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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Wednesday, January 7, and Thursday, January 15, at 10:00 a.m. and will likely meet Thursday, January 22.

There will be no Legislative business conducted on Tuesday January 27th due to our NH primary.

Please note that the area in and around the Sergeant-at-Arms office may be difficult to maneuver the week of December 15. The area will be prepared for some updating the following weekend. I appreciate your patience as we get through this time.

All members and staff are invited to join me for a Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 18 at the Upham Walker House beginning at 1:00 p.m. I hope to see you all there.

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 240 (Chapter 142:1, Laws of 2003) – ways to prevent suicide among young people in New Hampshire.
HB 244 (Chapter 77:1, Laws of 2003) – landowner liability for owners providing public access to snowmobile trails.

HB 287 (Chapter 255:1, Laws of 2003) - commission to study professional malpractice claims under RSA 519-A.

HB 680 (Chapter 293:1, Laws of 2003) - service contracts, including prepaid legal service contracts 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	**TO BE MAILED THURSDAY**
December 17	**December 18**

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, 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.

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMISSION (RSA 21-K:18), Room 203, LOB
4:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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.

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.

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.

CONSENSUS REVENUE ESTIMATING PANEL (RSA 17-Q), Executive Council Chambers
9:00 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

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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

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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 views espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

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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

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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

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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

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The Governor invites all staff and legislators to a "Holiday Cookies and Tea" event on Tuesday, **December 23** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Executive Council Chambers.

Rep. David W. Hess

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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

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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

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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

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The Department of Transportation will hold the following meeting:
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

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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
12-11-03	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