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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.

I would like to thank the following members who participated in the National Conference of State Legislatures' "America's Legislators Back to School Program" along with those listed in the last calendar, Representatives Roger Berube, James Pilliod, Joe Manning, Henry Parkhurst, Charlie Royce and Cynthia Sweeney.

All members are invited to join your colleagues on Thursday, December 18, at the Upham Walker House for a Holiday Luncheon beginning at 1:00 p.m. I hope that you can all join me for a time of relaxation and refreshment.

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.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

Many 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 588 (Chapter 250:1, Laws of 2001) - voir dire review committee.

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 10

TO BE MAILED THURSDAY

December 11

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.

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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
Thursday, January 29, 2004
Thursday, February 5, 2004

Thursday, March 11, 2004
Thursday, March 18, 2004

First session day.
Last day to report supplemental House bills going to a second committee.
Last day to act on retained House and Senate bills and supplemental House bills going to a second committee.
Last day to report all remaining supplemental House bills.
CROSSOVER. Last day to act on all remaining retained bills and supplemental House bills.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on *HB 730-FN-LOCAL*, relative to workers' compensation benefits for firefighters, rescue workers, and safety workers who contract certain communicable diseases.

Notice of reconsideration filed November 20, 2003.

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.

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.

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

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

10:00 a.m. Joint work session.

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 105A, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

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

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire, Department of Corrections, Division of Field Services, performance audit report December 2003.

New Hampshire Retirement System comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

New Hampshire Retirement System Management Letter and Auditors' Report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Government auditing standards year ended June 30, 2003.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (HB 461, Chapter 227:2, Laws of 2003), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.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 reports that are received in the Speaker's office and available for viewing.

Reports most recently received include:

Department of Environmental Services 2003 Annual Report

Judicial Branch Administration Performance Audit Report

Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2005-2014

DOE's "Plan to Address and Reduce the Number of Persons Awaiting Vocation Rehabilitation Services"

61st Annual Report of the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission

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

The Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro 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

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet on Tuesday, **December 9** in Room 206, LOB at 10:00 a.m. The agenda will feature Rep. Edward P. Moran, Chairman, Committee on Children and Family Law as guest speaker. His topic: Community-Based Initiatives to Strengthen NH Families.

Rep. Mary Stuart Gile

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

The Judicial Conduct Commission will conduct a public hearing on Friday, **December 12**, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at its office at 501 South Street in Bow on a proposed amendment to the Commission's Procedural Rules. Copies are posted in the elevators in the State House and LOB and may be viewed online at www.state.nh.us/jcc under press releases.

Rep. Henry P. Mock

The NH OWL's scholarship application forms are available in the Financial Aid offices of the state colleges, universities, and community colleges. If you know of a New Hampshire resident who is a non-traditional student studying for a career in public service, please refer them to their college's Financial Aid office or contact Cindy O'Neil at House Secretarial Services at 271-2480 for an application. The deadline for the application is **December 31**, 2003.

Rep. Pamela G. Price

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

Nashua City Delegation will meet in Room 100, State House immediately following the House session on **January 7th**. This meeting is a delegation discussion on legislation of interest to the Nashua Area.

Rep Nelson S. Allan

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meeting:

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 **December 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
12-4-03	9:45 to 12:00	Loudon Elementary School	4/65
12-5-03	10:00 to 12:30 SH/Fed.Court	Epping High School	HS/75
12-8-03	9:30 to 12:00 SH/SC	Bedford Memorial Elementary School	4/48
12-9-03	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Windham Center School	4/50
12-10-03	9:30 to 12:30 SH/HM	Memorial School – Newton	4/73
12-11-03	9:00 to 10:00	Henniker Community School	4/21
12-11-03	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Windham Center School	4/50
12-12-03	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Windham Center School	4/75
12-12-03	12:30 to 1:30	Villa Augustine School -Goffstown	4/32
12-15-03	10:30 to 1:30 SH/SC	Hampstead Academy	4/65
12-16-03	10:30 to 1:30 SH/HM	Appleton Elem – New Ipswich	4/75
12-17-03	10:30 to 1:30 SH/SC	Hampstead Academy	4/45
12-19-03	9:30 to 12:00 SH/P	Rochester Middle School	8/80