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Contains: Hearing Schedule, Committee Meetings, Work Sessions and Notices

HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

Members of the House:

The House will meet in session on the following dates at 10:00 a.m.: Wednesday, March 6; Thursday, March 7; Thursday, March 21; Thursday, April 4; Wednesday, April 17; and Thursday, May 2. April 11, 18 and 25 are also tentative dates.

Please enjoy your well-deserved break. I am sure we will all return with a renewed vigor to meet the challenges of the remainder of the session.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

As you remember we conducted a food drive just before the holidays which was a great success and very much appreciated by the NH Food Bank. All members and staff are invited to participate in another drive to benefit the NH Food Bank on March 6 and 7. Please bring non-perishable food items to the back of Representatives Hall and place them in the food drive receptacles.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, January 24, 2002	Last day to report retained bills and supplemental House bills being referred to a second committee.
Thursday, January 31, 2002	Last day to act on retained bills and supplemental House bills being referred to a second committee.
Thursday, February 21, 2002	Last day to report all remaining retained bills and supplemental House bills.
Thursday, March 7, 2002	CROSSOVER. Last day to act on all remaining retained bills and supplemental House bills.
Thursday, March 21, 2002	Last day to introduce Senate bills.
Thursday, April 18, 2002	Last day to act on Senate bills.
Thursday, April 25, 2002	Last day to form committees of conference.
Friday, May 3, 2002	Last day to act on committee of conference reports.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *HB 1464-FN*, prohibiting human cloning in New Hampshire.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4), CDFA Boardroom, 10 Dixon Avenue, Concord

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Hearing and regular meeting.

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3), Room 102, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 52**, relative to liquor liability insurance coverage.
- 10:30 a.m. **SB 313**, relative to penalties for misrepresenting age for the purpose of procuring liquor or beverage.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 362**, relative to the membership and duties of the New Hampshire film and television commission.
- 1:15 p.m. **SB 392**, establishing a committee to study certification of mortgage loan originators.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 394**, relative to the duties of the advisory committee on international trade.
- 2:30 p.m. **SB 399**, regulating demand drafts under the New Hampshire Uniform Commercial Code.
- 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. **SB 186-FN**, relative to the powers and classification for criminal justice and consumer protection investigators of the department of justice and for county attorney investigators.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 386**, relative to automated external defibrillators.
- 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 1483**, relative to filling vacancies occurring on school boards.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 395**, making certain changes to the laws pertaining to special education.
- 1:00 p.m. **SB 352**, establishing a committee to study alternative regional public school programs for children who are at-risk.
- 2:00 p.m. **SB 34**, relative to the process for nonrenewal of teacher contracts.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1482-FN-A**, re-authorizing the motor oil discharge cleanup fund established under RSA 146-F, and establishing new positions at the department of environmental services and making appropriations therefor.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 353**, relative to the definition of "sugar orchard" for purposes of the timber yield tax.
- 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

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 425-FN-L**, revising the formula used to calculate the cost of an adequate education.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held time permitting, throughout the day, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. ***SB 331-FN***, relative to the purchase of certain prior service credit by members of the retirement system.

11:00 a.m. ***SB 330***, relative to the administration of a patient’s own prescription by emergency medical care providers.

1:30 p.m. ***SB 324***, urging a study of the operating efficiency of state government.

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

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

10:00 a.m. ***SB 320***, establishing a study committee to review independent living retirement communities.

11:15 a.m. ***SB 400***, establishing a committee to study issues concerning the Poison Information and Control Center.

1:30 p.m. ***SB 342***, relative to the purpose of the certificate of need law.

2:30 p.m. ***SB 413***, establishing a committee to study background checks for nursing home employees.

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

10:15 a.m. ***HB 1481-FN-LOCAL***, relative to a highway construction project in Nashua.

11:15 a.m. ***SB 380***, establishing a committee to study the space needs of the division of safety services within the department of safety.

1:15 p.m. ***SB 414***, relative to the committee allowing the use of business logo signing on the mainline of limited access and divided highways.

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

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1449-A***, relative to the New Hampshire rivers management and protection program and making an appropriation therefor.

1:30 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 301***, relative to an innovation initiative within the division of economic development.

10:45 a.m. ***SB 361-FN***, establishing a committee to study developing computerized emergency warning systems that use the enhanced 911 data base to provide telephone subscribers with a telephone warning of an emergency situation.

11:30 a.m. ***SB 366***, relative to the biennial reports of the public utilities commission.

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

1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 1447***, establishing a committee to study methods of supporting the continued operation of wood-fired electrical generating facilities.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND EDUCATION FINANCING COMMISSION (RSA 198:49), Room 105A, State House

2:30 p.m. All House and Senate Education members are invited to an informational meeting on Federal Bill HR 1, no child shall be left behind. The informational meeting is presented by Commissioner Nicholas Donohue.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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

Immediately following the House session, subcommittee work session on ***HB 1464-FN***, prohibiting human cloning in New Hampshire.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint hearings.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL EDUCATION (SB 503, Chapter 272:35, Laws of 1998), New Hampshire Technical Institute, Student Senate Room, Second Floor, Wellness Center, College Drive, Concord

10:00 a.m. New Hampshire Community Technical College System will host the regular meeting at the New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

CERTIFICATE OF NEED TASK FORCE (RSA 151-C:16), Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

211 COMMISSION (HB 707, Chapter 258:1, Laws of 2001), Room 304, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTION LAW, Rooms 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 3***, apportioning congressional districts.

10:30 a.m. ***SB 1***, apportioning state senate districts.

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

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: management letter for the State of New Hampshire for the year ended June 30, 2001.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services. Performance –based budgeting audit report March 2002.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 368**, granting probate courts the power to issue attachments and levies of execution.

10:30 a.m. **SB 369**, relative to compensation of guardians and conservators for administrative expenses.

11:00 a.m. **SB 383**, relative to the location of district courts within judicial districts and changing the names of certain judicial districts.

1:00 p.m. **SB 306**, extending the reporting date of the commission to study the state’s increasing appellate caseload and solutions to the increasing appellate caseload.

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

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

1:00 p.m. **SB 411**, extending the reporting dates of certain study committees.

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. **SB 177-FN-L**, relative to computation of tax increments in municipal economic development and revitalization districts.

11:00 a.m. **SB 351**, establishing a commission to study the expansion of projects eligible for financial assistance under RSA 486-A.

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

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 419**, relative to notification of groundwater contamination.

11:00 a.m. **SB 398-FN**, authorizing an increase in admission fees for the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point state park in Rye, New Hampshire.

1:00 p.m. **SB 317**, establishing a committee to study boat registration fees and eradication of milfoil and other exotic weeds.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TASK FORCE TO STUDY PRIVACY ISSUES AS THEY PERTAIN TO FEDERAL LAW (HB 702, Chapter 256:8, Laws of 2001), Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

MONDAY. MARCH 18

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

ELDERLY AFFAIRS (RSA 17-H:2), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

10:00 a.m. ***SB 410***, relative to large groundwater withdrawals.

Room 305, LOB

1:30 p.m. ***SB 356***, relative to naming a certain body of water in Lake Winnepesaukee in the town of Meredith.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

LONG-TERM CARE RATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 151-E:6-a), Room 100, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), Room 205, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Merrimack County Delegation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Merrimack County McDonnell Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. A delegation meeting will follow after the public hearing. The purpose for this meeting is to discuss and vote on the 2002 Merrimack County Budget.

Rep. William E. Leber, Chairman

Merrimack County Delegation

Copies of the Final Disposition of Bills for 2001 are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms 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 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 179, 213, 285, 295, 298, 329, 353, 392, 439, 463, 556, 557, 567, 589, 592, 650, 656, 672, 744, 1192, 1260, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1271, 1275, 1319, 1352, 1353, 1355, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1422, 1425, 1426, 1428, 1436, 1438 and 1440.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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

Thomas I. Arnold, 10 Milford Street, Brookline, New Hampshire 03033-2446

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

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

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.

Members of the NH House are encouraged to utilize the complimentary ski privileges afforded them. Upon presentation of proper credentials at the ticket window, legislative members may receive a lift ticket for their personal use and one for a guest. The elected official must be present to personally present the credentials unless prior arrangement is made with Commissioner Bald. (*Lift tickets are to be picked up at Guest Services or the Ticket Window at Cannon.*)

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

Legislators and staff are invited to attend a presentation entitled "Personal Privacy in Cyberspace" on Monday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the New Hampshire Technical Institute Library in Concord. The presentation will feature Herman J. Tavani, Chair of the Philosophy Department at Rivier College, and will explore the ethical and policy dilemmas arising from the increasing use of information technology in American life. Efforts to address this issue through legislation will be explored, as well as the conflict between the desire for efficiency and the need for privacy. For information call the NHTI Public Information Office at 271-7735.

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

The Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire is hosting a series of regional morning "get-togethers" to allow legislators to meet and chat with business people from across the state. Tours of the host facilities will be given and a continental breakfast will be served. There is no cost to attend these events, but an RSVP is requested. If you would like to attend one or more of these meetings, please call the BIA at (800) 540-5388. **March 4** from 9:00 to 11:00 at Hypotherm , Etna Road, Hanover. **March 18** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at UNITIL, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton.

Rep. David W. Hess

The House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) at 8:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays: March 6 and March 20. They will also meet at 11:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays: March 13 and March 27.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

The Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment will be holding public forums during February, March and April to obtain feedback from the citizens of New Hampshire on alcohol and drug issues in their communities and the draft state plan. The Commission is interested in learning: what the issues are; what programs are working; what programs are not working and what additional prevention, intervention, and treatment programs or assistance are needed. Copies of the draft state plan will be available in early January in public libraries throughout the state. For more information on the public forums or the state plan, call Dorothy Leavitt, Research and Policy Analyst at the New Hampshire Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Recovery, at (603) 271-5564 or toll free at 1-800-852-3345, Extension 5564.

The following public forums will be held in February and March:

Portsmouth Community Campus, Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 –8:30 p.m.

Keene City Council Chambers, Keene City Hall, Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 –8:30 p.m.

Laconia NH Community Technical College, Room 200A, Wednesday, March 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nashua Southern NH Medical Center, Health and Education Building Conference Room, Basement Level, Thursday, March 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Rep. William E. Leber

Lunch and Social Event for House Democrats – House Democrats: come join your caucus colleagues for good food and lively conversation at the lunch break during the House session on Wednesday, March 6th at the Upham Walker House. Sandwiches, snacks, beverages and desserts will be provided.

Rep. Sharon L. Nordgren

All legislators and legislative staff are cordially invited to attend the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association "Crossover" Legislative Reception to be held on March 6, immediately following session at NHADA Headquarters, 507 South Street, Bow.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley

The New Hampshire School Food Service Association will host a Breakfast for the New Hampshire State Legislators in celebration of National School Breakfast Week. Please join us on Thursday, March 7 in the State House Cafeteria between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Rep. Russell D. Bridle

The 10th Annual Legislative Ski Day will be at Waterville Valley Ski Area on Sunday March 10 and Monday, March 11. Free skiing will be available for legislators and details on overnight packages, including meals, will be available shortly. Ski New Hampshire looks forward to hosting legislators again and to raising funds for the NH Automobile Dealers Association charitable foundation, KEEP KIDS SAFE.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley

Southern NH University, Manchester, is hosting the 50th anniversary celebration of NH's first-in-the-nation presidential primary on Monday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Walker Auditorium in Robert Frost Hall. Exhibits and displays of political campaign memorabilia, which will depict the 50-year history of the state's modern day presidential primary, will be on display. All legislators are invited. Admission is free.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

The Retail Merchants Association of NH invites all legislators and staff to their annual legislative reception and "Legislator of the Year" award ceremony on Wednesday, March 13th at 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord. Last year's event was so

successful that they booked a bigger room this year. Enjoy food and drink with fellow legislators and help the members of RMANH congratulate their "Legislator of the Year."

Reps. David M. Scanlan and Peter H. Burling

The American Red Cross cordially invites Legislative members and staff to their annual legislative breakfast on Thursday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the State House Cafeteria. NH Red Cross disaster volunteers who helped in the relief efforts in NY City following the September 11 terrorist attack will be present. The new "blood donation bus" will be parked on the city plaza in front of the State House from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to give legislators and staff an opportunity to donate blood. For more information contact State House Health Services, ext 2757.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

Legislators for Limited Spending will meet on Thursday, March 14 at the Upham Walker House at noon. Bring your own lunch, coffee and dessert will be provided. On the agenda: Report on the February 14th breakfast; a look at the Senate Bills coming to our committees; forming an alumni group. Alumni are invited as always.

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

Belknap County Republicans Lincoln Day Dinner will be held on March 15 at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford. Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from any Belknap County Republican.

Rep. Thomas Rice

Following my work last year with the Earthquake Relief Mission, I will be returning to El Salvador to attend the Bilateral Trade Ceremony on March 24th. While there, I would like to make a donation of disposable diapers to the Abandoned Children's Unit. If you wish to assist in this effort, please call me at 647-2855 or voice mail at 661-6141. Thank you.

Rep. Rob Thompson

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

Mar 13 – Woodsville Elementary School, 206 Central Street, Woodsville, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing special committee, Haverhill-Bath, reconstruct US 302 for NH 10 northerly approximately 1.8 miles.

Rep. Edwin O. Smith, Chairman

Public Works and Highways Committee

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors’ Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in **February 2002**. 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	Grade/Size
Feb. 26	9:30 & 11:00	Paul School – Sanbornville	4/65
Feb. 26	1:00	Calvary Bible Church Girl’s Awana – Derry	3-6/30
Feb. 27	11:00 & 12:30	K.A. Brett School – Tamworth	3 & 4/60
Feb. 28	10:00	NHEOA – Youth Leadership	50
Feb. 28	12:30	Haverhill Cooperative Middle School	4/50