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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Wednesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m. The House will also tentatively meet on Wednesday, March 26, and Thursday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m.

You will notice that the Regular Calendar for next week is divided into Part I and Part II. Part I includes those bills with an early action date. Part II includes all other bills. We will act on Part II as time allows.

I am pleased to report that Sweet Adelines' Restaurant, the State House cafeteria, will remain open until 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday for your convenience.

There will be no legislative business conducted on Tuesday, March 11, Town Meeting Day.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be **no** Chairman's meeting on Tuesday, March 11 which is Town Meeting Day.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

Governor Craig Benson invites all members and staff to a reception immediately following session on Wednesday, **March 12** in the Executive Council Chambers.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Wednesday, **March 12** and Thursday, **March 13** at 9:15 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep. David W. Hess, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, **March 12** at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building and on **March 13** at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

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consent calendar

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 626-FN, relative to notification, custody rights, and right to counsel of parents in child abuse and neglect cases. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Margaret D. Hallyburton for Children and Family Law: The committee has three bills on counsel for indigent parents in child protection and guardianship of minors cases. This bill had an early reporting date, so the committee chose to find the bill inexpedient to legislate, carrying forward language onto HB 674-FN or HB 620-FN, which are in subcommittee. **Vote 12-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY,

HB 277-FN, relative to an extended term of imprisonment for manslaughter and relative to jury findings which warrant an extended term of imprisonment. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William V. Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: As currently written the extended term statute applies to every crime except manslaughter. This legislation corrects that oversight. In addition, the United States Supreme Court held that any fact, other than a prior conviction, that increases the maximum statutory penalty, must be submitted to the jury and proven beyond a reasonable doubt before a court can impose an enhanced or extended term. This requirement is now put in place. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 288-FN, imposing a criminal penalty for the dissemination of certain materials without consent. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William V. Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This legislation clarifies the statute on violation of privacy. It prohibits dissemination of any photograph or video recording of a person or persons voluntarily engaging in sexual activity without the express consent of the person or persons who appear in the photograph or videotape. **Vote 11-1.**

HB 396-FN, relative to penalties for tampering with or desecrating a burial site. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Stanley E. Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The purpose of this bill was to make tampering or desecrating a burial site a more serious offense. RSA 635:6 derives its penalty from RSA 635:8, which makes desecration or tampering a Class B felony. Removing "Purposely or knowingly" from RSA 635:6 in essence takes away the "state of mind" necessary to show criminal intent. In essence the language proposed in this bill decriminalizes the acts it is attempting to curb. From testimony at the hearing it appears that police departments are unfamiliar with RSA 635:6 and attempt to charge perpetrators under the criminal mischief statute, a misdemeanor. The Police Standards and Training director was contacted and agreed to disseminate information to police departments suggesting they consider using RSA 635:6 when deemed appropriate. **Vote 11-0.**

HB 409, relative to the accountability of public officials. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James H. Oliver for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill changes penalties for public officials who fail to respond to an affidavit, commit an unauthorized act, or refrains from performing an official duty. It is meant to add removal from public office and prohibition from seeking public office for 10 years. The committee feels punishment for stated violations are adequately provided for in the statutes which cover misfeasance and malfeasance and nonfeasance. This bill is in response to a single issue. **Vote 11-0.**

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. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee felt that a state prison should not be used to house people who have not yet been convicted of a crime. Since the town of Berlin has two holding cells this would not be a hardship for them. The sheriff made this agreement with the former warden. The new warden feels that this would jeopardize the security of the prison and he would also need more personnel to be trained to take care of these people. **Vote 11-0.**

EDUCATION

HB 548, relative to the notice period for teachers who are not rehired. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Barbara J. Hagan for Education: The unanimous vote of the committee found no substantive testimony was entered into the record other than the introduction of the legislation by one of the Education Committee members for the sponsor. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 619-FN-A, expanding opportunities for dropout prevention and dropout recovery and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Sharon M. Carson for Education: The committee supports the establishments of the drop out prevention and drop out recovery program in response to the drop out rate experienced in New Hampshire's schools. Compelling testimony was presented that highlighted both the need for and the success of this program. The bill, as amended, will appropriate \$350,000.00 per year for a two year period targeted towards the first five public high schools that have the highest drop out rate according to the annual State report card. This bill, as amended also creates a council that oversees the program, reports on its success to the Department of Education, Legislature and Governor, and has the ability to seek outside funding either federal or private, to offset the cost of the program. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 780, relative to the operation of school administrative units. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Claire D. Clarke for Education: The committee has retained an SAU bill and will include the good points of this bill into the retained SAU bill. **Vote 18-0.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 51, apportioning state representative districts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

*Rep. Steve Vaillancourt for Election Law: This bill is basically a re-write of HB 336 from the last session. The committee shares the sponsor's concern that more districts are desirable, and this bill does, in fact, create 218 districts as opposed to the court-mandated 88 districts. However, deviations in this plan were rather large in some of the districts and since the committee has numerous other redistricting bills to consider, we felt this would not be the ideal vehicle. **Vote 12-0.***

HB 120, relative to checklist corrections on election day. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: This bill with amendment was at the request of supervisors of the checklist and considered to be good legislation in allowing for a shorter meeting time. The law also allows the supervisors to set longer hours if needed. It further codifies the ballot clerks shall make changes in red to denote voters address changes or name changes in order to keep checklist most accurate. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 140-FN-L, relative to voter checklist verification. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: This bill would have enacted mandates upon supervisors in town and cities thus causing a cost to the state. The Help American Vote Act will make most changes asked in this bill and will pay for the requirements of updates on checklists. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 188, relative to listing names on state election ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: There is another bill to address the listing of candidates on the ballot. The new Help American Vote Act (HAVA) requires voting machines, which will be able to handle a ballot for the elections. The committee felt they should address this issue with the Help America Vote Act. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 275, establishing a committee to study ballot reform. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Charles F. Weed for Election Law: This study committee will serve as a vehicle for planning to meet ballot clarifications, which may be required by the Help American Vote Act (HAVA). It will also investigate the feasibility of instant runoff voting. **Vote 14-2.**

HB 319, relative to the deadline for implementing a statewide voter checklist. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Raymond Buckley for Election Law: The sponsor of this bill testified that the bill was unnecessary. The sponsor's intent was to statutorily support the implementation of the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Following the introduction of HB 319, the sponsor and the full Election Law Committee have benefited from multiple detailed briefings from the Secretary of State's Office regarding the state's efforts to implement HAVA. The sponsor and the committee feel that the state is addressing the complex issue of implementing HAVA in a satisfactory manner. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 358-FN-L, relative to recount fees in local elections. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Mark S. Derby for Election Law: This bill changes the fee structure for recounts of local elections from a fixed fee to a sliding scale based upon the margin between the votes, as now exists for recounts of elections for state offices. **Vote 11-0.**

HB 456, relative to the supreme court's authority to appoint a member to the ballot law commission. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: The committee has another bill that addresses the ballot law commission and felt we could do what this bill asked as well as increase the membership of the ballot law commission. **Vote 13-3.**

HB 648-FN, relative to paid political phone calls. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Christine M. Konys for Election Law: The sponsor of this bill and the members of the Election Law Committee agreed that the changes to current law included in this bill have been accomplished through an amendment to a similar bill which addresses the issues of political phone calls. Another bill, comprehensive in nature, regarding these calls will soon be forthcoming. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 658-FN, relative to impersonation of candidates. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Richard B. Drisko for Election Law: The intent of this bill is to make impersonation of the candidate over the telephone for defamatory purposes a misdemeanor and punishable. **Vote 11-0.**

HB 790, relative to legislative voting procedures and apportioning state representative districts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt for Election Law: The committee congratulates the sponsor of this bill for devoting a tremendous amount of work to this novel plan for redistricting. However, there was no support for the concept of "weighted representation" which the sponsor acknowledged is not used anywhere in the United States. In effect, this plan would create a House in which

each of the 400 representatives would not have one vote but rather would have the same number of votes as the number of people in his or her district. For example, a representative from Greenfield would cast 1657 votes for every issue on the House floor while a representative from Wakefield/Brookfield would cast 4856 votes, nearly a three to one difference. A representative from Portsmouth Ward 2 would cast 2210 votes while a representative from Portsmouth Ward 5 would cast 1405 votes. The one Hampton Falls representative would cast 1880 votes while the one North Hampton representative would cast 4259 votes. Not only would this prove to be an extraordinarily cumbersome process in tallying votes, but it would mean that all representatives are no longer equal in terms of voting. Fifty (50%) percent would no longer necessarily constitute a majority. Conceivably a minority of Representatives from larger districts could outvote a majority from smaller districts. While that might be great fun for "numbers crunchers", it could be disastrous for representative democracy. True, this plan increases the number of districts from the court-mandated 88 to 223 thus increasing the chances for smaller communities to be represented. It also presents a mathematically sound method for lowering deviation. Since the votes of representatives would be weighted, there would be no need to approach the ideal of 3089 people per representative. The theory is fascinating, but in the real world, this radical plan would be both unwieldy and unwise. The "first in the nation" state should not be first in pioneering "weighted representation". **Vote 11-0.**

HCR 18, relative to state senate and representative districts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Howard C. Dickinson for Election Law: The Election Law Committee unanimously supports the position that this resolution is unnecessary in light of the passage of HR 6 which establishes criteria for the redistricting of the House and the fact that the committee intends to retain a redistricting bill to work on between now and next November utilizing the expertise of the county delegations. **Vote 16-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 73, establishing a committee to study imposing a recycling fee on new computer purchases. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Timothy J. Allen for Environment and Agriculture: This bill takes a narrowly focused slice of recycling; however, HB 799 also establishes a study committee, but addresses the larger area of solid waste, of which electronic waste is a part. The committee recommends including the handling of electronic waste in that study committee as part of a comprehensive solution to solid waste recycling. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 156, relative to weights and measures. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Peter H. Allen for Environment and Agriculture: This bill was requested by the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food to make technical improvements in RSA 438:8, I (h) and RSA 438:8, V. Direct references to the National Conference on Weights and Measures and the National Institute of Standards and Technology were added. There was no opposition to the bill. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 181, relative to horseback riding as a recreational use of land in current use taxation. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Donald R. Philbrick for Environment and Agriculture: This bill would have allowed horseback riding on current use land that has been granted the 20% recreation adjustment. Permission of landowner was not required if they claimed the 20% recreation adjustment. This caused much concern among current use landowners with several people indicating they would no longer take the 20% recreation adjustment, therefore losing that land to the other recreational uses. The sponsors and those testifying on the bill indicated that liability protection for the landowners who grant permission was one of the main goals of this bill. The amendment removed the current use portion of this bill and retains the liability portion. S.P.A.C.E. has agreed to provide a survey of current use landowners regarding this issue and current use board will review the results at the fall meeting. This will provide us much better information regarding the impact on further legislation. **Vote 16-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 281-FN, relative to regulation of irrigation system electricians by the electrician's board. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Francis Sullivan for Executive Departments and Administration: In reviewing RSA 319-C, the committee found that licensure is not required for installers of numerous electrical work "in mines, pipeline systems, ships" or "installation, operation,

repair or maintenance of any industrial or manufacturing plant". Thus, the committee realized that the need to license automatic irrigation system electricians was unnecessary. However, to avoid any confusion as to whether this group was violating the law, the amendment specifically includes this group under "exceptions". **Vote 16-3.**

HB 584-FN-A, establishing the position of citizens' advocate in the department of environmental services and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Anne Marie Irwin for Executive Departments and Administration: The purpose of this bill was to establish and fund a citizen's advocate within the department of environmental services. The committee found funding this position through agency fees was impractical as well as not cost efficient. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 679-FN, relative to medical savings accounts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John DeJoie for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would amend RSA 21-I by requiring the commissioner of administrative services to establish medical savings accounts as an option to traditional state employees health insurance. The committee reviewed this bill and found that there were numerous technical concerns with the bill. The sponsor spoke eloquently of an alternative health plan that would offer employees an option over existing plans while insuring catastrophic coverage. However, the bill does not address any structural, programmatic or coverage aspects. Finally, health care is a permissible subject of collective bargaining. Since the SEA is currently negotiating, the committee believes this type of health coverage should be addressed through collective bargaining rather than statute **Vote 15-3.**

FISH AND GAME

HB 469, relative to areas of the state for hunting by crossbow. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert J. L'Heureux for Fish and Game: This bill as amended prohibits the possession of a cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle, OHRV, aircraft, boat or other craft while being propelled by mechanical power. This bill allows the Fish and Game Department, under administrative rules, to authorize the use of crossbows in communities that are currently restricted to shotguns. The bill, unopposed, was supported by the Fish and Game Department and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation. **Vote 14-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 533, relative to health carrier disclosure for medical child support enforcement. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Pamela G. Price for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill was requested by the Department of Health and Human Services, for medical child support enforcement purposes. Medical coverage may be ordered by the courts and child custody cases, but be difficult to identify when parents change jobs, or change insurance carriers without notifying the Department. The state often provides coverage under medicaid in the absence of other known insurance. This bill would allow us to electronically cross-match the New Hampshire Division of Child Support Services caseload against private carrier files to identify insurance coverage that is not already know to Division of Child Support Services. The bill does not expand the information that the insurance company provides to the Department, it expands the uses of that information to facilitate the enforcement of laws we already have. The bill was amended to address the privacy concerns of the committee. The Department may identify individuals by name, but may only use the last four digits of their social security number. Also, the new law will require any health carrier, public agency, or contracted agent who performs the electronic cross-match to purge any information received from the Department immediately upon completion of the data match exchange. The bill has the potential to save the Department of Health and Human Services millions of medicaid payments. This enforces the rights of the children to health coverage. We ask your support of the unanimous committee vote of ought to pass with amendment. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 831, establishing a New Hampshire end-of-life care study commission. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Hilda W. Sokol for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill establishes a commission to study and develop approaches to prepare people, health providers, and other caregivers in offering access to quality end-of-life care. In addition to two Representatives and two Senators, the commission will include representatives from the following New Hampshire organizations: Foundation for Healthy Communities, Hospice, Hospital Association, Medical Society, Association of Home Care Facilities, Health Care Association, Council of Churches, Nurses Association, Bar Association, Minority Health Coalition, Association of Counties, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Safety. The issues to be addressed are ways to: 1) educate the public about advance care planning (e.g. living wills, durable power of attorney) and to ensure that

advanced directives are honored by health providers, emergency medical providers, and family and other care givers; 2) increase understanding of and access to palliative care services (i.e. adequate pain management); 3) encourage people to discuss dying (the ultimate consequence of life) with family and/or friends and to express their wishes as to the actions to be taken, or not taken, in the event of their death. **Vote 13-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 199-FN-A, establishing new special justice positions in the Manchester, Concord, and Nashua district courts and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: Currently, the Nashua and Manchester District Courts are each staffed with a full-time judge, a full-time associate judge and a special justice. A special justice is a part-time judge who is assigned and paid on a per-diem basis. A special judge can be assigned to sit from one to five days a week, as is the case in the Manchester and Nashua district courts. It was the desire of the proponents of this bill that both of the sitting special justices could be made full-time judges without the need for approval by governor and council. The committee and the executive branch believe that changing a part-time judge to a full time judge is the creation of a new position and executive branch approval is necessary. Because of this requirement, the proponents and sponsor of this bill have requested that the bill not go forward so that the two part-time special judges may continue in their current capacity. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 290, relative to the burden of proof in medical injury cases. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John M. Pratt for Judiciary: The sponsor of this bill agreed with the overwhelming opinion of the committee that the "loss of opportunity" doctrine is best left to the courts, which created the doctrine in the case of Lord v. Lovett. The committee concluded that the issue does not need to be codified at this point. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 373, establishing a committee to study the intent of legislative language and the canons of statutory construction and their conformity with constitutional authority. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Bette R. Lasky for Judiciary: This bill would have put into place a committee to study the intent of legislative language and the canons of statutory construction and their conformity with constitutional authority. In addition, the duties of this committee would have involved looking into the benefit of putting a preamble on all proposed legislation to unequivocally state precise legislative intent by being written in the "precise self-executing language of Latin." The committee heard testimony that there is already a law that spells out various tenets of statutory construction and there is a large body of law on this issue. The committee felt that to study this would be extremely cumbersome and redundant because of the many volumes already written by scholars on the subject and the involvement of Latin would also be at cross purposes to the sponsor's intent of making legislation easily understood by all. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 437, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of implementing common law grand juries in New Hampshire. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Phyllis L. Woods for Judiciary: This bill would establish a committee to study the feasibility of implementing common law grand juries in New Hampshire. The sponsor testified that the purpose of having such grand juries would be to help people who encounter abuses with public servants but are unable to access the grand jury by reason of the failure of county attorneys-themselves public servants- to pursue their cases. The committee noted that the large number of bills before it seeking appointment of study committees would, if all were passed, keep a large percentage of the House in session all summer, and that those, such as this, which are premised totally on anecdotal evidence of abuse, should be eliminated from the total. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 441, establishing a committee to study adoption of the Uniform Probate Code. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill is to establish a study committee to determine if NH should adopt the Uniform Probate Code. This code has been developed by a division of the American Bar Association. Sixteen states have adopted this uniform code. The Uniform Probate Code is an unsupervised probate process. This means an executor or administrator of an estate can sell property or distribute the estate assets without supervision by the probate court. Unsupervised probate could and probably would result in the mismanagement of an estate. The NH probate system is a supervised system where approval of a judge is necessary for the distribution or sale of estate assets and to conclude the probate state. NH probate is thorough but a relatively simple system that protects the estate assets. Further, to adopt the Uniform Probate Code would require the change of a great number of other NH statutes. The committee feels that study of the Uniform Probate Code is unnecessary at this time. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 490, relative to the application of statutes, and rules or ordinances authorized by statutes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for Judiciary: This bill would amend RSA 21:1 to require that no application of a statute, administrative rule, or local regulation shall prohibit or be contrary to constitutional rights. The committee determined that the redundancy of prohibiting by statute that which is already prohibited by the constitution would be unlikely to serve the sponsor's intended purpose of preventing or deterring the occasional inadvertently promulgated statute, rule or regulation from getting by. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 508, relative to participation of insured defendants in superior court mediations. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for Judiciary: This bill would prohibit the superior court from requiring an insured defendant represented by the insurer to attend mediation or other court-ordered alternate dispute resolution proceedings. The sponsor testified that the bill was filed for the purpose of countermanding an anticipated new superior court rule that would require such attendance, but that rule to date has not been and may never be issued. In deciding against either retaining or recommending passage of this bill, the committee determined that since, even were such a rule to be issued, the Court, pursuant to existing superior court rules, could upon motion grant relief from it in appropriate cases, there was no need to provoke a possible confrontation between the legislature and judicial branches over Part 2, Article 73-a rulemaking authority on this issue. **Vote 12-1.**

HB 523-FN, reducing the number of superior court justices. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for Judiciary: This bill would reduce the number of superior court judges from 28 to 25. The sponsor testified that this bill had been filed on the understanding that the workload of the superior courts was decreasing as the backlog has been reduced, but that recent review has shown that the current caseload per judge in fact remains within the national average and will soon be increased by the shift of the landlord/tenant appeals from the supreme to the superior court. For these reasons, the sponsor recommended that the bill should be voted inexpedient to legislate. The committee noted that should the situation change, the number of judges could still be reduced through attrition by retirement, resignation and the failure of the governor to appoint replacements. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 564-FN, relative to access to information in proceedings of the judicial conduct commission. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for Judiciary: This bill allows the Judicial Conduct Commission access to confidential information in order to process a complaint made against a judge. This bill was a request of the newly created Judicial Conduct Commission. The Commission discovered in processing a certain complaint against a judge for a breach of the Judicial Code of Ethics involving a juvenile matter, which was sealed in accordance with present statutes. The Commission consequently had to dismiss the alleged ethical breach by the judge. This bill will allow the JCC access to the juvenile proceedings and other confidential information that would otherwise be unavailable in order to process a complaint against a judge. The JCC hearing relating to the confidential information would be non-public and the confidential information would remain confidential. Further, the bill provides that a member, staff or agent of the JCC who violates the confidentiality would be guilty of a misdemeanor. **Vote 10-1.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 255-L, authorizing the creation of special purpose village districts within the Fall Mountain regional school district. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl for Municipal and County Government: This bill would have provided a procedure for the towns which now make up the Fall Mountain regional school district to breakup into five (5) different village districts for a special purpose; that being able to construct, own and maintain public school facilities within their town's geographic limits. The committee heard testimony from many individuals on both sides of the issue and considered all the information in their deliberations. The final unanimous decision was that due to the many legal issues that have yet to be answered in the courts, the committee felt that this was not the forum for this issue at this time. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 432, relative to nonbinding municipal referendums. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Thomas J. Gillick for Municipal and County Government: After discussion by the committee regarding the legal requirements of referenda versus warrant articles, the sponsor suggested that the reason for his bill was no longer a matter of concern and requested that the bill be voted inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 11-1.**

HB 434-L, relative to junkyards and motor vehicle recycling yards. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Laurie J. Boyce for Municipal and County Government: This bill gives the governing body of a town/city/unincorporated place the ability to impose a civil penalty on the owner(s) of property that is not in compliance with local junkyard laws along with the procedure for enforcement. This bill does not relieve the owner of doing the corrections to the property nor does it relieve them of bringing the property into compliance. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 453, relative to recommendations of certain municipal boards. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert L. Theberge for Municipal and County Government: This bill prevents any local body other than the budget committee from recommending a municipal budget. Given a Town Government structure, this bill would exclude the governing body. The committee felt that a recommendation does not promote the views of a select group, nor does it pressure voters to vote a certain way. If passed, this bill would have made it illegal to post meetings. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 673-FN-L, relative to municipal water system connection fees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. David L. Buhlman for Municipal and County Government: The committee realizes that the Copple Crown Village District, a water precinct in the town of Durham, faces a problem with paying for upgrades to water lines and that their \$12,000 hook-up fee is quite high, but is concerned that any remedy that might be proposed to address this particular situation could have unintended implications for other water supply systems. As stated in a letter from the Copple Crown Village District's Secretary/Treasurer, additional costs were incurred in response to a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Water Division mandate in 1995-1996 to upgrade the water system. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 706-FN-L, relative to the definition of net indebtedness under the municipal finance act. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James E. Twombly for Municipal and County Government: This bill would change the definition of net indebtedness under the municipal finance act. However, the prime sponsor indicated the bill was no longer necessary. **Vote 15-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 197-FN-A, making an appropriation to the harbor dredging and pier maintenance fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John R. Cloutier for Public Works and Highways: This bill would appropriate \$1,000,000 to the harbor dredging and pier maintenance fund for the dredging of Hampton and Seabrook Harbors. Information was later received by the committee that such dredging would only cost \$500,000. But importantly, this bill is a separate capital appropriation which could be included in this year's Capital Budget. Finally, the Army Corps of Engineers using federal funds may soon do the dredging. Therefore, the committee believes this bill is unnecessary. **Vote 16-0.**

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

Rep. Sandra B. Keans for Public Works and Highways: It became apparent during testimony that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation is working on a series of improvements to the turnpike in this area. Also, there have been preliminary talks with the Hampton Fire and Rescue Service. It is the committee's expectation that the cooperation between the two parties can solve the access problems more quickly than through legislation. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 708-FN-L, permitting certain village districts to become eligible for state highway aid apportionment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John A. Graham for Public Works and Highways: This bill would have permitted village districts organized for road maintenance to become eligible for state highway aid apportionment. The committee heard that three such districts exist in the state, although representatives from only one district testified in favor of the bill. Both the Department of Transportation and the New Hampshire Municipal Association testified against the bill. In the final analysis, the committee felt that this is a local issue. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 724-FN-L, extending the effective date of the Skyhaven airport transfer plan. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Sandra B. Keans for Public Works and Highways: Currently in state statutes there is a date of July 1, 2003 at which time

the state would turn over ownership of Skyhaven Airport to a local political subdivision. Rochester, where the airport is located, is in the process of finding locations for wetlands mitigation and financing of a sewer installation. The airport can become financially viable and acceptable to the city if these issues can be realized. However, there is still more work to be done with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Army Corps of Engineers. This date extension should provide the time to work out the projects. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 769, relative to the lighting of certain advertising devices along highways. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Sandra B. Keans for Public Works and Highways: This bill requires certain types of lighting on highway signs in the future. There are various reasons the committee supports this legislation. 1) State-of-the-art technology is moving in this direction. With this statute, advertisers will know they can't dump outdated fixtures in New Hampshire. 2) It has now become well documented that environmental sky pollution needs to be controlled. 3) There are safety concerns with glare on highways particularly on wet pavement. Top down lighting makes sense. **Vote 16-1.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 289, relative to outdoor automatic sprinkler systems. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. H. Charles Royce for Resources, Recreation and Development: After over one hour of public testimony on automatic sprinkler systems it was decided by the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee that this bill is not necessary. When new systems or old systems are upgraded automatic shut-offs are offered as part of the installation. The automatic shut-off works after a period of rain has fallen. This bill would only address inground systems. It was felt that this bill was not necessary for the entire state of New Hampshire. Local communities can control the use of water on public systems. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 454, relative to property rights and large groundwater withdrawals. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill would give municipalities veto power in the permitting process of large groundwater withdrawals. The veto power would extend to any municipality within the anticipated zone of contribution. It would therefore allow a municipality to veto a withdrawal in other municipalities. Past legislatures have rejected this measure several times in recent years because water is more than a local resource. Groundwater does not recognize municipal boundaries and is in reality a regional resource. It is for this reason that the state should have the final say in approving or disapproving large groundwater withdrawals, as they now have. However, the committee recognizes that local communities should have a strong voice in the process and should be given ample opportunity to present their concerns. The bill also asks for protection of existing water rights. Except for the veto power of municipalities, the committee plans to address the other concerns in a least one of the comprehensive study bills concerning groundwater presently before the committee. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 660-FN, relative to the fee for excavating and dredging permits. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. David M. Lawton for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill would increase the fee for an excavating and dredging permit from \$0.04 per square foot to \$0.05 per square foot. The committee, as well as the sponsor of this bill, believe that this issue is better addressed in another, more comprehensive bill which is already being considered this session. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 732-FN, relative to fines for forestry law violations, and deceptive forestry business practices. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. H. Charles Royce for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill as amended requires the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) to establish a unified fine schedule for forestry law violations. The bill also allows pleas to be entered by mail in lieu of court appearances. One major concern addressed in this bill is informing the owner of timber to be harvested that they have a 10% yield tax to be paid to their town. **Vote 19-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 109-FN, establishing a New Hampshire do-not-call list for telephone solicitation. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Roy D. Maxfield for Science, Technology and Energy: The sponsors of HB 109 indicated that telemarketing calls were their

most troubling constituent concern during the last election season. The subject of unwanted telemarketing calls was exacerbated this past year by an unusually high number of politically motivated surveys and infomercials. This bill was amended by the committee to mirror the Federal Trade Commission's new rules that established an inter-state do-not-call list for telephone solicitation. Their rules received federal funding earlier this year and will be implemented by August. We applied the same FTC rules to intra-state telemarketers and worked with the Attorney General's Office to establish oversight by their office to implement, monitor and collect fees and fines. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 330, relative to public utilities mergers and acquisitions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Roy D. Maxfield for Science, Technology and Energy: The sponsors of HB 330 sought to change the standards for review by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of mergers and acquisitions. They would require the commission to send notices to all customers, shareholders and municipalities for such mergers etc. The current statute RSA 369:8 ll. (b), was the culmination of years of negotiating by all types of public utilities, the Public Utilities Commission and the consumer advocate, all under the leadership of the Science, Technology and Energy Committee. The provisions of RSA 369:8 were carefully crafted to specify for approval, i.e. specifically no adverse effect on rates, terms, conditions and operations of the New Hampshire utility. The committee agrees that the changes proposed by this bill would dramatically change the previously established consensus and adversely affect many of our utilities' ability to compete. In the recent past there have been several mergers and acquisitions considered by the PUC under this statute and the process has worked as intended. **Vote 15-1.**

HB 331-FN, relative to discovery in public utilities commission proceedings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Roy D. Maxfield for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill would establish a penalty for delay by a utility in complying with a discovery action before the Public Utilities Commission until such time that any question by any intervenor be answered to the intervenor's satisfaction. The committee agreed that this would have an adverse affect on staff, increase delay, and result in additional costs which could impact utility rates for state, county and local governments. **Vote 15-1.**

HB 609-FN-A, relative to public interest payphones. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Elenore Casey Crane for Science, Technology and Energy: The committee recognizes the intent of the sponsors and concern of the community in areas where cell phone service is limited, and there is great reliance on public pay phones. However, it was suggested during discussions in committee that it may be dealt with on the local level as it provides, in some cases, an outlet for emergency services in those communities. The bill dealt mainly with a pay phone that was removed from a popular Acworth store. While there are concerns about the rising number of payphones being removed, a committee studying Public Interest Telephones (PIP's) found only five statewide, thus a statewide surcharge at this time was found inexpedient. **Vote: 12-2**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 703-FN, permitting free admission to the state park system for disabled veterans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee believes that providing free admission to the state park system is a modest yet appropriate manner of honoring those men and women who have made profound sacrifices for their country. This legislation was crafted with the input of park system officials, who reassured the committee that this bill is fiscally feasible. **Vote 15-0.**

HCR 6, urging the creation of a free and independent Palestinian state. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The sponsor of HCR 6 wished to withdraw this resolution. Accordingly, the committee recommends that the resolution be reported as Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 11-0.**

HCR 9, urging the President and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to abandon the Total Information Awareness Initiative. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Richard F. Heon for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This resolution urges the President and Joint Chiefs of Staff to abandon the Total Information Awareness Initiative (TIA). The federal government's TIA seeks to track and store information on all American in a central database. The committee felt that this degree of government knowledge of the lives of ordinary Americans could be devastating to our liberty and our republic. The committee feels that this resolution is important and necessary to protect the people of the State of New Hampshire. **Vote 14-1.**

HR 9, urging the federal government to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act moratorium. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Lawrence J. Guay for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This House Resolution urges the federal government to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act. This act took effect on October 01, 1998 and provided a 3-year moratorium on new taxes on internet access. The committee agrees that it should be extended permanently. **Vote 14-1.**

HR 10, urging the department of defense to establish a military presence in the state of New Hampshire for purposes of domestic security. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Russell A. Albert for State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs: The committee felt that this bill will circumvent an established federal government procedure by urging the Department of Defense to establish a military presence at the Peace Development Authority. **Vote 16-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 103-FN, relative to motor vehicle plates for firefighters and emergency medical care providers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

*Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill would establish special number plates to be affixed to the personal vehicles of licensed emergency medical care providers and firefighters who respond to calls. This bill establishes two separate special plates, one for emergency medical technician personnel and one for firefighters to use on their personal vehicles. During the public hearing the sponsors asked the committee to support this legislation so that firefighters would be recognized at emergency scenes. The committee was told that in the larger communities fire departments did not want confusion while managing an emergency scene. Call firefighters are allowed to have flashing red lights, sirens and plaques on their personal vehicles to identify them while on call. The bill also requires an application from the local fire chief with proof that the applicant is qualified to receive these special plates. It also requires the fire chief to be responsible for the plate upon the termination of the employee. Additionally, as written, this bill would allow private companies who provide medical services to authorize their EMTs to qualify. The fire chiefs are opposed to this bill, they are consumed with important responsibilities and don't want to chase down license plates. They are not sure that they would even have the authority to do so. The Department of Safety is also opposed to this bill; identification is an issue for law enforcement. The department estimates that the startup cost for these plates to be \$97,000.00. This would be taken from the Highway Fund. While the veteran's plates are considered a success, there are 135,000 veterans in New Hampshire as of February 2003, only 9,300 have been sold. This is considered average from looking at other states. There are considerably less firefighters and EMTs who are qualified to receive this plate as proposed. Testimony provided by the sponsors during the public hearing reported there were in the vicinity off 5,000. **Vote 14-0.***

HB 142, relative to motor vehicle registration expiration dates. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Lawrence A. Artz for Transportation: The original intent of this bill was that motor vehicle owners would have the ability to register and inspect their vehicles in a month other than their birth month in order to be of more convenience to the vehicle owner, as well as to better expedite the process of reactivating expired registrations of vehicles, as what is common with owners of seasonably-driven vehicles with birthdays that are in months during the winter. After discussing the issue with the Director of Motor Vehicles, it was determined that there would be problems in administering an alternate registration expiration cycle due to the way the department is currently set up. As more town clerks become connected to the Department of Safety's database, the issue of the vehicle owner having to take additional steps to reactivate an expired registration will correct itself over time. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 346, establishing a commission to study the impact of traffic law violations on public health and safety and state and municipal resources. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill would establish a commission to study the impact of traffic law violations on public health, safety and state and municipal resources. While the committee understands the sponsors' intent and motives, testimony revealed that they were not aware of the Governor's Task Force on Fatalities and Highway Safety. It became evident that resources were a factor in this legislation, however, the state currently shares fine money with municipalities, and highway funds are constitutionally dedicated (Article 6). This bill would be a redundant effort. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 379, relative to penalties for OHRV violations by underage operators. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This legislation would be helpful in solving the many problems homeowners and law enforcement face with underage operators of off highway recreational vehicles. There are many problems with personal property damage and trespassing by these youthful violators. This bill would put some teeth into the current law by providing ownership liability, increased penalties and fees. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 406, establishing a speed limit for powerboats on Lake Winnepesaukee. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill would establish a speed limit on Lake Winnepesaukee during nighttime hours. The sponsors of this legislation did not appear before the committee to support this bill. Twenty-two members of the public testified in opposition while only three testified in favor. Many of these folks commute to and from work from the islands in the lake, often arriving later in the evening. This would impose severe restrictions on those folks who commute. This would also have a dramatic effect on the Mt. Washington Cruise Line and other social activities on the lake in the evening. No evidence was presented that showed this was a safety issue. Additionally, this would require additional marine patrol officers for nighttime coverage for enforcement. This would add many dollars to the marine patrol budget or cause other lakes to lose officers for the additional patrols. One last point, the implementation of the Boater Education Program (House Bill 499) in 2000 is the key to safer boating. According to the Department of Safety over 21,000 boaters have taken and passed the course to date. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 570-FN, relative to motor vehicle records of persons involved in accidents. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for Transportation: This bill would permit the release of motor vehicle records of persons involved in a motor vehicle accident for the purpose of correcting or updating incorrect or out-of-date information provided by the person at the accident scene. Testimony revealed that this is already the case and current law provides for law enforcement, insurance companies, attorneys and appropriate persons to receive this information on a case-by-case basis as needed. **Vote 14-0.**

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. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: A few adult adoptees were offended that the bill was being used as an excuse for a pro life stance. If they were truly inspired for adoption, the plate would make the statement choose adoption not choose life. If the state is forced to provide a political forum for one group through the license plate then all groups have to be given the same opportunity. However offensive statements sound, they are a reality to demanding the Department of Safety, who actually owns these plates, to be the sponsor of a political message. The bill also states that no money goes for administrative fees. Isn't the state entitled to those fees if they collect and distribute the funds? The DOS estimates if they issue 5,000 special plates it costs \$97,500.00. Other states that have a population closest to New Hampshire's have seen very little financially coming in. In NH the conservation and veterans plates are slowly selling. People will more likely not be purchasing another special plate. The financial aspect of the bill divided the money 60% to agencies and centers for women in crises pregnancies, 40% to agencies and centers for expenses, counseling, training and advertising. No money goes to any agency or center that even talks about abortion; unfair because clinics do tell women adoption is an option. Millions of children in the United States sit in foster homes because of neglect, abandonment and abuse, waiting to be adopted or even placed in a foster home. As was clearly stated, if this is about adoption, the plate should say choose adoption, not choose life, but both are political statements. This is not something the committee wants to do to force the DOS to make a political statement regardless of our beliefs. It was suggested that the people would be better served if the money were donated to an agency or center of their choice, better yet become a foster parent. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 819, relative to original and youth operators' licenses. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Sherman A. Packard for Transportation: This bill was a request of the Department of Safety to make technical corrections to the youth operators license provision that went into effect January 1, 2003. The bill will move a youth operator who completes the first year of driving conviction-free into a second phase of licensing. This second phase will give a vertical license to those under age of 21. Upon turning 21 the operator would move into the full original license. This hopefully will help alleviate underage drinking by having such a distinctive license. This policy is also being tried in numerous other states. **Vote 15-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 632-FN-A-L, limiting the collection by the state of excess education property tax payments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Jeff Gilbert for Ways and Means: This bill would have the effect of establishing different statewide property tax rates for each donor town. Accordingly, the committee believes that the bill is unconstitutional. In addition, neither the DRA or any witness at the public hearing was able to assess the fiscal impact of the bill. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 634-FN-L, establishing a limit on the applicable tax rate for local school district taxes **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Daniel M. Hughes for Ways and Means: This bill would limit municipalities from imposing local property taxes for support of local education at a rate at or below twice the equalized rate of the statewide education property tax. The Committee believes this would unduly interfere with municipalities' abilities to control their local education funding. Additionally, there were no alternative sources of revenue identified and implementation would not allow municipalities to address disparities created by different costs of their operations. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 663-FN-A-L, relative to county and state funding of long-term care medicaid programs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Susan W. Almy for Ways and Means: This important bill proposes the restructuring of the county-state Medicaid obligations, in face of the July 1, 2003 sunset of SB 409 (1999). It included a 10 cent tobacco tax increase to pay for the then-assumed cost. The prime sponsor also supported a nursing home bed tax as an alternative revenue source, and similar taxes on home health care and some intermediate care beds open to Medicaid clients were considered. Without knowing at what level the nursing home and other Medicaid provider payments will be funded by the Finance Committee, or how they will restructure the policy part of the bill, the Ways & Means Committee is incapable of evaluating whether these revenue options are appropriate. The Committee therefore stripped the revenue source from the bill and sends it forward without recommendation on the policy aspects to be dealt with by the Finance Committee, which has agreed to consult with Ways & Means when they return to the question of revenue. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 741-FN, relative to an education property tax cap for retired residents. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Daniel M. Hughes for Ways and Means: This bill would cap the education property tax for certain retirees to the amount they paid their first year of retirement. The committee supported the goal of enhancing property tax relief for our needy citizens but was concerned with the uncertain costs and administrative hurdles inherent in the bill's approach due to death, divorce, age differential of spouses, and other unforeseen circumstances. The committee concluded that the bill's goals could be achieved through other pending legislation. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 743-FN-A, establishing a disposal tax on disposable diapers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Daniel M. Hughes for Ways and Means: The bill's sponsor sought a mechanism to reduce solid waste and simultaneously raise revenues by placing a \$.01 tax on each juvenile disposable diaper sold at retail in New Hampshire. Though this may be a laudable goal, the committee felt that it put an unfair burden on young parents and would be difficult to administer. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 828-FN-A-L, relative to alternative fuel vehicles. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Susan W. Almy for Ways and Means: The sponsor brought up the issue of alternative-fuel and hybrid vehicles, and how the state can encourage them to improve air quality and decrease reliance on imported oil. The committee felt that a greater problem was the declining revenues to be expected from the gas tax (road toll) as these vehicles increase, and how to fund the Highway Fund as this transition occurs. It therefore amended the bill into a study committee to look at both these issues, the changing source of Highway Fund revenues and whether and how to stimulate alternative-fuel vehicles. **Vote 17-0.**

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REGULAR CALENDAR – PART I

EDUCATION

HB 621-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing an early childhood literacy program. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nancy Scovner for the **Majority** of Education: This bill implements an early childhood literacy program in the Department

of Education, modeled after the National Parents as Teachers Program. It makes an appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 of Federal and other funding for the purpose of this program, without state funds. This program has been a success as a pilot in Claremont and testimony was clear and overwhelming in favor of continuing and expanding. The majority of the committee believes this is an educational policy that confirms this is the best money that we can spend. **Vote 14-4.**

*Rep. Barbara J. Hagan for the **Minority** of Education: The minority of the committee felt that the negative results of passage outweighed any merits, established a precedent in favor of the "It takes a village to raise a child" mentality and that, lacking evidence of long-term (High School graduates) results. Adopting this program by state statute is premature even though no state funds will be used at this time.*

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. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

*Rep. John R. M. Alger for the **Majority** of Education: This bill provides an alternative method of computing school building aid that benefits less wealthy communities, but leaves the existing building aid program in law. In addition, a lease provision is included with a ten year limit after which renewal requires further approval. In addition, the bill places school room size limitations (square feet per student) above which the state will not pay its cost without preventing school districts from building to their own designs. This size limit and land area limits are similar to those in our surrounding states and were recommended in a recent Legislative Budget Assistance audit of the facilities planning function of the Department of Education. As a result of the size limitations, in spite of the greater state support for less wealthy communities, analysis of projects during recent years shows the bill will be close to revenue neutral. **Vote 10-7.***

Rep. Claire D. Clarke for the **Minority** of Education: This bill creates a new and unrealistically low square foot size limitation for new school construction projects in New Hampshire. This limitation would have adversely affected reimbursements to sixty percent of the projects approved during the last three years according to certain testimony. In addition, this law size limit would adversely impact smaller school communities. This adverse and unintended consequence suggests that this policy change needs further study.

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. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John R. M. Alger for the **Majority** of Education: The bill simply requires the federal government to adhere to the same policy of no mandates without paying for them, as the State must honor. Furthermore, there is a federal law requiring payment for mandates and also such a statement in the "No Child Left Behind" law. However, testimony revealed uncertainty as to structures in the federal law on No Child Left Behind would, infact, apply. Therefore, even though No Child Left Behind appears to be well funded for the next two years, the future demands on state and local revenues is uncertain and likely to be significant, judging from the testimony. **Vote 12-5.**

Rep. Mark S. Carter for the **Minority** of Education: The minority would like to point out that the architect and sponsor of the No Child Left Behind Act is US Senator Judd Gregg. The minority points out that the "coalition of opposites" that testified in favor of HB 786 are the same coalition that has delivered education mediocrity to New Hampshire. All the representatives who testified in favor of HB 786 said they support "the concept" of No Child Left Behind, which presumably means they believe it will help our students, but only so long as it does not cost New Hampshire one dime. The minority believes that New Hampshire should be testing children and holding schools and parents accountable. If you believe similarly, than the No Child Left Behind Act is a federal assistance grant that helps New Hampshire do what it should be doing already.

ELECTION LAW

HB 577-FN-A-L, relative to implementing the Help America Vote Act of 2002. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. C. Donald Stritch for Election Law: This bill known as the "Help American Vote Act" (HAVA) is the first step by our state in implementing the federal election law by the same name passed by Congress last October 2002. It mandates that states abide by specific federal election requirements: provide voters an opportunity to correct ballot errors, implement a voting system with manual audit capacity, provide at least one disability accessible voting machine per ward/precinct/town or voting district, provide state advocacy systems for the disabled, improve voting technology, test voting equipment, develop a centralized

statewide voter registration base and to implement a statewide voter identification requirement for first time voters. It also provides for ongoing election education for all election officials statewide. Funding for these HAVA changes will be distributed over a three-year period upon submission of the state election reform plan. The state "election fund" would receive this year \$5,000,000 and a possible \$9,000,000 (the additional \$4,000,000 requires 5% contribution from the state). The committee voted unanimously to recommend passage of the first phase of the HAVA legislation. **Vote 11-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 578-FN-A, establishing a program for self-certification by small quantity hazardous waste generators and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Peter H. Allen for Environment and Agriculture: This bill establishes a new approach for self-certification by small quantity hazardous waste generators. The amendment clarifies that the appropriation comes from the Hazardous Waste cleanup fund, under RSA 147-B. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 728-FN-A, establishing a dedicated fund for organic certification inspections. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Omer C. Ahern, Jr. for Environment and Agriculture: This revenue neutral bill is at the request of the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food to meet the present and immediate need of organic food processors and handlers within the state of New Hampshire to obtain a New Hampshire "Certified Organic" designation. Since the implementation of recent federal rules and regulations on "organic foods, New Hampshire businesses that offer such organic products to the public would prefer to have a New Hampshire certification for New Hampshire agricultural products. This bill contains a "sunset" date of July 1, 2007. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 799-FN-A, assessing a surcharge on waste disposed at solid waste landfills and incinerators, and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Peter H. Allen for Environment and Agriculture: The committee decided that a new approach is needed to encourage recycling in New Hampshire and more time will be necessary to develop future legislation. **Vote 15-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 591-FN, allowing a certain former state employee to apply for accidental disability benefits. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Carl G. Robertson for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would allow a certain individual to apply for accidental disability retirement allowance. Because of the unusual circumstances, the committee felt that she should, at least, be allowed to enter the process for a fair hearing. Passage of this bill will allow this one individual to present her case to the board. **Vote 14-6.**

HB 669-FN, relative to dental care insurance for state employees and retired state employees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: The original bill required dental insurance for Group I and Group II state employees and retired state employees at state expense. The amendment authorizes this benefit but at the individual's personal expense. The amendment also provides for medical benefits to state employees hired after July 1, 2003 with 20 years service at age 60. This benefit was previously provided with 10 years service. This bill does not effect employees employed prior to July 1, 2003. Employees hired after July 1, 2003, shall then be on the same benefit level as all other Group I and Group II retirees. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 737-FN-A, relative to the state conservation committee and making an appropriation therefore. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Anne Marie Irwin for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration: This bill will create a committee of 12 members who will be responsible for screening applications for the \$12 million federal grant pool which was established under the Federal Farm bill. This is the first time this amount of money has been available to the state. The committee draws from an existing structure made up of agriculture, resources, and development, environmental services, fish and game and conservation. The executive departments & administration committee felt it is important to preserve the rural character of our state. In addition, this committee will help assure that the future generation will enjoy a clean environment and open spaces **Vote 12-5.**

Rep. Judson K. Dexter for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration: We agree with the supporter of HB 737-FN-A that protecting the state's environment is one of our greatest responsibilities. And that the \$12 million of federal money available through the "Farm Bill" is important to help with that effort. However, it is also important to know that this money is currently available without creating this additional level of bureaucracy. The six agencies, departments and the university system are well aware of these dollars and are already actively applying for this money. Here within lies the problem. First, this is not an all or none situation. In fact, when we asked the sponsors directly what the difference in dollars this "conservation committee" would generate, they could not answer. Second, the "Farm Bill" expires in 2007. However, there is no sunset provision in this bill. If we pass this bill, we may be creating an agency with a start up budget of \$621,000 with no way of measuring its effectiveness, and that may never go away. Are we truly building a better government or just a bigger government

HB 791-FN-A, relative to the sale of state merchandise and gift items in state liquor stores and staffed rest areas. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

*Rep. Nelson S. Allan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill was amended to provide the following considerations: a study committee will address and consider the validity of establishing the sale of state merchandise and miscellaneous sundries at rest areas and state liquor stores. The bill, as amended, has the support of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission, New Hampshire Department of Transportation, New Hampshire Grocers Association and New Hampshire Stores, Inc. **Vote 19-0.***

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 735-FN, relative to prescription drugs and medicaid best practices. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Janeen Dalrymple for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill requires the Department of Health Services to establish certain programs to increase access to prescription drugs for seniors and disabled persons. The bill grants rule-making authority to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for the purposes of the bill. The committee heard compelling testimony that supports a prescription program targeted for the most needy seniors and medically disabled individuals that often fall through the cracks. Even though this population is small in numbers, it represents a group who are not only very low income, but have assets of less than \$2,500.00. In addition, this bill would establish a Prescription Drug Task Force that would explore cost and access to prescriptions for citizens of this state. The fiscal note is \$3.5 million dollars in the first year, half of which will be funded by the federal government. The bill as proposed establishes disease management, which will finance the cost of the program, averaged over three years. The department of Health and Human Services expressed they would like to use those funds for existing programs and not for adding a new coverage. While the committee is concerned about the fiscal impact the committee voted unanimously to support the policy of the bill and allow the Finance Committee to consider other revenue streams. **Vote 17-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 643-FN, relative to establishing the family division of the courts statewide. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John M. Pratt for the **Majority** of Judiciary: This bill will make the family court, now a pilot project, into a permanent division of the courts. The bill will also expand the family court from the two counties (Grafton and Rockingham) where it now operates to two additional counties (Belknap and Carroll) during the next biennium. The majority concluded that the pilot project has more than proven itself, that the use of case managers in each family court has made those courts exceptionally user friendly, and that the appointment, whenever possible, of a single judge to oversee all the judicial matters which a family might have before the court, has been of great benefit to both the family and the judicial system. **Vote 10-7.**

Rep. Tony F. Soltani for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The minority is seriously concerned with the constitutional and statutory implication of this bill. The family court will remain a "nearly-constituted" court. New Hampshire Constitution delegates the authority to select judicial officers for specific duly-constituted courts to the governor and council. The legislature is charged with establishing individual courts other than the constitutionally-established courts. This bill stops short of creating an independent court and allocating personnel and judicial officers. The bill delegates the selection of many judicial officers and placement of courts to the judicial branch. The legislature either ought to constitute a statewide family court where the governor and council will select the necessary judicial officers and all litigants will be treated equally, or abolish the existing pilot program.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Kenneth H. Gould for Municipal and County Government: The Office of State Planning created a detailed best-practices guide for communities known as "Smart Growth NH" to assist in the implementation of smart growth policies over the last few years. Since 1984, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) has been mapping comprehensive geographically reference data by using the GRANIT (Geographically Reference Analysis and Information Transfer) System. In order to enable municipalities to implement these policies and have access to the GRANIT database, a coordinated program is needed. HB 649 establishes a regional planning initiatives fund which is a non-lapsing, revolving special fund continually appropriated to the office of State Planning and UNH to provide technical planning assistance to municipalities and to develop a web-based mapping tool designed to assist municipalities to impose an increase on any building permit issued by the municipalities in the sums of 1) \$40 for a commercial or multi-residential building; 2) \$15 for a residential building; and 3) \$5 for any outbuilding or similar structure to raise the money needed for the Smart Growth NH program. **Vote 10-4.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 326, relative to establishing a 6-year capital budget. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. William E. Leber for the **Majority** of Public Works and Highways: This bill provides for enabling procedures to approve a six-year capital budget and appropriations for extended projects that cover multiple biennium. The amendment changes several limitations that cap the amount that can be appropriated in any one biennium and provides more explicit instructions for review and update of the extended projects by the legislature in the next biennium. This bill provides procedures for more extended planning in the capital improvement program and will improve efficiency of the bonding and debt service for the state. **Vote 13-3.**

*Rep. Bernard L. Benn for the **Minority** of Public Works and Highways: The bipartisan minority fully supports the concepts of the six year capital budget, however, has concern regarding unknown consequences of the percentages included in Article 2. The intent of the legislation is to provide for long range capital planning in a manner that does not negatively impact the state's bond rating and that provides adequate flexibility for future capital budgets. The minority believes that the legislation may be improved by eliminating or revising the restrictions of Article 2. New Hampshire has a long history of responsible and conservative management of the debt to revenue ratios by the Legislature and by the state Treasurer. The minority wants to be sure that the proposed legislation will improve planning but not impede the traditional management practices that have served the citizens of NH well for many years.*

HB 667-FN-A, relative to exit tolls and increasing the gasoline tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Leon S. Kenison for Public Works and Highways: The bill proposes elimination of turnpike tolls while increasing the fuel tax by \$0.02 per gallon on July 1, 2003, and by another \$0.02 on July 1, 2004. The Turnpike Fund revenue would be reduced by about \$12 million per year while the Highway Fund revenue will net an increase of about \$27 million per year after July 1, 2004. The new gas tax revenue will not be used by the Turnpike System which has outstanding debt obligations of over \$300 million. The committee felt the Turnpike Fund could ill afford any revenue reductions at this time. An amendment to modify the proposal did not gain committee support. **Vote 16-0.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 274-A, making an appropriation for the restoration of the White Island Light Station. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Ralph L. Akins for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill makes an appropriation of \$125,000 for the purpose of repairing the White Island Light House located off the coast of Rye, New Hampshire. There were two things the committee recognized as unique about this effort that make it worthy of support. First, this is the only lighthouse owned by the state (and still operating) and, it is an historical treasure and tourist attraction in dire need of repairs. Secondly, and even more impressive is the non-profit group called "The Light House Kids" that requested this

legislation. This is a middle school class of North Hampton committed to raising an additional matching \$125,000 for the continued upkeep and maintenance. The committee recognized these "kids" as exemplary examples of volunteers.
Vote 13-2.

HB 353-FN-A, making an appropriation for the pilot program to study and establish protected instream flows and water management plans on the Lamprey River and the Souhegan River. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for Resources, Recreation and Development: The intent of this bill is to provide funding for the pilot program for the instream flow rules passed by the legislature last year via HB 1449. The pilot program consists of two rivers, the Lamprey and the Souhegan, and would last for about 2 years. A limited amount of federal money is available to administer this program, but up to \$600K is necessary to implement the pilot program. The Resources, Recreation and Development Committee hopes the House reaffirms the policy passed last year and sends this bill to Finance with strong support for necessary funding. The instream flow rules and the pilot program is the result of many interests interested in our rivers, including business, industry, recreation, environmentalists, and agriculture interests. This diverse group has come together after years of discussion and a lot of give and take to reach consensus. This is an extremely important initiative for New Hampshire. **Vote 17-0.**

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. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill is the result of a study committee form by SB 437 which was passed last year. That initiative encouraged regionalization of our public water systems. But provided no financial incentives. HB 738 provides access to some block grant money presently available to other initiatives, including surface water treatment plants. Access to these funds is also provided to funding the means to locate groundwater contamination, which would require the polluter, when found, to repay these costs. **Vote 15-0.**

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. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Harry C. Merrow for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill would raise application fees for excavating, dredging and terrain alteration permits, and establish time frames for the completion of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) review. It also establishes two new positions and makes appropriations for them. After the initial appropriation the permit fees would make these positions self-funding. Applicants for these permits want predicable time frames for return of applications from the state. In order to achieve this DES has requested fee increases and additional funding to support adequate personnel to achieve these standards. Testimony from industry indicated that they supported the necessary fee increases. HB 810-FN as amended provides the above as well as a sunset provision to take affect in 2006 which will reduce them without further legislation. **Vote 15-2.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James F. Headd for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill is recommended by the majority of the committee as it addresses an additional benefit to the members of the New Hampshire Air/Army National Guard. It is anticipated that this benefit will enhance retention in the lower grades and will serve as a "thank you for your service" to the men and women of New Hampshire who give their time and effort in the service of their country and state. **Vote 14-2.**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The minority while agreeing with the intent of this bill is concerned that only New Hampshire National Guard, Army and Air Force Reserves are covered. We feel that all reservists, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force should be included.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 608-FN-L, reducing the education property tax rate and relative to the base cost for calculating adequate education grants. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jeffrey D. Gilbert for the **Majority** of Ways and Means: HB 608 as amended reduces the statewide property tax by 82 cents to \$4.92. This rate reduction is necessary to offset the recent rise in property values. Without this change most of our property owners would be required to pay a significant increase in their state tax obligations. The second key feature of the bill is that it indexes future increases in the state's per pupil education funding obligation to the Northeast Consumer Price Index. This feature was enacted by large margins in the House and Senate last year and vetoed by the Governor, notwithstanding her proposal of just such a provision in 2001. Finally, HB 608 revises the base cost formula by reimbursing 100% of the transportation costs for students in Grades K through 8 to and from school and removes home schooled students who do not use public schools from the census. This bill is essential to re-align our education funding formula and to bring under control the runaway cost increases the present law encourages. Without these charges we will all face unmanageable budget deficits resulting in either massive service cuts or tax increases. **Vote 11-10.**

Rep. Christine C. Hamm for the **Minority** of Ways and Means: This bill shifts the tax burden from the state level to local communities. It increases grants to the wealthiest towns in the state and decreases them to the neediest towns, including plaintiff towns. Despite lowering the statewide property tax, the tax burden remains, now to be borne by local taxpayers as school budgets necessarily continue to rise and must be paid for. The existing formula for calculating school aid is based on the third of districts with average educational results that spend the least. It tracks the cost of fiscally-disciplined school districts very well, with any reductions in the statewide property tax reverting to the local school tax. .

HB 629-FN-A-L, 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. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Russell F. Ingram for Ways and Means: The committee supported the sponsor's intent to lower the statewide property tax over time. However, the methodology in the bill would be very difficult to administer and create unknown costs. Accordingly, the committee believes that other bills before it will more certainly achieve the sponsor's goal. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 692-FN-A-L, revising the property tax relief program in order to cap education property tax payments at 5 percent of adjusted gross income. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Tom F. McCormick for Ways and Means: The committee supported the goal of this bill to expand our property tax relief. The approach of the bill was incorporated in the legislative study committee's report of November 2002 on this subject. The committee felt the items contained in this bill could best be considered within the context of the bill under consideration that resulted from this study. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 714-FN-A, excluding cable Internet services from the communications services tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Shawn N. Jasper for Ways and Means: The intent of this bill is to exempt cable broadband Internet services from the Communication Services Tax (CST). This tax became effective in 1997 when the Dept. of Revenue Administration assessed the CST tax against AT&T's high speed Internet access product, delivered over cable television fiber optic lines, as a two-way communications service. In 1998 the United States Congress passed the Internet Moratorium Act (Internet Tax Freedom Act). The New Hampshire CST tax was grandfathered since it was instituted prior to the Moratorium. This tax has not adversely effected the expansion of Internet services. Passage of this bill would result in up to a \$5 million dollar revenue loss that the state cannot afford at this time **Vote 17-0.**

HB 717-FN-L, relative to targeted aid to education. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert J. Giuda for the **Majority** of Ways and Means: This bill, as amended, repeals the statewide property tax and provides targeted aid to districts based upon a weighted formula that takes into account both a community's median income and the assessed valuation of its real property. It also assists with transportation costs, and includes in the formula factors for grade level, special education needs, the number of students receiving free and reduced lunches, and the number of students with limited proficiency in English. A county-specific cost of living factor is included. This bill as amended also repeals the existing underused property tax relief program, which becomes unnecessary with repeal of the statewide property tax. **Vote 15-6.**

Rep. Vivian R. Clark for the **Minority** of Ways and Means: Some information needed for analysis of this bill was outdated and some was simply not provided. One effect which was evident, however, was that some towns which currently enjoy relatively low tax rates would see them go even lower, while others with high tax rates would see a further increase. There are also strong

doubts about the constitutionality of the bill. The minority would like to retain this bill and develop a targeted aid program that goes to the most needy communities.

HB 746-FN-A, revising the property tax relief program **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Christine C. Hamm for Ways and Means: This year a number of bills to provide expanded property tax relief for low and moderate income homeowners have come before the Ways and Means Committee. While these have received support for their intent, the majority of the committee found that HB 746 was the best vehicle to achieve the goals we seek, including: 1) an attempt at meaningful relief for those most in need, i.e. resident homeowners whose total net property taxes exceed 10 percent of household income for married couples or 8 percent of household income for individuals; 2) simplicity both of administration and access; 3) flexibility to allow for future modification; and 4) fiscal responsibility based on findings. By providing a "rebate from education property taxes paid in the amount of the difference between total net property tax paid and 8 percent or 10 percent of household income, or \$1,500, whichever is less", the majority of the members of the Ways and Means Committee expect the total cost to the State will be between \$4 million to \$6 million dollars. HB 746 is based upon the findings of the study committee established by HB 213. **Vote 15-3.**

REGULAR CALENDAR – PART II

EDUCATION

CACR 6, relating to the encouragement of literature. Providing that it shall be the duty of the legislators and magistrates to not hinder, impede or obstruct the interest of literature and the sciences. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Mark S. Carter for Education: The committee heard testimony on several CACR's concerning Article 83 of the second part of the New Hampshire Constitution. While all of the CACR's had some merit, the committee decided to retain CACR 2 and CACR 13 and to Inexpedient to Legislate CACR 6. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 232, repealing the one-year certificate of eligibility to teach. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Mark S. Carter for Education: This bill would have repealed RSA 189:39-b relative to one-year certificate of eligibility to teach. The majority of the committee felt that the existing law, passes just last year, appeared to be working and that a repeal was not warranted. **Vote 13-4.**

HB 405, authorizing school districts to authorize a period of time for silent individual reflection in public schools. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John Alger for Education: The majority of the committee feels this bill is not needed, since the law already provides for authorizing the pledge of allegiance (RSA 194.15-c) and a period of silent reflection (RSA 189:1-b). This piece of law was amended last year to its current form through passage of an earlier bill. **Vote 16-1.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 202-FN, establishing an independent legislative redistricting commission. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bernard J. Luebker for the **Majority** of Election Law: This bill would establish an independent legislative redistricting commission to prepare apportionment for the representatives and senators following each decennial census. The committee felt that this legislature should not bind a future legislature as to process. It further felt the representatives and senators would most likely prefer to do their own apportionment in their own way and at their own speed. **Vote 10-6.**

Rep. Charles F. Weed for the **Minority** of Election Law: An independent redistricting commission would remove the rancorous partisanship evident following the last decennial census. It would optimize the effectiveness that no district would be drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party, an incumbent, or any other group. Such a commission was to be established following the 2010 census.

HB 745, relative to voters presenting identification to obtain a ballot. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael D. Whalley for the **Majority** of Election Law: This bill permits municipalities to require that voters present identification or sign an affidavit to obtain a ballot. The bill identifies a New Hampshire driver's license, armed services identification card, United States passport, or any other form of photographic identification as appropriate identification. When a municipality determines this is necessary for their community, all voters will be treated in the same manner. **Vote 11-6.**

Rep. Jane A. Clemons for the **Minority** of Election Law: This bill allows the legislative body of a municipality to adopt different procedures for elections. Some municipalities may require voters to offer photo identification while others will not. The minority believes voting procedures and laws in this state should be uniform. The minority also feels there is no voter registration fraud on the radar screen in New Hampshire that would indicate the need for this form of ID, especially as there are some people that do not have a driver's license, passport, or armed services ID card. This would be discrimination.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 772-FN-LOCAL, including undeveloped shoreline property in land granted tax relief under current use. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Donald R. Philbrick for Environment and Agriculture: This bill would provide tax relief for many landowners of shorefront property by allowing them to enroll their land in current use. Today, by law, you must have 10 or more acres to enroll in current use. This would be a major shift in policy and would be a large loss of tax revenue for communities, resulting in a tax benefit for a few who own land on a waterbody. This was reported to be for the purpose of improving water quality, but no evidence was presented that this would not do anything that the shoreline protection act now does. **Vote 9-6.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 356-FN, relative to including medical benefits costs in the purchase of creditable service in the retirement system. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would require those members purchasing creditable service in the system and anticipating medical benefits upon retirement to make a contribution to the medical sub trust also. In so doing those members already eligible for these benefits upon retirement as well as those already receiving them will not have the sub trust's original terminal funding depreciated sooner than planned for. **Vote 17-0.**

FISH AND GAME

HB 61, relative to the taking of migratory game birds in the Connecticut River zone. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert J. Laflam for Fish and Game: This bill provides for reciprocity with Vermont for the taking of migratory game birds by both New Hampshire and Vermont's residents in a "zone" that includes dry land on both sides of the river as defined by recognizable boundaries such as highways. **Vote 10-4.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 788-FN-A, repealing the certificate of need law. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Charlie McMahon for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The bill repeals the Certificate of Need (CON) board process which is the regulatory tool of the Health Services Planning and Review Board. The bill as amended creates a system that allows competition while protecting small hospitals and preventing an over supply of expensive new inpatient services or additional inpatient beds. The goal of the original CON process was to manage growth of health care Facilities State wide while reducing costs incurred by New Hampshire citizens. The committee believes the CON process has fallen short of this mission and has become protectionist of the existing structure at the expense of the New Hampshire health service consumer. Additionally, the committee found the CON process has less to do with the "quality" of care than it did with restricting the volume of choices available to citizens for care. The committee heard five hours of testimony both in support and opposition of the bill. It became apparent to the majority that the current system was restrictive and non-responsive to New Hampshire citizens. The amendment provides for the transfer of existing CON oversight to the Health and Human Services Office of Health, Planning and Medicare. Further, it provides improvements by instituting a review process of inpatient vs.

outpatient care resulting in reduced bureaucracy, regulation and more efficient use of staff while guarding against over expansion of facilities in the state by certificate of review process. The committee agreed the bill, as amended, would provide for competition in the delivery and access to outpatient health services. The existing staff, relieved of the current over regulatory time drain, will be used to do more efficient long term health care planning and assessment as well as assuring improvements in quality of care issues. Based on consideration of the information received, the committee felt that the bill would help to ensure that all New Hampshire citizens have access to high quality, cost effective health care services. For years the Legislature has sought for oversight of this regulatory and planning process and this bill as amended allows for that. It also places inpatient and outpatient medical facilities on a level playing field, which is good for the citizens of New Hampshire. Vote 13-5.

Rep. Hilda W. Sokol for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The bill repeals the Healthcare and Review Board (CON) which was designed to regulate growth costs and to avoid duplication of facilities and inpatient and outpatient medical services. Repealing the CON could lead to proliferation of costly facilities and major equipment. We firmly believe that healthcare is a service and not a business. Thus, we have great concern that private health providers may take the profitable services and leave the "money losers" to hospitals. In lieu of the certificate of need, this bill would replace it with a certificate of review establishing different procedures for inpatient and outpatient facilities.

JUDICIARY

HB 149, relative to patient rights and disclosures in quality assurance programs. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert H. Rowe for the **Majority** of Judiciary: The purpose of this bill is to provide the patient with full information as to his or her condition and totally protects the present quality assurance program. The underlying issue brought by the original bill was that patients are not receiving information relating to the cause or contributing cause of the patient's injury or death. The committee was sympathetic with the sponsor's goals but believed that the goal of patient disclosure can be best served by amending the Patient's Bill of Rights under RSA 151:21. **Vote 12-7.**

*Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for the **Minority** of Judiciary: While the minority of the committee agrees with the majority that a patient has a right to full disclosure, it also believes that the amendment to this bill adopted by the majority, which essentially replaced the original bill, was so materially different from it as to require a new public hearing to consider additional testimony that might have brought to light possible unintended consequences and give the committee an opportunity to ask questions addressing them.*

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 719-FN-A, relative to the duties, function, and operation of the Pease development authority. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William E. Leber for Public Works and Highways: This bill makes various corrections to the statute that governs the Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors that will improve the operation of our ports and harbors. Since the reorganization of the old Port Authority into the Pease Development Authority, Division of Ports and Harbors in 2001, the PDA has experienced some areas in the statutes that need improvement to reflect the new organization and operations. Some changes include standardizing the terminology, providing for law enforcement training and responsibility for Chief and Assistant Chief Harbor Master, and provides for rulemaking authority for PDA for certain fees charged at the Ports and Harbors. This bill will have a positive effect on the efficient and improved operation of the Port and Harbors. **Vote 14-2.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 82, to change the name of "Boott Spur" to Mount Reagan. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard T. Cooney for the **Majority** of Resources, Recreation and Development: As introduced, this bill would change the name of Boott Spur in the White Mountains to Mount Reagan. The committee felt that it would be more appropriate to put the name of Mount Reagan on a peak that was really a mountain and not only a spur. After several suggestions, an amendment as approved which would change the name of Mt. Clay to Mt. Reagan. Mt. Clay was named after Henry Clay, 1777-1852, a Senator and Representative from Kentucky and unsuccessful presidential candidate. This mountain is in the White Mountains and in

the North Presidential Range. The committee felt it would be appropriate to rename this mountain Mt. Reagan. This initiative is part of a national effort to have something in each state named after President Reagan. In New Hampshire, it is the custom to name a mountain in the presidential range after great presidents, and the committee felt that now is the appropriate time to take this action. The amendment also reaffirms the action of the 1913 NH Legislature in changing the name of Mt. Clinton to Mt. Pierce. We agree that naming this peak after the only President from New Hampshire is more appropriate than naming it after DeWitt Clinton, a governor of New York who had a major hand in the construction of the Erie Canal. The 1913 name change was not entirely successful and now there is confusion on its name. The committee wants to eliminate that confusion. **Vote 10-4.**

Rep. Henry A. L. Parkhurst for the **Minority** of Resources, Recreation and Development: The minority feels that this bill is premature. Section 2 is proof of this. 90 years after renaming Mt. Clinton to Pierce, we're doing it again. No Public Hearing was held on the amendment to change the "mountainous elevation" from Henry Clay to Ronald Reagan.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 280-FN, relative to the poison information center. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Edward R. Leach for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill, the result of a legislative study committee, establishes a mechanism for funding a longstanding statutory obligation of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to develop or designate a poison information center for the state. The New Hampshire Poison Information Center, which operates 24 hours-a-day and receives over 17,000 calls a year, has been run by Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for a 22 years at virtually no cost to the state. A sustainable funding mechanism is necessary to support the continuation of a center that meets national standards. The bill as amended requires that a request for proposal (RFP) process be used to select the poison information center provider, thus keeping the cost of the program as low as possible. It also requires the use of funding from grants or donations, including federal grants like the bio-terrorism funds, and establishes a minimal surcharge on telephone lines, expected to be 2 or 3 cents per month, to supplement the funds obtained from other sources to pay for the program. Under the amendment the surcharge will expire in four years. This four-year period will allow the program to continue while other sustainable funding mechanisms are investigated. The legislative fiscal committee must approve the first budget for the program, which will be established after the department of health and human services selects the provider and establishes the cost for the program. There is also oversight by the Health and Human Services and Telecommunications Oversight Committee. The committee saw this amendment as the most practical way of continuing this important poison control telephone number for the state. **Vote 11-1.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 15, relative to relaxing air quality standards by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lawrence J. Guay for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee is very concerned about pollution but the majority feels that this resolution will not solve the problem. United States Senator Gregg voted to delay implementation of these rules so that the National Academy of Science can investigate the potential effect of these rules of air quality and human health, taking into consideration all the problems with the war and restoration of the economy. Electric power plants are very much needed for the use of other industries in New Hampshire. HCR 15 would not help new construction of coal power or the reconstruction of existing plants. This resolution appeared before the House and Senate for several years and was voted ITL. **Vote 6-5.**

Rep. J. Edward Kerns for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This resolution opposes the relaxation of air quality standards by the EPA and supports the efforts of the Attorney's General of several northeastern states including our own, in a federal lawsuit against the EPA. The minority feels that the resolution as worded best expresses our desires and concerns in protecting the health of our citizens and the quality of our air. Compelling public testimony revealed the threat of relaxing air quality standards and illustrated the health risks such a move would have on the public. We deem these dangers significant enough to warrant a dissent.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 733-FN, relative to drivers' licenses held by national guard members. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert J. Letourneau for the **Majority** of Transportation: This bill as amended would allow New Hampshire National Guard and Reserve military members to renew their driver’s licenses at half the normal cost associated with renewal, if it expires while they are on active duty. Current law already provides this for regular service members. This bill would provide parity. Currently the makeup of our national forces is 52% guard and reserves. As this trend continues, the persons responsible for the protection of our country will be our friends and neighbors we work with each day. The majority of the committee felt that in this time of national crisis and uncertainty this bill would provide a small but meaningful measure to those who faithfully serve us. **Vote 10-5.**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for the **Minority** of Transportation: We all are thankful for the time that the National Guard and members of the armed forces give. But to allow them and their spouses to renew their licenses at one half the cost is not necessary. Some people belong to the reserves and the guard for years and never see active duty, all the while collecting two paychecks. They can well afford to renew their licenses at the full price.

LAID ON TABLE

HB 836, certifying that John Coughlin was elected as county attorney for Hillsborough county at the 2002 general election. (Adoption of the majority committee report of ought to pass.)

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 with complete 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 being referred to a second committee.
Thursday, May 29, 2003	Last day to report all Senate bills for action in 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 10

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (RSA 282-A:128), 32 South Main Street, Concord

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint hearing.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 470***, relative to health insurance providers, ***HB 471***, relative to cost containment practices and establishing an insurance review and advisory board and

HB 472, relative to health insurance terminology.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **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.

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 259**, relative to the regulation of gift certificates under the consumer protection act.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 412**, establishing a committee to study insurance coverage for alternative medical treatment and **HB 506**, establishing a committee to study the retention of membership fees in health clubs.

1:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 684-FN**, relative to the insurance rating law and **HB 601**, relative to the long-term care insurance act.

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.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:30 a.m. Department of Cultural Resources.

10:30 a.m. Department of Environmental Services.

11:30 a.m. Pease Development Authority.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:30 a.m. Police Standards and Training

10:30 a.m. Christa McAuliffe Planetarium

11:30 a.m. Postsecondary Education Commission

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

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

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:30 a.m. Division of Elderly and Adult Services.

10:30 a.m. Division of Children, Youth and Families.

11:30 a.m. Division of Child Support Services.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

HOUSE FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Representatives Hall

1:30-5:00 p.m. **HB 1-A**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005.

HB 2-FN-A, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures. (Copies of proposed amendment will be available at the Sergeant-at-Arms counter.)

6:30-8:30 p.m. **HB 1-A**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005.

HB 2-FN-A, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures. (Copies of proposed amendment will be available at the Sergeant-at-Arms counter.)

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.

PERINATAL ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TASK FORCE (RSA 132:19), Room 102, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **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.

1:00 p.m. Telephone subcommittee work session on **HB 675-FN**, relative to enhanced 911 reimbursements to commercial mobile radio service providers.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

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

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 752**, relative to the distribution of business tax revenues

to the education trust fund.

10:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 770-FN-A***, establishing a credit against the business enterprise tax for compensation paid to disabled employees.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 654-FN***, relative to criminal liability for the destruction or disconnection of a smoke detector by a tenant in a rental dwelling.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 139***, establishing a committee to study the collection and reporting of school drop-out, suspension, and expulsion data.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

Immediately following the House session Fish and Game.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation thirty minutes after the House session

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

Subcommittee work session on ***HB 351***, requiring completion of a child impact seminar prior to filing for divorce.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

Subcommittee work session on ***HB 265***, relative to the health care delivery system, ***HB 207***, relative to information required in articles of incorporation and ***HB 555***, requiring condominiums to comply with the Fair Housing Amendments Act and to provide accessible parking..

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

2:00 p.m. Human Rights Commission

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

Executive session on pending legislation immediately following the House session

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

BOARD OF CLAIMS (RSA 541-B:3), Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 798***, relative to gifts by fiduciaries.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 546***, relative to uniform prescription drug information cards and ***HB 652-FN***, relative to qualified wellness or disease management programs.

1:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 431***, eliminating application of the rule against perpetuities to instruments that contain safeguards relative to the continued alienability of property.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 817***, relative to the regulation of first and second mortgage brokers and mortgage servicers and ***HB 832-FN***, relative to the privacy of medical records.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on a proposed amendment to ***HB 415***, raising the age of the speedy trial requirement from 13 years of age to 16 years of age in sexual assault cases involving minors. (Copies of the proposed amendment will be available at the Sergeant-at-Arms counter. The proposed amendment is similar to HB 811, Sec. 1 of the bill.).

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. Executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. Office of the Governor.

9:30 a.m. Executive Council.

10:00 a.m. Governor’s Commission on Disability.

10:30 a.m. Energy and Community Services.

11:00 a.m. Office of State Planning.

1:00 p.m. Department of Administrative Services.

2:00 p.m. Bureau of Emergency Communications.

2:30 p.m. Judicial Conduct Committee.

3:00 p.m. Department of State.

4:00 p.m. Securities Regulation.

10:30 a.m. The

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. Department of Transportation (including Turnpikes).

1:00 p.m. Department of Education

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

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

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. Office of Community and Public Health.

10:00 a.m. Division of Behavioral Health.

11:00 a.m. Office of Administration/Office of the Commissioner.

1:00 p.m. Division of Developmental Services.

2:00 p.m. Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

3:00 p.m. Office of Information Systems.

4:00 p.m. Division of Juvenile Justice Systems.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

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.

PET OVERPOPULATION STUDY (RSA 437-A), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

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

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

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

MONDAY, MARCH 17

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. Work and executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. Department of Resources and Economic Development.

10:00 a.m. Department of Revenue Administration.

11:00 a.m. Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

1:00 p.m. Treasury.

2:00 p.m. LCHIP.

2:30 p.m. NH Retirement System.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

FINANCE - (DIVISION II), ROOM 212, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. NH Community Technical College System.

1:00 p.m. University System.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

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

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. Office of Health Planning and Medicaid.

10:00 a.m. Office of Program Support.

11:00 a.m. Division of Family Assistance.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 268**, relative to motions for contempt of court orders regarding custody, visitation, or nonpayment of child support.

1:30 p.m. Full committee informational briefing with Nancy Rollins, DCYF, on the state foster care system.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **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.

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled continued public hearing on **HB 133-LOCAL**, relative to amending certain articles of agreement in the Fall Mountain regional cooperative school district.

2:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 362-LOCAL**, relative to approval of certain capital and operating costs in the Fall Mountain regional school district.

3:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **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.

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. Executive session on pending legislation.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 599-FN-LOCAL***, relative to hazardous waste liability.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. Work and executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. Adjutant Generals Department.

9:30 a.m. Department of Justice.

10:30 a.m. Judicial Branch.

11:30 a.m. Bank Commission.

1:00 p.m. Department of Agriculture.

1:30 p.m. Veterinary Examiners Board.

2:00 p.m. Department of Labor.

3:00 p.m. Public Utilities Commission.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***SB 57-FN***, relative to certain accounts within the fish and game fund.

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

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

10:00 a.m. ***SB 104***, relative to state administration of medicaid benefits and services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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. Executive session on pending legislation.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. Executive session on ***HB 25-FN-A***, making appropriations for capital improvements and pending legislation.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **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.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

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

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 705**, establishing a committee to study eliminating the application of the communications services tax to the provision of Internet services.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **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. Executive session on pending legislation.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. Work and executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE - (DIVISION I), Room 209, LOB

The following budget areas will be addressed in work session:

9:00 a.m. Liquor Commission.

10:00 a.m. Department of Safety.

11:00 a.m. Department of Corrections and Parole Board.

1:00 p.m. Department of Employment Security.

1:30 p.m. Judicial Council and Marital Mediators Board.

2:30 p.m. Highway Safety Agency.

3:00 p.m. Insurance Department.

The division may hold executive session throughout the day, time permitting, on pending bills or budget items.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: Management letter for the State of New Hampshire for the year ended June 30, 2002.

State of New Hampshire single audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs for the year ended June 30, 2002.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on *HB 25-FN-A*, making appropriations for capital improvements and pending legislation.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

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

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *HB 758-FN*, relative to the criteria for medicaid eligibility.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. *SB 22*, amending the duties of the public higher education study committee.

10:45 a.m. *SB 26*, removing the penalty against teachers who fail to keep registers.

11:30 a.m. *SB 51-FN*, relative to membership on the New England Board of Higher Education.

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. Executive session on pending legislation.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Belknap County Delegation will meet on **March 10** at 7:00 p.m. at the County Complex for a final hearing on the budget. There will also be a vote on the bond request from the Gunstock Recreational Area.

Rep. Gordon E. Bartlett, Chairman

Belknap County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Merrimack County Delegation will meet on Thursday, **March 20th** at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the 2003 Merrimack County Budget and to consider appropriations of not more than one million (\$1,000,000) and authorization of bonds in the amount of not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to finance upgrades to the Waste Water Treatment Facility in Boscawen. This meeting will take place at the McDonnell Administration Building, 4 Court Street, Concord.

Rep. William E. Leber, Chairman

Merrimack County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The members of the Rockingham County Delegation will meet on Wednesday, **March 19** at 6:00 p.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Complex in Brentwood to approve the 2003 County Budget.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County Delegation

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs and SBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 65, 69, 91, 104, 177, 258, 447, 483, 603, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 617, 618, 619, 621, 622, 623, 624, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 637, 638, 639, 640, 644, 646, 659, 661, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 669, 670, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 687, 688, 690, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 701, 706, 707, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 716, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 730, 732, 735, 738, 739, 741, 743, 746, 751, 758, 760, 772, 783, 784, 785, 787, 788, 796, 802, 803, 810, 813, 814, 823, 824, 826 and 830. SB 14.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

Pursuant to RSA 326-B:12, the Joint Health Council will meet at the NH Board of Nursing, Room 17, 78 Regional Drive, Building 2, Concord, on Monday, **March 10** at 6:00 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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

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

Thomas E.P. Rice, PO Box 1006, Laconia, New Hampshire 03247-1006.

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House
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MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices and will be limited to legislative policy or social activities and political meetings or events. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the view espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

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

Reports most recently received include:

NH Dept. of Transportation's Bridge and Program Status Report

Department of Environmental Services' 2002 Solid Waste Report

Report of the Certificate of Need Task Force dated January 2003

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

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

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

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

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

All legislators are invited to the 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Capital Breakfast and Roast hosted by The Demers Group on Wednesday, **March 12** at 7:30 a.m. at The Event Center at C.R. Sparks in Bedford. Please wear your green and join Governor Craig Benson, Senate President Thomas Eaton, Senate Minority Leader Sylvia Larsen, House Speaker Gene Chandler, House Minority Leader Peter Burling and WMUR-TV's Scott Spradling as they roast each other. Please RSVP by calling 228-1498 or e-mail James.Demers@TheDemersGroup.com.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

All Legislators are invited to join the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association and NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative's State Implementation Committee at the Tuck Library on Wednesday, **March 12** during the lunch break for an informal luncheon reception and presentation. Sandwiches and all the fixings will be provided by Durgin Lane Deli.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

The New Hampshire School Food Service Association will again host a breakfast for state legislators in celebration of National School Breakfast Week. Please join us in the State House dining room on Thursday, **March 13th** between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. We will focus on how the local school district programs utilize the government commodities issued to us by USDA. We look forward to seeing you for a nutritious breakfast before you start your busy day's schedule.

Rep. Russell D. Bridle

A meeting of freshman legislators, class of 2003, will be held on Thursday, **March 13** in the front room of the Upham Walker House. Governor Craig Benson and Speaker Gene Chandler will be joining us. Officers elected to the Freshman class of 2003

are: Elenore Casey Crane - Chair, Ron Dupuis – Vice Chair and Sam Cataldo – Secretary. The class of 2003 photo will be taken with Governor Craig Benson and Speaker Gene Chandler. Your attendance is requested.

Rep. Sam A. Cataldo

The American Red Cross cordially invites legislative members and staff to a Second Annual State House Blood Drive. The blood drive will take place on Thursday, **March 13th** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The American Red Cross self-contained coach will be parked out in front of the State House for this event.

Appointments are strongly encouraged. To schedule an appointment, please call the State House Health Services, 271-2757. Every 2 seconds somebody needs blood. The only source for this most precious medicine is from volunteer blood donors. From each pint of blood donated, 2-3 patients of all ages and medical conditions can be treated. These patients and their families will be extremely grateful that you took the time to give the "Gift of Life". For more information, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800 GIVE LIFE.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

The New Hampshire Order of Women Legislators will meet during the lunch break from session on Thursday, **March 13th** in Room 206, LOB, for the election of officers.

Rep. Julie M. Brown

Bobby Stephen’s 25th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration benefiting Jobs for NH Graduates will be held Monday, **March 17** at the Executive Court Banquet Facility in Manchester beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and dancing can be purchased at the door for \$30.00.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

All members are invited to a lunch and education program put on by the Main Street Republicans and sponsored by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority entitled: New Hampshire’s Housing Challenge. The program will be held at the Tuck Library on Wednesday, **March 19th** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. The guest speaker, Peter Francese, will present demographic information on population growth trends and related housing and economic issues. Grab a lunch on the way in and "get the facts". Please RSVP to Becky Pinard at the NHHFA (310-9282) by March 17th.

Rep. Paul D. Spiess

In celebration of the YMCA Youth in Government Program and Legislative Awareness Day, all legislators are cordially invited to join the New Hampshire State Alliance of YMCAs at St. Paul’s Church Conference Center across the street from the State House on Thursday, **March 20th**, during the session day lunch break for an informal luncheon reception. Sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, and dessert will be provided.

Rep. Larry A. Emerton

All legislators and guests are invited to attend the Rockingham County Republican Committee Lincoln Day Dinner celebrating A Salute to Our Republican Leadership. Governor Benson, Senator Sununu and Congressmen Bass and Bradley will be the guests of honor (unfortunately a scheduling conflict will prohibit Senator Gregg from attending). The dinner will be held at Yoken’s Restaurant on Sunday, **March 23rd**, beginning with a cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each and can be ordered from any Rockingham County Republican Town Committee member, the Dinner’s Chairwoman, Rep. Mary Griffin (432-0959), or the Vice Chairman, Rep. Al Weare (474-9454).

Rep. Mary E. Griffin

The Strafford County GOP committee will hold its monthly meeting at the Gateway Restaurant in Somersworth on Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Rep. Phyllis L. Woods

The American Red Cross in New Hampshire cordially invites all legislators and staff to its annual breakfast on Thursday, **March 27**, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the State House cafeteria.

Rep. Elizabeth S. Hager

The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association and Parents Association are pleased to invite members of the New Hampshire General Court to the annual UNH Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, **March 27** from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the New Hampshire Historical Society Tuck Library, Park Street, Concord.

Rep. Marjorie K. Smith

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meeting:

March 10 – Plaistow Town Hall, 145 Main Street, Plaistow, 7:00 p.m. Public officials meeting, Plaistow, installation of closed loop coordinated traffic signal system on NH Route 125 beginning at East Road and running southerly; includes 5 existing signalized intersections.

March 11 – Department of Transportation, 1 Hazen Drive, Room 113, Concord, 1:00 p.m. Commission meeting, Whitefield, reconstruction and widening of US Route 3.

March 11 - Department of Transportation, 1 Hazen Drive, Room 113, Concord, 2:00 p.m. Commission meeting, Tilton, reconstruction and widening of US Route 3.

March 13 – Northumberland Town Library, 22 State Street, Groveton, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational

meeting, Northumberland, pavement rehabilitation and guardrail replacement and minor drainage improvements on NH Route 110 beginning at US Route 3 and proceeding 1 mile to a railroad overpass.

March 17 – Berlin City Hall Auditorium, 168 Main Street, Berlin, 7:30 p.m. Councilmen meeting, Berlin, NH Route 110.

March 26 – Randolph Town Hall, 10:00 – noon, Jefferson Town Hall 2:00-4:00 p.m. Informal discussion, Jefferson-Randolph, reconstruction safety improvements and shoulder widening from NH 115 intersection east approximately 5.0 miles to Durand Road.

March 26 – Jefferson Town Hall, 698 Presidential Highway, Jefferson, 6:30 p.m. Public informational meeting, Jefferson-Randolph, reconstruction safety improvements and shoulder widening from NH 115 intersection east approximately 5.0 miles to Durand 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 **March** 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
March 10	9:30 & 11:00	Peter Woodbury Elementary School – Bedford	4/46
March 11	11:00 & 12:30	Barrington Elementary School	4/44
March 11	9:45	Pollard Elementary School-Plaistow	4&5/50
March 12	11:00 & 12:30	Barrington Elementary School	4/64
March 13	9:30 & 11:00	Northwood Elementary School	4/60
March 13	1:00	Forever Young- Concord Seniors	20
March 14	9:30 & 11:00	Peter Woodbury Elementary School – Bedford	4/46
March 14	12:30	Tuftonboro Central School	4/16
March 17	9:30	Peter Woodbury Elementary School – Bedford	4/23
March 17	11:00	East Kingston Elementary School	4/30
March 18	9:30 & 11:00	Maple Avenue Elementary School - Goffstown	4/50
March 18	12:30	Henniker Elementary School	4/18
March 19	9:30 & 11:00	Maple Avenue Elementary School – Goffstown	4/50
March 19	10:00 & 11:30	Moultonborough Central	4/60

March 20	9:30 & 11:00	Maple Avenue Elementary School - Goffstown	4/50
March 20	12:30	Maplewood Elementary School-Somersworth	3&4/40
March 21	9:30, 11:00 & 12:30	Jaffrey Grade School	4/40
March 21	11:00	Sarah Porter School – Langdon	3&4/19
March 24	10:30	Charlestown Primary School	4/40
March 24	12:30 & 1:45	Stratham Memorial School	4/64
March 25	9:30 & 11:00	Seabrook Elementary School	4/50
March 25	1:00	Hearts For Home Homeschool- Concord	4-8/20
March 26	9:30 & 11:00	Seabrook Elementary School	4/40
March 26	12:30 & 1:30	Paul School – Sanbornville	4/66
March 27	9:30 & 11:00	Symonds Elementary School – Keene	4/57
March 28	9:00 & 10:15	Conant Elementary School – Concord	4/60
March 28	12:30 & 1:45	Stratham Memorial School	4/44
March 31	9:30 & 11:00	Hillsboro Deering Elementary School	4/44
March 31	10:00 & 11:15	Bakersville Elementary School – Manchester	4/46
March 31	12:30 & 1:30	Cutler School – West Swanzey	4/60