-FN-A**, relative to a milfoil prevention and research grant program and fund.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session 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.

10:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 556-FN-A**, making certain appropriations to the department of cultural resources and the department of safety.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 681**, relative to imposition of fines for anti-competitive acts by electric utilities and relative to billing by electric and gas utilities.

11:00 a.m. **HB 718-FN**, establishing minimum renewable standards for energy portfolios.

1:00 p.m. **HB 695**, relative to net energy metering.

1:30 p.m. **HB 707**, establishing a committee to study the usage of 211 as a uniform community service information and referral number.

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

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HCR 13**, calling on the President and the Congress to fully fund the federal government's share of special education services in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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

11:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HCR 12**, requesting that the federal government lift

federal preemption of regulation of gas pipelines and pipelines carrying other hazardous substances.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 459-FN***, relative to inspection requirements for antique vehicles.

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.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 303-FN-A-LOCAL***, relative to funding of training and certification of fire fighters and emergency medical service providers programs in the department of safety, extending certain motor vehicle license expiration dates, and increasing certain motor vehicle license fees.

10:30 a.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 218-FN***, relative to the motor vehicle road toll law and motor vehicle registration fees.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 644-FN-A-LOCAL***, requiring the sweepstakes commission to hold a sealed bid auction for permits to operate slot machines and providing municipalities the option of allowing the operation of slot machines.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 651-FN-A-LOCAL***, authorizing the establishment of state-owned casino and convention center facilities 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.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 529***, relative to advertisements for sweepstakes and gambling.

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.

2:30 p.m. **HB 710-FN**, relative to liquor licenses and fees.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 567-FN-LOCAL**, granting female inmates access to certain rehabilitation related programs.

10:00 a.m. **HB 319-FN**, including a fetus in the definition of "another" for the purpose of negligent homicide.

11:00 a.m. **HB 602-FN**, relative to the sale of fetal body parts.

1:30 p.m. **HB 678**, relative to notice of release of an inmate from state prison.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 757**, revising the definition of an adequate education; establishing an education improvement fund, and implementing a professional development program and an early literacy initiative within the department of education; and revising the formula to calculate the cost of an adequate education.

1:00 p.m. **HB 629-FN-A**, relative to equipment upgrades, improvements, or purchases at the regional vocational education centers and making an appropriation therefor.

2:00 p.m. **HB 750-LOCAL**, relative to the development and adoption of the school administrative unit budget.

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 298-FN-LOCAL**, relative to charter schools.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 728-FN-A-LOCAL**, assessing a surcharge on waste disposed at solid waste landfills and incinerators, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

11:00 a.m. Rescheduled subcommittee work session on **HB 141-LOCAL**, relative to regulation of junk yards.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 392**, establishing a committee to study the property tax status for land of agricultural fairs.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 293-FN-A**, authorizing the production of industrial hemp.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 205-FN-LOCAL**, relative to creditable service for eligibility by retired teachers for payment of medical benefits, **HB 331-FN-LOCAL**, relative to payment of the medical insurance premium subsidy for a family plan for eligible retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system, **HB 318-FN-LOCAL**, relative to payment of group health insurance premiums for eligible retired political subdivision members of the retirement system and **HB 408-FN**, relative to the regulation of nursing by the board of nursing.

10:00 a.m. **HB 560-FN-A**, establishing a contributory judicial retirement plan.

Immediately following the hearing subcommittee work session on **HB 327-FN**, relative to review of final proposed rules under the administrative procedures act.

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.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations On Governor’s Proposed Budget:

9:00 a.m. Banking Commission

9:30 a.m. Public Utilities Commission

9:45 a.m. PUC – Consumer Advocate

10:00 a.m. Department Of Education

11:30 a.m. Board Of Tax And Land Appeals

1:00 p.m. Liquor Commission

1:30 p.m. Resources And Economic Development

2:15 p.m. Pease Development Authority

2:45 p.m. Port Authority

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.

3:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 352***, limiting railroad liability for passenger rail service.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 448***, relative to procedures for crews and provision of counseling services following a railway accident.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 570-FN***, relative to the unemployment compensation law.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 637-FN***, requiring training for certain members of the workers' compensation appeals board.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 744-FN-A***, establishing a family and disability leave program.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 275***, relative to the expenditure of funds received pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act.

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

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 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.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 555-FN-LOCAL***, relative to the billing of counties for certain expenses by the department of health and human services.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 601-FN-A-LOCAL***, relative to a municipality's liability for failure to remit state taxes collected by the municipality to the state.

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

PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 103, State House

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 9:45 a.m. **HB 336-FN-A**, making capital appropriations to the university system of New Hampshire.
- Capital Budget Hearings
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 25-FN-A**, making appropriations for capital improvements.
- 1:00 p.m. Adjutant General
- 1:30 p.m. Administrative Services
- 3:00 p.m. Liquor Commission
- 3:30 p.m. Department Of Education
- 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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 476**, relative to the definition of a campsite.
- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 539-FN-A**, creating certain positions within the division of forests and lands and making an appropriation therefor.
- 11:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 455**, relative to personal flotation devices.

Rooms 305-307, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 754**, relative to the testing and certification of fluorine-bearing chemicals injected into the public water supply.
- 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 253-FN**, relative to mercury reductions, **HB 274-FN**, banning the residential open burning of trash and relative to a dioxin emissions reduction and control program and **HB 284-FN**, relative to additional emissions reductions from grandfathered fossil fuel burning steam electric power plants.
- 11:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

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

- 2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Health and Human Services Revenue work session.
- 10:30 .m. **HB 709-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to the cigarette tax and prescription drugs for the elderly and continually appropriating a special fund.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 742-FN-LOCAL**, relative to collection of the education property tax and establishing a program to rebate certain excessive property tax payments of eligible taxpayers.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

Fifteen minutes after the House session, subcommittee work session on *HB 359-FN*, requiring data collected by state agencies to be analyzed relative to age and gender.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

Work session will be held at the conclusion of the House session.

FINANCE, (DIVISION II), Room 212, LOB

Work session will be held at the conclusion of the House session.

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

Work session will be held at the conclusion of the House session.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

Immediately following the House session, subcommittee work session on *HB 409*, relative to qualification for admission to the New Hampshire bar.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

Immediately following the House session, subcommittee work session on *HB 537-FN-A*, relative to a dedicated revenue source for the land and community heritage investment program and the state's travel and tourism promotion and development effort.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

Immediately following the House session, subcommittee work session on *HB 443*, relative to a 20-year state comprehensive energy plan, *HB 489*, relative to the regulation of rural electric cooperatives by the public utilities commission, *HB 695*, relative to net energy metering and *HB 718-FN*, establishing minimum renewable standards for energy portfolios.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *HB 289-FN*, implementing procedures for a hospital to assume care and custody of an abandoned child and creating an exception to the crime of endangering the welfare of a child.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

Division I will hold the following work sessions on the budget:

- 9:00 a.m. Judicial Council
- 9:30 a.m. N. H. Retirement System
- 10:30 a.m. Human Rights Commission
- 11:00 a.m. Department of Employment Security
- 11:30 a.m. Cultural Resources
- 1:00 p.m. Insurance Department
- 1:30 p.m. Treasury
- 2:15 p.m. Secretary of State
- Auctioneers Board
- Records and Archives
- Securities Regulation
- 3:00 p.m. Banking Commission
- 3:30 p.m. Parole Board

Executive sessions may be held throughout the day.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

Division II will hold the following work sessions on the budget:

- 9:00 a.m. Department of Education
- 11:00 a.m. Higher Education – University System
- 1:00 p.m. Sweepstakes Commission
- 1:30 p.m. Christa McAuliffe Planetarium
- 2:00 p.m. Police Standards and Training Council

Work and executive sessions may be held throughout the day.

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

Division III will hold the following work sessions on the budget:

- 9:30 a.m. Division of Behavioral Health
- Division of Developmental Services
- 1:30 p.m. Division of Elderly and Adult Services

Executive sessions may be held throughout the day.

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

9:30 a.m. **HB 691-FN-A**, relative to Area Health Education Centers in New Hampshire 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

Division I will hold the following work sessions on the budget:

9:00 a.m. Revenue Administration

10:00 a.m. Administrative Services

11:00 a.m. Board of Tax and Land Appeals

11:30 a.m. Commission on the Status of Women

Real Estate Commission

Board of Manufactured Housing

2: 00 p.m. Electricians’ Board

2:15 p.m. Liquor Commission

3:00 p.m. Department of Justice

Executive sessions may be held throughout the day.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

Division II will hold the following work sessions on the budget:

9:00 a.m. Department Transportation

11:00 a.m. Fish and Game

Work and executive session to follow.

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

Division III will hold the following work sessions on the budget:

9:30 a.m. Division for Children ,Youth and Families

1:00 p.m. Division of Family Assistance

2:30 p.m. Department of Youth Development Services

Executive sessions may be held throughout the day

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESday, march 14

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled subcommittee work session on **HB 246**, relative to marriage between first cousins.

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.

1:15 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 534**, relative to "salvage" motor vehicles.

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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 271**, relative to criminal liability for the conduct of another.

11:00 a.m. **HB 223**, allowing a state resident to obtain a license for a pistol or revolver for life.

1:30 p.m. **HB 729**, permitting a person charged with a felony or misdemeanor to access the medical and psychiatric records of the alleged victim.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 726-LOCAL**, relative to change of school assignment and transfers of public school 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

9:30 a.m. **HB 384**, relative to political expenditures.

10:15 a.m. **HB 711**, relative to reporting by candidates.

11:00 a.m. **HB 544-FN**, relative to reporting by candidates of independent expenditures.

1:15 p.m. **HB 364**, eliminating straight ticket voting.

1:45 p.m. **HB 226**, relative to instructions to voters for straight-ticket voting.

2:15 p.m. **HB 572**, relative to vacancies for office on a party ticket.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 581-FN**, relative to the authority of the commissioner of

agriculture, markets, and food to search for invasive species.

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 610**, allowing the sale of raw milk cheese and unpasteurized apple cider in New Hampshire.

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

1:00 p.m. **HB 625-FN**, establishing a moratorium on the land application of class B biosolids.

2:00 p.m. **HB 675**, relative to mercury source reduction.

3:00 p.m. **HB 676-LOCAL**, establishing a committee to study the creation of a regional program for collection and marketing certain components of the municipal solid waste stream.

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

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

2:45 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 483**, repealing the Uniform Aircraft Financial Responsibility Act.

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

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

Division II will hold the following work sessions on the budget:

1:15 p.m. Postsecondary Education Commission

1:45 p.m. Department of Regional Community-Technical Colleges

Work and executive session may follow

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bureau of Turnpikes performance – based budgeting audit report march 2001. Management letter for the State of New Hampshire for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2000.

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 737**, relative to the possession and use of epinephrine auto-injector devices by emergency medical care providers.

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.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 616**, clarifying sessions to be held at the satellite district court in Durham.

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. **CACR 21**, relating to compensation for members of the general court. Providing that members of the general court shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred for legislative business.

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

9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

10:00 a.m. **HB 506**, prohibiting the granting of certain variances from zoning ordinances.

10:45 a.m. **HB 549-FN-LOCAL**, relative to procedures of the department of revenue administration concerning the reassessment of property.

11:30 a.m. **HB 527**, relative to limitations on membership of local land use boards.

1:30 p.m. **HB 491**, establishing a procedure for zoning boards of adjustment to give notice of violation of zoning ordinances.

2:15 p.m. **HB 482**, relative to airport zoning.

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

Capital Budget Hearings

HB 25-FN-A, making appropriations for capital improvements.

9:30 p.m. Christa McAuliff Planetarium

10:30 p.m. Community Technical College System

11:30 p.m. Fish & Game

1:00 p.m. Health & Human Services.

2:00 p.m. Department Of Youth Developmental Services

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 284-FN**, relative to additional emissions reductions from grandfathered fossil fuel burning steam electric power plants.

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

1:00 p.m. **HB 740**, relative to decommissioning of nuclear electric generating facilities.

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 685-FN**, allowing pregnant women to use parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

10:45 a.m. **HB 725**, relative to titles to destroyed vehicles.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 115**, relative to automated telemarketing practices, **HB 299-FN**, relative to telephone solicitation and the creation of a "no sales solicitation calls" list of consumers and **HB 470**, relative to caller identification requirements for persons engaged in telephone solicitation.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 394**, relative to short-term health insurance policies for certain persons, **HB 488**, relative to the confidentiality of patient prescription records and **HB 591**, relative to certain prescription discount cards.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 519**, relative to the ballot law commission.

10:15 a.m. **HB 666**, permitting the placement of political advertising on highway rights-of-way.

10:45 a.m. **HB 664**, relative to disqualification for violating election laws.

11:00 a.m. **CACR 18**, relating to elections and elective franchises. Providing that the inhabitants having proper qualifications shall have an equal right to elect and be elected into office.

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

FINANCE, Representatives Hall

1:30-5:00 p. m. **HB 1-A**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

HB 2-FN-A, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

6:30-8:30 p.m. **HB 1-A**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

HB 2-FN-A, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 401**, relative to the receipt of information from regional planning commissions by local land use boards.

11:00 a.m. **HB 712-FN**, relative to the coordination of state, regional, and local planning efforts.

1:30 p.m. **HB 650-FN**, relative to master plans.

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

Capital Budget Hearings

HB 25-FN-A, making appropriations for capital improvements.

9:00 a.m. Department Of Corrections.

9:30 a.m. Department Of Agriculture, Markets & Food

9:50 a.m. Department Of Safety

10:30 a.m. Resources & Economic Development

11:00 a.m. Department Of Transportation

1:00 p.m. Port Authority

1:30 p.m. Department Of Environmental 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

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

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

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

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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 736-FN**, establishing the consumer safety firearms protection act.

1:30 p.m. **HB 756**, relative to the penalty for certain acts of theft, destruction, or violence in a safe school zone.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 679**, establishing a commission to examine models of out-of-school care for children in kindergarten through grade 12.

11:00 a.m. **HB 646**, relative to an exemption for pupils scoring at the advanced level on the verbal portion of the state assessment test.

11:30 a.m. **HB 694**, establishing a separate high school civics graduation requirement.

1:00 p.m. **HB 692**, relative to the use of psychological testing and psychiatric drugs in schools.

2:00 p.m. **HB 734**, eliminating the teen assessment project in the university system of New Hampshire.

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 259**, relative to holding sessions for correction of checklists.

10:00 a.m. **HB 266**, establishing a committee to study recodification of the election laws.

10:15 a.m. **HB 484**, relative to disclosure of presidential election results.

10:30 a.m. **HB 531**, establishing a committee to study ballot reform.

10:45 a.m. **HB 575**, relative to absentee voter affidavits.

11:00 a.m. **HB 639**, relative to the preparation of town ballots and relative to the nomination of presidential electors.

11:15 a.m. **HB 698**, relative to verification of checklists.

11:30 a.m. **HB 722**, relative to town elections.

11:45 a.m. **HB 633**, relative to the order of names on ballots.

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. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 554-FN**, establishing a division of information technology within the department of safety.

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.

1:30 p.m. **HB 727**, making certain changes concerning the authority and operation of the port authority.

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 683***, relative to the prescription of Methylphenidate

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

1:00 p.m. ***HB 751***, authorizing an advisory committee and establishing a conflict of interest policy regarding grant awards from the health care fund.

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 716-FN***, relative to minimum wages of employees in public works.

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

9:30 a.m. ***HB 680***, relative to foreign insurers.

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

11:00 a.m. ***HB 687-FN***, relative to labeling requirements of genetically engineered foods.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 697***, extending the reporting date for the healthy kids subcommittee and clarifying the mission statement of the healthy kids corporation.

1:45 p.m. ***HB 690***, adopting the "Financial Information Privacy Protection Model Act."

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 708-FN***, relative to the definition of "child" for the purposes of home education and relative to access to public school programs by home educated pupils.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 631-LOCAL***, relative to access to public school programs by home educated pupils.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 415***, establishing a committee to study the use of state bond moneys to fund new high school construction.

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 682***, relative to accidental disability income benefits.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 684***, relative to the occupational therapy practice act.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 738***, establishing a commission to assess the operating efficiency of state government.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 688***, relative to legislative standing committee review of rules adopted after final

objection by the joint legislative committee on administrative rules.

2:15 p.m. **HB 714-FN**, requiring the disclosure by a governor or councilor of certain gifts.

3:00 p.m. **HB 719**, relative to the removal of public officials for cause.

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

9:30 a.m. **HJR 5**, encouraging the use of renewable energy systems in new or rehabilitated state buildings.

10:30 a.m. **HB 715-FN**, relative to the New Hampshire port authority.

1:00 p.m. **HB 732**, relative to the regulation of land use by the Pease development authority.

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 753**, relative to exemptions from issuer dealer licenses for the sale of securities.

11:00 a.m. **HB 731-FN**, relative to securities laws.

1:15 p.m. **HB 713-FN**, addressing public health issues relative to indoor smoking.

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

FISH AND GAME JOINT WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Rooms 305-307, LOB

1:30 p.m. **HB 760-FN**, relative to the possession of silencing devices and relative to the use of silencing devices for taking game.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 702**, making revisions to the consumer protection act.

11:00 a.m. **HB 745-FN**, revising Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and related statutes.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

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

9:00 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 Hillsborough County Delegation will meet at the Hillsborough County North Courthouse in Manchester on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the sale of county land.

Rep. Robert H. Milligan, Chairman

Hillsborough County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Merrimack County Delegation will hold public hearing on the 2001 Operating Budget for Merrimack County on March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. Immediately following the public hearing there will be a Delegation meeting to approve the 2001 Merrimack County Budget.

Rep. William E. Leber, Chairman

Merrimack County Delegation

To make it easier for members to get answers to their questions about the state budget as it is being developed two or three members of the Finance Committee will be available in Room 209, LOB between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday through April 18th. Please feel free to drop in at your convenience. Of course, everyone on the committee will continue to respond to members' questions whenever and wherever posed.

Rep. Neal M. Kurk, Chairman

Finance Committee

A citizen petition in support of HB 171-FN, an act abolishing the death penalty, was presented to the Clerk of the House on Wednesday, February 28th, and is available for inspection in the Clerk's office.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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, 176, 179, 180, 184, 185, 186, 189, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 213, 214, 218, 280, 282, 283, 285, 286, 287, 289, 291, 293, 298, 299, 302, 303, 305, 308, 309, 313, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 321, 322, 325, 326, 327, 334, 335, 341, 344, 346, 538, 543, 544, 547, 548, 549, 556, 561, 604, 605, 606, 654, 655, 656, 708, 710, 713, 715, 736 and 744.

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.

Physicians for Social Responsibility presents a briefing on climate change and health at noon on March 6 in Room 306 of the Legislative Office Building (room to be announced). Speakers will be Richard Clapp, DSc, Associate Professor of Epidemiology Boston University and Lara Hensley, Climate and Health Organizer, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Rep. Barbara C. French

Legislators for Limited Spending will meet Tuesday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 20th at noon in the Upham Walker House. Bring your lunch, we will serve coffee.

Rep. Donald B. White

New Hampshire Public Health Association Annual Legislative Briefing 2001 will be held Wednesday, March 7 at St. Paul's Church, Concord from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Guest speaker is Michael Bird, MPH, MSW, President of the American Public Health Association: Improving Public Health in New Hampshire and Around the Nation.

Rep. James P. Pilliod

The Main Street Republicans Caucus will meet March 7th at noon in the Upham Walker House.

Reps. Peter F. Bergin and Richard C. Leone

The New Hampshire Order of Women Legislators (OWLS) will hold an organizational meeting with the election of new officers on Thursday, March 8 in Room 307, LOB during the lunch break. Bring your brown bag lunch. All members (women and men) are welcome for membership.

Rep. Janet G. Wall

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.

Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet on Monday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 206, LOB. The caucus will be reviewing proposed, pertinent legislation.

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos

On Wednesday, March 14th the Merrimack County Democrats will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party at the Barley House Restaurant, 132 Main Street, Concord. The event will be co-hosted by County Commissioners Rick Trombly and Katherine Rogers, with special guest Bill Shaheen. Cash bar is from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Tickets are \$25 each. Please RSVP to Bill Stetson at 225-9702 or Mike Vlacich at 224-5850.

Rep. Randy J. Perkins

ALEC, American Legislative Exchange Council, will be holding a reception for new legislators on Wednesday, March 21 in Rooms 306-308, LOB from noon to 1:00 p.m. Last session we had over forty dues paying members. Our members feel that the information received in the mail and at conferences has been invaluable in being fully informed legislators.

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

Members and others interested in the 1% NH Education Tax Plan are welcome to visit the new website – www.AndrewPeterson.org.

Rep. Andrew R. Peterson

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 5 – Troy Elementary School, 44 School Street, Troy, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Troy-Swanzey, NH 12 at Flat Root Mill Road in Swanzey, proceeds south to Railroad Bridge. Involves reclaiming NH Route 12, guardrail and miscellaneous drainage work.

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 14 – State House, Executive Council Chambers, Concord, 1:00 p.m. Special committee meeting, Manchester, alterations to Interstate I-293 (F.E. Everett Turnpike).

Mar 19 – Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street, Keene, 6:30 p.m. Final design ATF meeting, Keene-Swanzey, NH Routes 9, 10, 12 and 101 upgrade.

Mar 20 – Wilton Town Hall, Court Room, 42 Main Street, Wilton, 7:00 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 22 – Selectmen's Office, 84 Main Street, Tamworth, 7:00 p.m. Combined official/informational meeting, Tamworth, project begins on NH 25 at Lords Hill Road and proceeds easterly approximately 3¼ miles to the Ossipee Town Line.

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.

Mar 28 – Pembroke Town Hall, 311 Pembroke Street, Pembroke, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Pembroke-Allenstown, replacement of Main Street Bridge over Suncook River and associated roadway reconstruction.

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 March 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
Mar. 5	9:30 & 11:00	Gossler Park Elem – Manchester	4/75
Mar. 5	1:00	Centerwoods Elem- Weare	4/25
Mar. 6	9:30 & 11:00	Reeds Ferry – Merrimack	4/50
Mar. 6	1:00	Merrimack Valley High School-Penacook	10/31
Mar. 7	9:30 & 11:00	Reeds Ferry – Merrimack	4/50
Mar. 8	9:30 & 11:00	Reeds Ferry – Merrimack	4/50
Mar. 9	8:00 & 9:45	Merrimack Valley High School – Penacook	HS
Mar. 9	9:00	Broken Ground Elem- Concord	4/25
Mar. 9	11:00 & 12:30	Haverhill Middle School	4/70
Mar. 12	9:30 & 10:45	Holy Infant Jesus School – Nashua	4/53
Mar. 12	12:30	Sant Bani School – Sanbornton	4/15
Mar. 13	9:30 & 11:00	Marston Elem – Hampton	4/130
Mar. 13	1:30	Derry Head Start Pre-School	19
Mar. 14	10:00	Salisbury & Webster School	4/34
Mar. 15	9:30 & 11:00	New Searles School – Nashua	4/75
Mar. 16	9:00 & 10:15	Conant School – Concord	4/60
Mar. 16	11:30	Conant School - Concord	4/20
Mar. 16	12:30	Marston Elem –Hampton	4/45
Mar. 19	9:00	Broken Ground Elem - Concord	4/25
Mar. 19	11:00 & 12:30	Barrington Elem	4/75
Mar. 20	9:00	Broken Ground Elem - Concord	4/25
Mar. 20	11:00 & 12:30	Barrington Elem	4/50
Mar. 21	9:30 & 11:00	East Rochester School	4/60
Mar. 21	4:00	YNOT – High School Tobacco Prevention Group	25

Mar. 22	9:30 & 11:00	Loudon Elem	4/80
Mar. 23	10:00	Underhill Elem – Hooksett	3/50
Mar. 23	11:00	Nashua Christian Academy	4/22
Mar. 23	12:30	Lyme School	5/27
Mar. 26	9:30 & 11:00	Garrison Elem – Dover	4/50
Mar. 27	10:00	Underhill Elem – Hooksett	3/50
Mar. 27	11:00	East Kingston Elem	4/29
Mar. 28	10:00	Underhill Elem – Hooksett	3/50
Mar. 28	11:00 & 12:00	Rindge Memorial School	4/60
Mar. 29	10:00	Underhill Elem – Hooksett	3/25
Mar. 29	11:00	Marlborough Elem	4/45
Mar. 30	9:30 & 11:00	Chester Academy	4/65
Mar. 30	12:30	Maplewood Elem – Somersworth	3/50

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2001-0042h

Amendment to HB 180-FN

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

Amend RSA 631:8, I (g) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(g) "Neglect" means the failure or omission on the part of the caregiver to provide the care, supervision, and services necessary to maintain the health of an elderly, disabled, or impaired adult, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, medicine, shelter, supervision, and medical services, that a prudent person would consider necessary for the well-being of an elderly, disabled, or impaired adult. The term "neglect" also means the failure of a caregiver to make a reasonable effort to protect a disabled adult or an elderly person from abuse, neglect, or exploitation by others. "Neglect" is repeated conduct or a single incident which produces or could reasonably be expected to result in serious bodily injury.

Amend RSA 631:8 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraphs:

IV. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or impair a person's right to self-determination or right to refuse medical treatment as described in RSA 151:21 and RSA 151:21-b.

V. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean a person is abused, neglected, exploited, or in need of protective services for the sole reason that such person relies on or is being furnished treatment by spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practices of a church or religious denomination of which such person is a member or an adherent.

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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

2001-0082h

Amendment to HB 202

Proposed by the Committee on Legislative Administration - R

Amend RSA 14-B:3, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Before guidelines or amendments thereto become effective, the committee shall distribute such guidelines or amendments to the members of the senate and the house of representatives. Specific guidelines or amendments shall be brought to a vote and approved by a majority vote of both houses within a period of 3 legislative days after distribution before they shall become effective.

Amend RSA 14-B:4, VIII(d)(1) and (2) as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d)(1) There was improper conduct based upon clear and convincing evidence, and the improper conduct was of a serious nature so as to warrant formal disciplinary action by the general court in the case of a legislator or officer of the legislature, or formal disciplinary action by the joint committee on legislative facilities in the case of an employee of the legislature, except in the case of an employee of the legislature employed by the legislative budget assistant, in which case the formal disciplinary action shall be taken by the fiscal committee of the general court. The committee shall submit to the speaker of the house and senate president in the case of a legislator or officer of the legislature, to the joint committee on legislative facilities in the case of an employee of the legislature, or to the fiscal committee of the general court in the case of an employee of the legislature employed by the legislative budget assistant, a summary report of the deliberations regarding the complaint and of its findings. The report shall contain any specific recommendations concerning disciplinary actions to be imposed. ~~[Such recommendations may include reprimand, censure, or expulsion.]~~ ***With respect to any recommendations for disciplinary actions against a legislator, the committee may recommend one or more of the following:***

(A) Reprimand.

(B) Censure.

(C) Expulsion from the senate or house of representatives.

(D) Denial or limitation of any right, power, privilege, or immunity of the legislator that the constitution of New Hampshire permits the general court to deny or limit.

(2) Before any disciplinary action may be taken against a legislator or against an officer of the legislature, the report shall be ratified by the legislator's or by the officer's respective body of the general court. Such ratification need not occur during the biennium in which the complaint was submitted, but may be considered and acted upon by the general court in the next succeeding session; provided that no action shall be taken against an individual who is no longer a member of the general court.

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

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

2001-0166h

Amendment to HB 254

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

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

AN ACT naming a certain bridge in the town of Charlestown.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 The Brigadier General Ernest A. Bixby Memorial Bridge. Pursuant to RSA 4:43, the bridge located on route 12A also known

as River Road, over the New England Central Railroad Bridge number 076/081, in the town of Charlestown is hereby named the Brigadier General Ernest A. Bixby Memorial Bridge in honor of Ernest A. Bixby who retired as a brigadier general in the United States Army, and left a scholarship fund for students in the Charlestown area which is active to this day.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the naming of a bridge located on route 12A also known as River Road in the town of Charlestown after Brigadier General Ernest A. Bixby.

2001-0217h

Amendment to HB 337-FN

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

Amend RSA 363:12-b as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

363:12-b Prohibition on Future Employment. No commissioner, executive director, finance-director, general counsel, ~~ombudsman~~ or chief engineer of the commission shall accept any employment with any utility under the control of the commission until ~~[2 years]~~ **one year** after he **or she** shall become separated from the commission.

Amend RSA 365:28 as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

365:28 Altering Orders. At any time after the making and entry thereof, the commission may, after notice and hearing, alter, amend, suspend, annul, set aside, or otherwise modify any order made by it. ***This hearing shall not be required when any prior order made by the commission was made under a provision of law that did not require a hearing and a hearing was, in fact, not held.***

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Establishes the unclassified position of executive director of the public utilities commission.
- II. Increases the salary grade for the general counsel of the public utilities commission.
- III. Permits the public utilities commission to exempt water companies with less than 75 consumers.
- IV. Reduces the public utilities commission future employment prohibition from 2 years to one year.
- V. Provides that a hearing shall not be required prior to alteration of an order made by the public utilities commission pursuant to a provision of law not requiring a hearing.
- VI. Repeals the requirement that the public utilities commission approve the tearing up or removal of railroad lines.

2001-0116h

Amendment to HB 361

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

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

2001-0218h

Amendment to HB 357

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

Amend RSA 524:6-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

524:6-a Periodic Payment of Judgments. Whenever judgment is rendered against any person in this state, the court in which the judgment is rendered shall either at the time of rendition of the judgment inquire of the defendant as to the defendant's ability to pay the judgment in full or, upon petition of the plaintiff after judgment, order the defendant to appear in court for such inquiry. The court may at either time order the defendant to make such periodic payments as the court in its discretion deems appropriate. If the court orders the defendant to make periodic payments at the time of rendition of judgment, the order shall not provide for payments to begin until after the appeal period has expired. Failure to make such periodic payments shall constitute civil contempt of court. The court may order the appropriate agencies to make an investigation and recommendation as to the defendant's ability to pay the judgment. The judgment may be enforced against any property of any kind of the debtor, except such property as is now exempt from attachment or execution. *If a defendant has not been found to be in contempt of court for noncompliance with an order, the court shall not review, revise, modify, suspend, or revoke the order for periodic payments except after a hearing before the court; unless the parties agree otherwise or no objection is filed.*

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a hearing in order for a judge to change an order for periodic payments made against a judgment debtor, unless the parties agree otherwise or no objection is filed..

2001-0199h

Amendment to HB 374

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

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

AN ACT relative to surcharges on pay telephone use.

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

1 New Paragraph; Duties of the Oversight Committee on Telecommunications. Amend RSA 374:22-j by inserting after paragraph XV the following new paragraph:

XVI. Examining the assessment of surcharges on pay telephone use.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds examining the assessment of surcharges on pay telephone use to the duties of the oversight committee on telecommunications.

2001-0192h

Amendment to HB 385

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration - C

Amend RSA 19-H:1, I(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) The following members, appointed by the governor and executive council:

- (1) An individual with expertise in the educational, training, and developmental needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.
- (2) An individual with experience in promoting the involvement of adults 55 years of age or older in service and volunteerism.
- (3) A representative from a community-based agency or community-based organization with volunteer participation.
- (4) A representative from local government.

- (5) A representative from a local labor organization.
- (6) At least one representative from the business community.
- (7) An individual between 16 and 25 years of age, inclusive, who is or has been a participant or supervisor in a service program.
- (8) A representative of a national service program described in section 122(a) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended.
- (9) A representative from the religious community.
- (10) A representative from the philanthropic community.
- (11) A representative from post-secondary education.

Amend RSA 19-H:4, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The board may organize an advisory council and program committees to develop, promote, execute, sustain, and provide education and recognition to volunteer activities and programs in New Hampshire.

Amend RSA 19-H:6 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

19-H:6 Report. The board shall submit an annual report of its activities to the governor and council, the senate president, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

2001-0194h

Amendment to HB 388

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Transfer or Discharge of Patients. RSA 151:26 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

151:26 Transfer or Discharge of Patients.

I. A facility shall not transfer or discharge a patient except for those reasons listed under RSA 151:21, V.

II. (a) Transfer or discharge of a patient shall in all instances be preceded by written notice which shall contain the following:

- (1) The reason for the proposed transfer or discharge;
- (2) The effective date of the proposed transfer or discharge;
- (3) The location to which the patient is transferred or discharged;
- (4) The name, address and telephone number of the long-term care ombudsman, established under RSA 161-F:10, and the designated agency responsible for the protection and advocacy system for a developmentally disabled or mentally ill individual;
- (5) A statement which shall read: "You have a right to appeal the facility's decision to transfer or discharge you. If you think you should not have to leave this facility, you may file an appeal in superior or probate court." If the patient is in a skilled nursing facility or nursing facility certified under Title XVIII or Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the statement shall inform the patient of his or her right to request an administrative hearing before the department of health and human services.

Except as specified in paragraph II(b) of this section, written notice of transfer or discharge shall be given at least 30 days before the resident is transferred or discharged. A copy of the notice shall be placed in the patient's clinical record and a copy shall be transmitted to the patient, the patient's next of kin, the patient's personal representative, legal guardian, the long-term ombudsman in the office of the ombudsman established under RSA 161-F:10, the designated agency responsible for the protection and advocacy system for a developmentally disabled or mentally ill individual, and the person or agency responsible for the patient's placement, maintenance, and care in the facility.

(b) Written notice as specified in subparagraph II(a) shall be given as soon as practicable before transfer or discharge in the

following circumstances:

- (1) If an emergency transfer or discharge is mandated by the patient’s health care needs and is in accord with the written orders and medical justification of the patient’s physician;
- (2) If the transfer or discharge is mandated by the health or safety of other individuals in the facility, as documented in the patient’s clinical record upon consultation with the patient’s physician;
- (3) If the transfer or discharge is requested by the patient or the patient’s legal guardian, and notification is given to the next of kin and the person or agency responsible for the patient’s placement, maintenance, and care in the facility;
- (4) If the patient’s health has improved sufficiently so the patient no longer needs the services provided by the facility, as documented in the patient’s clinical record by the patient’s physician; or
- (5) If the patient has resided in the facility for less than 30 days.

(c) The basis for the transfer or discharge shall be documented in the patient’s clinical record. The facility shall consult with the patient’s physician prior to transferring or discharging the patient for medical reasons or for the patient’s welfare or that of other patients. The documentation of the basis for the transfer or discharge shall be made by:

- (1) The patient’s physician if the transfer or discharge is necessary because the patient’s needs cannot be met in the facility;
- (2) The patient’s physician if the transfer or discharge is appropriate because the patient’s health has improved sufficiently so the patient no longer needs the services provided by the facility;
- (3) A physician if the health of individuals in the facility would be endangered.

III. Transfer or discharge of a patient of a skilled nursing facility or nursing facility certified under Title XVIII or Title XIX of the Social Security Act shall take into account any additional rights and safeguards prescribed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services and the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

IV. Upon notice, a patient may petition the superior or probate court to enjoin the facility’s decision to transfer or discharge. This petition shall stay any transfer or discharge pending a decision.

2001-0202h

Amendment to HB 403

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Special Contracts for Telephone Utilities; Effective Date. Amend RSA 378:18-b to read as follows:

378:18-b Special Contracts; Telephone Utilities.

I. In this section:

- (a) "Toll service" means switched telephone calls to locations outside of the local service area of the caller, as defined in the serving telephone utility’s tariffs on file with the commission.***
- (b) "Incumbent local exchange carrier" means a local exchange carrier authorized to do business in the state prior to the passage of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.***

II.(a) Except as provided in RSA 378:18-b, III, any special contracts for ~~[telephone utilities]~~ ***incumbent local exchange carriers*** providing telephone services shall be filed with the commission and shall become effective 30 days after filing, provided the rates are set not less than:

- ~~[H-]~~ ***(1)*** The incremental cost of the relevant service; or
- ~~[H-]~~ ***(2)*** Where the telephone utility’s competitors must purchase access from the telephone utility to offer a competing service, the price of the lowest cost form of access that competitors could purchase to compete for customers with comparable volumes of

usage, plus the incremental cost of related overhead.

(b) The commission may, in its discretion and with reasonable explanation, extend the effective date of the special contract by 30 days.

III. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, special contracts for toll service provided by incumbent local exchange carriers need not be filed with the commission for its approval in order for the special contract to take effect. Copies of such special contracts shall be filed with the commission within 7 business days after the special contract's effective date. The commission may investigate a special contract for toll service to determine whether the rates are consistent with the cost considerations of this section. If the special contract for toll service is not consistent with the cost considerations of this section, the parties shall either cancel the special contract or agree to revise the rate.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the filing requirements for special contracts for telephone services and the authority of the public utilities commission to review such contracts.

2001-0209h

Amendment to HB 463

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 "Incapacitated" Changed to "Vulnerable." Amend RSA 161-F:42 to read as follows:

161-F:42 Purpose. The purpose of this subdivision is to provide protection for ~~[incapacitated]~~ **vulnerable** adults who are abused, neglected, or exploited. Implicit in this subdivision is the philosophy that whenever possible an adult's right to self-determination should be preserved, and that each adult should live in safe conditions and should live his **or her** own life without interruption from state government. Only when these principles become impossible to follow should legal proceedings be initiated in order to care for and protect such adults.

Amend RSA 161-F:51, II as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The commissioner or his **or her** authorized representative shall refer all cases of serious bodily injury to ~~[an incapacitated]~~ **a vulnerable adult known or suspected to be the result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to local law enforcement**, the department of justice, or to the county attorney for possible criminal prosecution. The commissioner or his **or her** authorized representative may also report other cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation as ~~[he]~~ **the commissioner** deems appropriate~~;~~ **under procedures to be developed jointly by the department and the attorney general**, to **local law enforcement**, the department of justice, or ~~[to]~~ the office of the county attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

2001-0167h

Amendment to HB 479

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Vessels for Burial or Cremation. Amend RSA 290 by inserting after section 3-b the following new section:

290:3-c Vessels for Burial or Cremation. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a person, or the person's authorized representative, may provide a coffin or urn for burial or cremation purposes.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes any person, or the person's authorized representative, to supply a coffin or urn for interment purposes.

2001-0232h

Amendment to HB 480

Proposed by the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development – C

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Department of Resources and Economic Development; Role of Divisions Within the Department. Amend RSA 12-A:1 to read as follows:

12-A:1 Establishment. There shall be a department of resources and economic development under the executive direction of a commissioner of resources and economic development, consisting of a division of forests and lands, a division of economic development which shall include but not be limited to subdivisions of development and promotion, a division of travel and tourism development, and a division of parks and recreation. ***Its purpose shall be to ensure the efficient coordinated function of the 4 divisions, whereby the interests of economic development, protection and responsible management of natural resources, public enjoyment of state parks and forests, and promotion of travel and tourism development are each held to be of integral importance in the overall functioning of the department.***

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill describes the coordination of interests in economic development, protection of natural resources, public enjoyment of state parks and forests, and promotion of travel and tourism within the department of resources and economic development.

2001-0216h

Amendment to HB 485

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Physicians Employed by Hospitals. Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section 31 the following new section:
329:32 Physicians Employed by Hospitals; Prohibition. A hospital, required to be licensed under RSA 151, shall not require any physician employed by it to refer only to other physicians who use the hospital's facilities for surgeries and ancillary procedures.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a hospital from requiring physicians employed by it to refer only to other physicians who use the hospital's facilities for surgeries and ancillary procedures.

2001-0229h

Amendment to HB 545-FN

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

Amend RSA 635:12, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. "Railroad property" means all tangible property owned, leased or operated by a railroad carrier, including a right-of-way, track, bridge, yard, shop, station, tunnel, viaduct, trestle, depot, warehouse, terminal or any other structure, appurtenance or equipment owned, leased or used in the operation of a railroad carrier including a train, locomotive, engine, railroad car, work equipment, rolling stock or safety device. "Railroad property" does not include an abandoned right of way, a railroad carrier's administrative building or office, office equipment or intangible property such as computer software or other information.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

2001-0198h

Amendment to HB 583

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Definitions; Excavate; Exclusions. Amend RSA 374:48, III to read as follows:

III. "Excavate", "excavating", or "excavation" means any operation conducted in a public way, right-of-way, easement, public street, or other public place, in which earth, rock, or other material in the ground is moved, removed, or otherwise displaced by means of any tools, equipment, or explosive, and includes but is not limited to drilling, grading, boring, milling, trenching, tunneling, scraping, tree and root removal, cable or pipe plowing, fence or sign post installation, pile driving, wrecking, razing, rending, or moving any structure or mass material, but does not include the tilling of soil for agricultural purposes, **landscaping and maintenance of residential property performed with non-mechanized equipment, landscaping activities performed with mechanized equipment that are intended to cut vegetation, including lawn edging, aeration, and de-thatching, excavations permitted or grandfathered under RSA 155-E**, or replacement of department-of-transportation-installed delineator posts in the same location.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Notification by Excavator; Limitation. Amend RSA 374:51, I to read as follows:

I. No person shall perform an excavation **within 100 feet of an underground facility**, except in an emergency, without first giving notification as required by this section.

2001-0248h

Floor Amendment to HB 583

Proposed by Rep. Thomas

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Definitions; Excavate. Amend RSA 374:48, III to read as follows:

III. "Excavate", "excavating", or "excavation" means any operation conducted **on private property or** in a public way, right-of-way, easement, public street, or other public place, in which earth, rock, or other material in the ground is moved, removed, or otherwise displaced by means of any tools, equipment, or explosive, and includes but is not limited to drilling, grading, boring, milling, trenching, tunneling, scraping, tree and root removal, cable or pipe plowing, fence or sign post installation, pile driving, wrecking, razing, rending, or moving any structure or mass material, but does not include the tilling of soil for agricultural purposes, **landscaping and maintenance of residential property performed with non-mechanized equipment, landscaping activities performed with mechanized equipment that are intended to cut vegetation, including lawn edging, aeration, and de-thatching, excavations permitted or grandfathered under RSA 155-E**, or replacement of department-of-transportation-installed delineator posts in the same location.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the underground utility damage prevention system laws to:

- I. Included operations on private property in the definition of "exempt."
- II. Exempt certain landscaping and maintenance activities from the definition of "excavate."
- III. Exempt certain excavation activity from the notification requirements.
- IV. Clarify the responsibilities of the operator relative to marking of facilities.
- V. Exempt from the civil penalty provisions a homeowner excavating on his or her own property or a legal occupant of residential property excavating on the property of his or her primary residence with the permission of the owner.

2001-0186h

Amendment to HCR 5

Proposed by the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs - C

Amend the resolution by replacing the first paragraph after the resolving clause with the following:

That New Hampshire's congressional delegation and the federal government are strongly urged to consider the impacts on and the needs of the smaller states, such as New Hampshire, when dealing with interstate waste legislation; and

Amend the resolution by deleting the third paragraph after the resolving clause.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This house concurrent resolution urges the federal government and New Hampshire's congressional delegation to:

I. Consider the impacts on and the needs of the smaller states when dealing with interstate waste legislation.

II. Propose and support legislation which creates incentives for each state to plan for processing and disposal of its municipal solid waste within its own borders.

2001-0191h

Amendment to HCR 9

Proposed by the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs - C

Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

Whereas, in 1974, Turkey sent armed forces to Cyprus and occupied over 36 percent of the land, creating widespread displacement of Greek Cypriots from the northern part of the island; and

Whereas, the international community and the United States Government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from Cyprus; and

Whereas a peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic, and social well-being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey; and

Whereas the attention of the world will be focused on this region when the Olympics are held in Greece in 2002; and

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1250 and 1251, adopted on June 26, 1999, and June 29, 1999, respectively, provided parameters for a solution and were supported by the United States; and

Whereas Resolution 1250 reaffirms all its earlier resolutions on Cyprus, particularly Resolution 1218 of December 22, 1998, and

Whereas Resolution 1251 reaffirms that the status quo is unacceptable and that negotiations on a final political solution to the Cyprus problem have been at an impasse for too long; and

Whereas Resolution 1251 also reiterates the United Nations' position that a Cyprus settlement must be based on a state of Cyprus with a single sovereignty and international personality and a single citizenship, with its independence and territorial integrity safeguarded, and comprising 2 politically equal communities as described in the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, in a bi-communal and bi-zonal federation, and that such a settlement must exclude union in whole or in part with any other country or any form of partition or secession; and

Whereas, despite such resolutions, over 30,000 Turkish armed forces remain stationed on the island of Cyprus with no substantial progress toward the establishment of an independent, bicomunal federation; and

Whereas efforts by the United Nations and the United States to resolve this dispute remain unsuccessful; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the general court of New Hampshire hereby urges the President of the United States to increase the administration's efforts in mediating a peaceful resolution to the dispute in Cyprus; and

That the general court of New Hampshire hereby urges the President of the United States to persuade Turkey to comply with

United Nations Security Council resolutions addressing Cyprus and to cooperate fully in achieving lasting peace and independence for the republic of Cyprus; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the New Hampshire Congressional delegation, the President of the Republic of Cyprus, the American Ambassador to Cyprus, the Cypriot Ambassador to the United States, and the Turkish Ambassador to the United States.