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ADDITIONAL FLOOR AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2001-0985h

Corrected Floor Amendment to HB 319-FN

Proposed by Rep. Souza

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

AN ACT including "unborn child" in the definition of "another" for the purpose of capital murder, first and second degree murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide.

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

1 Homicide; Capital Murder; Definition of Unborn Child. Amend RSA 630:1, IV to read as follows:

IV. As used in this section and RSA 630:1-a, 1-b, 2, 3 and 4, the meaning of "another" ~~[does not include a fetus]~~ **shall include**

an unborn child.

2 New Paragraph; Capital Murder; Exemption for Abortion. Amend RSA 630:1 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

IV-a.(a) Nothing in this section or RSA 630:1-a, 1-b, 2, 3, or 4 shall apply to any act committed by the mother of the unborn child, to any medical procedure including abortion, performed by a physician or other licensed medical professional at the request of the pregnant woman or her legal guardian, or to the lawful dispensation or administration of lawfully prescribed medication. For the purposes of this section and RSA 630:1-a, 1-b, 2, 3, and 4, "abortion" means the act of using or prescribing any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance, device, or means with the intent to terminate the clinically diagnosable pregnancy of a woman with knowledge that the termination by those means will, with reasonable likelihood, cause the death of the unborn child. Such use, prescription, or means is not an abortion if done with the intent to save the life or preserve the health of an unborn child, or to remove a dead unborn child caused by spontaneous abortion, or to remove an ectopic pregnancy.

(b) In this section:

- (1) "conception" means the fusion of a human spermatozoon with a human ovum.
- (2) "gestation" means the time during which a woman carries an unborn child in her body from conception until birth.
- (3) "pregnant" means the female reproductive condition of having an unborn child in the woman's body.
- (4) "unborn child" means the offspring of human beings from conception until birth.

3 New Paragraph; Homicide; Negligent Homicide; Definition of "Another" to Include Fetus.

Amend RSA 630:3 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. As used in this section, the meaning of "another" shall include an unborn child as defined in RSA 630:1, IV-a.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that an unborn child shall be included in the definition of "another" for the purpose of capital murder, first and second degree murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide.

2001-1004h

Floor Amendment to HB 423

Proposed by Rep. Wendelboe

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

AN ACT relative to the system benefits charge.

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

1 Authority to Issue Finance Orders; System Benefits Charge. Amend RSA 369-B:3, IV(b)(6) to read as follows:

(6) The total system benefits charge shall be ~~[no greater than \$0.003]~~ **fixed at \$0.002** per kilowatt-hour for 33 months from competition day divided between low-income assistance and energy efficiency/conservation programs. In the event that the commission finds that a significant amount of unencumbered dollars have accumulated in either program, and are not needed for program purposes, the commission shall refund such unencumbered dollars to ratepayers in a timely manner;

2 Electric Utility Restructuring; Implementation; System Benefits Charge. Amend RSA 374-F:4, VIII(b) to read as follows:

(b) ~~[During the first and second year]~~ After competition is certified to exist pursuant to RSA 38:36, the portion of the system benefits charge referred to in RSA 374-F:3, VI due to energy efficiency programs, new renewable programs, and programs for low-income customers shall not exceed ~~[3]~~ **2** mills per kilowatt hour for any utility.

3 Repeal. Section 14 of HB 489 of the 2001 session, relative to an energy efficiency program, is repealed.

4 Contingency. If HB 489 of the 2001 session becomes law, sections 1-3 of this act shall take effect upon its passage. If HB 489 of the 2001 session does not become law, sections 1-3 of this act shall not take effect.

5 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1-3 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 4 of this act.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the energy efficiency program established by HB 489 of the 2001 session and reduces the system benefits charge that may be charged to certain customers.

2001-0989h

Corrected Floor Amendment to HB 604-FN

Proposed by Reps. Dickinson, McKinney, McRae, Sapareto and Almy

Amend the bill by replacing sections 30 and 31 with the following:

30 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 214:9, VIII(a), relative to the nonresident 15-day fishing license.

II. RSA 214:9, VIII-b, relative to the one-day family fishing license.

31 Effective Date.

I. Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 of this act shall take effect March 1, 2003.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect March 1, 2002.

2001-0990h

Floor Amendment to HB 607-FN-LOCAL

Proposed by Rep. Patten

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study issues and costs related to police assistance rendered by the host town of a cooperative school district.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study issues and costs related to police assistance rendered by the host town of a cooperative school district.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

(b) Up to 3 members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

3 Duties. The committee shall:

- I. Study issues and costs related to police assistance costs incurred by the host town of a cooperative school district comprised of 2 or more school districts.
 - II. Study extraordinary incidents within the school environment that require more than 2 hours of police assistance.
 - III. Study issues related to bomb scares, threats of violence, and illicit drug usage and the necessity for and costs of police assistance in such circumstances.
- 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 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, 2001.
- 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study issues and costs related to police assistance rendered by the host town of a cooperative school district.

2001-0982h

Floor Amendment to HB 668

Proposed by Rep. Kurk

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

AN ACT prohibiting the use of genetic testing for certain insurance purposes.

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

1 Long-term Care Insurance Coverage. Amend RSA 141-H:4 and RSA 141-H:5 to read as follows:

- 141-H:4 Use of Genetic Testing in Health Insurance **and Long-term Care Insurance**. ~~[A health]~~ **An** insurer in connection with providing health insurance **or long-term care insurance** shall not:
- I. Require or request directly or indirectly any individual or a member of the individual's family to undergo genetic testing.
 - II. Require or request directly or indirectly any individual to reveal whether the individual or a member of the individual's family has undergone genetic testing or the results of the testing, if undergone by the individual or a member of the individual's family.
 - III. Condition the provision of health insurance coverage, **long-term care insurance coverage**, or health care benefits on whether an individual or a member of the individual's family has undergone genetic testing or the results of the testing, if undergone by the individual or a member of the individual's family.
 - IV. Consider in the determination of rates or any other aspect of health insurance coverage, **long-term care insurance coverage**, or health care benefits provided to an individual whether an individual or a member of the individual's family has undergone genetic testing or the results of the testing, if undergone by the individual or a member of the individual's family.
- 141-H:5 Use of Genetic Testing in Life~~[-]~~ **and** Disability Income~~[-, and Long-term Care]~~ Insurance
- I. Except as provided in paragraph II of this section, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the provision of life insurance~~[-]~~ **or** disability income insurance~~[-, or long-term care insurance]~~.
 - II. A person in the business of providing life~~[-]~~ **or** disability income~~[-, or long-term care]~~ insurance who obtains information with respect to any genetic testing of an individual or a member of the individual's family shall not use that information in writing a type of insurance coverage other than life~~[-]~~ **or** disability income~~[-, or long-term care]~~ insurance.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that an insurer providing long-term care insurance shall not require persons to undergo genetic testing.

2001-1005h

Floor Amendment to HB 690

Proposed by Rep. Kurk

Amend RSA 406-D:2, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit, restrict or require an authorization for the disclosure of nonpublic personal health information by a licensee for the performance of the following insurance functions by or on behalf of the licensee: claims administration; claims adjustment and management; detection, investigation or reporting of actual or potential fraud, misrepresentation or criminal activity; underwriting; policy placement or issuance; loss control; ratemaking and guaranty fund functions; reinsurance and excess loss insurance; risk management; case management; disease management; quality assurance; quality improvement; performance evaluation; provider credentialing verification; utilization review; peer review activities; actuarial research; grievance procedures; internal administration of compliance, managerial, and information systems; policyholder service functions; auditing; reporting; database security; administration of consumer disputes and inquiries; external accreditation standards; the replacement of a group benefit plan or workers' compensation policy or program; activities in connection with a sale, merger, transfer or exchange of all or part of a business or operating unit; disclosure that is required, or is one of the lawful or appropriate methods, to enforce the licensee's rights or the rights of other persons engaged in carrying out a transaction or providing a product or service that a consumer requests or authorizes; and any activity otherwise required by law, required pursuant to governmental reporting authority, or to comply with legal process. Additional insurance functions may be added with the approval of the commissioner to the extent they are necessary for appropriate performance of insurance functions and are fair and reasonable to the interest of consumers.

Amend RSA 406-D as inserted by section 1 of the bill by deleting RSA 406-D:5 and renumbering RSA 406-D:6 – 406-D:8 to read as RSA 406-D:5 – 406-D:7, respectively.

2001-0988h

Floor Amendment to HB 734

Proposed by Reps. Salts and Alger

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

AN ACT relative to the teen assessment project in the university system of New Hampshire.

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

1 University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension; Teen Assessment Project. The university system of New Hampshire and the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension program, in the administration of the program known as the Teen Assessment Project shall, prior to conducting any survey or research project involving minors and prior to the participation of any minor in such survey or research project, obtain the written consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the written consent of the parent or legal guardian of a minor prior to the participation of such minor in the Teen Assessment Project administered by the university system of New Hampshire or the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension.

2001 house bills retained in committee

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 179-FN, relative to raising the age of minority for the purposes of juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age.

HB 386, relative to the relocation of the principal residence of a child.

HB 447, relative to the establishment of parenting plans in certain domestic cases.

HB 449, relative to access to adoption records.

HB 507, opening hearings in abuse and neglect cases to members of the general court and to certain other persons.

HB 559-FN, relative to the procedures for assignment of income from child or spousal support orders.

HB 586, excluding stepchildren from the definition of "child" in the context of support orders.

HB 599-FN, relative to unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor.

HB 660, relative to out-of-home placements in juvenile abuse and neglect cases.

HB 661, relative to hearing timelines in abuse and neglect cases.

HB 686, relative to the scope of discovery in abuse and neglect cases.

HB 706, requiring alternative dispute resolution prior to adjudication by the court in divorce proceedings.

COMMERCE

HB 264, relative to the state treasurer and relative to certain unclaimed or abandoned property.

HB 313-FN, limiting access to certain business records.

HB 404, allowing licensed alcohol and drug counselors to obtain third party payment and establishing a committee to study levels of licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

HB 470, relative to caller identification requirements for persons engaged in telephone solicitation.

HB 514, relative to uniform prescription drug information cards.

HB 524, relative to unfair insurance trade practices.

HB 541-FN, requiring certain hospitals to provide charity care and continually appropriating a special fund.

HB 619, relative to the sale or lease of goods or services to residents of this state via the Internet.

HB 672, relative to coverage for mental and nervous conditions.

HB 710-FN, relative to liquor licenses and fees.

HB 713-FN, addressing public health issues relative to indoor smoking.

HB 765-FN-A, establishing an historic homeownership mortgage credit program.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 223, allowing a state resident to obtain a license for a pistol or revolver for life.

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

HB 550-FN, relative to remedies under the right-to-know law.

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

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

HB 567-FN-LOCAL, granting female inmates access to certain rehabilitation related programs.

HB 678, relative to notice of release of an inmate from state prison.

HB 729, permitting a person charged with a felony or misdemeanor to access the medical and psychiatric records of the alleged victim.

HB 756, relative to the penalty for certain acts of theft, destruction, or violence in a safe school zone.

HB 768-FN, relative to DNA testing of criminal offenders.

EDUCATION

HB 329-FN-LOCAL, relative to school safety.

HB 631-LOCAL, relative to access to public school programs by home educated pupils.

HB 750-LOCAL, relative to the development and adoption of the school administrative unit budget.

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.

ELECTION LAW

HB 137, establishing a committee to study the definition of domicile for voting purposes.

HB 225, relative to applications for recounts.

HB 266, establishing a committee to study recodification of the election laws.

HB 379, apportioning the executive council districts.

HB 380, apportioning county commissioner districts.

HB 384, relative to political expenditures.

HB 419, apportioning delegates to state party conventions.

HB 420, apportioning state representative districts.

HB 478, relative to campaign finance reporting requirements, availability of voter checklists on computer disks, and permissible campaign contributions by business organizations.

HB 519, relative to the ballot law commission.

HB 544-FN, relative to reporting by candidates of independent expenditures.

HB 722, relative to town elections.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 654-FN-LOCAL, establishing a presorting program to remove mercury from waste prior to incineration at certain facilities.

HB 655-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing an advance disposal fee to fund local mercury presorting and recycling programs.

HB 675, relative to mercury source reduction.

HB 728-FN-A-LOCAL, assessing a surcharge on waste disposed at solid waste landfills and incinerators, and making an appropriation therefor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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

HB 314-FN, relative to administrative rules governing privacy.

HB 341-FN, adding police officers of the New Hampshire hospital campus police force to group II of the New Hampshire retirement system.

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

HB 483, repealing the Uniform Aircraft Financial Responsibility Act.

FINANCE

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

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

CACR 17, relating to restricting the use of a statewide property tax and all funds deposited into the education trust fund to education funding. Providing that all revenues resulting from a statewide property tax and all funds deposited into the education trust fund shall be used exclusively for elementary and secondary education.

CACR 20, relating to a personal income tax. Providing that any personal income tax enacted by the general court shall be dedicated exclusively for the purposes of public education.

CACR 22, relating to moneys generated by a uniform statewide property tax established in law by the general court for the purpose of providing state aid for public elementary and secondary education. Providing that all moneys generated by a uniform statewide property tax established in law by the general court for the purpose of providing state aid for public elementary and secondary education shall, after deducting the necessary costs of administration and collection of such moneys, be appropriated and used exclusively for the purpose of state aid to education and shall not be transferred or diverted to any other purpose.

CACR 23, relating to restricting the use of moneys collected from a sales tax. Providing that all moneys collected from any sales tax established in law by the general court shall, after deducting the necessary costs for administration and collection of such moneys, be appropriated and used exclusively for the purpose of state aid to public elementary and secondary education and shall not be transferred or diverted to any other purpose.

HB 207-FN-L, creating 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 253-FN, relative to mercury reductions.

HB 298-FN-L, relative to charter schools and establishing a charter school revolving fund.

HB 353-FN-A, relative to diversified agricultural development, and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 515-FN-L, establishing parental choice scholarships.

HB 555-FN-L, relative to the billing of counties for certain expenses by the department of health and human service.

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

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

HB 656-FN-L, relative to the formula for distributing school building aid grants.

HB 691-FN-A, relative to Area Health Education Centers in New Hampshire and making an appropriation therefor.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 169-FN, repealing the certificate of need law.

HB 235, establishing a committee to study certain mental health systems to address the needs of mentally ill persons in New Hampshire.

JUDICIARY

CACR 2, relating to the nomination and appointment of judicial officers. Providing that the governor shall nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint judges of the supreme, superior, and district courts, the chief justice of the supreme court, chief justice of the superior court, and the administrative justice of the district court.

CACR 3, relating to 7-year terms for state judges. Providing that all state judges appointed on or after January 1, 2003 be commissioned for 7-year terms, which may be renewed.

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.

HB 280-FN, transferring the responsibility and authority of the judicial conduct committee and the attorney’s professional conduct committee to the legislature.

HB 281-FN, establishing an independent administrative office of the courts.

HB 352, limiting railroad liability for passenger rail service.

HB 409, relative to qualification for admission to the New Hampshire bar.

HB 465, relative to the admission to practice law and to bar association membership for attorneys.

HB 490, requiring public access to law libraries.

HB 566, establishing terms for the offices of administrative judges of the courts.

HB 582, establishing a judicial nominating commission.

HB 608-FN, establishing a judicial ethics advisory committee.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 589, relative to eligibility for unemployment benefits for part-time workers.

HB 744-FN-A, establishing a family and disability leave program.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

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.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- HB 162-FN-LOCAL*, ratifying articles 28, 29 and 30 of the 2000 Hudson annual town meeting.
- HB 285-FN-LOCAL*, relative to the adoption of a state building code.
- HB 342-FN*, relative to the enforcement of applicable law and rules concerning contractors for appraisals of taxable property.
- HB 365-LOCAL*, requiring the department of revenue administration to establish a uniform system of property classification for assessment purposes.
- HB 432*, relative to the limit on appropriations to the capital reserve fund of a county.
- 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.
- HB 498*, relative to standards for records filed with a registry of deeds.
- HB 506*, prohibiting the granting of certain variances from zoning ordinances.
- HB 517-LOCAL*, relative to supply of water by village districts.
- HB 522-LOCAL*, establishing discretionary preservation easements for preserving historic agricultural structures.
- HB 549-FN-LOCAL*, relative to procedures of the department of revenue administration concerning the reassessment of property.
- HB 601-FN-A-LOCAL*, relative to a municipality’s liability for failure to remit state taxes collected by the municipality to the state.
- HB 617*, relative to zoning for hobby vehicles.
- HB 627-FN*, establishing a market-based water pollutant trading program.
- HB 650-FN*, relative to master plans.
- HB 673*, relative to a net asset qualification for the elderly property tax exemption for married persons, and relative to the availability of the elderly exemption for persons who reestablish residency.
- HB 689*, establishing a committee to study the effectiveness and fairness of county government.
- HB 701*, relative to municipal regulation of renewable energy systems.
- HB 712-FN*, relative to the coordination of state, regional, and local planning efforts.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

- HB 336-FN-A*, making capital appropriations to the university system of New Hampshire.
- HB 494*, establishing a committee to study the permitting and hearing processes for proposed highways.
- HB 634*, relative to public/private partnership projects in the department of transportation.
- HB 730*, establishing a committee to study the transfer of the Goffstown district court to a new location.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- HB 414*, relative to the adoption of instream flow rules.
- 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.

HB 476, relative to the definition of a campsite.

HB 556-FN-A, making certain appropriations to the department of cultural resources and the department of safety.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

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

HB 316-FN, establishing the position of state energy manager.

HB 681, relative to imposition of fines for anti-competitive acts by electric utilities and relative to billing by electric and gas utilities.

HB 695, relative to net energy metering.

HB 718-FN, establishing minimum renewable standards for energy portfolios.

HB 755, relative to groundwater contamination and gasoline sampling.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 209-FN, relative to original and youth operators' licenses.

WAYS AND MEANS

CACR 24, relating to establishing a maximum rate for a sales tax. Providing that the rate of any sales tax established in law shall not exceed 2 ½ percent, provided that a higher rate may be established by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting in each house of the general court.

CACR 25, relating to establishing a maximum rate for any uniform statewide property tax established in law by the general court for the purpose of providing state aid for public elementary and secondary education. Providing that the rate of any uniform statewide property tax established in law by the general court for the purpose of providing state aid for public elementary and secondary education shall not exceed \$4.90 on each \$1,000 of the value of taxable property subject to the tax, provided that a higher rate may be established by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting in each house of the general court.

HB 212-FN, expanding income eligibility limits for education property tax hardship relief.

HB 213-FN, increasing the allowable amount of education property tax relief.

HB 294-FN, excluding certain pension income from household income for purposes of determining education property tax hardship relief.

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

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

HB 375, making technical corrections in the tax laws.

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

HB 424, establishing a committee to study the exemption from property taxes for not-for-profit hospitals.

HB 427, establishing a commission to study the taxation of trusts and the control of beneficiaries over trust management.

HB 523, establishing a commission to investigate the possibility of setting up a division of hearings within the department of justice.

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

HB 592-FN-A, relative to a milfoil prevention and research grant program and fund.

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.

HB 762-FN-A, increasing the tobacco tax to allow for a healthy families trust fund and for increased funding for the tobacco use prevention fund.

HCR 14, declaring the New Hampshire supreme court's Claremont decisions to be an unconstitutional violation of the separation of powers mandate under part I, article 37 of the New Hampshire constitution.