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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at which time the General Court will meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of attending to the Governor's budget address. Sessions are also scheduled for February 20, March 6, 12 and 13. All sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no legislative business conducted the week of February 24-28, nor will there be any meetings on Tuesday, March 11, which is Town Meeting Day. Also, please make note that Monday, February 17 is President's Day and a state holiday. All executive and legislative offices will be closed.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201, LOB.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Thursday, **February 13** at 9:15 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. David W. Hess, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, **February 13** at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

HOUSE DEADLINES

Friday, December 13, 2002, 3:00 p.m.	Last day to file LSR’s with complete information.
Friday, January 17, 2003, 12:00 p.m.	Last day to sign-off on all House bills, including redraft requests.
Thursday, January 30, 2003	Last day to introduce all House bills.
	Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote.
Thursday, March 6, 2003	Last day to report all House bills being referred to a second committee.
Thursday, March 13, 2003	Last day to act on all House bills being referred to a second committee.
Thursday, March 20, 2003	Last day to report all House bills not in a second committee, except budgets.
Thursday, March 27, 2003	Last day to act on all House bills not in a second committee, except budgets.
Thursday, April 3, 2003	Last day to report all remaining House bills.
	Last day to hold public hearings on all House bills retained in committee.
	Last day for committees to report list of retained House bills.
Thursday, April 10, 2003	CROSSOVER -Last day to act on all remaining House bills.
Tuesday, April 22, 2003	Supplemental LSR filing period opens.
Thursday, April 24, 2003, 3:00 p.m.	Last day to file supplemental LSRs withcomplete information.
Thursday, May 8, 2003	Last day to report Senate bills being referred to a second committee.
Thursday, May 15, 2003	Last day to act on Senate bills beingreferred to a second committee.
Thursday, May 29, 2003	Last day to report all Senate bills for actionin the first-year session.
	Last day to hold public hearings on all Senate bills

	retained in committee.
	Last day for committees to report list of retained Senate bills.
Thursday, June 5, 2003	Last day to act on all Senate bills in the first-year session.
Wednesday, June 11, 2003	Last day to form committees of conference.
Friday, June 13, 2003, 3:00 p.m.	Last day to sign-off all supplemental bills,including redrafts.
Wednesday, June 18, 2003, 3:00 p.m.	Last day to sign committee of conference reports.
Tuesday, June 24, 2003	Last day to act on committee of conference reports.
	Last day to introduce supplemental bills.

thursday, FEBRUARY 13

consent calendar

COMMERCE

HB 159, relative to meetings of the directors of nondepository trust companies. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Leo W. Fraser, Jr. for Commerce: This proposed legislation simply reduces the required number of director meetings from nine to four for non-depository trust companies if they are rated by the New Hampshire Banking Department as either I (the highest) or II. If a non-depository trust company is rated III or lower, the NH Banking Department has absolute authority to require any number of additional meetings as justice may require until such time that they have attained a rating of I or II. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 334, establishing an international trade commission to investigate and report on the effects of international trade agreements on New Hampshire self-governance. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Leo W. Fraser, Jr. for Commerce: Although the efforts of the sponsor are noble in setting up a commission to review prior treaties consummated by the United States Senate, or reviewing proposed treaties before they become a fact, the Commerce Committee was unanimous in agreeing that such a commission would not be effective. It is our opinion that contact with our congressional delegation would be a much more effective method of articulation of concerns rather than a commission, which would meet once a year. **Vote 16-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 146-FN, relative to criminal penalties for child pornography offenses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. William V. Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This legislation attempted to establish a one-year minimum mandatory sentence for child pornography. The current penalty for a first offense for child pornography is 3-1/2 to 7 years. Most judges use common sense in their sentencing applied to individual circumstances. This bill was the result of a judge's decision on a case where no jail time was assigned. The committee feels that judges should retain discretion in sentencing. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 155, relative to responses by law enforcement officers when traveling outside their jurisdictions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Karl I. Gilbert for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill would grant law enforcement officers traveling outside their jurisdiction the authority to take certain actions if he/she observes a crime or serious motor vehicle violation or life safety

incident which may cause serious injury or death. Rep. Tholl extended the courtesy of introducing the bill; however, no one testified in support of same. The sub-committee felt that there was sufficient current law in effect to grant law enforcement officers the necessary authority to take such action. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 179, establishing a committee to study enhancement of laws relating to vehicle pursuits. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Stanley E. Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill establishes a committee to study enhancement of laws relating to vehicle pursuits. In particular, there was considerable testimony pertaining to problems that arise in interstate pursuits. Because this is a major concern for border communities, the Criminal Justice Committee unanimously supported the concept of the proposed legislation. It was envisioned that the committee established from this proposal would be able to look at interstate compacts and other matters that directly impact our border towns and cities. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 198, relative to the police powers of law enforcement officers called to respond to incidents in other jurisdictions. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Stanley E. Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill as amended allows a law enforcement agency to request assistance from another law enforcement agency in a "mass critical incident". While there is current legislation that permits contiguous communities to enter into extended authority agreements, there is no procedure to account for widespread disasters where assistance is required from towns at some distance from the event. This legislation gives authority to the responding agency to make arrests and have full police power for the duration of the event. What this bill does not do is create any obligation on an agency to respond. Such response is, and should be, left to the responding agency. The amendment defines "mass critical incident" for the purpose of this bill. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 206, relative to filing of complaints for violation-level offenses. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. John E. Tholl for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill allows the electronic filing of complaints without the requirement for it being filed under oath. It provides that a statement shall be provided stating that making false statements may result in criminal prosecution. It further amends RSA 641:3 to include electronic statements in the law. This will allow police officers to utilize the computers and available data transfer systems to file complaints with the Department of Safety and the courts. When the officer appears in court, he testifies under oath. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 212, defining "terror" and "act of terrorism" for the purposes of criminal threatening. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Stanley E. Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: As stated in the analysis, this bill defines "terror" and "act of terrorism" as it applies to criminal threatening. During the hearings, the only opposition pertained to an irrelevant section of the original bill and that section was removed by the committee. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 223, relative to the temporary removal of inmates. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. John E. Tholl for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill simply removes the requirement that the superior court be notified whenever an inmate is transferred for medical purposes for a period in excess of 24 hours unless the prisoner is not in custody of correctional officers. It further removes the requirement to obtain a superior court order for the inmate to be removed to attend court. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 278-FN, relative to certain acts of sexual assault. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Stephen H. Nedeau for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill provides for a class A misdemeanor sexual assault when the actor engages in sexual penetration with a person other than his legal spouse who is 13 years of age or older and under 16 years of age when the age difference is 4 years or less. The committee felt that they should remove the section on coercion, force or intimidation, because of date-rape drugs, or other drugs that would have or could have affected the person's state of mind. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 522-FN, relative to penalties for child pornography. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. William V. Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This legislation is identical to HB 146-FN which was recommended inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 19-0.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 99, relative to absentee ballot requests. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Natalie S. Flanagan for Election Law: This bill, as amended, offers the voters the opportunity to request an absentee ballot by facsimile. It is just one more step in making the process of voting easier for our citizens. **Vote 15-2.**

HB 246, relative to availability of absentee voting applicant lists. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Mark S. Derby for Election Law: This legislation would require that signatures of candidates or requests for absentee voter lists be acknowledged before a notary public or justice of the peace. The committee felt that this legislation would provide local employees with an increased comfort level as to the persons to whom they provide absentee voter lists. This legislation would also limit the potential for misuse of these lists for illegal purposes including but not limited to victimizing voters who will be out of town. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 247, relative to processing absentee ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: The Election Law Committee has changed the time of processing absentee ballots three times. The committee believes a uniform time to open absentee ballots throughout the state is essential for those who want to be present for the processing of absentee ballots. Also it was noted that some towns do not open their polls until 11:00 a.m. and find a line of voters at the same time as necessary processing would take place. **Vote 16-1.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 148-FN, requiring the notification of renewal prior to expiration to holders of professional licenses issued by state agencies. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Paul G. LaFlamme for Executive Departments and Administration: It was felt that the decision to send renewal notices should be up to the individual boards. From a policy standpoint, this should be a matter of personal responsibility of the license holder to act appropriately in renewing his/her own license. **Vote 16-1.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 376, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of performing eye examinations or eye screenings on children prior to enrollment in a public elementary school, public preschool program, or Head Start program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James P. Pilliod for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The concerns raised in the testimony regarding detection of visual and eye function and problems are very important, and apparently are being met by current extensive and frequent evaluations by medical personnel prior to and during school years. No legislative study was felt to be necessary at this time. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 393, extending the reporting dates for certain study committees. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Peter L. Batula for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill simply extends the final reporting date on two different health studies. The first part extends the education of deaf and hard of hearing study committee. They have been meeting on a constant basis but their work requires more time and this bill allows that. The second is a commission that is currently studying the relationship of health and the environment. Again this extension allows for the work to be completed. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 457, establishing a committee to study the transportation needs of certain of the state's citizens. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee felt this bill had merit and was sympathetic to its goals. However, the committee felt that public transportation concerns could be better addressed at the county level. Regional planning commissions historically, have taken an interest in public transportation issues including services for the disadvantaged. Public transportation services and needs vary significantly in different areas of the state and require unique solutions. The committee learned that there are efforts on the county level to coordinate services. In addition, it was felt that the various jurisdictions in the state could utilize the expertise available in the Department of Transportation.

Vote 16-1.**JUDICIARY**

HB 167, relative to complaints against judges. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill amends RSA 494-A by requiring that all complaints against a judge, marital master, or clerk of court who have allegedly breached the Judicial Code of Ethics be directed to the independent Judicial Conduct Commission rather than to the court established Judicial Conduct Committee. Last term, the legislature placed into law a citizen majority Judicial Conduct Commission to receive, investigate and rule on complaints involving members of the judiciary who had breached the Code of Ethics. At the time that this bill passed, the legislature requested that the court dissolve its committee. The court did not dissolve its committee. There are two bodies hearing complaints. The Judiciary Committee believes that it is more economical for all complaints to be heard by one body. Further, by the independent commission hearing all complaints, the court will be released of the public perception that it is the judges hearing complaints against judges. Monies now spent by the Judicial Conduct Committee (in the court budget) should be diverted legislatively to the Judicial Conduct Commission to adequately deal with the anticipated increased workload. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 244, relative to landowner liability for snowmobile accidents. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Bette R. Lasky for Judiciary: This bill was originally written as a law to release a landowner allowing access for snowmobiles from liability. At the same time of the hearing, the sponsors introduced an amendment changing the bill to a study committee to explore the liability issues in a broader context. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 249, limiting the liability of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James E. Wheeler for Judiciary: Because the content of this bill has been combined by the sponsor into another one of his bills, he requested that this bill be voted inexpedient to legislate and the proposal be considered in his other bill. **Vote 16-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 294, relative to notification of abutting communities of ridge-line or above developments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Nancy K. Johnson for Municipal and County Government: Currently under RSA 36:55, a Planning Board has guidance and a definition of what development may have "regional impact." Examples of some possible regional impacts are number of dwelling units, proximity to neighboring community, transportation networks, anticipated emissions, proximity to aquifers or surface waters and shared municipal facilities. This bill would add "buildings which will rise above a ridge line 500 or more feet of any adjacent valley" to the examples of possible regional impact. If a Planning Board determines that there is an impact, the possible affected communities are notified of the development. Testimony was received that this bill would affect all communities within eyesight of the proposed development since no distance or mileage limit was proposed. The implementation of this bill would severely limit the ability for a person to develop the land based on where the ridge line happened to be, may constitute a "taking" of land, and may decrease economic and residential development at the very time we need to encourage growth in New Hampshire. **Vote 20-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 58, requiring the department of transportation to study and report on the advantages of constructing state-owned truck service centers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John A. Graham for Public Works and Highways: This bill would have required the Department of Transportation to study the availability of state-owned land along interstate highways, and the financial issues related to leasing state-owned service centers. It would also have, by inference, required a policy decision on whether or not the state should own service centers along our highways. Additionally, the bill would have required a study of any air pollution issues related to diesel engine exhaust. The majority of the committee felt that this study would not, even if the DOT and Department of Environmental Services could accomplish all the tasks set out in it, provide new information that would be useful to policy makers. **Vote 11-7.**

HB 253, relative to the design build concept for certain projects. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. John A. Graham for Public Works and Highways: This bill resulted from the recommendations of a study committee established by the previous legislature. The bill will enable the Department of Transportation to utilize the design-build concept for certain projects. The amendment limits the dollar amount of transportation improvement projects completed under this

concept to \$1,000,000. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 272-FN, relative to a pilot study by the department of transportation restricting large truck traffic during hours of darkness on certain roads in Portsmouth. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Mark E. McConkey for Public Works and Highways: The committee sympathizes with the disruptive nature of tractor trailer activity on Ocean Road. The committee acknowledges the good work contained in the "Ocean Road Truck Routing Study" commissioned by the Rockingham Planning Commission. The consensus of the committee is that an additional study will conclude that less truck traffic is more desirable and therefore unnecessary. This problem is not unique to Ocean Road. Many communities would like to limit such traffic off state roads and away from their neighborhoods. In the past, towns have accepted state roads and then placed appropriate restrictions on those roads. This may be a remedy worth considering. **Vote 15-3.**

HB 419, establishing a committee to study issues related to the management of railroads operating with leases on state property. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. James E. Holland for Public Works and Highways: The original bill emphasized the need to look at and review policy regarding leasing railroad property owned by the state and other issues. The amendment changed the number of members on the committee. The committee heard compelling testimony from representatives of surrounding towns and the lessee in another railroad location in the state of New Hampshire, and is convinced that the local towns feel helpless in voicing their opinions and/or input. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 517-LOCAL, relative to Keene Road and Main Street in the town of Hillsborough. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Leon S. Kenison for Public Works and Highways: This bill memorializes the agreement previously reached between the town of Hillsborough and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, transferring two segments of NH Route 9 to town road status upon completion of the Hillsborough bypass (2002). It is expected both segments will primarily serve local traffic, thus appropriately will be added to the town highway system and be eligible for Block Grant Aid funding. **Vote 16-0.**

HJR 1, urging the department of transportation to provide sufficient time to resolve a dispute regarding certain portions of the Conway bypass project. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. William E. Leber for Public Works and Highways: This Resolution urges the Department of Transportation to take no further action regarding parts of Phase 5A including but not limited to awarding construction and other contracts seeking modifications of any and all permits necessary to remove the widening and driveway limitation parts of Phase 5A from the Conway bypass project. The Conway bypass project has a long history of studies and hearings, dating back to the 1970s Route 16 studies, to improve the safe and efficient travel north from the Spaulding Turnpike through Conway to Berlin. The Conway bypass project was approved in 1993, and permits obtained after many compromises and adjustments. It appears no one got all they wanted in the final project. However, the project was approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, and all the environmental interests with the phase constructions and restrictions to require certain parts of the project to be constructed in the order approved before going on to the next phase. So it is with Phase 5A, the widening of a short section of Route 16 to improve 5/16th of a mile and four intersections that are considered failed in the south end of North Conway. The efforts and discussion to change the widening project has delayed the contract from September approval to January 2003, when the Governor and Council approved it. The contractor is now ready to gear up for an early spring construction. The Army Corps of Engineers has responded to the sponsors of this Resolution that their request to change the project was considered, and decided that the public interest would not be served by modifying the permit to allow the bypass to proceed before improvement to Route 16, known as 5A, are completed. It was the sense of the committee that although it understands the concerns of the sponsors and the citizens who testified, to delay or disrupt the total project would not be in the best interest and greater benefit to the region. The Conway bypass has been in planning for decades and should go forward without further delay **Vote 17-0.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 485, relative to the membership on the invasive species committee. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Henry A. L. Parkhurst for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill increases the number of members on the Invasive Species Committee from 9 to 11 to include the director of UNH Cooperative Extension and one to represent livestock owners and feed growers. This was supported by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation and the New Hampshire Plant Growers Association. The Commissioner of Agriculture had no objection. The invasive species committee comes under the direction of the Department of Agriculture. **Vote 16-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 502, establishing a committee to study options for reducing the impact of exhaust emissions from diesel engines in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Roy D. Maxfield for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire's options for reducing exhaust emissions from diesel engines. The committee heard from the Department of Environmental Services and the trucking association. Air emissions from stationary sources have been dramatically reduced in the past several years. The committee agreed that a comprehensive review of remaining air pollution sources was an important step. **Vote 14-0.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 132, relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill expands eligibility for the veteran's orphan scholarship program to include veterans of the Persian Gulf War and other conflicts such as the invasion of Panama and Grenada. In addition, the bill makes technical changes to eligibility dates, bringing state law into agreement with federal law. **Vote 13-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 318, relative to trespassing on certain rail lines. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: The intent of this bill was to post no trespassing signs every 300 yards along the railroad tracks where the speed limit is 45 miles per hour or greater. This involved about 30 to 35 miles of track not including where tourist train rides are held. The state owns 193 miles of line and none are greater than 45 miles per hour. This bill would place heavy fines on any hunter, snowmobiles, all terrain vehicle users and any person just enjoying our natural resources, who might just cross the railroad tracks. Let us not punish our citizens by fining them up to \$1,000.00 for simply crossing a railroad track. The committee suggests that the signage be done on a voluntary system and the state of New Hampshire and Guilford agreed saying that some signs have been placed, stolen and replaced. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 349, relative to establishment and enforcement of speed limits. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: This bill would establish a policy against the use of speed traps and the setting of speed limits by municipalities. The term "speed trap" sounds as though law enforcement is doing something unlawful. This bill would take away the measure of enforcement, unmarked police cars and aircraft enforcement. There are "professional speeders" and they use radar to keep ahead of law enforcement, thus, the use of aircraft. Enforcement by air resulted in 800 speeding tickets being issued with 221 of them being speeds greater than 80 miles per hour. For this reason the Department of Safety opposed the bill. Another concern of the prime sponsor was speed limits on roads where there are multiple speeds set by municipalities without the state standard of an engineered traffic investigation. The Municipal Association opposed the bill because in effect it would force towns to spend money they do not have for traffic studies to change a speed limit in an area that they deem to be a reasonable and prudent speed for the conditions of the roads. Thus, the committee will continue to support law enforcement and the municipalities to do what they deem to be necessary to ensure the safety of our driving public. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 435, relative to certificates of registration upon transfer of a vehicle. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill requires that the person whose name is on the registration certificate retain that registration upon transfer of the vehicle. Currently, law requires the return of the certificate to the Department of Safety. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 497, relative to inactive status licenses. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: Currently, if your license is suspended or revoked for a medical or physical condition, you are not legally allowed to participate in a driver rehabilitation course. This bill would allow our citizens the ability to legally participate in these programs by establishing inactive license status. This bill would help facilitate a quicker return of a person's independence when they are deemed capable of having a drivers license again. **Vote 13-1.**

HB 498, relative to 20-day vehicle registrations. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: Currently, if you buy a car from a private person you may get a 20-day registration plate. It allows you time to get a permanent registration. You are only allowed one 20-day registration in a 12-month period. If you sell that car within a one year period, our current law states that vehicle cannot be given a 20-day plate with the new owner. This bill repeals that one sentence so that the new owner, if they wish, may obtain a 20-day plate. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 530, prohibiting the sale of motor vehicles equipped with certain automatic door locks. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: This bill would have prohibited the sale of a new vehicle equipped with automatic door locks. These cars are governed by federal standards. Cars are not and could not be built for New Hampshire only. Automatic locking doors are an option on some new vehicles. Automatic locking doors are easily unlocked by the touch of a button. Automatic door locks are a sense of security to most people who have them. **Vote 14-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 169, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of imposing a luxury sales tax and an amusements tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Kurt J. Roessner for Ways and Means: The committee concluded that there was insufficient need to study the feasibility of imposing a luxury sales tax and an amusement tax. Public hearing speakers opposed to such a study included a representative from the Lakes Region Association, which represents 350 attraction-oriented businesses. The testimony was that many of its members are already collecting rooms and meals taxes, and that the additional burden of an amusement tax on their customers would place an extreme hardship on their businesses. The Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire was also represented and stated that two-thirds of retail sales are in border communities and that many large ticket items are sold to out-of-state purchasers. The association believes that the adverse impacts of such a sales tax has already been thoroughly studied. No one, other than the sponsor, spoke in favor of the legislation. **Vote 19-0.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

REGULAR CALENDAR

ELECTION LAW

HB 260, relative to checklists used on election day. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Andrew L. Dorsett for Election Law: This bill amends RSA 654:25, the statute related to the preparation of voter checklists, by allowing a municipality to omit a voter's mailing address and prepare a separate checklist for use at elections. The official checklist maintained by the supervisor's of the checklist of that municipality shall still include the voter's mailing address as well as the voter's place of residence. This amendment to the present law will allow a municipality to reduce the physical size of the checklist used at the polls. The majority of the committee believes that this would be helpful to cities and towns that have a large number of voters. **Vote 9-6.**

HB 305, relative to time allowed for voting. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: This bill, as amended, removes the time limit that a voter may occupy a voting booth. The original bill extended the present limit from ten (10) to twenty (20) minutes and from five (5) to ten (10) minutes if all the voting booths are occupied. The majority of the committee believes that no time limit should exist, but instead the time for occupying a voting booth should be left to the discretion of the moderator. **Vote 12-5.**

HB 312, relative to designating county delegates on state election ballots. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Richard B. Drisko for the **Majority** of Election Law: The intent of this bill was to make the voters aware of the additional county responsibilities of the position of state representative by adding the "county delegate" title to the ballot. The committee felt that testimony showed that confusion would arise in the minds of the voters with this duplicate listing. **Vote 12-4.**

Rep. James R. Splaine for the **Minority** of Election Law: It is of value to the voters and the electoral process that the ballot clearly identify the offices for which candidates are running. It is also useful for the legislative process on the state and county levels for candidates and voters to know and understand the authority and obligations of the offices sought. This legislation is a win-win for all.

HB 836, certifying that John Coughlin was elected as county attorney for Hillsborough County at the 2002 general election. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William J. Infantine for the **Majority** of Election Law: The majority of the committee is of the strong opinion that the power delegated to the General Court by Part 2, Article 71 allows the General Court to determine the manner in which elections for county officers are rectified. The General Court did so when it enacted RSA 665 which specifies which candidates may appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court from a ruling of the Ballot Law Commission. Candidates for county offices are not included in the law. The majority believes that this legislation is essential to carry out the General Court's obligations under Part 2 Article 71 to ensure that the right of the voters are carried out. The defeated candidate exercised his statutory rights to a recount and a full and fair Ballot Law Commission hearing. That process is now complete. The defeated candidate has exhausted his remedies, having received due process under the applicable constitutional provision and the laws of the State of New Hampshire. **Vote 15-5.**

Rep. Jane A. Clemons for the **Minority** of Election Law: The minority believes that the best interest of the people of New Hampshire is not served by HB 836. Passage of this bill creates an unavoidable constitutional crisis. The 2002 election for Hillsborough County Attorney is properly and appropriately before the State Supreme Court in accordance with laws passed by this legislature in 1979. Passage of this bill would destroy the right of a candidate to complete an appeal process this legislature established in law. Professor Marcus Hern of Franklin Pierce Law Center has noted the legislature "has the right to establish the rules of election in advance, but it cannot change the results of an election by a statute once an election has occurred". We are bound to preserve the balance of power among the branches of government. This legislature created the right of appeal to the Supreme Court. One of our fellow citizens is now exercising his right under that law. We should never interfere with his employment of the right guaranteed to him pursuant to RSA 665:6. In conclusion, the minority believes that the Supreme Court would never have accepted this if they did not have the appropriate constitutional authority and jurisdiction. We doubt that the author of the New Hampshire Constitution intended to discriminate against all candidates for county office by denying them due process and a proper process appeal.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 90-FN, relative to the costs incurred by the retirement system in evaluating proposed legislation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Maurice E. Goulet for Executive Departments and Administration: Although well intended, and recommended by the retirement sub-committee, there was considerable discussion during the executive session. During the public hearing all persons who testified were opposed to the bill. One major stumbling block to this bill was the fact that determining the costs was not defined. Steps taken to determine costs in this type of legislation should have been spelled out more clearly. **Vote 15-3.**

HB 241, establishing a committee to study the creation of a separate board to regulate barbers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Paul G. LaFlamme for Executive Departments and Administration: It was the feeling of the subcommittee that although we appreciate the concerns addressed by this bill, we feel that other options have not been exhausted. Further, we feel another consequence of the bill could be a reduction in current licensing standards for barbers, which the committee can not support. **Vote 15-2.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 375, establishing a committee to study the prescription and use of psychotropic drugs, including Ritalin, in preschools, primary grades, and childcare centers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Phyllis M. Katsakiores for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This committee has previously considered the subject of psychotropic drugs including Ritalin and considers it an important subject. However, the committee felt that fundamentally, how and why psychotropic medications are prescribed is a private, professional decision by a physician with the

informed consent of the patient or his family. If more study is needed, it should be conducted by trained researchers who have expertise in psychopharmacology. One obvious place to conduct this research would be a medical school or similar facility. Further, the committee recognized that if psychotropic drugs are being inappropriately prescribed, those practitioners should be reported to the appropriate professional licensing boards for corrective action. **Vote 15-2.**

HB 463, adding certain health care providers to certain statutes. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter L. Batula for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: Each year the Health Committee receives bills requesting the legislature to expand the authority to various member groups in the medical field. House Bill 463 would extend the authority of physician assistants and licensed advance registered nurses, regarding the statutes on walking disability plates/placards, resuscitation orders and death records. Current law restricts these actions to physicians. The majority of the Health Committee has a strong belief that there exist a medical licensing board who has decided that the authority given to the physicians is based on their education and should not be expanded to other medical personnel via the legislature. The Health Committee has great respect for the licensed physician assistants and the registered nurses who are a vital role in the medical care profession, but we did not feel that we in the legislature should be determining the qualifications and should leave that accountability to those state boards qualified to make those important medical decisions. **Vote 12-5.**

Rep. Barbara C. French for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: Advanced registered nurse practitioners currently enjoy plenary authority to assess, diagnose and prescribe. They often serve as the primary care provident for their patients. This bill would update three statutes to permit ARNP's to authorize handicapped plates and placards, certify death certificates and sign a patient requested written do-not resuscitate order. ARNP's currently have the education, competency, and scope of practice to perform the necessary assessments. Presently these orders are often co-signed by a physician who has no independent knowledge of the patient. ARNP's serve a vital role in health care delivery in New Hampshire. Our laws need more accurately reflect actual current practice.

JUDICIARY

HB 78, relative to a landowner's liability for personal injury or property damage on sidewalks. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Bette R. Lasky for Judiciary: The committee was told that this bill was introduced in response to builders/developers who were reluctant to install sidewalks in developments because of liability issues. There was no other testimony addressing that point. Therefore, not only did the committee feel we should not legislate as a result of one circumstance, the committee felt the broader issue of limiting liability to all landowners with sidewalks on their property could jeopardize people's duty to maintain those sidewalks and create a worse situation. In addition, the committee felt the building of sidewalks is an issue that should be dealt with on the local level. **Vote 16-4.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 129-FN, relative to registration fees for lobbying and lobbyists and requiring registration of employers of lobbyists. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Legislative Administration: This bill would change the registration fee for lobbyists who request solely to represent a non-profit entity. This bill would also add fees for the employers of a lobbyist. The committee researched the non-profit issue and found that many lobbyists represent "non-profits" and it is difficult at best to determine non-profit states between different employees. Each lobbyist is required to reveal who they are working for. While the fees have not increased recently, the majority of the committee did not feel this was a revenue bill, in fact an increase in fees would not be significant. With due respect to the sponsor we found this legislation ITL. **Vote 12-2.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 519-FN-A, relative to the conservation number plate trust fund. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. D. L. Chris Christensen for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill refines RSA 261:97 to allow the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to plant lilacs (which is not a native plant) with part of the funds allocated to native wildflowers plantings. It was noted that much of the area where DOT plants is not suitable for native wildflowers. The bill

allocates \$1.00 per "moose" registration, to a maximum of \$50,000 for the department or resources and economic development to promote conservation license plates. The agencies that receive the funds all agreed that this would be a benefit to the program. Finally, it removes the administrative cost cap on the funds received by the state conservation commission. These latter two steps would allow leveling and some predictability of funding from year to year, as well as aiding in the continued growth in sale of the plates. The fiscal note indicates that there is less than a \$10,000 impact per year through 2007. The amendment clarifies that the \$1 allocated to DRED applies to renewals as well as to new plates issued. **Vote 17-0.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 16, urging increased diplomacy to achieve a just, peaceful, and rapid resolution of the conflict between India and Pakistan relative to the state of Jammu and Kashmir. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Russell A. Albert for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The Kashmir Conflict has been a threat to the stability of Southeast Asia for 56 years. It is now a potential "flashpoint" for nuclear war, which was imminent in November 2002, and conditions are again escalating between India and Pakistan. This bi-partisan resolution asks (1) That the US House and Senate to open hearings into the issues attendant to the Kashmir Conflict; and, (2) that all parties to the conflict to abide by the UN Charter on Human Rights. **Vote 12-3.**

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The minority is concerned that only one side of this tragic dispute was brought before the committee. Serious questions regarding the involvement of international terrorist organizations, including Al-Queada, in the Kashmir Conflict remain unaddressed. While sympathetic to the sponsor's concerns about human rights abuses, the minority believes it is inappropriate to side with one party to this conflict at this time.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 205**, relative to the use of criminal records and reports.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:30 a.m. **CACR 8**, relating to the attorney general. Providing that the attorney general be elected for the same term as the governor.

10:30 a.m. **HB 322**, relative to the commission on the status of men.

10:35 p.m. **HB 669-FN**, relative to dental care insurance for state employees and retired state employees.

11:15 a.m. **HB 679-FN**, relative to medical savings accounts.

1:00 p.m. **HB 341**, relative to performance budgeting of state programs and agencies.

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 **HB 258**, relative to the community-technical college system.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 279**, relative to the licensure of emergency medical dispatchers.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1), Room 102, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 390**, relative to liability of nonprofit organizations.

11:00 a.m. **HB 428**, relative to limiting liability of vendors and property owners during the operation of a farmers' market.

1:00 p.m. **HB 449**, relative to disclosure of the amount of property taxes paid by a tenant's rent.

2:00 p.m. **HB 484**, providing immunity for law enforcement officers who participate in state mentoring programs.

3:00 p.m. **HB 490**, relative to the application of statutes, and rules or ordinances authorized by statutes.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 335**, relative to the regulation of the operation of OHRVs.

11:15 a.m. **HB 446**, relative to building permits.

1:15 p.m. **HB 761**, enabling towns to adopt subdivision regulations that require innovative land use controls on certain lands when supported by the master plan, making a change in an innovative land use control, and relative to the preliminary review of subdivisions.

2:15 p.m. **HB 531**, relative to off-site improvements imposed on applicants to a planning board.

3:00 p.m. **HB 618-FN-A**, establishing a property tax cap for persons over 65 years of age.

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

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 123**, relative to notice given to putative fathers in adoption proceedings.

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 245**, relative to child custody decisions.

11:00 a.m. **HB 626-FN**, relative to notification, custody rights, and right to counsel of parents in child abuse and neglect cases.

1:00 p.m. **HB 587-FN**, relative to reimbursement for services provided in delinquency, children in need of services, and abuse and neglect proceedings.

2:00 p.m. **HB 541**, relative to the obligation of religious leaders to report child abuse.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 316-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for anesthesia

for child dental care.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 317**, relative to medical insurance for dependent children.

9:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 430**, relative to the scope of family health insurance policies.

10:00 a.m. **HB 404**, relative to common trust funds.

10:30 a.m. **HB 423**, relative to safe deposit boxes.

11:00 a.m. **HB 504**, relative to refinancing home mortgages.

1:15 p.m. **HB 459**, relative to market conduct examinations.

2:00 p.m. **HB 460-FN**, relative to property and casualty insurance.

3:00 p.m. **HB 739-FN-A**, relative to the medicaid provider reimbursement system; and business and enterprise tax deductions for employers that offer long term care policies; study of the nursing leveraged scholarship program; development of a plan to establish nursing programs at the community technical colleges; the information and referral network for elderly and chronically ill adults and making an appropriation therefor.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 524-FN**, relative to the annulment of certain domestic violence offenses and offenses committed with a firearm.

10:30 a.m. **HB 403**, requiring persons who are acquitted of certain sexual assaults by reason of insanity to register as sexual offenders.

11:00 a.m. **HB 410**, relative to disclosure of information for purposes of background investigations by criminal justice agencies of applicants for police, corrections, and security employment.

1:30 p.m. **HB 487**, relative to protective custody of a person impaired by drugs.

2:00 p.m. **HB 389**, relative to victim impact statements.

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

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 291-FN**, establishing an enhanced penalty for assaults, sexual assaults, and related offenses against the elderly.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 378**, prohibiting employees of any government agency from recommending the administration of psychotropic drugs for school children.

11:00 a.m. **HB 492**, establishing a statement of parental rights relative to school disciplinary measures, the content of educational materials and surveys, and the use of psychological testing and psychiatric drugs in schools.

1:00 p.m. **HB 448**, implementing a reasonableness standard for individualized education plans.

2:00 p.m. **HB 592-FN**, relative to funding the compensation and benefits of teachers.

3:00 p.m. **HB 662-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire volunteer elementary teachers and students

program.

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ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HCR 18***, relative to state senate and representative districts.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 775***, establishing a New Hampshire presidential primary advisory commission.

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 593-FN-LOCAL***, relative to solid waste facilities in small towns.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 599-FN-LOCAL***, relative to hazardous waste liability.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 578-FN-A***, establishing a program for self-certification by small quantity hazardous waste generators and making an appropriation therefor.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 653-FN-A***, authorizing the production of industrial hemp.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 55***, prohibiting preferences in recruiting, hiring, promotion, or admission by state agencies, the university system, the regional community-technical colleges, and the postsecondary education commission.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 704-FN***, relative to the retirement system classification for the director of field services, department of corrections.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 320***, relative to permitting additional contributions in the city of Manchester employees contributory retirement system.

11:15 a.m. ***HB 321***, relative to ordinary and accidental death benefits in the city of Manchester employees contributory retirement system.

11:45 a.m. ***HB 651-FN***, relative to portability of retirement plan funds into the New Hampshire retirement system and the purchase of prior service.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 302-FN***, relative to disability retirement benefits for group II members injured in the performance of duty.

1:45 p.m. ***HB 356-FN***, relative to including medical benefits costs in the purchase of creditable service in the retirement system.

2:15 p.m. ***HB 702-FN***, relative to payment of medical benefits costs for disabled group II members of the retirement system.

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

Room 105A, State House

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 66-FN***, relative to executive agency rulemaking authority and ***HB 170***, relative to the notice of proposed rulemaking under the administrative

procedure act.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 575-FN**, relative to students at state colleges and universities who are registered to vote in New Hampshire.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 597-FN**, appropriating funds to the barn preservation fund matching grants program.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 642-FN**, relative to police patrolling of the Pleasant Street campus access path in the town of Plymouth.
- 11:20 a.m. **HB 647-FN**, relative to payment of autopsy expenses.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 566-FN-A**, making an appropriation for Welfare-to-Work state matching grants.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 598-FN-A**, relative to the agriculture nutrient management program and making an appropriation therefor.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 614-FN-L**, requiring the state to pay the total expense of fighting forest and brush fires on any state-owned park or forest land.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

- Work and executive session on the following bills:
- 3:00 p.m. Rescheduled work session on **HB 327**, establishing a committee to study the use of state vehicles.
- 4:00 p.m. Rescheduled work session on **HB 337-FN-A-L**, relative to state funding of county correctional facilities.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

- Work and executive session on the following bill:
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 575-FN**, relative to students at state colleges and universities who are registered to vote in New Hampshire.

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

- Work and executive session on the following bills:
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 421-FN-A**, relative to the waiting list for services for people with developmental disabilities and making an appropriation therefor.
- HB 269-FN**, relative to claims arising from clinical services provided to the department of health and human services.
- HB 566-FN-A**, making an appropriation for Welfare-to-Work state matching grants.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

- 10:05 a.m. **HB 372**, relative to exceptions for unauthorized use of firearms and firecrackers in cities and towns.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 440**, relative to the discharge of firearms on or across highways in pursuit of wild birds or animals.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 469**, relative to areas of the state for hunting by crossbow.

11:30 a.m. **HB 510**, relative to public inspection of fish and game information on landowner permissions for hunting.

1:00 p.m. **HB 515**, exempting a landowner's written permission for the setting of traps from the right to know law.

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. **HB 425**, establishing the prescription drug cost task force.

11:15 a.m. **HB 475**, establishing a committee to study possible oversight of alternative health care practitioners.

1:15 p.m. **HB 461**, establishing a commission to study financial exploitation of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

2:30 p.m. **HB 677-FN**, increasing the number of reserved student slots in medical programs, and establishing a loan forgiveness program for physicians who practice in underserved areas, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 308**, adopting the uniform mediation act.

1:00 p.m. **HB 338**, requiring the suspension of attorneys who do not abide by a client's decision whether to accept an offer of settlement.

2:00 p.m. **CACR 9**, relating to 7-year terms for state judges. Providing that all state judges appointed on or after January 1, 2005 be commissioned for 7-year terms, which may be renewed.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 190**, relative to legislative standing committee review of rules adopted after final objection by the joint legislative committee on administrative rules.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

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

1:00 p.m. **HB 649-FN-A**, creating certain positions within the office of state planning and the university system of New Hampshire and making an appropriation therefor.

2:00 p.m. **HB 681-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the allocation of a municipality's share of county taxes.

3:00 p.m. **HB 552**, establishing a committee to study the Hillsborough County Nursing Home employment practices.

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 556**, establishing a committee to study highway safety issues on New Hampshire

Route 101 from Bedford to Keene.

10:45 a.m. **HB 560**, making technical corrections to the New Hampshire Aeronautics Act.

11:15 a.m. **HB 561**, repealing the Uniform Aircraft Financial Responsibility Act.

1:30 p.m. **HB 607-FN**, relative to the determination of just compensation in eminent domain proceedings.

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. **HB 289**, relative to outdoor automatic sprinkler systems.

11:00 a.m. **HB 352**, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of a desalinization plant in the New Hampshire seacoast region.

1:00 p.m. **HB 454**, relative to property rights and large groundwater withdrawals.

2:00 p.m. **HB 458**, establishing a committee to study the health and environmental effects of using industrial-grade silicofluorides and industrial-grade sodium fluoride for water fluoridation in New Hampshire.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 436**, relative to the acquisition of Connecticut Valley Electric Company and electric utility restructuring.

11:00 a.m. **HB 537**, establishing a 211 commission.

1:00 p.m. **HB 562**, establishing a committee to study air quality monitoring by the department of environmental services.

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

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

10:30 a.m. **HB 387-FN**, allowing free admission to the state park system for active duty members of the armed services and certain members of the national guard and reserves.

11:00 a.m. **HCR 15**, relative to relaxing air quality standards by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

11:30 a.m. **HB 703-FN**, permitting free admission to the state park system for disabled veterans.

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

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 602-FN**, relative to vehicles with plow attachments.

10:30 a.m. **HB 582-FN**, increasing the penalty for abandoning a motor vehicle.

11:30 a.m. **HB 579-FN**, abolishing all requirements for certificates of title for motor vehicles.

1:00 p.m. **HB 574-FN**, relative to retail vehicle dealer registrations.

1:30 p.m. **HB 402**, relative to child passenger restraints.

3:00 p.m. **HB 509**, relative to access to motor vehicle records.

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. **HB 608-FN-LOCAL**, reducing the education property tax rate and relative to the base cost for calculating adequate education grants.

11:00 a.m. **HB 629-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to adequate education grants to cities and towns and relative to adjusting the education property tax rate based on the statewide cost of an adequate education.

11:30 a.m. **HB 628-FN-A-LOCAL**, modifying the funding and distribution of moneys for an adequate education.

1:00 p.m. **HB 576-FN-A**, increasing the rate of the meals and rooms tax.

1:30 p.m. **HB 623-FN-A**, repealing RSA 77, relative to taxation of incomes.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 486**, relative to access to child support enforcement records.

10:15 a.m. **HB 532**, relative to notice and filing of divorce petitions.

11:00 a.m. **HB 620-FN**, providing a right to counsel for indigent parents and other protections in cases involving the guardianship of minors.

1:00 p.m. **HB 674-FN**, relative to legal representation for indigent parties under the Child Protection Act.

2:00 p.m. **HB 551**, relative to the effect of parental refusal to administer psychotropic drugs to their children.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:15 a.m. **HB 596-FN**, relative to health plan loss information.

10:00 a.m. **HB 382**, relative to state-funded health insurance.

11:00 a.m. **HB 398**, establishing a committee to study the establishment of a healthy adults corporation.

1:15 p.m. **HB 412**, establishing a committee to study insurance coverage for alternative medical treatment.

2:00 p.m. **HB 546**, relative to uniform prescription drug information cards.

3:00 p.m. **HB 796-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the taxation of manufactured housing.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 208**, relative to name changes for inmates and parolees.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 396-FN**, relative to penalties for tampering with or desecrating a burial site.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 416**, requiring reciprocal discovery in criminal cases.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 495**, relative to unauthorized access to a wireless computer network.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 409**, relative to the accountability of public officials.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 633-FN**, establishing the interstate compact for adult offender supervision.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 664-FN**, relative to the requirements for the sale of permissible fireworks and prohibiting the retail sale of certain fireworks.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 678-FN**, relative to penalties for operation of OHRVs after suspension of driving privileges for certain motor vehicle offenses.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Career and Technical School Program (CTSO) presentation by Langdon Plumer.
- 10:30 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 499**, expanding opportunities for teacher certification.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 518-FN-LOCAL**, implementing changes to the amount of school building aid for school districts.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 427**, making the position of "treasurer" optional for school districts.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 727-FN-LOCAL**, revising the school administrative unit system.

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 394**, relative to incompatible offices.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 395**, relative to proof of qualifications for voter registration.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 577-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to implementing the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 605-FN**, relative to prohibited election day activity.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 583-FN**, requiring training for election officials.

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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 181**, relative to horseback riding as a recreational use of land in current use taxation.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 728-FN-A**, establishing a dedicated fund for organic certification inspections.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 772-FN-LOCAL***, including undeveloped shoreline property in land granted tax relief under current use.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 799-FN-A***, assessing a surcharge on waste disposed at solid waste landfills and incinerators, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. ***HB 591-FN***, allowing a certain former state employee to apply for accidental disability benefits.

9:30 a.m. ***HB 443***, granting prescriptive authority to qualified psychologists.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 536***, relative to the name of the department of resources and economic development.

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

9:30 a.m. ***HB 671-FN-A***, establishing a contributory defined benefit judicial retirement plan.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 720-FN-L***, extending the kindergarten aid program.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 757***, relative to health care fund grant awards.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 793-FN-A***, relative to reimbursement rates for home health services and making an appropriation therefor.

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

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

Work and executive session on the following bills:

1:00 p.m. Continued hearing on ***HB 210-FN-A***, making an appropriation for the purpose of hiring a recreational ride and lift inspector.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 360-FN-A-L***, relative to a New Hampshire Legal Assistance office in Nashua and making an appropriation therefor.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 380***, requiring legislative approval of any settlement of certain lawsuits against the state.

4:00 p.m. ***HB 598-FN-A***, relative to the agriculture nutrient management program and making an appropriation therefor.

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

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

9:30 a.m. ***HB 533***, relative to health carrier disclosure for medical child support enforcement.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 549***, relative to parking for disabled persons.

1:00 p.m. ***HCR 13***, declaring the health rights of the citizens of New Hampshire.

1:45 p.m. ***HB 824-FN-A***, relative to services for persons with mental illness and making an appropriation therefor.

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

HOUSE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 208, LOB

Immediately following Joint Legislative Facilities.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY, NH Supreme Court, Noble Drive, Concord

10:30 a.m. Committee observation of oral arguments.

Room 208, LOB

1:15 p.m. ***HB 324***, relative to the Jaffrey-Peterborough district court and the Henniker-Hillsborough district court.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 369***, relative to the Henniker and Hillsborough district courts.

1:45 p.m. ***HB 325***, relative to the Henniker-Hillsborough district court and the New London district court.

2:15 p.m. ***HB 328***, relative to the allocation of costs in court actions.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 348-FN***, relative to the compensation of jurors.

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

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 559***, relative to grounds for termination of employment.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 468***, relative to enforcement of the labor protection statutes.

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

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

2:15 p.m. ***HB 734-FN-A***, establishing a pilot program to open the state house on Saturdays.

2:45 p.m. ***HB 764***, relative to the state of New Hampshire conforming to public laws enacted by the United States Congress.

3:15 p.m. ***HCR 12***, rescinding all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention and urging other states to withdraw similar requests.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 397***, permitting towns and cities to deny a planning board application by a vote of the legislative body.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 616-FN-LOCAL***, relative to the Hampton real estate trust fund.

11:00 a.m. **HB 474**, relative to the appointment of alternates to sit at meetings of the planning and zoning boards and the rules of order used by local land use boards.

11:30 a.m. **HB 588-LOCAL**, relative to nonconforming residential uses.

1:15 p.m. **HB 488**, relative to leaf and yard waste.

2:00 p.m. **HB 282**, relative to granting solid waste management facility permits.

3:00 p.m. **HB 301**, relative to the property tax exemption for certain pollution control facilities.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 802-FN-A**, requiring the department of transportation to retrofit a highway rest stop to be a solar powered facility and making an appropriation therefor.

9:30 a.m. **HB 565-FN-A**, establishing a commission to implement the Hampton Beach Master Plan.

10:15 a.m. **HB 567-FN-LOCAL**, relative to telecommunications infrastructure in state-owned rights-of-way.

11:00 a.m. **HB 571-FN-LOCAL**, relative to Old Newport Road and the end of Main Street in the town of Marlow.

1:30 p.m. **HB 590-FN**, relative to highway fund budget reporting requirements.

2:30 p.m. **HB 624-FN-A**, relative to appropriations to and revenues from the division of ports and harbors.

3:30 p.m. **HB 765-FN**, relative to consideration of a light rail commuter system and establishing a commission to oversee light rail progress.

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, Rooms 305-307, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 385**, requiring compliance with local ordinances in the establishment of public ATV and trail bike trails on private lands.

11:00 a.m. **HB 420**, relative to state-owned trails and parking lots in the town of Windham.

Room 305, LOB

1:30 p.m. **HB 462**, relative to the operation of ski craft within navigation channels.

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

Room 303, LOB

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 152**, relative to regulation by political subdivisions of OHRV trails and exempting certain rail trails use from the state trail evaluation process.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 675-FN**, relative to enhanced 911 reimbursements to commercial mobile radio service providers.

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

9:00 a.m. ***HB 733-FN***, relative to drivers' licenses held by national guard members.

9:30 a.m. ***HB 655-FN***, relative to motor vehicle dealer license applications.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 819***, relative to original and youth operators' licenses.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 689-FN***, relative to drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 822***, relative to abandoned vehicles.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 721-FN***, establishing a marine preservation number plate.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 699-FN***, relative to abandoned vehicles.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 687-FN***, establishing adoption services number plates.

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

9:00 a.m. ***HB 632-FN-A-LOCAL***, limiting the collection by the state of excess education property tax payments.

9:30 a.m. ***HB 663-FN-A-LOCAL***, relative to county and state funding of long-term care medicaid programs.

10:15a.m. ***HB 666-FN-A***, expanding the meals and rooms tax to include a tax on admission charges for entertainment.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 685-FN-A-LOCAL***, exempting transfers of real property with conservation, preservation, or development restrictions from the real estate transfer tax.

11:15 a.m. ***HB 692-FN-A-LOCAL***, revising the property tax relief program in order to cap education property tax payments at 5 percent of adjusted gross income.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 746-FN-A***, revising the property tax relief program.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 741-FN***, relative to an education property tax cap for retired residents.

2:45 p.m. ***HB 717-FN-LOCAL***, relative to targeted aid to education.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

Immediately following the House session executive session on pending legislation.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

1:45 p.m. ***HB 451***, relative to terminating rights to business names when transferring ownership of historic buildings.

2:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 259***, relative to the regulation of gift certificates under the

consumer protection act.

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

Immediately following the House session executive session on pending legislation.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

Fifteen minutes after the House session Subcommittee work session on **HB 154-FN**, establishing a department of financial services and **HB 227**, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of consolidating the administrative functions of regulatory boards and commissions into a single agency.

Thirty minutes following the House session, executive session on pending legislation.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

Immediately following the House session executive session on pending legislation.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

Immediately following the House session executive session on pending legislation.

friday, february 14

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Training Room, NH Department of Revenue Administration, Community Services Division, 57 Regional Drive, Concord

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. **HB 735-FN**, relative to prescription drugs and medicaid best practices.

10:30 a.m. **HB 709-FN**, relative to nursing homes in receivership.

1:15 p.m. **HB 784-FN-LOCAL**, relative to long-term care services.

2:15 p.m. **HB 826-FN**, establishing a limited moratorium on the use of psychotropic drugs and requiring the attorney general to study the use of such drugs.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **CACR 5**, Relating to the rulemaking authority of the supreme court. Providing that the 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.

1:00 p.m. **HB 643-FN**, relative to establishing the family division of the courts statewide.

2:00 p.m. **HB 656-FN**, repealing the family division pilot program.

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4),

LCHIP 10 Dixon Ave., Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 563**, relative to the emancipation of minors.

11:00 a.m. **HB 572-FN**, relative to criminal non-support.

1:00 p.m. **HB 682-FN**, relative to dual sentencing of certain juveniles.

2:00 p.m. **HB 683-FN**, relative to escape or attempted escape from a juvenile facility.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 507**, relative to certain statutes that set minimum requirements for employee benefit plan procedures pertaining to the filing of benefit claims, notification of benefit determinations, and appeal of adverse benefit determinations.

11:00 a.m. **HB 431**, eliminating application of the rule against perpetuities to instruments that contain safeguards relative to the continued alienability of property.

11:30 a.m. **HB 711-FN**, relative to the regulation of retail installment sales of motor vehicles.

1:15 p.m. **HB 506**, establishing a committee to study the retention of membership fees in health clubs.

2:00 p.m. **HB 481**, prohibiting unfair trade practices in the production and sale of milk and dairy products.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 630-FN**, relative to penalties for assault on law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical care providers, and national guard members.

10:30 a.m. **HB 615-FN**, relative to the requirements for registration of sexual offenders.

11:00 a.m. **HB 640-FN**, relative to post-conviction DNA testing.

11:30 a.m. **HB 464-FN**, establishing a criminal penalty for facilitating a drug or underage alcohol house party.

1:30 p.m. **HB 690-FN**, relative to agricultural crop damage.

2:00 p.m. **HB 659-FN**, relative to penalties for failure to obey a subpoena or summons.

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. Continued public hearing on **HB 133-LOCAL**, relative to amending certain articles of agreement in the Fall Mountain regional cooperative school district.

10:30 a.m. **HB 362-LOCAL**, relative to approval of certain capital and operating costs in the Fall Mountain regional school district.

11:00 a.m. **HB 641-FN-A-LOCAL**, targeting aid for education to certain school districts.

1:00 p.m. **HB 542**, establishing a committee to study replacing the New Hampshire statewide improvement and assessment test with testing which complies with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

2:00 p.m. **HB 786-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the participation of the state and its political subdivisions in the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

3:00 p.m. **HB 785-FN**, requiring the commissioner of the department of education to establish a public school choice initiative.

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 648-FN**, relative to paid political phone calls.

10:30 a.m. **HB 658-FN**, relative to impersonation of candidates.

11:00 a.m. **HB 627-FN**, relative to domicile for voting purposes and penalties for voter fraud.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. **HB 791-FN-A**, relative to the sale of state merchandise and gift items in state liquor stores and staffed rest areas.

10:30 a.m. **HB 525-FN**, relative to use of certain out-of-state creditable service for eligibility for payment of medical benefits cost.

11:15 a.m. **HB 594-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the return of employer contributions for retirement system members who terminate employment prior to vesting.

Noon **HB 543**, relative to alternate members of the board of accountancy and appeals of board decisions.

1:30 p.m. **HB 585-FN**, allowing teachers of private academies which provide public education to be included in the retirement system.

2:00 p.m. **HB 511**, requiring New Hampshire Hospital security officers to be full-time certified police officers.

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

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:10 a.m. **HB 329-FN**, establishing a pilot program for the introduction of Grass Carp into Flints Pond in the town of Hollis.

10:45 a.m. **HB 808**, relative to proof of residency and resident tax payment for receiving resident fish and game licenses.

1:00 p.m. **HB 736**, relative to duties of the fish and game commission and complaints against fish and

game commissioners.

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. ***HB 788-FN-A***, repealing the certificate of need law.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 758-FN***, relative to the criteria for medicaid eligibility.

2:15 p.m. ***HB 831***, establishing a New Hampshire end-of-life care study commission.

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

HOUSE FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations on the Governor’s Proposed Budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

10:00 a.m. Opening Session – Governor Craig Benson

10:30 a.m. Treasury

Executive Office

11:00 a.m. Office of the Governor

11:15 a.m. Energy and Community Services

11:30 a.m. State Planning Office

1:00 p.m. Cultural Resources

1:30 p.m. NH Retirement System

2:00 p.m. Secretary of State

2:30 p.m. Administrative Services

3:00 p.m. Sweepstakes Commission

3:30 p.m. Revenue Administration

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 373***, establishing a committee to study the intent of legislative language and the canons of statutory construction and their conformity with constitutional authority.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 437***, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of implementing common law grand juries in New Hampshire.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 441***, establishing a committee to study adoption of the Uniform Probate Code.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 444***, relative to summoning witnesses from another state.

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 631-FN-A**, relative to emergency access to Interstate 95 in the towns of Hampton and Hampton Falls and making an appropriation therefor.

11:00 a.m. **HB 667-FN-A**, relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax.

1:15 p.m. **HB 661-FN-LOCAL**, relative to Westport Village Road in the town of Swanze.

1:45 p.m. **HB 697-FN**, relative to the sale of motor fuel.

2:45 p.m. **HB 708-FN-LOCAL**, permitting certain village districts to become eligible for state highway aid apportionment.

3:15 p.m. **HB 769**, relative to the lighting of certain advertising devices along 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. **HB 660-FN**, relative to the fee for excavating and dredging permits.

11:00 a.m. **HB 810-FN-A**, relative to processing excavating and dredging and terrain alteration permits, changing the fees for permits, establishing 2 new positions, and making an appropriation therefor.

1:30 p.m. **HB 738-FN-A-LOCAL**, permitting aid to public water systems to be used for forming or improving regional water systems and making an appropriation therefor.

2:30 p.m. **HB 742**, establishing a committee to study the relationship between groundwater withdrawals and the ownership of watershed land.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 613-FN-LOCAL**, relative to incineration and air quality.

11:00 a.m. **HB 609-FN-A**, relative to public interest payphones.

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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 330**, relative to public utilities mergers and acquisitions.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 331-FN**, relative to discovery in public utilities commission proceedings.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HR 10**, urging the department of defense to establish a military presence in the state of New Hampshire for purposes of domestic security.

10:30 a.m. **HCR 10** recognizing New Hampshire's ratification of the original Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

11:30 a.m. **HCR 11**, relative to state and federal government relations.

1:00 p.m. **HR 9**, urging the federal government to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act moratorium.

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

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 534**, relative to properties with 2 or more unregistered motor vehicles.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 570-FN**, relative to motor vehicle records of persons involved in accidents.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 379**, relative to penalties for OHRV violations by underage operators.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 388**, permitting the reduction of the speed limit within a business or urban residence district or within the compact part of cities or towns to 15 miles per hour.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 406**, establishing a speed limit for powerboats on Lake Winnepesaukee.
- 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. **HB 768**, establishing a committee to study the flow in the Connecticut River and the impact of the flow on water levels in Lake Francis and the Connecticut Lakes.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 714-FN-A**, excluding cable Internet services from the communications services tax.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 743-FN-A**, establishing a disposal tax on disposable diapers.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 830-FN-A**, creating enterprise zones in which qualifying businesses are eligible for tax credits.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 828-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to alternative fuel vehicles.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 496**, establishing a committee to study the inclusion of New Hampshire in the Amber Alert program.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 553**, relative to same-sex civil unions contracted outside of the state of New Hampshire.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 646-FN**, relative to liquor licenses and fees.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 535**, relative to the definition of billiards/pool hall for purposes of liquor licenses.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 414**, requiring liquor liability insurance for state liquor licensees.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 771-FN**, repealing exemptions to the consumer protection act.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 557**, banning cancellation of or rate increases in homeowner’s insurance based on the number of claims and prohibiting motor vehicle insurers from using credit information for underwriting purposes.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 555**, requiring condominiums to comply with the Fair Housing Amendments Act and to provide accessible parking.

3:00 p.m. **HB 646-FN**, relative to liquor licenses and fees.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 654-FN**, relative to criminal liability for the destruction or disconnection of a smoke detector by a tenant in a rental dwelling.

10:30 a.m. **HB 580-FN-A**, establishing a task force for the promotion of firearm safety and environmental awareness.

11:00 a.m. **HB 637-FN**, relative to damages against a defendant based upon the defendant's conviction of a felony offense.

11:30 a.m. **HB 766**, relative to the information required for a license to carry a pistol or revolver.

1:30 p.m. **HB 749**, relative to the statute of limitations in criminal cases where a defendant is identified by a DNA profile.

2:00 p.m. **HB 777**, allowing the commissioner of the department of corrections to enter into contracts with sheriffs' departments to hold persons charged with crimes in state correctional facilities for temporary periods.

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 528**, establishing a commission to study computer standards used in public schools in New Hampshire.

11:00 a.m. **HB 405**, authorizing school districts to authorize a period of time for silent individual reflection in public schools.

1:30 p.m. **HB 603-FN-LOCAL**, requiring school districts to reimburse a portion of per pupil costs directly to parents or legal guardians of pupils who do not attend a public school.

2:30 p.m. **HB 612-FN-LOCAL**, increasing state appropriations to school districts for certain special education costs.

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 695-FN**, making placement of political advertising on public property subject to state litter laws.

10:30 a.m. **HB 693-FN**, relative to the jurisdiction and constitution of the ballot law commission.

11:00 a.m. **HB 790**, relative to legislative voting procedures and apportioning state representative districts.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. **HB 513**, relative to background checks of law enforcement agency employees.

9:30 a.m. **HB 554**, relative to the procedure for assignment of juvenile probation and parole officers.

10:15 a.m. **HB 505**, relative to the membership of the liquor commission when conducting hearings.

11:00 a.m. **HB 377**, relative to discipline of state employees or officers making willful false statements.

1:00 p.m. **HB 584-FN-A**, establishing the position of citizens' advocate in the department of environmental services and making an appropriation therefor.

1:30 p.m. **HB 781-FN-A**, establishing the office of corrections ombudsman.

2:00 p.m. **HB 696-FN**, establishing licensure to forensic counselors.

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: State of New Hampshire Department of Safety revenues collected by the Criminal Records and Permits and Licensing Unit financial and compliance audit for the nine months ended March 31, 2002

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

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

2:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

HOUSE FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations on the Governor's Proposed Budget:

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

1:00 p.m. Department of Justice

1:30 p.m. Department of Safety

2:00 p.m. Emergency Management

2:15 p.m. Liquor Commission

2:45 p.m. Department of Corrections

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 287**, establishing a professional malpractice claims study commission.

10:30 a.m. **HB 296**, relative to settlement agreements in medical malpractice suits.

1:00 p.m. **HB 290**, relative to the burden of proof in medical injury cases.

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

1:00 p.m. **HB 724-FN-LOCAL**, extending the effective date of the Skyhaven airport transfer plan.

2:00 p.m. **HB 698-FN**, relative to electronic toll collection.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 719-FN-A***, relative to the duties, function, and operation 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.

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

9:30 a.m. ***HB 732-FN***, relative to fines for forestry law violations, and deceptive forestry business practices.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 818***, relative to clearing land before plan approval.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 609-FN-A***, relative to public interest payphones.

11:00 a.m. Electric subcommittee work session on ***HB 109-FN***, establishing a New Hampshire do-not-call list for telephone solicitation.

1:00 p.m. Electric subcommittee work session on ***HB 537***, establishing a 211 commission.

TRANSPORTATION, Rooms 201-203, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***HB 611-FN-A***, establishing a choose life number plate trust fund, and a special motor vehicle license plate and associated fees, to support and promote New Hampshire adoptions.

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

9:00 a.m. ***HB 368***, making technical corrections to the statutory list of dedicated funds.

9:30 a.m. ***HB 558***, relative to financial reports on bingo and lucky 7 operations.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 370-FN***, relative to the dispensing of lucky 7 tickets.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 569-FN-A-LOCAL***, relative to the dollar value of an adequate education.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 589-FN-A-LOCAL***, establishing a tax on purchases of bulk paper stock and establishing a bulk newsprint recycling fund.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 595-FN-A***, establishing an exemption from the electricity consumption tax.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 638-FN***, increasing the oil import license fee, changing the rate of interest assessed on overdue oil import fees, and repealing underground storage facility permit fees.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 644-FN-A***, relative to selling advertising space on state paychecks, vendor checks, and websites.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

Immediately following the House session executive session on pending legislation.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HOUSE FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations on the Governor’s Proposed Budget:

EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. Higher Education – University System

10:15 a.m. Post-Secondary Education Commission

10:45 a.m. Department of Regional Community-Technical Colleges

1:00 p.m. Department of Education

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

2:30 p.m. Judicial Branch

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Training Room, NH Department of Revenue Administration, Community Services Division, 57 Regional Drive, Concord

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:15 a.m. **HB 684-FN**, relative to the insurance rating law.

10:00 a.m. **HB 601**, relative to the long-term care insurance act.

11:00 a.m. **HB 652-FN**, relative to qualified wellness or disease management programs.

1:15 p.m. **HB 744**, relative to motor vehicle accidents involving uninsured motorists.

2:00 p.m. **HB 725**, relative to fraternal benefit societies.

2:30 p.m. **HB 827**, establishing a committee to study the costs and benefits to the state of a state-level community reinvestment act for credit unions and non-bank mortgage lenders doing business in this state.

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 751-FN-LOCAL***, implementing an alternative school building aid grant formula, establishing size and cost standards for the construction of new school facilities, and permitting high school vocational technical education programs which lease space to be eligible for school building aid grants.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 621-FN-A-LOCAL***, establishing an early childhood literacy program.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 619-FN-A***, expanding opportunities for dropout prevention and dropout recovery and making an appropriation therefor.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 754-FN-LOCAL***, establishing an education certificate program to allow parental choice in the selection of schools for children.

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

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

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

HOUSE FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations on the Governor’s Proposed Budget:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Health and Human Services

TRANSPORTATION

1:00 p.m. Department of Transportation

FISH AND GAME

1:30 p.m. Fish and Game

PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE (HB 1109, Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2002), Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 807-FN***, increasing the filing fees for a fund raising counsel and a paid solicitor of a charitable trust.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 817***, relative to the regulation of first and second mortgage brokers and mortgage servicers.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 798***, relative to gifts by fiduciaries.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 759***, relative to personal health and financial information privacy.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 832-FN***, relative to the privacy of medical records.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 762***, relative to the transmission of unsolicited material via facsimile transmission.

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 718-FN**, relative to endangering the welfare of a minor and amending the statute of limitations for sexual assault of a child.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 715-FN**, requiring persons found incompetent to stand trial to be placed in the secure psychiatric unit.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 783-FN**, relative to penalties for simple assault, reckless conduct, and unsworn falsification.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 731-FN**, relative to penalties for intoxication and under the influence of drug offenses.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 825**, establishing a committee to study methods of safely reducing the prison population in the state.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 138-FN**, relative to interpreters for the deaf in certain governmental or public proceedings.
- 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 568-LOCAL**, relative to legal residency for the purpose of public school education.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 548**, relative to the notice period for teachers who are not rehired.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 780**, relative to the operation of school administrative units.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 829**, relative to ward boundaries in Manchester and Nashua to be used in state elections.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 820-FN-LOCAL**, relative to armed services and overseas voting.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 745**, relative to voters presenting identification to obtain a ballot.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 767-FN**, relative to political advertising not authorized by the candidate.
- Noon Continued public hearing on **HB 359**, establishing a procedure for apportioning state senate and representative districts.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 737-FN-A**, relative to the state conservation committee and making an appropriation therefor.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 417**, encouraging all state departments to improve efficiencies with the goal of a 25 percent budget reduction, adjusted for inflation, by 2007, and establishing a state government reorganization task force.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 526**, requiring the governor to provide the legislature with a biennial strategic economic development plan.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 383**, limiting the disclosure of personal information on government Internet sites and

amending the information practices act.

2:00 p.m. **HB 670-FN**, establishing a procedure for release by a state agency of statistical information for research purposes.

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. Executive session on pending legislation.

HOUSE FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations on the Governor’s Proposed Budget:

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

10:00 a.m. Judicial Council

10:30 a.m. Insurance Department

11:00 a.m. Labor Department

11:30 a.m. Banking Commission

1:00 p.m. Agriculture, Markets and Food

RESOURCE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT

1:30 p.m. Resources and Economic Development

2:15 p.m. Pease Development Authority

3:00 p.m. Department of Environmental Services

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 478**, establishing a committee to study methods of evaluating judges.

10:30 a.m. **HB 422**, relative to the selection of replacement justices for supreme court justices who are disqualified to hear cases.

1:00 p.m. **CACR 10**, relating to gender neutral language in the constitution. Providing that all references to persons in part 2 of the constitution shall be gender neutral.

2:00 p.m. **HB 508**, relative to participation of insured defendants in superior court mediations.

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. **HB 401**, relative to approvals under the groundwater protection act.

11:30 a.m. **HB 768**, establishing a committee to study the flow in the Connecticut River and the impact of the flow on water levels in Lake Francis and the Connecticut Lakes.

1:30 p.m. **HB 540**, establishing a committee to study a fee on withdrawals of water for commercial purposes.

2:30 p.m. **HB 797**, establishing a committee to study methods for the legislature to protect

New Hampshire groundwater aquifers.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 366**, relative to mercury reduction.

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. Continued public hearing on **HB 65**, relative to educational assistance for national guard members.

11:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HCR 6**, urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state.

1:00 p.m. **HCR 17**, urging the posthumous promotion of Colonel Edward Ephraim Cross to brigadier general.

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. **HB 634-FN-LOCAL**, establishing a limit on the applicable tax rate for local school district taxes.

10:30 a.m. **HB 813-FN-A**, establishing a deduction from the business profits tax for investments made in New Hampshire companies.

11:00 a.m. **HB 814-FN-A**, establishing a credit against the business profits tax for certain insurance, financial services, and health care business organizations.

1:00 p.m. **HB 752**, relative to the distribution of business tax revenues to the education trust fund.

1:30 p.m. **HB 770-FN-A**, establishing a credit against the business enterprise tax for compensation paid to disabled employees.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 710-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the confidentiality of library user records.

11:00 a.m. **HB 726-FN**, relative to enforcement of spousal support orders by the department of health and human services.

1:00 p.m. **HB 755**, relative to the burden of proof in child abuse and neglect proceedings.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:15 a.m. **HB 604**, relative to the filing of federal liens under the uniform federal lien registration act.

10:00 a.m. **HB 837-FN**, relative to the release of real estate liens.

11:00 a.m. **HB 347**, limiting access to certain business records.

1:15 p.m. **HB 680-FN**, relative to services contracts.

2:00 p.m. **HB 573-FN**, relative to motor vehicle insurance.

2:30 p.m. **HB 636-FN**, relative to mandatory automobile insurance.

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:30 a.m. **HB 779**, relative to appeals from recounts of legislative elections.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:30 a.m. **HB 617-FN**, relative to the licensure of dentists and regulation by the board of dental examiners.

10:30 a.m. **HB 392-LOCAL**, requiring a study by the office of state planning of ways to improve the delivery of information and training to planning board and zoning board members.

11:15 a.m. **HB 635-FN-A-LOCAL**, creating a legislative committee to review rules and propose legislation for the repeal of RSA 541-A, and instituting a moratorium on the filing of rules by state agencies.

11:45 a.m. **HB 665-FN-LOCAL**, relative to municipal and county audits.

1:00 p.m. **HB 686-FN**, relative to health insurance provided through the state.

1:45 p.m. **HB 657-FN**, relative to creditable service in the retirement system for the time that teachers were required to take pregnancy and maternity leave.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 523-FN**, reducing the number of superior court justices.

10:30 a.m. **HB 564-FN**, relative to access to information in proceedings of the judicial conduct commission.

1:00 p.m. **HB 606**, establishing a right-to-know study commission.

1:30 p.m. **HB 622-FN**, excluding tax abatement sessions from nonpublic sessions and including costs for non-attorney representatives under the right-to-know law.

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. **HB 676-FN**, relative to lake level investigations.

11:00 a.m. **HB 795**, establishing a committee to study deaths and injuries caused by OHRV use by

minors.

1:00 p.m. **HB 748**, making changes to the laws governing off highway recreational vehicles.

2:00 p.m. **HB 339**, establishing a committee to study the use of certain state-owned property along the Baker River.

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

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 787-FN-A**, relative to renewable energy promotion.

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

9:00 a.m. **HB 701-FN**, relative to fees for low-digit number plates.

9:30 a.m. **HB 805**, establishing a consensus revenue estimating panel.

10:00 a.m. **HB 789**, relative to a nonbinding referendum to measure voter support for casino gambling in New Hampshire.

10:30 a.m. **HB 705**, establishing a committee to study eliminating the application of the communications services tax to the provision of Internet services.

11:00 a.m. **HB 773**, establishing a committee to study a tuition tax credit program.

1:00 p.m. **HB 809**, establishing a committee to study implementing a consumption tax.

2:00 p.m. **HCR 14**, declaring it to be wrongful for the judiciary, either directly or indirectly, to define an adequate education or the cost of an adequate education.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:15 a.m. **HB 815**, relative to the duties of corporate directors and the procedure for shareholder inspection of records under the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act.

10:00 a.m. **HB 816**, making technical corrections to the securities laws.

11:00 a.m. **HB 817**, relative to the regulation of first and second mortgage brokers and mortgage servicers.

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

JUDICIARY, Rooms 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 763-FN**, requiring parental notification before abortions may be performed on unemancipated minors.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 10

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint hearing.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. *HB 712-FN*, relative to long-term care.

10:45 a.m. *HB 729-FN*, relative to the regulation of tanning facilities.

11:15 a.m. *HB 753*, establishing the fourth Monday in April as General John Stark Day.

1:00 p.m. *HB 823-FN-LOCAL*, relative to eligibility of retired teachers for payment of medical benefits.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. *HB 491*, relative to unlawful discriminatory practices in public accommodations.

11:00 a.m. *HR 8*, urging the governor and executive council to consider appointing a non-lawyer to the supreme court.

1:00 p.m. *HB 716-FN*, repealing the procedures for administration of small estates.

2:00 p.m. *HB 672-FN*, relative to the notice of appointment of an administrator or executor of an estate in probate court proceedings.

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

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. *HB 811*, relative to the exclusive authority of the state over the regulation of firearms, ammunition, and components thereof, and relative to limiting the liability of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from misuse.

10:30 a.m. *HB 776*, relative to emergency medical care for pregnant women.

1:00 p.m. *HB 707-FN*, relative to the statute of limitations in sexual assault cases.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 17

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **CACR 12**, relating to citizen review retention elections for judges. Providing that a judge shall be subject to a citizen review retention election at the biennial election next occurring after he or she has served for 2 years and subsequently at regular intervals which depend on the court in which the judge serves.

11:00 a.m. **CACR 11**, relating to: legislative acts as expressions of the sovereign will of the people. Providing that every act of the legislature enacted in accordance with the procedures of the constitution shall be conclusively presumed to be constitutional as the expressed will of the people.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 801**, establishing a committee to study the implementation of effective student assistance programs in all schools.

11:00 a.m. **HB 804**, establishing a committee to study the certification of New Hampshire public schools in accordance with International Organization of Standards 9001 guidelines.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting and hearing.

PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE (HB 1109, Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2002), Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Belknap County Delegation will meet on **March 3** at 7:00 p.m. at the County Complex for meeting with the Commissioners from Gunstock.

The Delegation will also meet on **March 10** at 7:00 p.m. at the County Complex for a final hearing on the budget.

Rep. Gordon E. Bartlett, Chairman

Belknap County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Merrimack County Executive Committee will meet on the following days to review the 2003 Merrimack County Budget.

February 17 at 9:00 a.m.

February 17 at 11:00 a.m.

February 21 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

March 3 at 9:00 a.m.

These meetings will take place at the McDonnell Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord.

Rep. J.D. Colcord, Chairman

Merrimack County Executive Committee

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 69, 177, 447, 483, 609, 610, 613, 614, 617, 626, 627, 630, 633, 638, 646, 672, 673, 674, 676, 680, 681, 696, 709, 710, 712, 716, 722, 735, 758, 784 and 810.

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, I will periodically list the report that are received in the Speaker’s office and available for viewing.

Reports most recently received include:

State Treasurer’s Annual Report for FY ended June 30, 2002

NH Housing Finance Authority Annual Report FY 2002

Biennial Report of the Legislative Budget Assistant for CY’s 2001 and 2002

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

The House Republican Alliance will meet each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Upham Walker House, Park Street (across from the State House).

Rep. Michael A. Balboni

The Main Street Republicans will meet every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Upham Walker House, Park Street (across from the State House).

Rep. Paul D. Spiess

Anyone who is a nurse and is interested in forming a nurses caucus please contact Rep. Janeen Dalrymple.

Rep. Janeen A. Dalrymple

All legislators are invited to attend a presentation at 12:00 noon on Monday, **February 10** in the LOB lobby for the purpose of a presentation to Mr. Bruce Lorden of Hanover. In the spirit of patriotism, Mr. Lorden takes the time every morning at 8:00 a.m. to lead the students of the Frances C. Richmond Middle School of Hanover in the Pledge of Allegiance. He has undertaken on his own to instill in those students an appreciation for the Flag and dedication to those veterans who have served and continue to serve selflessly in service to the United States Armed Forces in the name of freedom for our citizens.

Rep. Joseph E. Stone

The Reproductive Rights Caucus will meet on Tuesday, **February 11** from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Room 201, LOB. Bring your lunch.

Reps. Sandra B. Keans and Terie Norelli

If you are interested in pursuing a non-partisan agenda focusing on social, political and economic justice, please join the progressive task force for an informal, introductory discussion on Tuesday, **February 11** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the State House Cafeteria. Bring your lunch and an appetite for progressive change.

Rep. Dennis P. Vachon

Representatives Elizabeth Hager and Deanna Rush and Senator Sylvia Larsen invite all legislators to learn about the NH Women's Lobby at an afternoon tea on Tuesday, **February 11th** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Upham Walker House. This is an opportunity to learn about public policy initiatives that are important to women and families in New Hampshire.

Reps. Deanna P. Rush and Elizabeth S. Hager

All members are invited to a presentation by Langdon Plumer on the Career and Technical School Program. This presentation

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will be take place before the Education Committee, Room 207,LOB on Wednesday, **February 12** at 9:00 a.m. The theme this year is Career Tech: Working on Your Future. CTSOs provide students the opportunity to gain leadership skills as an integrated component of career and technical programs. These skills include decision-making, problem solving, critical thinking, and teamwork essential for successful job performance and community service. CTSOs also provide another avenue, amongst other things, to encourage students to remain in school and complete their high school education successfully. Further members are more likely to have a career path chosen and will follow it by continuing their education in New Hampshire, entering military service or entering the work force and gain further training on their job.

Rep. Stephen R. L'Heureux

Drop in for lunch with sponsors and supporters of the High School Drop-Out Prevention Program on Wednesday, **February 12th** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Upham Walker House. Meet the people, teachers and students who organize, teach and participate in successful programs such as "Jobs for New Hampshire Graduates" that give at-risk students an opportunity to graduate high school and find a successful career.

Rep. William E. Leber

All legislators are invited to join the NH ServiceLink Network for a luncheon on Thursday, **February 13** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Capital Grille. During the lunch you will have the opportunity to meet your local ServiceLink representatives and discuss the role of ServiceLink within New Hampshire's long term care system. Learn how ServiceLink can help you to help your constituents.

Rep. Rogers J. Johnson

The New Hampshire Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors cordially invites all members of the House of Representatives and State Senate to a reception at the Barley House in Concord on Thursday, **February 13th** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please join us.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley

The members and staff of the Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire invite all legislators and staff to their annual Legislator of the Year award reception on Thursday, **February 13th** at 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord. RMANH will recognize the legislator who has best fostered the policies of retailing in New Hampshire in the past year. RSVP to 225-9748 or sheila@rmanh.org.

Rep. David W. Hess

American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) invites members of the New Hampshire Legislature to an informational lunch on Wednesday, **February 19th** noon to 1:00 p.m. in Rooms 305-307, LOB. Last session 46 members of the legislature paid dues to join this important organization. ALEC's reports, issue papers, and model legislation have helped its members stay better

informed and better prepared for their roles. Attendance at ALEC national events have given members the opportunity to meet successful innovators and leaders on the national scene and to meet with legislators from other states. Don't be late. The first forty people to attend will receive their lunch and a "goodie bag" with State and ALEC reports plus a few other goodies.

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

Citizens for New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage is a coalition of 140 community, historic, environmental and business groups whose mission is to build support for conservation and preservation of New Hampshire's historic, cultural and natural resources. Citizens is hosting a legislative lunch on Thursday, **February 20** at noon in the NH Historical Society's Tuck Library across from the LOB in support of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). Lunch will be catered by the Common Man Restaurant.

Rep. David W. Hess

All legislators are invited to attend a Reagan-Lincoln Day Dinner hosted jointly by the Belknap County GOP Committee and the Strafford County GOP Committee. Guest speaker, Andrew Card, the White House Chief of Staff, will be at Yoken's Conference Center in Portsmouth on Friday, **February 21**. Reception from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner with your choice of roast top sirloin or baked stuffed boneless chicken. Price is \$40 and tickets are available through Sen. Robert Boyce at 875-7371 and Rep. Phyllis Woods at 749-2177 or by contacting them at the State House or LOB.

Rep. Phyllis L. Woods

The 11th Annual Legislative Ski Day will be at The Balsams Wilderness Ski Area on Sunday, **March 9th** and Monday, **March 10th**. The event will feature a reception on Sunday evening and a Legislative Ski Race on Monday morning, followed by an awards luncheon. Free downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, skating, snow-shoeing and other planned activities will be available both days.

There will be a special room rate at the Balsams of \$99 per person, per night on Sunday, March 9th and Monday, March 10th. (The rate for Saturday, March 8th is \$180 per person). The Balsams' American plan hospitality includes private guest room accommodations and gold medal table d'hote breakfast and dinner. **Please make your room reservation directly with The Balsams (1-800-255-0600) and be sure to identify yourself as being with the "Ski NH's Legislative Ski Day" when you call to receive the special rate.** Please contact Kim at Ski NH (1-800-887-5464 ext. 82) to sign-up for Legislative Ski Day activities.

Ski New Hampshire looks forward to hosting legislators again and to raising funds for the NH Automobile Dealers Association Charitable Foundation's KEEP KIDS SAFE Program.

Gene. G. Chandler, Speaker

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meeting:

Feb 10 – Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, Manchester, 6:00 p.m. Public hearing, Manchester, Granite Street widening city project.

Feb 11 – Department of Transportation, 1 Hazen Drive, Room 112, Concord, 10:00 a.m. Commission meeting, Lebanon, NH 4A.

Feb 20 - Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Bedford-Goffstown, pavement overlay and guardrail replacement beginning at NH Route 101 and proceeding north 3.8 miles. Also intersection upgrades and added turn lanes at New Boston Road.

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** 2003. 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
Feb. 10	9:00	Broken Ground Elementary School- Concord	4/23
Feb. 10	9:30 & 11:00	Pembroke Hill School	4/35
Feb. 10	12:30	Sant Bani School – Sanborton	4/14
Feb. 11	9:30 & 11:00	Crescent Lake School – Wolfeboro	4/50
Feb. 12	9:30 & 11:00	Crescent Lake School – Wolfeboro	4/50
Feb. 13	9:45 & 11:00	Loudon Elementary School	4/65
Feb. 13	9:45 & 11:15	Merrimack Valley High School – Penacook	HS/48
Feb. 14	9:00	Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord	4/23
Feb. 14	9:30 & 11:00	Charlotte Avenue School – Nashua	4/72
Feb. 14	1:00	Faith Christian Academy - Belmont	3 & 4/14
Feb. 18	9:00	Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord	4/23
Feb. 18	9:30 & 11:00	South Londonderry School	4/75
Feb. 19	9:30 & 11:00	South Londonderry School	4/75
Feb. 20	9:45 & 11:00	Newmarket Elementary School	4/79
Feb. 21	9:30 & 11:00	Charlotte Avenue School – Nashua	4/75

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2003-0032h

Amendment to HB 99

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law - C

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

1 Procedure for Absence, Religious Observance, and Disability and Overseas Voting; Provisions for General Election; Facsimile Application. Amend RSA 657:12 to read as follows:

657:12 Provisions for General Election. Upon receipt of a properly executed application for an official absentee ballot, whether the form supplied by the secretary of state, the federal post card application form, or a written statement containing the information required by the appropriate paragraph of RSA 657:4, a town or city clerk shall forthwith ascertain if the applicant is on the checklist of the town or city. If the applicant is on the checklist, the clerk shall send the materials provided for in RSA 657:15; if not, ~~he~~ **the clerk** shall refuse to certify as provided in RSA 657:16. ***An application may be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk.***

2 Procedure for Absence, Religious Observance, and Disability and Overseas Voting; Provisions for State or Presidential Primary Elections; Facsimile Application. Amend RSA 657:13 to read as follows:

657:13 Provisions for State or Presidential Primary Elections. Upon receipt of a properly executed application for an official absentee ballot, whether the form supplied by the secretary of state or a written statement containing the information required by the appropriate paragraph of RSA 657:4, a town or city clerk shall forthwith ascertain if the person is on the checklist of the town or city and is properly registered as to party designation. If such person is found to be on the checklist and to be properly registered or if such person is found to be on the checklist but is not registered as a member of any party, but the information supplied states he **or she** is applying for a ballot of a political party, ~~he~~ **the person** shall be registered as a member of said party; and, in either case, the clerk shall send the materials provided for in RSA 657:15. If the person is not on the checklist or is registered as a member of a party different from the one whose ballot he **or she** is applying for, the clerk shall refuse to certify as provided in RSA 657:16. ***An application may be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk.***

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies that an application for an absentee ballot may be transmitted by facsimile to a town or city clerk.

2003-0058h

Amendment to HB 132

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

Amend RSA 193:19 as inserted by section 1 of the bill replacing it with the following:

193:19 Purpose of Appropriations. The sums appropriated under the provisions of this subdivision shall be used for the sole purpose of contributing to the payment of board, room rent, books and supplies, at college grade institutions, of children between the ages of 16 and 25 years, who are legal residents of the state at the time of application, whose fathers or mothers served in the armed services of the United States from April 6, 1917, to July 2, 1921; or from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946; or from June ~~[25]~~ **27**, 1950, to ~~[July 27, 1953]~~ **January 31, 1955**; or from ~~[the initiation of American involvement in the Southeast Asian conflict to the final date of American withdrawal from that area]~~ **February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; or from August 2, 1990 through a final date of the Gulf War conflict to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law; or in any operation not otherwise covered by this section for which the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal has been awarded to the veteran**, having since died from service connected disability so rated by the federal government and having been at time of death legal residents of the state.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill corrects dates for the Korean conflict, establishes dates for the Southeast Asian conflict (Vietnam War), and makes the Persian Gulf conflict and certain service in other military operations eligible for purposes of the award by the postsecondary education commission of college scholarships to orphans of veterans.

2003-0099h

Amendment to HB 159

Proposed by the Committee on Commerce - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Meetings; Records; Highly Rated Nondepository Trust Company Directors. Amend RSA 384:7 to read as follows:

384:7 Meetings; Records. The trustees or directors shall meet on a regular basis as often as necessary but not less than 9 times per year[~~and~~], ***except that the directors of a nondepository trust company that has a composite rating of at least 2 as a result of the most recent examination by the bank commissioner, shall meet on a regular basis as often as necessary but not less than 4 times per year.*** At such meetings the work for the preceding period of the investment committee, and of all other committees appointed by the trustees or directors, shall be submitted to the board for examination. A record of the meeting shall be kept, showing the names of the trustees or directors present. A majority of the board of trustees or directors shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The board of trustees or directors shall adopt a policy providing standards for determining the number of absences by a director or trustee from meetings of the board or the committees which shall result in a declaration of dereliction of duty by the board and its removal of the director or trustee from office.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires directors of nondepository trust companies to meet a minimum of 4 times a year.

Nondepository trust companies engage solely in trust activities for their customers. They do not accept deposits, make loans, or engage in regular banking business.

2003-0194h

Amendment to HB 167

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

Amend RSA 494-A:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

494-A:1 Judicial Conduct Commission Established. A judicial conduct commission is hereby established which shall be completely independent of the New Hampshire court system and other branches of government. ***All complaints made against judges, as defined in RSA 494-A:2, IV, and clerks, as defined in RSA 494-A:2, I, shall be directed to the commission.*** The commission shall be administered by an executive director, appointed under RSA 494-A:3.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the jurisdiction of the judicial conduct commission.

2003-0203h

Amendment to HB 198

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

Amend RSA 106-I:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

106-I:1 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a law enforcement officer who responds to a mass critical incident in another jurisdiction, in response to a request by the highest ranking on-duty police officer of the requesting jurisdiction, shall have authority to make arrests and shall have full police powers for the duration of the incident, unless terminated by the law enforcement authority in the requesting jurisdiction. The request for assistance must be received directly from the highest ranking officer or indirectly through a law enforcement dispatch center. For purposes of this section, a mass critical incident includes such events as a natural disaster, riot, hazardous material incident, an act of terrorism, or widespread personal injury or loss of life.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill grants the authority to make arrests and full police powers to any law enforcement officer who is requested by certain

authorities to respond to a mass critical incident in a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction which employs such law enforcement officer.

2003-0156h

Amendment to HB 206

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

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

1 Jurisdiction and Procedure; Complaints; Filings for Violation-Level Offenses. Amend RSA 592-A:7 to read as follows:

592-A:7 Complaints. Criminal proceedings before a district ~~[or municipal]~~ court shall be begun by complaint, signed and under oath, addressed to such court, briefly setting forth, by name or description, the party accused and the offense ~~[with which he is]~~ charged, ***provided that a complaint filed by a police officer, as defined in RSA 188-F:23, I, for a violation-level offense shall not require a signature or an oath. Any complaint filed electronically shall provide notice that making false statements on the complaint may result in criminal prosecution.***

2 Unsworn Falsification. Amend RSA 641:3 to read as follows:

641:3 Unsworn Falsification. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if:

I. He ***or she*** makes a written false statement which he ***or she*** does not believe to be true, on or pursuant to a form bearing a notification authorized by law to the effect that false statements made therein are punishable; or

II. With a purpose to deceive a public servant in the performance of his ***or her*** official function, he ***or she***:

(a) Makes any written ***or electronic*** false statement which he ***or she*** does not believe to be true; or

(b) Knowingly creates a false impression in a written application for any pecuniary or other benefit by omitting information necessary to prevent statements therein from being misleading; or

(c) Submits or invites reliance on any writing which he ***or she*** knows to be lacking in authenticity; or

(d) Submits or invites reliance on any sample, specimen, map, boundary mark, or other object which he ***or she*** knows to be false.

III. No person shall be guilty under this section if he ***or she*** retracts the falsification before it becomes manifest that the falsification was or would be exposed.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2004.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows for the electronic filing of complaints for violation-level offenses without a police officer's signature or oath. The bill clarifies that the misdemeanor penalty for unsworn falsification applies to false electronic complaints.

2003-0079h

Amendment to HB 212

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

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

AN ACT defining "terrorize" for the purpose of criminal threatening.

Amend RSA 631:4, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. ***(a)*** As used in this section, "property" has the same meaning as in RSA 637:2, I; "property of another" has the same meaning as in RSA 637:2, IV.

(b) As used in this section, "terrorize" means to cause alarm, fright, or dread in a reasonable person; the state of

mind induced by the apprehension of hurt from some hostile or threatening event or manifestation, or the fear caused by the appearance of danger.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines "terrorize" for the purpose of criminal threatening.

2003-0132h

Amendment to HB 244

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study landowner liability for owners providing public access to snowmobile trails.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study landowner liability for owners providing public access to snowmobile trails.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

(b) Four 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 study landowner liability for owners providing public access to snowmobile trails. The committee shall seek input, advice, and recommendations from:

I. Representatives from the insurance industry.

II. The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association.

III. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

IV. Landowners providing access to trails for snowmobile use.

V. The office of the attorney general.

VI. The department of resources and economic development, division of parks and recreation, bureau of trails.

VII. Attorneys familiar with landowner liability/ immunity/ insurance issues.

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. Five 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, 2003.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a study committee on landowner liability for owners providing public access to snowmobile trails

2003-0072h

Amendment to HB 246

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law - C

Amend RSA 657:15 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

657:15 Sending Absentee Ballots. When the verification required by RSA 657:12 or 657:13 has been made, the clerk shall retain the application and, without delay, personally deliver or mail to the applicant the appropriate ballot and materials as described in RSA 657:7 through 657:9 or designate an assistant to deliver such materials to the applicant. The clerk may not designate as an assistant any person who is a candidate for nomination or office or who is working for such a candidate. Any ballots sent pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be mailed or delivered only by officials from the city or town clerk's office and delivered only to the applicant. If the address to which the absent voter's ballot is sent is outside the United States or Canada, such papers shall be sent by air mail. Said clerks shall keep lists of the names and addresses, arranged by voting places, of all applicants to whom official absent voting ballots have been sent, and shall identify those official absent voting ballots which have been returned to the clerk. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot ***and persons bearing notarized requests or copies of notarized requests from candidates whose names appear on the ballot*** may obtain copies of such lists; the lists shall not be available for public inspection at any time without a court order.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits persons bearing notarized requests or copies of notarized requests from candidates whose names appear on the ballot to obtain copies of absentee voter lists.

2003-0186h

Amendment to HB 253

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

Amend RSA 228:4, I(g) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(g) Statewide transportation improvement program projects with a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000 and which are related to transportation enhancement, congestion mitigation and air quality, or intelligent transportation systems, may be developed and constructed utilizing the design build concept based on a request for proposal, provided that selection is based on an objective standard and measurable criteria for evaluation of the proposals.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the department of transportation to use the design build concept for certain projects provided that selection is based on an objective standard and measurable criteria for evaluation. Design build projects for the statewide transportation improvement program are limited to projects which do not exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill was requested by the department of transportation.

2003-0165h

Amendment to HB 278-FN

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

Amend RSA 632-A:4, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) In the absence of any of the circumstances set forth in RSA 632-A:2, when the actor engages in sexual penetration with a person, other than the actor's legal spouse, who is 13 years of age or older and under 16 years of age where the age difference between the actor and the other person is 4 years or less.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that an actor is guilty of class A misdemeanor sexual assault when, absent any act that would constitute aggravated felonious sexual assault, such actor engages in sexual penetration with a person other than a legal spouse who is 13

years of age or older and under 16 years of age where the age difference between the actor and the victim is 4 years or less.

2003-0089h

Amendment to HB 305

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law - R

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Time Allowed for Voting. Amend RSA 659:25 to read as follows:

659:25 Time Allowed for Voting. The voter shall mark and deliver ~~[his]~~ **the** ballot without undue delay and shall leave the enclosed space within the guardrail as soon as he **or she** has delivered ~~[his]~~ **the** ballot to the moderator. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a voting booth already occupied by another voter nor be allowed to remain within the enclosed space more than ~~[10 minutes nor, if other voters are waiting to mark their ballots and all of the voting booths are occupied, be allowed to occupy a voting booth for more than 5 minutes]~~ **the time determined by the moderator.**

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the moderator to determine the amount of time a voter is allowed to remain within the enclosed space.

2003-0197h

Amendment to HB 419

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

Amend the bill by replacing paragraph I of section 2 with the following:

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

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom shall be a member of the public works committee and at least one of whom shall be a member of the ways and means committee, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2003.

2003-0212h

Amendment to HB 485

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Invasive Species Committee. Amend RSA 430:54, I to read as follows:

I. The invasive species committee is hereby established to advise the commissioner on matters relating to invasive species in the state. It shall consist of the following [9] **11** members:

(a) The state entomologist.

(b) The commissioner of environmental services, or designee.

(c) The commissioner of resources and economic development, or designee.

(d) The commissioner of transportation, or designee.

(e) The executive director of fish and game, or designee.

(f) The dean of the college of life sciences and agriculture of the University of New Hampshire, or designee.

(g) The director of the University of New Hampshire cooperative extension, or designee.

~~[(g) Three]~~ **(h) Four** persons appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the executive council who shall each serve for a term of 3 years. One shall represent horticultural interests, one shall represent environmental interests, **one shall represent livestock owners' and feed growers' interests**, and one shall represent the general public.

2003-0196h

Amendment to HB 519-FN-A

Proposed by the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development - R

Amend RSA 261:97-b, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. There is hereby established a conservation number plate trust fund under the administration of the state treasurer. The fund shall be used for the promotion, protection, and investment in the state's natural, cultural, and historic resources. The fund shall be nonlapsing. The state treasurer shall distribute the funds annually on July 1, except as provided in paragraph I- a, as follows: \$5,000 of every \$100,000 received, up to a total of \$50,000, shall be distributed to the department of transportation for the expanded wild flower establishment program for use in planting ***lilacs and*** native wild flowers; ***\$1 for every new, renewal, and transfer of registration, up to a total of \$50,000, shall be placed in a nonlapsing account for use by the department of resources and economic development to promote the conservation number plate program;*** the remainder shall be distributed equally among the department of cultural resources, the department of fish and game, the department of resources and economic development, the state conservation committee, and the New Hampshire land and community heritage investment authority.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Permits funds distributed from the conservation number plate trust fund to the department of transportation for the expanded wild flower establishment program to be used for planting lilacs.

II. Distributes from the conservation number plate trust fund \$1 for every conservation number plate registration, up to a total of \$50,000, to a nonlapsing account for use by the department of resources and economic development to promote the conservation number plate program.

III. Eliminates the grant administration cost cap on transfers from the conservation number plate trust fund to the state conservation committee.