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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

Members of the House:

The House will meet in session at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, and if necessary Thursday, April 18.** The 18th is the last day to act on Senate bills. If we are not able to complete our work on Wednesday, we will meet on Thursday.

Please plan on session on Thursday, May 2, and tentatively on Thursday, April 25.

Congratulations to Eric Fowler, House Finance Committee Assistant, and his wife on the birth of their son, Aram Kieran Isaiah Fowler, on Wednesday, March 27.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen **will not meet** next week.

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.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE ON hb 420

April 3, 2002

To the Honorable Members of the General Court:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 44 of the Constitution of New Hampshire, I have this day vetoed House Bill 420, an act apportioning state representative districts.

I am vetoing this bill because it grossly deviates from the constitutional requirement that districts be as equal in population as possible; it is internally inconsistent in its treatment of different areas in the state; and it unnecessarily changes the form and boundaries of existing districts.

House Bill 420 violates Part II, Article 9 of the New Hampshire Constitution, which requires districts in the House of Representatives to "be as equal as circumstances shall admit." For citizens in a representative democracy like ours, the right to vote is a precious right, but that right is empty unless we ensure that each vote is counted and counted equally. Unfortunately, H.B. 420 sets up districts that are far from any measure of equality and thus are unconstitutional.

The population of the State is 1,235,786 according to the census conducted in 2000. A straight division of the State into 400 single-member districts would have each district contain 3,089 people. H.B. 420 would create a redistricting scheme of House districts that vary in population to such a degree that they would represent serious threats to the voting rights of thousands of New Hampshire citizens. Far from creating districts in which each member of the House would represent 3,089 people, H.B. 420 would create districts with large differences in the number of people represented by each House member. The smallest of H.B. 420's districts falls 14.4% below the ideal and the largest exceeds the ideal by 8%.

The difference between the high and low is called the "range of deviation" and the 22.4% range of deviation created by H.B. 420 is unacceptably high. It is substantially higher than the 14.5% total range of deviation in the current House redistricting statute at the time it was adopted ten years ago. It is also significantly higher than the ranges of deviation for alternative plans that were presented to the House Redistricting Committee and the House Election Law Committee, as well as an amendment offered on the floor of the Senate. Unfortunately, the majority party rejected all of the lower-deviation alternatives.

The United States Supreme Court has, on more than one occasion, held that redistricting plans with deviations of greater than ten percent represent prima facie cases of unconstitutional voting rights violations, unless the deviations are required by the need to advance rational state policies. There is no legitimate state policy that requires deviations of such magnitude. Indeed, as stated above, there are a number of alternative plans that would create districts with much smaller ranges of deviation.

Floterial districts lie at the heart of many of the problems with H.B. 420. A floterial district is one that crosses municipal or ward lines and allows one community to share representation with one or more contiguous places. In some counties, H.B. 420 creates unnecessary floterial districts. In others, House Bill 420 fails to create floterial districts where they clearly are warranted. There are 32 floterial districts in current law and H.B. 420 would increase that number to 43. In one extreme example, H.B. 420 lays a floterial district on top of the entire City of Nashua, creating a district in which one House member will have more than 86,000 constituents. Thus, that single House district is one-and-one-half times greater in size than the population of a state senate district.

H.B. 420 unnecessarily treats similar situations in different parts of the State quite differently. For example, under H.B. 420

the citizens of the cities of Claremont and Laconia will be under-represented because those two cities are treated differently than similarly situated towns. Claremont, with a population of 13,151, is given four representatives in H.B. 420, despite the fact Claremont's population is 795 above the ideal population for four representatives. Laconia, with a population of 16,411, is given five representatives, despite the fact its population is 966 above the ideal population for five representatives. H.B. 420 creates no floterial districts to deal with those two clear situations of under-representation, despite the fact that the majority created floterial districts for similarly situated citizens in Hollis and Raymond. Nor can the majority party's rationale for denying full representation to the citizens of Claremont and Laconia withstand any objective scrutiny. The majority contended that Claremont and Laconia would dominate surrounding smaller towns in a floterial district. However, H.B. 420 places the following large towns in floterial districts with much smaller neighbors: Milford (population 13,535 in a floterial with a total of 18,575); Goffstown (16,929 out of 24,705); Amherst (10,769 out of 12,803); and Londonderry (23,236 out of 33,945).

H.B. 420 unnecessarily changes the form and boundaries of existing districts. This is especially a problem in Cheshire County. Despite the fact that population shifts over the last 10 years only cause Cheshire County to lose one seat in the House of Representatives, H.B. 420 changes the representation of every single community in Cheshire County, with new combinations in every multi-town and floterial district.

Moreover, H.B. 420 targets certain incumbents, despite the fact one of the criteria for redistricting set forth in the House Redistricting Committee was to avoid altering incumbent districts if possible. For example, H.B. 420 targets a member of House Democratic Leadership and one of the only four Democrats in the Hillsborough County delegation outside of the cities of Manchester and Nashua by placing her home town of Mont Vernon in two overlapping floterial districts – one with the town of Amherst, which is five times the size of Mont Vernon; the other with the towns of New Boston and Lyndeborough.

The creation of this particular overlapping floterial district was done despite the fact there were better alternatives and despite the fact the Republican leadership of the House Redistricting Committee on more than one occasion questioned the constitutionality of overlapping floterial districts. Indeed, the House Redistricting Committee rejected a proposal for overlapping floterial districts in the City of Laconia and a proposal for overlapping floterial districts in the City of Claremont, both offered by members of the minority party. Such inconsistency in redistricting is unacceptable. It highlights the willingness of the majority to bend a supposed rule when it suits the purpose of limiting minority party representation.

In Coos County, despite the fact that that there is a sufficient number of people to support a single-member district in greater Northumberland ("Groveton") and a single-member district in Lancaster, H.B. 420 would combine Groveton with Lancaster in a two-seat district. This combination is designed to force a Democratic incumbent to run against two Republican incumbents.

Because H.B. 420 is unconstitutional, fundamentally unfair, and internally inconsistent, I am compelled to veto this legislation.

I urge the House to take up my veto quickly. Alternatives that would satisfy the requirement for equal representation and fairness have been presented, and can be considered once again. There is still time before the June candidate filing period to pass redistricting legislation that will preserve the voting rights of all New Hampshire citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Shaheen

Governor

GOVERNOR’S VETO MESSAGE ON hb 622

March 26, 2002

To the Honorable Members of the General Court:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 44 of the Constitution of New Hampshire, I have this day vetoed House Bill 622, an act relative to the time period for the Executive Council to confirm nominees to the supreme court.

I have vetoed H.B. 622 because I believe it violates the New Hampshire Constitution’s specific provision concerning the nomination and appointment of judges, Part II, Article 46, as well as the separation of powers provision in our state Constitution, Part I, Article 37. I note that this veto of H.B. 622 is made with the approval of its sole sponsor, who is a strong

proponent of the Constitution's careful separation of powers between the three branches.

Under Part II, Article 46 of the New Hampshire Constitution, the authority to nominate judges is granted exclusively to the Governor and the authority to confirm judges is granted exclusively to the Executive Council: "All judicial officers ... shall be nominated and appointed by the governor and council; and every such nomination shall be made at least three days prior to such appointment." *See Opinion of the Justices*, 117 N.H. 398 (1977).

H.B. 622 would encroach on the powers granted by our Constitution exclusively to the Executive Council by requiring the Council to wait at least 60 days and to hold two public hearings before confirming a nominee to the Supreme Court.

I strongly support the holding of thorough and open public hearings on judicial nominees and believe the members of the Executive Council should take whatever time they deem necessary to consider a Governor's nomination to the Supreme Court. However, under our Constitution, it is the members of the Council, and not the legislature, who should determine how many hearings the Council should hold and the appropriate waiting period before acting on any judicial nominee.

The separation of powers provided for in our State Constitution is an important check on the powers of any one branch. It is a principle that must be protected. Thus, regardless of the public policy merits of H.B. 622, I am compelled to veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Shaheen

Governor

LAID ON TABLE

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.)

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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. (House Nonconcurrent; C-of-C 4/4/02)

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 380, apportioning county commissioner districts. (SJ 3/21/02)

HB 462-FN, requiring state regulatory boards, commissions, advisory boards, advisory committees, and authorities to develop an orientation manual for new members. (House Concurred 4/4/02)

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 712-FN, relative to the coordination of state, regional, and local planning efforts. (SJ 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)

HB 1414-FN-L, relative to taxation of excavation areas. (House Concurred 4/4/02)

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

HB 134, permitting challenges to judges. (Reps. Reid, L. Jean, Wall and P. Woods)

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

Work and executive session on pending legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

9:00 a.m. **SB 309-FN**, relative to payment of medical benefits costs for disabled group II permanent firemen members of the retirement system.

9:30 a.m. **SB 331-FN**, relative to the purchase of certain prior service credit by members of the retirement system.

10:00 a.m. **SB 420-FN-A**, making appropriations for the purpose of hiring a recreational ride and lift investigator.

10:30 a.m. **SB 455-FN-A**, relative to funding for district and probate court security.

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

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Tax Simulation and Forecasting Models.

PERINATAL ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TASK FORCE (RSA 132:19), Room 101, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 348***, relative to the retail pricing of beer.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 447***, requiring the real estate commission to create agency disclosure form and am agency informational brochure.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 443-FN***, relative to the division of condominiums.

1:45 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 334***, relative to grounds for refusal or denial of hotel accommodations.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled executive session on pending legislation.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 441-FN-A***, establishing the position of hazardous materials response coordinator and making an appropriation therefor, and establishing a committee to study the interoperability of state agency communications.

10:00 a.m. ***SB 381***, relative to the employee benefits of employees of 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.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 324***, urging a study of the operating efficiency of state government.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 423-FN-A***, relative to the fees collected by the department of safety and certificates of title.

10:30 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendments to ***SB 423-FN-A***, relative to the fees collected by the department of safety and certificates of title. (One proposed amendment addresses disclosure of information regarding tax policy modeling system, and an appropriation to the governor's office of emergency management. The other requires the Governor to reduce the 2003 FY appropriation and requires any additional medicaid money received from the federal government to go to the general fund. Copies of the amendments are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office.)

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

Work and executive session on pending legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

1:00 p.m. ***SB 423-FN-A***, relative to the fees collected by the department of safety and certificates of title.

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

Work and executive session on pending legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

1:00 p.m. ***SB 435-FN***, requiring the supreme court to establish a mental health court pilot program in the Keene District Court.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 440***, relative to rules for water conservation and ***SB 437-FN-L***, relative to the protection of public water supplies during emergency conditions and making certain changes to encourage the formation of regional water systems.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 451***, relative to the shoreland protection act, ***SB 452***, relative to fines for violation of the shoreland protection act and ***SB 453***, relative to setbacks in the shoreland protection act.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SCR 3***, a resolution expressing the fundamental importance of public health to the people of New Hampshire.

10:30 a.m. ***SCR 4***, relative to prescription drug patient assistance programs.

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. ***SB 366***, relative to the biennial reports of the public utilities commission.

10:30 a.m. ***SB 301***, relative to an innovation initiative within the division of economic development.

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

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 363***, establishing a committee to study economic distortions associated with property taxation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to ***SB 352***, establishing a committee to study alternative regional public school programs for children who are at-risk. (The proposed amendment is relative to the formula for distributing school building aid grants, and permitting high school vocational technical education programs which lease space to be eligible for school building aid grants. (Copies of the amendment will be available at 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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

2:00 p.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.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

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

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

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

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 363***, establishing a committee to study economic distortions associated with property taxation, if needed.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

11:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Update on Department of Safety Construction Projects.

11:00 a.m. Update on University System of New Hampshire Construction Projects.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

**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.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet to vote on elected officials salaries for the next term of office on Wednesday, April 17th during the session lunch break in Rooms 202-204, LOB. A full delegation meeting will follow.

Rockingham County Executive Committee will also meet on Friday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood for first quarter budget review.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham 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

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 134, 179, 212, 213, 284, 285, 295, 298, 329, 353, 392, 439, 463, 498, 556, 557, 560, 567, 581, 587, 589, 592, 650, 656, 672, 675, 686, 706, 718, 744, 757, 768, 1000, 1100, 1102, 1192, 1231, 1236, 1259, 1260, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1271, 1275, 1302, 1305, 1317, 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, 1393, 1409, 1411, 1422, 1425, 1426,

1428, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1440, 1450, 1451, 1455, 1456, 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1466, 1469, 1472, 1478, 1479, 1481 and 1482.

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.

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 report that are received in the Speaker's office and available for viewing.

Reports most recently received include:

Annual Report of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

Annual Report for the Telecommunications Equipment Assistance Program

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

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 House Republican Alliance will meet at the Upham Walker House (Park Street across from the State House) will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

Rep. Paul M. Mirski

All members of the General Court and the public are invited to all meetings of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment. Our next meeting will be Friday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 210-211, LOB. There is a special briefing and program at each meeting that is interesting and helpful to those concerned with the problems of substance abuse. Get involved.

Rep. William E. Leber

Celebrate Democratic Women with the Democratic Alliance for Women of New Hampshire (DAWN) Sunday, April 14th , 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bridges House, Concord. Guest speaker will be Ann Lewis, Chair, Women’s Vote Center, Democratic National Committee, former Counselor to President Clinton and former White House Director of Communication. Please come to celebrate and honor Governor Jeanne Shaheen, Senators Beverly Hollingworth, Carolyn McCarley, Debra Pignatelli and Katie Wheeler, Congressional candidate Martha Fuller Clark and 65 Democratic NH Representatives. Family and friends are invited. For information, call 225-9721.

Rep. Marjorie Smith

The NH Department of Health and Human Services, the NH Charitable Foundation and Network New Hampshire cordially invites you to the Annual Legislative Breakfast to celebrate the strengths of Family Resource Centers in New Hampshire on Tuesday, April 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul’s Church, 21 Center Street, Concord. Please join us.

Rep. Barbara C. French

Legislators and staff are invited to attend the annual Osteoporosis Education and Prevention celebration on Wednesday, April 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A variety of healthy foods will be available for lunch. Please join us in Room 105, State House.

Rep. Barbara C. French

The New Hampshire Order of Women Legislators will meet on Wednesday, April 17 in Room 307, LOB during the lunch break from session. The guest speaker will be Claire Ebel. Brown bag lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Rep. Julie M. Brown

The Legislative Caucus for members under the age of 40 will meet on Wednesday, April 17th at the Upham Walker House during the lunch break from session. Bring your ideas for a name for our new dynamic group.

Rep. Paul G. LaFlamme

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 forum will be held in April:

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 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 Wednesday, 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

Republican Governor Candidate Forum – The Hillsborough County Republican Committee (in conjunction with the Bedford Republican Committee) will hold a forum with the four Republican candidates on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Bedford Town Hall. Coffee will be provided. The County Republican Committee will meet immediately following the forum.

Rep. Maurice E. Goulet

The Department of Transportation will hold the following 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 **April 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
April 8	8:30	Conant Elementary - Concord	4/25
April 8	9:30 & 11:00	Towle Elementary - Newport	4/51
April 8	12:30 & 1:30	Centerwoods Elementary - Weare	4/50
April 9	8:30	Conant Elementary - Concord	4/25
April 9	9:30	Newfields Elementary	4/35
April 9	10:00	Lafayette Regional School - Franconia	4/27
April 9	11:00	Marston Elementary - Hampton	4/50
April 10	8:30	Conant Elementary - Concord	4/25
April 10	9:30 & 11:00	Marston Elementary - Hampton	4/75
April 10	12:30 & 1:30	Centerwoods Elementary - Weare	4/50
April 10	2:30	Leadership Concord	30
April 11	9:30 & 11:00	Symonds School - Keene	4/50
April 12	8:30	Conant Elementary - Concord	4/25

April 12	9:30 & 11:00	Marston Elementary - Hampton	4/100
April 15	9:00	Henniker Elementary	4/25
April 15	11:00 & 12:30	Antrim Elementary	4/44
April 15	2:00	Teen Pact – Rhode Island	Teens/45
April 16	9:30	Newfields Elementary	5/35
April 16	10:00 & 12:00	Lincoln-Akerman Elementary – Hampton Falls	3 & 4/75
April 17	9:30 & 11:00	East Rochester Elementary	4/60
April 17	1:00 & 2:00	Hinsdale Elementary	4/75
April 18	9:30 & 11:00	Pleasant St. Elementary - Laconia	4/60
April 19	9:30 & 10:45	Henry Moore School - Candia	4/60
April 19	12:00 & 1:00	Maple St. School - Contoocook	4/88
April 22	10:00 & 11:15	Canaan Elementary	4/60
April 23	9:30 & 11:00	John Fueller School – North Conway	4/50
April 24	9:30 & 11:00	Hanover St. School - Lebanon	4/80
April 24	1:00	Trinity Christian School - Concord	5 & 6/34
April 25	9:30 & 11:00	Ray School – Hanover	3/104
April 26	10:00	Cornish Elementary	4/12
April 26	10:00	Freedom Elementary	4/13
April 26	11:30	Madison Elementary	4/28
April 26	2:00	CHOSNH-Christian Home School - Hollis	30
April 29	9:30 & 11:00	Epsom Central School	4/60
April 29	10:00	Seminary Hill Elementary – West Lebanon	4/40
April 30	10:00 & 11:30	Thornton Ferry -Merrimack	4/50
April 30	11:00	Danbury Elementary	3 & 4/26