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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.: Thursday, April 4; Wednesday, April 17; and Thursday, May 2. Tentative dates for session include Thursday, April 11; Thursday, April 18; and Thursday, April 25.

Thanks to all members and staff who participated in the NH Red Cross State House Blood Drive last week. The Red Cross was very pleased with the results, which far exceeded their expectations. Special thanks to Barbara Leahy and Margaret Lind, State House nurses, for their coordination of this event.

All members and staff please make note that the Legislative Health Screening will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the third floor of the LOB. The services offered are open to all members and staff at no charge. If you have any questions, feel free to call Barbara or Margaret at 271-2757.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at noon at the Upham Walker House.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, January 24, 2002	Last day to report retained bills and supplemental House bills
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	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.

L A I D O N T A B L E

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. (Pending question is the adoption of the majority committee amendment.)

HB 730, establishing a committee to study the transfer of the Goffstown district court to a new location. (Pending question is adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.)

H O U S E B I L L S A M E N D E D B Y T H E S E N A T E

CACR 5, relating to the rulemaking authority of the supreme court. Providing that supreme court may adopt rules that have the force and effect of law, and that the general court may regulate these matters by statute and may accept or reject any rule adopted by the supreme court, and that in the event of a conflict between a statute and a rule, the statute, if otherwise valid, shall supersede the rule. (SJ 2/20/02)

HB 134, permitting challenges to judges. (SJ 1/24/02)

HB 141-FN, relative to regulation of junk yards. (House Concurred 3/21/02)

HB 180-FN, relative to criminal neglect of elderly, disabled, or impaired adults. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 3/21/02)

HB 266, establishing a committee to study recodification of the election laws. (House Concurred 3/21/02)

HB 295-FN, relative to medicaid recoveries from third party settlements. (SJ 2/20/02)

HB 463-FN, relative to protective services to adults. (House Concurred 3/21/02)

HB 498, relative to standards for records filed with a registry of deeds. (House Concurred 3/21/02)

HB 1131, establishing a committee to study increasing the number of physicians who are New Hampshire residents. (House Concurred 3/21/02)

C O M M I T T E E O F C O N F E R E N C E

HB 180-FN, relative to criminal neglect of elderly, disabled, or impaired adults. (Reps. Sargent, P. Katsakiores, O’Keefe and Knowles)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 25

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Room 301, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WINNIPESAUKEE WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (RSA 483-D), Department of Environmental Services, Room 312, 6 Hazen Drive, Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 367**, relative to the guardian ad litem board.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 52**, relative to liquor liability insurance coverage and relative to liquor licensee training.
- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 402-FN-A**, establishing a committee to study long-term care funding and making an appropriation therefor.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 348**, relative to the retail pricing of beer.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 334**, relative to grounds for refusal or denial of hotel accommodations.
- 1:15 p.m. **SB 345**, making the misrepresentation of the geographic location of a business a violation of the consumer protection act.
- 2:00 p.m. **SB 371-FN**, relative to the regulation of manufactured housing parks.
- 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. Subcommittee work session on **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.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee informational session on school building aid.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 112**, relative to election day registration and **SB 336**, relative to disclosure of political contributions and expenditures.

ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. **SB 439**, relative to the membership of the information technology management advisory board.

10:30 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to **SB 331-FN**, relative to the purchase of certain prior service credit by members of the retirement system. (The proposed amendment increases the number of alternates appointed to the joint legislative committee on administrative rules. Copies of the amendment are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms office.)

11:00 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to **SB 332-FN**, relative to the payment of medical benefits costs for certain group II permanent firemen members injured in the performance of duty. (The proposed amendment changes the titles and pay grades for the certain department of health and human services unclassified positions. Copies of the amendment 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.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 140-FN-L**, relative to the formula for free and reduced-price lunches.

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

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

10:30 a.m. Work and executive session on pending legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

SB 140-FN-L, relative to the formula for free and reduced-price lunches.

SB 425-FN-L, revising the formula used to calculate the cost of an adequate education.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 381**, relative to the employee benefits of employees of the Pease development authority.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 300**, relative to the calculation of the 3/5 majority in certain votes under official ballot voting procedures.

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

PLANNING GROUP FOR UTILIZATION OF THE NH HOSPITAL GROUNDS, Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 315-FN**, relative to requiring payment of a club assistance program fee by persons registering snow traveling vehicles who are not members of an organized snowmobile club.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 301**, relative to an innovation initiative within the division of economic development, **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, **SB 366**, relative to the biennial reports of the public utilities commission and **SB 372**, prohibiting the sale of reformulated gasoline in certain counties of the state.

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

10:30 a.m. **SB 446**, relative to rights and protections for New Hampshire national guard members called to state active duty.

11:00 a.m. **SB 442-FN**, establishing a committee to study revising the statutes relative to the state militia and the state guard.

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

10:15 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 426**, relative to the use of force by persons entrusted with the care of minors in child care settings.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 404**, changing certain limitations on investment management fees and investments by banks acting as fiduciaries.

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. Executive session on pending legislation.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 321-L**, clarifying the right to public education for children of homeless families.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 105A, State House

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 358**, relative to the authority to assess administrative fines to ophthalmic dispensers, **SB 412**, relative to the licensure of dieticians and **SB 330**, relative to the administration of a patient's own prescription by emergency medical care providers.

Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 324***, urging a study of the operating efficiency of state government.

10:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 435-FN***, requiring the supreme court to establish a mental health court pilot program in the Keene District Court.

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. Executive session on pending legislation.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 410***, relative to large groundwater withdrawals.

TOBACCO USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 126-K:19), Landergan Hall, Room 12, Department of Education, State Office Park South, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***SB 363***, establishing a committee to study economic distortions associated with property taxation.

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 revenue work session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on ***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.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 354***, authorizing foster parents to act as surrogate parents for educational disabled children.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

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

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Room 212, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Tax Simulation and Forecasting Models – Charles River Associates (CRA) update.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

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

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audit: State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, Cannon Mountain, financial and compliance audit report for the ten months ended April 30, 2001.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J), Rooms 201-203, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session.

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. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Room 212, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Tax Simulation and Forecasting Models – Charles River Associates (CRA) update.

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

3:00 p.m. Board retreat.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint hearing.

SOURCES THAT BURN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OR COAL TO COMPLY WITH THE AIR TOXIC CONTROL ACT (SB 93, Chapter 88:1, Laws of 2001), Room 101, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

TOBACCO USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 126-K:19), Landergan Hall, Room 12, Department of Education, State Office Park South, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), Room 103, State House

9:00 a.m. Investment Committee

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE HEALTH SCREENING DAY

April 3, 2002 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

in

Rooms 305-307 & 306-308, LOB

Room 101, LOB - Displays

All legislators and legislative staff are welcome and encouraged to attend the Legislative Health Screening Day. Blood pressure monitoring and screenings for diabetes, oral health, glaucoma, peripheral vascular disease, oxygen levels and spinal health will be available. Medications, cardiac health, osteoporosis, nutrition, and safety are just a few of the topics to be addressed. A variety of activities and demonstrations will offer learning opportunities for all.

More than 25 agencies and health care professionals from several areas of the state will be participating. Please - mark your calendars - and plan to attend! For more information, please call or visit Health Services, State House Room 30 (ext. 2757).

Barbara Leahy,RN

Margaret Lind,RN

Copies of the Final Disposition of Bills for 2001 are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 134, 179, 212, 213, 285, 295, 298, 329, 353, 392, 439, 463, 556, 557, 567, 581, 589, 592, 650, 656, 672, 675, 686, 706, 718, 744, 768, 1000, 1102, 1192, 1231, 1236, 1259, 1260, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1271, 1275, 1302, 1319, 1336, 1349, 1352, 1353, 1355, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1409, 1411, 1422, 1425, 1426, 1428, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1440, 1450, 1451, 1455, 1456, 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1466, 1469, 1472, 1479, 1481 and 1482.

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

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House
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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.

From time to time the Speaker receives reports and audits from various committees, commissions, and departments. On the chance that some of these reports might be of interest to a member, he will periodically list the reports that are received in the Speaker's office and available for viewing.

Reports most recently received include:

2001 Division of State Police Annual Report

Biennial Report for the NH Public Utilities Commission (1999-2001)

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

Samples of the 2002 class photo are available for perusal at the desk of the House Information Officer, State House, Room 308. This year, two photo sizes (as well as a varying sheet size) are being offered. The 4 x 12 photo is \$15, and the 6 x 18 is \$20. Checks and cash will be the accepted form of payment. All orders must be placed and paid for by April 5. Orders submitted after the deadline are subject to higher prices. Please place your orders as soon as possible to ensure the prints are ready for distribution by the end of session.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

New Hampshire Legislators – Military Veterans. Has your mailing address or e-mail address changed? Please check the Military Veterans' List on the General Court's Web Site (<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/legvets.html>). If this information is not correct or you are not listed then please contact Rep. Norman Major at the State House.

Rep. Norman L. Major

The Manchester Republican City Committee will hold a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at Joe Kelly Levasseur's Restaurant, 866 Elm Street, Manchester, immediately following the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manchester on Sunday, March 24. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. and should be over around 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available from Rep. Bill Golding at 623-6562.

Rep. William M. Golding

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 House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

New Hampshire Public Health Association and the New Hampshire SAFE KIDS Coalition cordially invites you to the Annual Legislative Briefing 2002 on Wednesday, March 27th at the NH Historical Society, 30 Park Street, Concord from noon to 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Rep. James P. Pilliod

All legislators who are interested in joining a bipartisan caucus for those members under the age of 40 are invited to a luncheon. It will be held at the Upham Walker House on Thursday, March 28 at noon. Bring your ideas and your appetite!

Rep. Larry G. Elliott

The Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment will be holding public forums in 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 April:

Concord Concord Hospital, Conrad Conference Center (Main Building), 250 Pleasant Street, Concord, Monday, April 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Catholic Medical Center (CMC), Roy Auditorium (Level C), 100 McGregor Street, Manchester, Tuesday, April 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sammy's Paw Print Restaurant, Route 16, West Ossipee, Wednesday, April 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Rep. William E. Leber

The Rockingham County Republican Committee Lincoln Day Dinner, will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at the Executive Court Restaurant in Manchester. Guest speaker will be Ann Wagner, the Vice-Chair of the Republican National Committee. The Republican Gubernatorial Candidates will also be given an opportunity to address the audience. Social at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, and may be purchased from Rep. Pam Saia at 929-4990, or Rep. Kevin Chalbeck at 463-8363.

Rep. Kevin R. Chalbeck

Is the Session stress getting to you? Legislators and Staff are invited to A "Wellness Fair" at New Hampshire Technical Institute on Tuesday, April 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Crocker Wellness Center on the NHTI campus. Come enjoy healthy exhibits, demonstrations, massages, refreshments, and more! Exhibits include chair and table massage, vision and blood pressure screening, senior services, color analysis, lung health, highway safety, personal trainer, yoga, and much more. Door prizes, free admission. To get to NHTI, take Route 393 to Exit 1. For more information, please contact 271-7153.

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

We will be celebrating New Hampshire Tartan Day on Thursday, April 4 during the House session. Our special guests will be the Honorable George Ferguson, British Consul General and Ralf Hartwell, designer of the New Hampshire Tartan. All members are asked to wear the "Tartan" that day. New Hampshire tartan ties and scarves are available in the Gift Shop on the first floor.

Rep. Stephen G. Avery

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. April 8 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Markem Corporation, 150 Congress Street, Keene. April 29 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Fidelity Investments, One Spartan Way, Merrimack.

Rep. David W. Hess

The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Commission to Establish an Education System for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, invites you to the following Focus Group discussions in four different areas of the state. We are fortunate to have Dr. Susan E. Auerbach as facilitator of each event. She is highly regarded as an expert on such matters and we are sure she will lead us in the discussion of the purpose of these meetings around the state. The purpose of the forums is to gather information relevant to the education of the deaf and hard of hearing. The following meetings have been scheduled:

April 13 – Hillside Middle School Cafeteria, 112 Reservoir Avenue, Manchester from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

April 27 – Amherst Street School Cafeteria, 71 Amherst Street, Nashua from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

May 4 – Family Resource Center Community Room, 123 Main Street, Gorham from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

May 11 – Keene Public Library, Winter Street, Keene from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Rep. Andre A. Martel

The New Hampshire Women's Lobby is pleased and honored to announce that Rep. Terie Norelli and Rep. Cynthia Dokmo will receive Meritorious Service Awards, Julianna Eades will receive the Citizen Award and Arnie Arnesen will receive the Media Award at our Annual "Spring Celebs" event on Thursday, April 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord. All are invited to join us in honoring these outstanding New Hampshire citizens. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers and are available from members or from the NH Women's Lobby Office at 224-9105.

Rep. Beth Rodd

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meeting:

Mar 25 - NHDOT, Rooms 112-113, JOM Building, Concord, 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.. Public hearing, Transportation Enhancement (TE) Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mar 27 - NHDOT, Rooms 112-113, JOM Building, Concord, 1:00 p.m. Commission meeting, Pembroke-Allenstown, replacement of bridge carrying Main Street over the Suncook River.

Mar 28 – Durham Town Hall, Council Chambers, 15 Newmarket Road, Durham, 7:00 p.m. Public officials meeting, Durham, NH 108 construction of 4' wide bike shoulders between Canney Road and Bagdad Road (0.4 miles).

Apr 2 – Windham Town Hall, 3 N. Lowell Road, Windham, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing (commission), Windham, reconstruction of 1700 feet of NH Route 111A.

Apr 3 – NHDOT, Rooms 112-113, JOM Building, Concord, 2:00 p.m. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Advisory Committee Meeting.

Apr 9 – Newington Town Hall Function Room, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Newington, review and discuss interim Spaulding Turnpike improvements to enhance safety of access to the Spaulding Turnpike at River Road and Nimble Hill Road.

Apr 11 – Bradford Town Hall, 75 West Main Street, Bradford, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials informational meeting, Newbury-Bradford, proposed improvements on NH 103 beginning in Newbury near Colburn Farm Road proceeding south approximately 6.5 miles to the Bradford-Warner Town line.

Apr 15 - NHDOT, Rooms 112-113, JOM Building, Concord, 3:00 p.m. Transportation Enhancement (TE) Advisory Committee Meeting.

Apr 17 – Highlander Inn Ballroom, 2 Highlander Way, Manchester, 2:00 p.m. Public informational/screening session, Bedford-Manchester-Londonderry-Litchfield-Merrimack, Manchester Airport access road.

Apr 17 – Highlander Inn Ballroom, 2 Highlander Way, Manchester, 6:00 p.m. NHDES & ACOE public hearing (wetland permit), Bedford-Manchester-Londonderry-Litchfield-Merrimack, Manchester Airport access road.

Apr 17 – Woodsville Elementary, 206 Central Street, Woodsville, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing special committee, Haverhill-Bath, reconstruct US 302 from NH 10 northerly approximately 1.8 miles.

Apr 18 – Goshen Town Hall, Route 10, Goshen, 7:00 p.m. Public informational/officials meeting, Goshen, bridge rehabilitation.

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 March 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	CLASS/Size
March 25	9:45 & 11:00	Matthew Thornton Elementary – Londonderry	4/100
March 25	1:00	Bow Elementary	4/25
March 26	8:30	UNH-Dept. of Social Work Students	42
March 26	10:00 & 11:30	Main Dunstable Elementary – Nashua	4/50
March 26	1:00	Bow Elementary	4/25
March 27	9:00	Concord Christian School	1/20
March 27	10:00 & 11:30	Main Dunstable Elementary – Nashua	4/50
March 27	1:00	Bow Elementary	4/25
March 28	9:30 & 11:00	Belmont Middle School	5/46
March 29	10:00 & 11:30	Auburn Village School	4/75
March 29	1:00	Bow Elementary	4/25