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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

There is a number of Old Man of the Mountain posters in the Speaker's Office available for interested members. They are approximately 22" X 27" and are available on a first come, first served basis with a limit of one per person. Please stop in to the Speaker's Office for your copy.

The following members participated in the National Conference of State Legislatures' "America's Legislators Back to School Program" by visiting schools and informing students about the democratic process. I would like to thank them for their participation and encourage others to participate next year:

Alger, John R.M.
Arnold, Thomas I.
Balcom, John L.
Batula, Peter
Bleyler, Ruth Z.
Boyce, Laurie J.
Brundige, Robert W.
Casey, Kimberley S.
Cataldo, Sam A.
Christensen, D.L. Chris
Cooney, Mary R.
Davis, Frank W.
DeJoie, John

Dionne, Kimberley O.M.
Dorsett, Andrew L.
Drisko, Richard B.
Eaton, Stephanie
Fields, Dennis
French, Barbara C.
Gargas, Carolyn M.
Giuda, Robert J.
Hamm, Christine C.
Hansen, Ryan N.
Haytayan, Harry
Irwin, Anne-Marie
Johnson, Rogers J.

Leber, William
Malloy, Chris S.
Maybeck, Margie
Mitchell, McKim
Mooney, Maureen C.
Naro, Debra A.
Norelli, Terie
Pratt, Irene A.
Richardson, Barbara H.
Shultis, Elizabeth C.
Slocum, Lee G.
Stepanek, Stephen B.
Wheeler, James E.

Please note that the House Calendar will not be published next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. All legislative and executive branch offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28. I wish you all a pleasant holiday.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

Some chaptered study committees have recently filed final reports. The reports are available in the House Clerk's Office, at the State Library, and in the Speaker's Office. Below is a listing of the reports that have been filed:

HB 424 (Chapter 121:1, Laws of 2002) - exemption from property taxes for not-for-profit hospitals.

HB 1109 (Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2002) - to study problems related to the delivery of local assistance.

HB 1151 (Chapter 188:2, Laws of 2002) - examine and assess the status of civic education in New Hampshire.

SB 187 (Chapter 68:1, Laws of 2002) - eminent domain proceedings study.

HB 4 (Chapter 319:138, Laws of 2003) - application of the communications services tax to the provision of internet services.

HB 77 (Chapter 75:1, Laws of 2003) - de novo appeals process from the district courts.

HB 79 (Chapter 272:13, Laws of 2003) – to study the regulation of the installation and servicing of fire detection and suppression systems and the licensure of water treatment technicians.

HB 179 (Chapter 76:1, Laws of 2003) - enhancement of laws relating to vehicle pursuits.

HB 244 (Chapter 77:1, Laws of 2003) – landowner liability for owners providing public access to snowmobile trails.

HB 470 (Chapter 284:4, Laws of 2003) - contracting process between managed care insurers and health care providers study.

HB 705 (Chapter 270:1, Laws of 2003) - application of the communications services tax.

HB 768 (Chapter 233:2, Laws of 2003) - to study the flow in the Connecticut River and the effect of the flow in water levels in Lake Francis and the Connecticut Lakes.

HB 770 (Chapter 110:1, Laws of 2003) - to study using tax policy to create incentives to encourage employers to hire disabled persons.

SB 36-FN (Chapter 96:4, Laws of 2003) - license suspension laws for driving under the influence of drugs and the speed of district court adjudication.

SB 116 (Chapter 160:1, Laws of 2003) - methods to prevent or reduce the high school dropout rate.

SB 157 (Chapter 179:1, Laws of 2003) - municipal planning issues study.

SB 166 (Chapter 72:1, Laws of 2003) - incentives for school districts to provide mentoring for beginning teachers.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

Weekly publication of the House Calendar has resumed. Members and staff who need to schedule meetings should make arrangements with the Clerk's Office for room availability/assignment and publication of meeting notices. Please note the Calendar will close on **Wednesday**.

CLOSES NOON WEDNESDAY

December 3

TO BE MAILED THURSDAY

December 4

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 60, changing the name of the advisory committee on shore fisheries and relative to the definition of shellfish and a rulemaking exemption for certain rules relating to marine species.

HB 164, increasing the gross premium tax on insurance provided by certain unlicensed companies.

HB 278, reducing the crime of sexual assault from a class B felony to a class A misdemeanor in cases where the victim is between 13 and 15 years old and where the defendant is up to 4 years older than the victim.

HB 724, extending the effective date of the Skyhaven airport transfer plan and the period for completing work under the wetlands permit.

HB 737, relative to the state conservation committee.

HB 796, relative to the taxation of manufactured housing and relative to the notice required prior to the sale of a recreational campground.

LAID ON TABLE

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

HR 12, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2003, 2004 and 2005. (Pending question is third reading and final passage.)

SB 29-FN-A-L, refunding certain meals and rooms taxes paid by the city of Manchester. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report of inexpedient to legislate.)

SB 59-FN, relative to administrative license suspension hearings. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report of ought to pass with amendment.)

HOUSE DEADLINES

Wednesday, December 3, 2003

Last day to report retained House and Senate bills.

Wednesday, January 7, 2004

First session day.

Thursday, January 29, 2004

Last day to report supplemental House bills going to a second committee.

Thursday, February 5, 2004

Last day to act on retained House and Senate bills and supplemental House bills going to a second committee.

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Last day to report all remaining supplemental House bills.

Thursday, March 18, 2004

CROSSOVER. Last day to act on all remaining retained bills and supplemental House bills.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY MEDICAL ERRORS AND THEIR CAUSES (HB 287, Chapter 255:6, Laws of 2003), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW (HB 606, Chapter 287:3, Laws of 2003), Room 208, LOB (Please note room change.)

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CONSENSUS REVENUE ESTIMATING PANEL (RSA 17-Q), Executive Council Chamber

10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a) and EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Peterborough Town Hall, 1 Grove Street, Peterborough

6:00 p.m. Joint public forums to solicit public comments on the assessing standards practices and ratio study procedures.

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

4:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE OPERATING EFFICIENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT (HB 171, Chapter 1:1, Laws of 2003), Room 100, State House

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (HB 1390, Chapter 114:2, Laws of 2000), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee on issues related to an integrated criminal justice information system.

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

1:00 p.m. Special meeting to review proposed administrative rules.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT (RSA 146-D:4), Room 208, LOB (Please note room change.)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION AID UNDER EXISTING LAW STUDY (HB 608-FN-L, Chapter 241:28, Laws of 2003), Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

METHODS OF SAFELY REDUCING THE PRISON POPULATION OF THE STATE (HB 825, Chapter 157:1, Laws of 2003), Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on retained bills, if needed.

RULES COMMITTEE, Room 100, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

Executive session to follow.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), Room 105A, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

4:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on retained bills, if needed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on retained bills, if needed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 208, LOB (Please note room change.)

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on end of life care.

MEDICAID PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HB 1218, Chapter 281:9, Laws of 2002), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW (HB 606, Chapter 287:3, Laws of 2003), Room 208, LOB (Please note room change.)

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled Board meeting and complaint hearings.

COMMISSION ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF (HB 1283, Chapter 43:2, Laws of 2000), Room 103, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PET OVERPOPULATION STUDY (RSA 437-A), Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a), University of New Hampshire at Manchester

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTAGE, BIOSOLIDS AND SHORT PAPER FIBERS STUDY (SB 87, Chapter 302:1, Laws of 2003), Room 203, LOB (Please note room change.)

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

TASK FORCE ON FAMILY LAW (HB 447, Chapter 250:1, Laws of 2002), Rooms 206-208, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

Invited guests Dr. Peggie Ward and Dr. Mira Levitt of the Co-Parenting Assessment Center.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATIVE TO GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWALS (SB 155, Chapter 305:1, Laws of 2003), Rooms 201-203

10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** regular meeting.

EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), NH Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, Community Services Division

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW (HB 606, Chapter 287:3, Laws of 2003), Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Belknap County Delegation will meet on **December 15** at 7:00 p.m. for the presentation of the Commissioners Budget for 2004. **Please note meeting will take place at the Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 64 Court Street, Laconia.**

Rep. Gordon E. Bartlett, Chairman
Belknap County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The members of the **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, **December 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct year-end business.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Executive Committee

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs and SBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 25, 65, 66, 69, 79, 81, 91, 104, 105, 109, 135, 177, 185, 198, 205, 210, 258, 274, 280, 302, 311, 316, 332, 353, 357, 360, 387, 447, 483, 517, 521, 524, 528, 533, 543, 577, 578, 593, 598, 603, 605, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 644, 645, 646, 649, 654, 659, 661, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 701, 702, 703, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 728, 730, 732, 733, 735, 737, 738, 739, 741, 743, 746, 751, 758, 760, 763, 770, 772, 783, 784, 785, 787, 788, 791, 796, 798, 802, 803, 807, 810, 813, 814, 816, 823, 824, 826, 828, 830 and 835. SBs 14, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 46, 47, 54, 58, 63, 69, 70, 71, 78, 79, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 107, 115, 120, 132, 152, 159, 161, 169, 197, 210, 215 and 222.

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.

Robert H. Milligan, 42 Patten Road, Merrimack, New Hampshire 03054-3064.

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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

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:

Legislative Dam Management Review Committee Annual Meeting Minutes

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Comprehensive Annual Investment Report to the NH Retirement System for FYE June 30, 2003

2003 Annual Sludge Testing Report

NH Dept. of Environmental Services Pollution Prevention Program Report

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

Do you have a musical instrument that is not being used any more? Senator Lou D'Allesandro is collecting wind instruments,

horn instruments and percussion instruments for the Alpha Boys School in Jamaica. The Alpha Boys School is a home for abused and neglected boys up to 18 years old whose parents are unable to care for them. The music program is a favorite of the boys yet there are often not enough instruments. Please feel free to drop the instrument off in Senator D'Allesandro's office, State House room 117, or contact Joshua Chamberlain, at 271-3078. Thank you!

Rep. Daniel A. Eaton

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

All members are invited to a joint public lecture presented by Richard Padova, Academic Advisor and Instructor of Political Science at SNHU and Christopher Johnson, Professor of Law at Franklin Pierce Law Center, and sponsored by the President Franklin Pierce Bicentennial Birthday Committee and Franklin Pierce Law Center. The event will be held on Sunday, **November 23** at Franklin Pierce Law Center, 2 White Street, Concord beginning at 3:00 p.m. For more details call Jayme Simoes at 464-4783.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

The Wolfeboro-Tuftsboro Republican Committee will host a breakfast featuring Governor Craig Benson and Congressman Jeb Bradley on Saturday, **December 6** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the Wolfeboro Inn, 90 North Main Street, Wolfeboro. Doors opening and service of breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. Congressman Bradley will make opening remarks about his recent trip to Iraq and Governor Benson will discuss the Taxpayers Bill of Rights Initiative. Tickets cost \$18 per person and may be purchased from Dave Knox, 569-2530, Rep. Mark Derby, 569-0145 or Fergus Cullen, 520-5450.

Rep. Mark S. Derby

Legislators are invited to hear Dr. Peggie Ward speak on divorce issues at the Task Force on Family Law meeting Thursday, **December 11** at 2:00 p.m. in Rooms 206-208, LOB. Co-parenting arrangements and the use of parenting coordinators will be a focus of her presentation. She will also discuss high conflict cases. Dr. Ward is affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital and the Co-Parenting Assessment Center.

Rep. Carolyn M. Gargas

All Representatives, Senators and staff are invited to a Welcome Back Reception on Wednesday, **January 7, 2004**. It will be hosted by Murphy Public Affairs, Inc. at the Barley House Restaurant. The reception will begin immediately following the close of session (or at 3:00 p.m. should the session end early).

Rep. Michael D. Whalley

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meeting:

Dec 1 – Town Hall Courtroom, 8 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, 7:00 p.m. Public officials/public informational meeting, Merrimack, rehabilitation of US Route 3 from Bedford Road to Merrimack/Bedford town line.

Dec 8 – Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield, 7:00 p.m. Public informational meeting, Enfield, reconstruction of NH Route 4A and Main Street replacement of trail bridge.

Dec 9 – NHDOT, 7 Hazen Drive, Rooms 112 and 113, Concord, 10:30 a.m. Commission meeting, Tilton, US Route 3/NH Route 11, realigning of Clark Road.

Dec 16 – NHDOT, 7 Hazen Drive, Rooms 112 and 113, Concord, 9:00 a.m. Commission meeting, Allenstown-Pembroke, US Route 3 replacement of double-decker bridge realignment of Turnpike Street.

Dec 17 – Keene Public Library Kay Fox Room, 60 Winter Street, Keene, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Chesterfield-Keene, paving, drainage and guardrail improvements to NH Route 9 from beginning at Spring Street in Chesterfield east 6 miles to a point 500 feet west of Base Hill Road in Keene.

Dec 17 – Memorial School, 1 Memorial Drive, Hudson, 7:00 p.m. Commission public hearing, Hudson Betterment, NH Route 102, Robinson Road and West 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 **NOVEMBER 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.

DATE	TIME	GROUP	CLASS/Size
11-21-03	9:30 to 11:00	Bridgewater/Hebron Village School	4/21
11-21-03	9:30 to 11:00	Cornerstone Christian - Epsom	4/13
11-21-03	11:00 to 12:00	St.Patrick's School- Jaffrey	4/12
11-24-03	9:45 to 11:00 SH/SC	New Durham Elementary School	
11-24-03	12:00 to 1:00	Lyndeborough Elementary	4/40
11-25-03	10:45 to 1:15 SH/P	Danville Elementary School	4/80