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HOUSE CALENDAR

A MESSAGE FROM SPEAKER CHANDLER

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on **Wednesday, January 7**, Thursday, January 15, January 22, and January 29 if necessary, all at 10:00 a.m..

Our first order of business on the 7th will be to consider the Governor's veto messages thereby concluding business of the first year of the 158th session. After the lunch break we will officially open the second year of the session and take up the Consent Calendar followed by those bills removed from the Consent Calendar. We will take up the Regular Calendar on Thursday, January 15.

Please note that this calendar has the schedule for all public hearings on bills that have already been introduced and assigned to committee. There are also a number of bills that have not yet been introduced or assigned to committee because they were approved for late filing by the Rules Committee.

There will be no legislative business conducted on Tuesday, **January 27,** the day of our New Hampshire first-in-the-nation primary. Please note the House will take a break from all legislative business February 23 to February 27.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on Tuesday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201 LOB.

Sincerely,
Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Wednesday, **January 7**, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall.
Rep. David W. Hess, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, **January 7**, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Peter H. Burling, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

All legislators and legislative officers are required to complete and file the annual "Financial Disclosure Form" with the Office of the Secretary of State no later than **January 31**, 2004. A copy of the form has been sent to each member of the House.

Rep. Shawn N. Jasper, Chairman
Legislative Ethics Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

2003-2576h

Amendment to House Rules
Proposed by the Committee on House Rules

Amend House Rule 30(o) to read as follows:

(o) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Works and Highways to consider all matters pertaining to public highways, buildings and capital construction; the capital budget; ***matters pertaining to state bonding authority;*** matters pertaining to the protection, improvement and preservation of the coastline; the care of state memorials and monuments; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

Amend House Rule 46(e) to read as follows:

(e) ***All bills affecting state bonding authority, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, shall be referred to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.***

(f) The chairmen of committees receiving a bill or referral as outlined in this rule with the approval of the Speaker may decline the referral of any bill from another committee or, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 43 (a), waive the public hearing on any bill referred from another committee.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 351, requiring completion of a child impact seminar prior to filing for divorce. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Carolyn M. Gargasz for Children and Family Law: The committee strongly supports the value of the Child Impact Seminar and the importance of parents taking it very early in the divorce process to lessen the negative impact on children. The subcommittee consulted with the Task Force on Family Law, Superior Court personnel, marital masters, Child impact seminar providers and interested members of the public to discuss possible amendments. The Task Force on Family Law is working on divorce issues and how to make the system less adversarial. It is aware of the importance of the child impact seminars. The task force will be reporting its recommendations in November 2004. The committee decision to recommend ITL the bill is so that the task force can address child impact seminars in its overall recommendations. The committee has sent a letter to the task force in strong support of child impact seminars, noting the benefit accruing to early parental education in the process. **Vote 15-1**.

HB 532, relative to notice and filing of divorce petitions. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Margaret D. Hallyburton for Children and Family Law: The bill proposes the repeal of what has proven to be a cumbersome means of service of process of divorce papers. The committee was comfortable doing that only after amending the bill to provide an alternate means of service – certified mail with return receipt signed by the addressee only. **Vote 17-0**.

HB 541, relative to the obligation of religious leaders to report child abuse. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Mary Stuart Gile for Children and Family Law: This bill was introduced to amend RSA 516:35 (Privileged Communications, Religious Leaders) to make it consistent with RSA 169-C (New Hampshire's Child Protection Act). Both statutes have been in New Hampshire law since 1979. The complexities resulting from the interpretation and application of RSA 516:35 without the amendment have caused confusion and, too often, tragic consequences for children. Interim study will enable the committee to further research and document problems relating to the ambiguity inherent in these two statutes and to make further recommendations, if necessary. **Vote 16-1**.

HB 551, relative to the effect of parental refusal to administer psychotropic drugs to their children. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Daniel C. Itse for Children and Family Law: This bill provides that a parent's refusal to administer a psychotropic drug to his or her child shall not, in and of itself, provide grounds for the State to take the child into protective custody under RSA 169-C, the Child Protection Act. This bill also establishes a committee to study the prescription and use of psychotropic drugs, including Ritalin, in child care centers, preschools and public schools. **Vote 17-0**.

HB 587-FN, relative to reimbursement for services provided in delinquency, children in need of services, and abuse and neglect proceedings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Karen K. McRae for Children and Family Law: The committee voted this bill Inexpedient to Legislate because all the various stakeholders came to the table and worked together to arrive at a solution that did not require this legislation. **Vote 16-1**.

HB 726-FN, relative to enforcement of spousal support orders by the department of health and human services. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Cynthia J. Dokmo for Children and Family Law: The committee supports the implementation of a system to enable the Department of Health and Human Services to enforce spousal support orders. However, to do so in a fiscally responsible manner, a change must be made at the federal level. The sponsor has been working with Senator Judd Gregg on this issue, and is hopeful that the federal law will be amended to facilitate this process. Therefore, the committee desires to hold this bill for further study in anticipation of this change. **Vote 15-2**.

COMMERCE

HB 141, prohibiting the use of automatic dialing systems for telephone solicitation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Leo W. Fraser Jr. for Commerce: Because of the enactment of federal legislation promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission which addresses the use of automatic dialing systems for telephone solicitation, the prime sponsor felt that this legislation was no longer necessary, and she requested that we report the bill as Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 12-0**.

HB 174, relative to homeowner's insurance and the ownership of certain breeds of dogs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Leo W. Fraser Jr. for Commerce: This legislation would prohibit insurance companies from non-renewing or canceling a homeowner's policy because of ownership of certain breeds of dogs. Finding insurance is a very difficult issue for policyholders who own animals (that were in their care, custody or control). Some companies would not insure if the prospective policyholder owned a certain breed of dog. Others raised concerns that the animal had a propensity to bite, and still other companies wrote the insurance without consideration of the ownership or control of the animal. In other words, the insurance companies ran the gamut so far as underwriting of homeowners' insurance policies. Now pending before the New Hampshire Insurance Department is a filing (which is expected to be approved immediately) that would offer anyone who owns an animal an exclusion for bodily injury and property damage for the animal in their care, custody or control. If the policyholder accepted the exclusion, which would identify the animal, the carrier could then write the policy. With the introduction of the new filing, the Commerce Committee was unanimous in reporting this legislation to the full House as Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 12-0**.

HB 342, restricting the use and display of social security numbers and establishing a private right of action under the right to privacy act. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Randolph N. Holden for Commerce: This bill would restrict the public display of social security numbers. The subcommittee had 13 meetings, spent over 30 hours, and saw countless amendments. The only people to testify in favor of the bill were the sponsors; those opposed, however, ranged from the banks, to the counties' registry of deeds, to the credit bureaus, and to the Chiefs of Police. The subcommittee could not go forward due to a major impasse. The critical question is whether should we should ban the use of social security numbers on documents that are recorded at the registry of deeds. The sponsors feel that the potential abuse by identify fraud outweighs the need by credit bureaus and law enforcement to have social security numbers on the documents, but some court orders and old mortgage forms may have the numbers. No one is required to place his or her social security number on a document that he or she is signing, and there is no law barring someone from removing it. As a result, and out of respect for the subject matter, the full committee voted to recommend Interim Study. **Vote 12-1**.

HB 347, limiting access to certain business records. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Paul D. Spiess for Commerce: The State of Maine has adopted legislation to maximize tax collection efforts for businesses domiciled out of state. The purpose of this bill is to provide the means for New Hampshire businesses to protect themselves from unrestricted and aggressive collection efforts. Since unrestricted access to business records can place a significant hardship on small businesses, the committee believes that further study of the issue is appropriate. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 382, relative to state-funded health insurance. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Paul D. Spiess for Commerce: The intent of this bill is to prohibit any increase in benefits to the Healthy Kids Program without prior consent of the Legislature, and to prohibit the expansion of the program to low-income adults. Since the program is funded through the state budget, the committee questions the need to pass legislation to limit programs that are subject to bi-annual budget scrutiny. The committee was also concerned that passing this legislation could jeopardize future sources of

funding from the federal government or third parties. However, since the expansion of programs from outside sources could commit the state to future funding, the committee agreed to study the issue. **Vote 12-0**.

HB 459, relative to market conduct examinations. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Leo W. Fraser Jr. for Commerce: The original proposed legislation was introduced at the request of the New Hampshire Insurance Department. Subsequently, the Department advised that this bill is no longer necessary. The committee, rather than disposing of the bill completely, replaced the entire bill with a non-germane amendment. The bill now is the so-called "manufactured housing bill" that passed the House in the last session. When the bill went to the Senate, an amendment was attached. Because of the amendment, the Governor vetoed the bill. Using HB 459 as a vehicle, the Commerce Committee was unanimous in amending HB 459 to include, in total, the original manufactured housing bill without the controversial Senate amendment relative to campgrounds. The manufactured housing bill allows taxing manufactured housing as real property. **Vote 14-0**.

HB 545, requiring building contractors to disclose the name of any subcontractors involved in the project. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Angeline A. Kopka for Commerce: The sponsor, the homebuilders' industry and the Attorney General's Office are all currently working on more appropriate language to solve the problem regarding contractors. With this in mind, the committee felt it only prudent to recommend Interim Study. **Vote 14-0**.

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

Rep. Randolph N. Holden for Commerce: Most of the issues in this bill were addressed in the budget and therefore it would be repetitive to pass again. As a result of this, the committee found this legislation unnecessary. **Vote 12-0**.

HB 759, relative to personal health and financial information privacy. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Paul D. Spiess for Commerce: The purpose of this bill is to extend the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to insurance institutions defined under a different federal law known as Gramm, Leach, Bliley. Under HIPAA, health insurers are required to obtain affirmative authorization from consumers ("opt-in") before disclosing certain personal health and financial information. Under Gramm, Leach, Bliley, the consumer must choose to "opt out" if they do not want information shared with non-affiliates of the institution. The committee believes that both of these acts are still in the implementation phase, and should be given time to evaluate their effectiveness. Further, the committee did not receive any direct testimony to indicate abuse or the need for preemptive action. The committee is very concerned that any state law that goes beyond these federal statutes could severely affect the price and availability of different health insurance products in New Hampshire. Passage of this bill would make New Hampshire an unattractive state to do business. **Vote 11-1**.

HB 771-FN, repealing exemptions to the consumer protection act. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Anthony R. DiFruscia for Commerce: The committee recommends that this consumer reform bill be studied further. Extensive study is needed since all members are of the opinion that the law needs a re-examination in its entirety in order to bring it up to the 21st Century. **Vote 12-0**.

HB 815, relative to the duties of corporate directors and the procedure for shareholder inspection of records under the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Stephen B. Stepanek for Commerce: This bill would allow a shareholder, with as little as one share of stock, to initially bypass the court and request a company's shareholder list through an administrative hearing at the Secretary of State's Office. This bill would apply only to publicly traded companies incorporated in the State of New Hampshire. Due to the very small number of companies which would actually be subject to this bill. There are questions as to whether there are adequate safeguards to oversee the proper use of the list, and serious questions as to whether this procedure would truly expedite the process. **Vote 13-1**.

HB 832-FN, relative to the privacy of medical records. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Leo W. Fraser Jr. for Commerce: The committee recommends this bill be voted Inexpedient to Legislate for a number of reasons. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) just went into effect on April 14, 2003. All health care providers and health plans must comply with the HIPAA privacy rules. The provisions of HB 832 are stricter than the HIPAA privacy rules. If this bill were adopted, this could impact health care costs in New Hampshire. Health care providers and health plans would have to set up two standards of compliance: state law and federal law. Compliance with a conflicting state privacy standard would be difficult to determine. HIPAA provides specific requirements for what is contained in an authorization form for release of health information. There is no need to duplicate or complicate New Hampshire compliance. In addition, this federal law has a specific and clear definition of marketing, while the definition of marketing in HB 832 is vague. Testimony before the committee did not reveal examples of misuse of medical information in New Hampshire, so the committee did not feel that New Hampshire's laws should be stricter than the federal regulations. Also, RSA 332:I does not need to be changed to include pharmacists because HIPAA covers pharmacists under its privacy rules. Should New Hampshire adopt its own version of privacy legislation which would be in conflict with HIPAA, this would result in undermining last year's

legislation to entice more insurance companies and more health insurance options into New Hampshire. The committee was unanimous in the position that unless and until HIPAA has an opportunity to mature, any changes would be untimely and inappropriate. **Vote 12-0**.

SB 99, relative to high cost mortgage loans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Paul D. Spiess for Commerce: This bill, as originally submitted, was intended to insert parts of the federal Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA) into New Hampshire statutes which regulate first and second mortgage loans. HOEPA sets limits on the rate of interest that can be charged on home equity loans. The committee amended the bill to adopt the provisions of the federal statute in its entirety, and to make a violation of HOEPA a violation of RSA 397 and RSA 398. **Vote 11-0**.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 138-FN, relative to interpreters for the deaf in certain governmental or public proceedings. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Alan B. Bemis for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee feels that an interim study is needed because the parties involved cannot agree on this bill. Based on the lack of agreement, the committee wants to be fair and continue the study. The issue of an RSA 28-a mandate problem still exists in the bill. **Vote 17-0**.

HB 276-FN, relative to protective custody for intoxicated or incapacitated persons. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Stephen H. Nedeau for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: There was discussion with the Department of Safety and others about there not being enough time to fully study this problem. We have requested more time and information. There is currently an ad hoc committee working within the law enforcement community to help resolve the issues and report back to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. **Vote 18-0**.

HB 355-FN, relative to the permissible fireworks review committee, the fireworks license fee, and the authority of the permissible fireworks inspector. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Karl I. Gilbert for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: It was determined that this bill was very similar in content to HB 664-FN. Therefore, it was decided to refer it for interim study while working on HB 664-FN. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 403, requiring persons who are acquitted of certain sexual assaults by reason of insanity to register as sexual offenders. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William V. Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill requires persons found not guilty of certain sexual offenses by reason of insanity to register as a criminal offender. RSA 651-B has been revised to accommodate this change. The previous statute required a conviction for registration. The new definition reads as follows: 651-B:1 VII "Required to Register" means that a sexual offender or offender against children was charged with an offense or an attempt to commit an offense listed in this chapter that resulted in one of the following outcomes: (a) conviction for the offense; or (b) a finding or not guilty by reason of insanity. RSA 651-B:7, VI (a) was amended to correct an error. The age difference should have been three years or less at the time of the offense, not more than three years, as written. **Vote 18-0**

HB 433, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of implementing the Second Chance drug rehabilitation program in the New Hampshire prison system. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John E. Tholl for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill would establish a study committee to study the implementation of the Second Chance drug rehabilitation program in the New Hampshire prison system. The committee's unanimous vote of 18-0 reflects the belief that with all the present problems in the system and the lack of a sitting Commissioner, not to mention the funding problems, now is not the time to consider adding programs, especially in light of the Department of Corrections having to reduce and/or eliminate programs already in existence due to funding cuts. **Vote 18-0**.

HB 640-FN, relative to post-conviction DNA testing. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Stanley E. Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill makes provision for a person in custody pursuant to a judgment of a court, or adjudication as a delinquent, to petition the court for forensic DNA testing of biological evidence. It sets forth the procedure to be followed in making a petition to the court and the factors that must be established. If the petition is granted, it sets forth the procedure under which the testing will be conducted. Finally, the bill addresses the preservation of biological material and a process to allow for the disposal of evidence after five years. **Vote 18-0**.

HB 664-FN, relative to the requirements for the sale of permissible fireworks and prohibiting the retail sale of certain fireworks. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Karl I. Gilbert for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee felt that this bill was necessary to clarify the licensing process for vendors to sell fireworks that have been approved by the Fireworks Review Committee for use in the State of New Hampshire. This bill also established guidelines for the meeting of the Fireworks Review Committee. **Vote 17-1**.

HB 715-FN, requiring persons found incompetent to stand trial to be placed in the secure psychiatric unit. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Stephen H. Nedeau for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: After discussion of this bill, the subcommittee felt that the present law passed in 1999 is a good law. If the law was better used by the system, some of the issues we are facing today would disappear. The Chief Justice should be contacted to explain why the law is not used to its fullest. **Vote 17-0**.

HB 783-FN, relative to penalties for simple assault, reckless conduct, and unsworn falsification. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. John E. Tholl for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill was a multi-subject bill. The sponsor offered several changes to the current statute that he felt would narrow the law. He felt the law was being misapplied. The committee felt that the changes that had been suggested were either already covered in current law or would make the statute virtually unenforceable. **Vote 18-0**.

EDUCATION

HB 727-FN-LOCAL, revising the school administrative unit system. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**
Rep. Richard C. Leone for Education: This bill was completely amended to form a School Administrative Unit (SAU) legislative oversight committee to monitor all SAU issues. A subcommittee studied the issue extensively by interviewing several school board members, SAU personnel, special education directors, principals, consultants, and members of the general public. This was the thirteenth SAU study since 1962. SAUs have a life of their own. In fact, there has been a 25% increase in the numbers of SAUsin the last ten years. There is a need for continuous review. **Vote 18-0**.

ELECTION LAW

HB 119, relative to removing names from the checklist. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. Howard C. Dickinson for Election Law: The committee strongly supports an ITL report on this bill because it would require the supervisors of the checklist to remove names from the checklist based on "reliable documentary evidence", but nowhere is this type of evidence defined. **Vote 13-2**.
HB 158, allowing the voter to deposit the ballot into the ballot box. **OUGHT TO PASS**
Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: Now that election machines are being used, the ease of the voter being able to put their own ballots in the machine, and voters' resistance to having their ballots viewed, the committee felt this would eliminate any confrontation at the polls. **Vote 11-4**.
HB 176, relative to listing candidates on ballots. **OUGHT TO PASS**
Rep. Howard C. Dickinson for Election Law: This bill changes the current form of the ballot, used in recent years, so that the names of the candidates will be listed in party columns on the General Election ballot. A majority of the committee believes that this will make the ballot simpler to read and clarify a candidate's identify with a specific party. **Vote 11-4**.
HB 235, relative to removal of political advertising. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. Richard B. Drisko for Election Law: The intent of this bill was to amend RSA 664:17, which restricts placement of political advertising on public property, to provide additional clarification and strength. The committee felt that the existing statute was more than adequate. Both state law and local ordinances address in depth the issues proposed in this bill and further emphasis is not necessary, and possibly redundant. **Vote 13-0**.
HB 236, relative to recount application deadlines. **OUGHT TO PASS**
Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: This bill allows for additional time for a candidate to request a recount should the declaration of the election results not provide the candidate at least 48 hours to consider their request for a recount. **Vote 14-0**.
HB 395, relative to proof of qualifications for voter registration. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) has provided for the forms of identification, and the committee believes there should not be conflict in federal election requirements and state requirements. **Vote 15-0**.
HB 583-FN, requiring training for election officials. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. Mark S. Derby for Election Law: This legislation would mandate a new annual training program for all election officials. The Secretary of State's Office and at least one city already have training programs in place, and it is believed that funds may be available through the federal Help America Vote Act of 2001 (HAVA) to expand and/or help finance these programs or other programs consistent with HAVA guidelines. In addition, the automatic disqualification provision could work hardships on election officials in smaller towns where it is sometimes difficult to recruit enough citizens to serve as election officials. **Vote 15-0**.
HB 775, establishing a New Hampshire presidential primary advisory commission. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**
Rep. Howard C. Dickinson for Election Law: The committee unanimously supports Interim Study for HB 775 because we wish to further explore all means whereby New Hampshire can preserve its first-in-the-nation primary position. To kill HB 775, which sets up a New Hampshire Presidential Primary Advisory Commission, would send a mixed message to the rest of the country, and to pass the bill may limit our options. **Vote 13-0**.
HB 820-FN-L, relative to armed services and overseas voting. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. Harriet E. Cady for Election Law: The Help America Vote Act of 2001 (HAVA) has not been implemented, and because some towns do not have facsimile machines or computers, the committee believes this proposal is an Article 28-a problem. **Vote 14-0**.
SB 215-FN, relative to the use of prerecorded telephone messages for political advocacy. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. Richard B. Drisko for Election Law: The intent of this bill is to require full identification of candidate and financing source

in prerecorded political messages within the first sixty seconds of the connection. The thrust of this bill was included in the report of the committee of conference on HB 332 last session, which was subsequently accepted by the House and the Senate. HB 332 required "certain identifying information accompany prerecorded political telephone messages". **Vote 13-0**.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 503, relative to septic system construction permits. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Burton W. Williams for Environment and Agriculture: This bill clarifies a current statute (RSA 485-A:5-b) and will aid in developing plans for additional in-state disposal capacity to handle existing and future septage volumes. **Vote 12-0**.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 154-FN, establishing a department of financial services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Nelson S. Allan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would establish a commission to recommend legislation allowing the merger of the banking and insurance departments into a department of financial services. This bill duplicates the governor's commission to assess the operating efficiency of state government (HB 171) and is unnecessary **Vote 13-0**.

HB 170, relative to the notice of proposed rulemaking under the administrative procedure act. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Nelson S. Allan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill expands the scope of the fiscal impact statement provided in the notice of proposed rulemaking. The committee felt that the current law (RSA 541-A:3,I and 541-A:6,I(j) adequately provides fiscal data to law makers to help prevent unfunded mandates. Other revisions to administrative rulemaking will be incorporated through the HB 230 study committee. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 341, relative to performance budgeting of state programs and agencies. **REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Michael O'Neil for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee felt strongly that more information is needed to evaluate performance based budgeting for state programs and agencies. **Vote 18-0**.

HB 473, relative to the board of mental health practice. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Michael O'Neil for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would make changes to the membership, duties and procedures of the board of mental health practice. The committee was made aware that the legislative performance audit committee has requested a performance audit of the board. In light of this action, the committee believed any legislation should be postponed pending the audit. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 479-FN, directing the department of administrative services to develop a plan for implementing an electronic purchasing system for the state. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Nelson S. Allan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill directs the department of administrative services to plan an electronic purchasing system for the state. After discussion with the Commissioner of Administrative Services, it was pointed out that this subject is currently under consideration by his department. Therefore there is no need for this legislation. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 511, requiring New Hampshire Hospital security officers to be full-time certified police officers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: RSA 135:41 establishes the hospital security force under the superintendent of the hospital. This bill would require that the security force be certified as full time police officers. The hospital grounds have undergone and are undergoing a metamorphosis as more and more state agencies are located on that property in addition to the hospital. The need for expanded policing and security are needed to accommodate this expansion. Because the property is state owned, the committee felt that it should be the responsibility of the Department of Safety to oversee the security functions. The amendment to this bill transfers the responsibility for a security force from the hospital superintendent to the Department of Safety whereby appropriate certifications with the attendant police powers required could properly accommodate both past and future expansion. **Vote 18-0**.

HB 651-FN, relative to portability of retirement plan funds into the New Hampshire retirement system and the purchase of prior service. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee felt that this approach would place a severe liability on the system already under pressure from several years of adverse market conditions. The original bill was amended to set up a procedure for ultra vires or unapproved legislative plans to enter the system under specific guidelines that are in consonance with the IRS Regulations thus protecting the tax-exempt status of the system. In addition, the amendment repeals RSA 100-A:16,I(c) relative to additional contribution by or on behalf of a member in an attempt to further reduce the liabilities of the system thus protecting the longevity of the system. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 686-FN, relative to health insurance provided through the state. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Maurice L. Pilotte for Executive Departments and Administration: The purpose of this bill was to allow interested citizens to purchase health insurance through the state health plan. There was little interest expressed from the public for such a

program. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 704-FN, relative to the retirement system classification for the director of field services, department of corrections. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: Testimony by the current Director of Field Services stated that prior to this job, he was a probation officer in the group II retirement group. When he was offered the position, he knew that he would be giving up his group II retirement status. However, the position offered a substantial salary increase at a group I retirement status. This individual knowingly made the decision to take the position. Then, having second thoughts about his retirement status, he has come to the legislature. The committee felt that this was an "individual" bill and under current law this individual would qualify for split benefits. Therefore, it would be imprudent to pass legislation for one individual who freely made a decision to take the position at a higher salary with group I retirement. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 712-FN, relative to long-term care. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Peter F. Bergin for Executive Departments and Administration: The original bill required the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a computer based system for managing, overseeing and collecting uniform data regarding the medicaid waiver program. Also, the bill required the department to publish an annual report on the availability of, need for, and quality of long term care service in each county of the state. In addition, the bill required the Department of Insurance to create an annual consumer guide regarding long term care insurance in New Hampshire. The committee found that presently data is not available to assess the availability of long-term care in each county of the state. As a result, this bill will establish a committee to study methods of improving data collection and services delivery relative to home and community based long-term care services. It will also study the need of a consumer guide on long term care insurance. **Vote 17-1**.

HB 781-FN-A, establishing the office of corrections ombudsmen. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Anne Marie Irwin for Executive Departments and Administration: The purpose of this bill is to establish the position of corrections ombudsman. The ombudsman will be an autonomous unclassified employee who will conduct independent investigations of complaints filed by employees and inmates of the Department of Corrections, as well as the general public. The ombudsman will submit reports to the governor and appropriate policy committee's chairmen. This bill was crafted at the request of the study committee established in 2001, and was worked on jointly with the house criminal justice and public safety committee. The position will be administratively attached to the Department of Administrative Services and will take effect July 1, '05, unless grant funded in advance. $75,000 is appropriated in FY '06 for purposes of hiring clerical staff, and purchasing supplies. **Vote 18-0**.

SB 128-FN, transferring the bureau of vital records and health statistics from the department of health and human services to the department of state. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Maurice L. Pilotte for Executive Departments and Administration: The provisions of this bill were adopted in HB 4 on September 4, 2003. Three oversights subsequently were identified. 1. RSA Section 5-C:24,I established an advisory committee to assist the secretary of state in administering the vital records improvement fund. The list of members of the committee failed to include the secretary of state or designee. 2. RSA Section 5-C:24,II had not established the length of term of the chairperson. 3. RSA 5-C:24,II limited the terms of all members of the advisory committee. This amendment limits the terms of appointed members only. The term limits shall not apply to ex officio members of the advisory committee, i.e. (a) the director of the division of information technology management, department of administrative services, or designee, (b) the state archivist, or designee, (c) the commissioner of health and human services, or designee, (d) the secretary of state or designee. **Vote 13-0**.

FINANCE

HB 274-A, making an appropriation for the restoration of the White Island Light Station. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Joseph E. Stone for Finance: The committee was informed that Department of Resources and Economic Development, through the Conservation Plate Fund, will be able to match the dollar-for-dollar requirement of the $250,000 federal "Save our Treasures" grant. As a result there is no need to appropriate the additional $125,000 requested in the bill by DRED for the repair of the White Island Light Station. **Vote 21-0**.

HB 643-FN, relative to establishing the family division of the courts statewide. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. MaryAnn N. Blanchard for Finance: The amendment clarifies the legislature's intent to support a family division of the judicial branch. This bill makes the Rockingham and Grafton divisions permanent and asks the Task Force on Family Law to recommend further expansion of the family division. **Vote 18-0**.

HB 649-FN-A, establishing a building permit surcharge to fund regional planning initiatives. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Eric Anderson for Finance: This bill proposes enhanced funding to support UNH's GRANIT system (Geographically Referenced Analysis and Information Transfer) and additional resources for regional planning commissions. Due to major organizational changes ongoing at the Office of State Planning and a flawed funding mechanism, it was not feasible to move these initiatives forward at this time. **Vote 18-2**.

HB 746-FN-A, revising the property tax relief program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Frederick W. King for Finance: The committee felt that it is inappropriate to modify the property tax relief program since

the most recent modifications are only one-year old and fiscal impacts are still under review. The plan will need to be reviewed again when the total effect has been determined. **Vote 21-0**.

HB 785-FN, requiring the commissioner of the department of education to establish a public school choice initiative. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Robert K. Dodge for Finance: The committee agreed that the fiscal note contained a lot of assumptions and this requires a lot of work to proceed with a viable initiative. We feel that to attain this goal we should work with the Education Committee to further study this legislation. **Vote 14-5**.

SB 132-FN-A, extending the Parents as Teachers program in Sullivan county and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Daniel A. Eaton for Finance: The committee supports the content of this bill and was pleased that it was included in other legislation passed last session. As a result, this bill is unnecessary. **Vote 19-0**.

FISH AND GAME

HB 329-FN, establishing a pilot program for the introduction of Grass Carp into Flints Pond in the town of Hollis. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Peter R. Goyette for Fish and Game: This bill, while well intentioned, proposes to introduce an exotic species to control weeds in Flints Pond. There is no conclusive evidence that these carp will eliminate the milfoil and testimony on the adverse effects to state waterways if the carp ever escape made it a risky experiment at best. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 440, relative to the discharge of firearms on or across highways in pursuit of wild birds or animals. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. David S. Woodward for Fish and Game: The bill amends present law to clearly define parameters while hunting in the vicinity of public highways. In addition to firearms, it also includes the discharge of a bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt. **Vote 16-0**.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 465, relative to the rulemaking authority of the department of health and human services and relative to licensing rules for health facilities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Janeen A. Dalrymple for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill, as amended, is in response to the concerns of administrators of several health care facilities who found omnibus administrative rules - one set of regulations for many types of facilities - to be burdensome and even inappropriate in some instances. To correct this problem, the intent of this bill is that each of the several health facilities listed in statute, Chapter 151, have their own separate set of administrative rules based on the care setting. In addition, those facilities listed under the same statute that have overnight beds must have rules that take into consideration acuity level and facility size. The Department of Health and Human Services will be required to address certain criteria which must be met in writing administrative rules for health care facilities: the criteria are listed under Section 2, IX (a) and (b). The department will be required to write rules separately for each type of health facility. The committee felt that as we move the healthcare system into the future, the "one size fits all" mentality of rules and regulations to be cumbersome and inappropriate in many instances and is not in the best interests of the healthcare system and the general public. This amended bill focuses on bringing the systems rules up to date without sacrificing safety issues necessary for the protection of the public. **Vote 11-0**.

HB 784-FN-LOCAL, relative to long-term care services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill was retained at a time when several bills and budget requests regarding long-term-care health services were being considered by the legislature. These services had been initiated in a previous session by the passage of SB 409. Essentially, this bill addressed the following issues: (1) It strongly supported the Service-Link information and referral service for elderly and chronically ill adults, but provided no appropriation for those services; (2) It provided for an information and assistance process for those who are Medicaid-eligible for nursing home care to choose other, alternative services such as home-based care and mid-level care; and (3) The bill authorized individuals who are Medicaid-eligible for nursing home care to choose, if appropriate, settings such as home-based care or mid-level care at a cost not to exceed the cost of a nursing facility. The Service-Link Program was included in the new '04-'05 budget. Therefore, the program will continue. Legislation also passed this session to provide information and data analysis about health care providers and health care facilities, including data as to quality of services. The current state budget in fact increased the average cost for mid-level care from fifty percent to sixty percent of the cost for services in nursing facilities. The average cost for home-based care was increased from thirty-three percent to fifty percent of the cost for services in nursing facilities. The committee felt that these actions continue to support an individual's freedom to choose from a spectrum of services appropriate to their needs. The increase in the capped percentages of payments is viewed as a significant incremental increase. In addition, the committee agreed that there should be a continuing review of long-term-care services. The already existing Statutory Oversight Committee on Elderly and Adult Services has the authority and willingness to conduct the review. In consideration of the foregoing, the committee voted Inexpedient to Legislate and understood that additional legislation may be generated by the

Oversight Committee in the future to provide additional incremental cost changes, as appropriate. **Vote 16-0**.

SB 78-FN, establishing the New Hampshire health care information council **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee felt that the health care resources information gathering proposed by this bill was important and should be implemented. Such information would be very valuable to those serving on the Certificate of Need Board. In addition, it was felt that consumers should have accurate information to help them make informed decisions as to whom they choose to be their health care providers and information as to the quality of care provided by health care facilities. However, when the committee reviewed the final action taken on bills concerning the Certificate of Review process and data gathering and analysis, it was reported by the prime sponsor that this bill had been attached to another bill in the Senate, and it passed. Therefore, any further action on this bill would be redundant. **Vote 16-0**.

JUDICIARY

HB 74, establishing a task force on the siting of new district courts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for Judiciary: This bill would have established a task force to develop standard, objective criteria for determining the future siting of new district courts, and propose model legislation. The committee learned that such a task force had been created in 1991 by HB 193, and that it had issued a final report on February 14, 1992. A review of that report indicated that its findings and recommendations remained valid and useful, and that no useful purpose would be served by a new study. **Vote 12-0**.

HB 145, relative to the Claremont and Newport district courts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for Judiciary: This bill would have separated the present Claremont-Newport judicial district into separate Claremont and Newport districts, and specify the towns to be included in each district. While the committee favors this separation in principle, the lack of an adequate court facility in Claremont at this time made it seem undesirable to consider passage of the bill before Claremont first upgrades their facility. Since other considerations would involve the State with capital improvements and bonding, it was concluded that this type of proposal should have broader bill is more appropriate for initial consideration by the Public Works and Highways Committee. It being too late in the session to refer this type of proposal should have broader legislative review. Senator Odell, one of its prime sponsors, has agreed to introduce it as a new bill in the Senate. **Vote 13-2**.

HB 217, relative to emergency powers of the supreme court. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Tony F. Soltani for Judiciary: This bill granted certain authority to the Supreme Court in the event of a gubernatorial state of emergency declared pursuant to RSA 4:45. The scope of the authority extended to statutory areas reserved for the Legislature. Also, the duration of the authority was undefined. Finally, this bill did not take notice of the Legislature's independent and concurrent authority to declare an emergency. The court, under its own rules, has the ability to suspend deadlines imposed under court rules for good cause. **Vote 12-6**.

HB 325, relative to the Henniker-Hillsborough district court and the New London district court. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for Judiciary: This bill would have amended RSA 502-A by transferring the Town of Bradford from the Henniker-Hillsborough judicial district to the New London district. The bill was filed by a member on behalf and at the request of a constituent. The member expressed no opinion on the bill, and no one testified in its favor, while the Bradford police chief testified against it on the ground that it would subject his department to more inconvenience. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 328, relative to the allocation of costs in court actions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Harry M. Haytayan for Judiciary: The committee found that existing law provides protection against frivolous lawsuits and the proposed bill would lead to unintended consequences which could lead to abuse against those with limited resources. **Vote 19-0**.

HB 422, relative to the selection of replacement justices for supreme court justices who are disqualified to hear cases. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Tony F. Soltani for Judiciary: This bill clarifies the method of selecting a substitute for a disqualified Supreme Court justice. In the event of such disqualification, a retired Supreme Court justice will serve. If a retired Supreme Court justice is not available, then a retired full-time Superior, District, or Probate Court justice will serve. If none is available, then a full-time Superior, District, or Probate Court justice will be selected. All selections for substitute justices will be made randomly. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 444, relative to summoning witnesses from another state. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. James E. Wheeler for Judiciary: This bill will make the statute that allows a material witness who lives in another state to be subpoenaed in criminal cases, apply in juvenile justice civil cases, like juvenile delinquency, and child abuse and neglect. The committee believes that this proposal will help protect the best interest of New Hampshire children, by having witnesses available with material knowledge of abuse or juvenile delinquency available through subpoena even though they may live out of state. The amendment narrows the bill to better tailor it to its intended purpose. **Vote 19-0**.

HB 622-FN, excluding tax abatement sessions from nonpublic sessions and including costs for non-attorney representatives under the right-to-know law. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Tony F. Soltani for Judiciary: This bill amends the Right-to-Know Law in order to clarify an ambiguity affecting the local governments. Under this bill, applications for relief such as tax abatements will be debated publicly unless the application is based on inability to pay. The local officials will deliberate matters in non-public session – matters involving inability to pay or where a legal action has been filed or threatened in writing. **Vote 20-0**.

HB 656-FN, repealing the family division pilot program. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Janet G. Wall for Judiciary: After extensive testimony and study, the committee agreed to support the establishment of a commission to determine whether the operations of the family division court in Grafton County, as established in 1995, fulfills the legislative purposes as determined in 1995 (Chapter 152:1). The commission shall make recommendations regarding continuation or abolishing the family division court in Grafton County and shall include in its report further recommendations for making the family division court a workable alternative in rural settings, as opposed to how these family division courts operate in urban settings. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 716-FN, repealing procedures for administration of small estates. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John M. Pratt for Judiciary: Both the Probate Clerk who originally requested this legislation and the Probate Court itself informed the Committee that the Court would attempt to solve the problems addressed in it through improvements in court procedures. The committee agreed that legislation was therefore not needed. **Vote 17-1**.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES,

HB 559, relative to grounds for termination of employment. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Jarvis M. Adams for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: The committee heard testimony in favor of this bill which convinced us that this bill will reinforce the freedom of speech for public employees without the fear of retribution. **Vote 17-1**.

HB 730-FN-L, relative to workers' compensation benefits for firefighters, rescue workers, and safety workers who contract certain communicable diseases. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Jarvis M. Adams for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: This bill establishes a committee to study the feasibility and cost of providing workers' compensation benefits for firefighters, rescue workers, and safety workers who contract certain communicable diseases. **Vote 12-0**.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 230, establishing a committee to study procedures for the joint legislative committee on administrative rules to introduce legislative changes. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Nelson S. Allan for Legislative Administration: This bill establishes a "directed study" on specific issues that may significantly improve the effectiveness of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) process. During an extensive set of public hearings on this bill, many positive suggestions were brought forward that require further refinement before implementation in legislation. Ten specific areas of further study are identified. A report is due by November 2004. Several revisions to the current RSA 541-A are also presented to amend the conditional rule approval process, expedite the rule appeal process, and waive deadlines in certain cases. **Vote 11-0**.

HB 381-FN, requiring proposed bills and rules to include an analysis of their impact on personal privacy. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. George N. Katsakiores for Legislative Administration: The committee did not doubt the importance of targeting personal privacy impacts contained in pending legislation. What concerned the committee was the added administrative burden that would be placed on legislative staff. There also was concern that legislative authority could erode in the process. The committee agreed that the goal of this legislation could be achieved without legislation. A simpler solution would be to amend the manual for committee Chairmen to require them to alert their committees as to personal privacy issues and to take them into consideration while studying and acting on bills. **Vote 9-1.**

HB 734-FN-A, establishing a pilot program to open the state house on Saturdays. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. David P. Currier for Legislative Administration: There was no opposition to the concept of establishing a pilot program to open the State House on Saturdays. There were concerns about security and the potential for vandalism. After considerable review, it was recommended that legislation was not needed. The Joint Committee on Facilities has the authority to open the State House on weekends. Therefore, those interested in pursuing a pilot program will petition the Joint Committee on Facilities to open the State House on specific Saturdays next summer and fall. The cost of security staff would be borne by the private sector. The prime sponsor supported the Inexpedient to Legislate motion. **Vote 10-0**.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 85-FN-L, requiring the exclusion of certain one-time expenditures prior to the adoption of a default budget in cities and towns that have adopted official ballot voting. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert W. Brundige for Municipal and County Government: This bill clarifies the definition of "default budget" and requires the default budget to be disclosed at the first budget hearing held pursuant to RSA 32:5 or RSA 197:6. The governing

body shall demonstrate how the default budget amount was determined by showing the appropriations contained in the previous year's operating budget and the reductions and increases made on a budget form created by the Department of Revenue Administration. The governing body in SB 2 towns and school districts shall post a certified copy of the default budget form or any amended default budget form, along with the proposed operating budget and warrant. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 161-FN-L, relative to residency in determining entitlement to local welfare assistance. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert W. Brundige for Municipal and County Government: This bill would have required individuals in need of local welfare assistance to be a resident of the town in which they apply for assistance. This requirement is not possible to meet in all circumstances due to the transient situation of the individual. One of the consequences of refusal of assistance could result in an individual being forced to return to a domestic violence situation. The committee retained this bill and asked the commission to study problems related to the delivery of local assistance (HB 1109), to consider the change. The final commission report included a process to allow cooperation between the "home" town and "assisting" town in funding the required assistance. Since the committee approved the commission's recommendation to file a bill that addresses this delivery, changing the residency requirement was not favored. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 285, relative to establishing non-amendable articles by voter petition. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Nancy K. Johnson for Municipal and County Government: Currently, in official ballot referendum towns or school districts, neither the governing body nor the budget committee, if one exists, has the ability to revise their recommendations if the budget appropriations are changed during the deliberative session. This bill gives them the ability to change their noted recommendation prior to printing the ballot. In addition, this bill makes the original recommendation of the budget committee the amount to be used in calculating the ten-percent limitation. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 307, relative to municipal regulation of public highways. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Robert W. Brundige for Municipal and County Government: This bill would have allowed municipalities to adopt bylaws and fee structures to regulate a utility's use of public highways and rights of ways which could result in more than 200 additional sets of fees for the same utility services provided throughout the state. The committee heard testimony that this additional cost would be passed through to the consumer. The committee determined it would be better to have a comprehensive process formulated at the state level to deal with any additional costs borne by the municipalities that only users of a utility should pay, instead of having the cost added to the property tax. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 426, relative to the monitoring and approval of appraisers by the commissioner of revenue administration. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl for Municipal and County Government: The original intent of this bill was to create a process for the Department of Revenue Administration to measure local assessing practices, instead of requiring a certification cycle for municipalities which was accomplished by the passage of SB 54 last year. The committee retained the rest of the bill and completed the additional parts of the bill – some being housekeeping in nature. The bill removes the financial responsibility of the appraisers while at the same time it changes the penalty for certification non-compliance of the assessors from a violation to a Class B misdemeanor. The bill clarifies two minor issues dealing with tax maps. The last issue the bill addresses is returning rulemaking authority to the Assessing Standards Board in order to regulate certification, continuing education, and revocation and suspension standards for assessing officials that was removed by SB 54 as an oversight. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 474, relative to the appointment of alternates to sit at meetings of the planning and zoning boards and the rules of order used by local land use boards. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Nancy K. Johnson for Municipal and County Government: This bill would require a chairman of a land use board to assign alternates to sit according to seniority and to adopt a set of rules of order every year for their proceedings. The committee felt that this would be cumbersome, unnecessary and determined to leave these matters to the local land use boards. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 488, relative to leaf and yard waste. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Jessie L. Osborne for Municipal and County Government: RSA 149-M:27 prohibits the disposal of leaf or yard waste in a solid waste landfill or incinerator. The original bill repealed the exemption given to those municipalities formed as solid waste management districts pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement in RSA 53-A or as a solid waste district pursuant to RSA 53-B. This would have yielded more landfill space because the solid waste tonnage would be reduced. Losing this exemption would have impacted the City of Concord. The City Council instituted fall and spring yard waste pickup this year, and is planning a regular recycling program. Since Concord is progressing toward full leaf, yard waste and recycling pickup, the committee determined that this bill may have discouraged that program. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 493, relative to the municipal budget act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl for Municipal and County Government: This bill is a result of two bills that were submitted with similar desires. One bill clearly defines "purpose" to prevent any further situations that arise when a warrant article is defeated at the annual meeting and the governing body still funds the purpose by transferring funds to the defeated purpose account. The other bill addressed the need to have the budget that is submitted by the Budget Committee be the one that is discussed at the annual meeting. The committee feels this bill addresses both issues well. **Vote 11-0**.

HB 501, ratifying certain actions of the Rye conservation commission. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Peter B. Schmidt for Municipal and County Government: This bill sought to ratify certain property acquisitions by the Rye

Conservation Commission. Inasmuch as the issue has been resolved within and by the Town of Rye, the matter is moot. The committee, therefore, voted the bill Inexpedient to Legislate, with the approval of the sponsor. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 618-FN-A, establishing a property tax cap for persons over 65 years of age. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Laurie J. Boyce for Municipal and County Government: This bill was retained to examine the idea of a property tax cap for the elderly. However, the cap that was proposed worked in a reverse way – the more income received, the more relief given. The bill was amended to address two technicalities in the law: (1) where an elderly individual who placed his or her property in trust is not considered the owner of the property, and therefore could not apply for the elderly exemption on the property to which he or she was otherwise entitled, and (2) reducing the five-year residency requirement for disabled persons. This bill authorizes/recognizes the elderly individuals as "owner" for life and reinstates the five-year residency requirement for disabled persons, which was inadvertently deleted last session. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 645-FN-A-L, establishing a pilot program for partial tax abatements on new construction of private schools. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Nancy K. Johnson for Municipal and County Government: The bill, as first introduced, dealt with the concept of a pilot program for property tax abatement for private institutions that had plans for new construction of dormitories, dining rooms and kitchens, which are presently taxed under current law. The focus of the original bill was to reimburse through the abatement process property taxes paid by the private institutions to the towns and cities. After much discussion, the focus of the bill changed whereby a special fund would be established known as the Property Tax Reimbursement and Educational Scholarship Fund. The Fund would consist of such monies received and deposited pursuant to RSA 471-C:31, III. The Fund would be managed by the State Treasurer and would be continually appropriated to the Postsecondary Education Commission for the purpose of this subdivision. The source of funds would be from abandoned property delivered from out-of-state holders and the income earned from the working capital fund. Funds would be deposited in the Property Tax Reimbursement and Educational Scholarship Fund established in RSA 188-D:44. Any private educational institution that pays property taxes on the value of the dormitories, dining rooms, and kitchens pursuant to RSA 72:23, IV, and which has New Hampshire residents comprising more than ten percent of its boarding students, may apply for and, within the available funds, receive a reimbursement of such property taxes paid for the purpose of funding educational scholarships at the institution, as determined by rules of the Postsecondary Education Commission adopted under RSA 188-D:8-a, IV. The effective date is in the year 2005 which will require this policy to go through the budget process for the next biennium. **Vote 10-5**.

HB 681-FN-L, relative to the allocation of a municipality's share of county taxes. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl for Municipal and County Government: The method used currently to determine a municipality's share of the county taxes is simply to apportion the amount according to the equalized value of each town or city. This bill suggests the possibility of determining the municipality's share using different methods, such as a possible percentage of the county's population plus a percentage of use of services in addition to a percentage of equalized value. The committee worked on this bill extensively and then established a subcommittee to further look into the issue. The subcommittee learned that the New Hampshire Association of Counties had established a tax equity commission to examine this very same issue and was serious enough about it that they raised $10,000 to fund their study. The issue of donor towns weighs in when it comes to municipalities and how much county tax they pay compared to the amount of county services they receive. The committee feels there is a great deal of work it needs to do before establishing a more equitable formula, and an interim study will accomplish that goal. **Vote 16-0**.

HB 713-FN, relative to the penalty for violating a zoning ordinance. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. James E. Twombly for Municipal and County Government: The purpose of this bill is to strengthen and clarify the statutes in regard to zoning ordinances. Municipalities experience difficulty in enforcing certain zoning ordinances because the penalty is not enough of a deterrent to ensure compliance. HB 713 doubles the daily fine for a second offense at the same location, from $275 to $550. It also clarifies the statute which states that a person who violates an ordinance is "guilty of a misdemeanor" and "shall be subject to a civil penalty". Some judges were interpreting the present law as "or". Also, the word "may" is changed to "shall" to mandate that municipalities will be able to collect attorneys' fees in pursuing ordinance cases. The district courts were consulted and approved of these changes. An additional part of HB 713 concerns governmental land use. This would change the hearing process only slightly to require governmental entities to hold public hearings before change in use or new use. Also, it would require the planning board to submit comments in writing on the project within thirty days after the hearing. The change would eliminate problems arising from projects going forth without productive input from concerned citizens. An additional section of HB 713 deletes a statute requiring municipalities to compose an annual list of all residential properties that are located in commercial zones, and register this list with the Registrar of Deeds. This list will be kept locally without the added expense of recording, which the committee determined to serve no purpose. The last section of HB 713 is a housekeeping measure on "motion for rehearing" notices. A person may apply for a rehearing on a local land board within thirty days of a decision. The change merely states that abutters will be notified of the rehearing as they are for the original hearing. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 756-L, promoting parental choice in education and providing for an abatement from the education taxes for parents of children not enrolled in the public school system. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Kenneth H. Gould for Municipal and County Government: This bill calls for a $300 abatement for resident taxpayers to use to send their children to private schools. Although the rights of parents to choose an education other than that provided by their town is respected, that choice should not adversely impact the funding necessary to operate our public schools. This bill raises more inequities regarding the treatment of taxpayers who send their children to private schools, and taxpayers who have no children. Diverting funds from our public schools erodes the principle that public school education is a community's obligation. We feel it is not appropriate to further burden taxpayers by this abatement, which comes from the municipal – not the school district – budget. **Vote 15-1**.

HB 761, enabling towns to adopt subdivision regulations that require innovative land use controls on certain lands when supported by the master plan, making a change in an innovative land use control, and relative to the preliminary review of subdivisions. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. David L. Buhlman for Municipal and County Government: This bill enables the local planning board to allow density rights to be transferred along with development rights; to require, when supported by the master plan, an innovative land use control to be used by an applicant; to require preliminary review in their subdivision and site plan regulations; and negate the ability of an applicant to forego or engage in the pre-application process. The committee feels that these changes will enhance the communication between the applicant and the land use board. **Vote 14-0**.

SB 176, relative to standards for plats recorded in the registry of deeds. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. David L. Buhlman for Municipal and County Government: The Registrar of Deeds Association wanted to set uniform standards for "plat(s)" that are recorded. The original statute stated that a plat of a subdivision or a plat showing existing property lines had to be prepared by a licensed or registered land surveyor. There was no uniform definition of plat and the Registrars of Deeds are running out of space. Many large plats were being recorded which appeared to have no specific use. This bill satisfied the requirements expressed by the Registrars of Deeds by setting up the uniform standards for recording of plats. The standards for plats will be displayed in a like manner as the standards for the recording of deeds pursuant to RSA 478:4-a. **Vote 16-0**.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 567-FN-L, relative to telecommunications infrastructure in state-owned rights-of-way. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Leon S. Kenison for Public Works and Highways: The committee voted to reconsider this bill based on information that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and industry representatives furnished, suggesting that unintended consequences may result unless further study resolves the uncertainties revealed since the committee vote. Interim study will allow a more complete evaluation of all related interests and factors. **Vote 8-6**.

HB 607-FN, relative to the determination of just compensation in eminent domain proceedings. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**

Rep. Kevin K. Waterhouse for Public Works and Highways: This bill would allow New Hampshire to join Florida as the only state to allow the actual replacement cost of the property taken. The committee felt recently passed legislation increasing the relocation assistance for businesses in eminent domain proceedings from $10,000 to $100,000 to be a step toward more equitable compensation. The committee felt that the time spent evaluating the reorganization and training of the Right-of-Way Bureau will be beneficial. **Vote 11-3**.

HB 697-FN, relative to the sale of motor fuel. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Saghir A. Tahir for Public Works and Highways: This bill updates the statutes relative to the road toll and its collection process. It also increases the penalties for violators of the report requirement and avoidance of the payment of the road toll. The committee worked on this bill during several sessions and received input from the Department of Safety and the Attorney General's Office. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 698-FN, relative to electronic toll collections. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. William E. Leber for Public Works and Highways: This bill establishes electronic toll collection systems in statute and provides video enforcement of the E-Z Pass system. The bill provides for accounting of the collection and identifying violators. It provides for administrative procedures for collection and policy for referral to the Department of Safety for enforcement, and penalties, including administrative fines and suspension. The amendment limited procedures for drawing funds from the turnpike fund with approval of the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council. This is important to the system to make the E-Z Pass system on the turnpike efficient and safe. **Vote 12-1**.

HB 765-FN, relative to consideration of a light rail commuter system and establishing a commission to oversee light rail progress. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Chris S. Malloy for Public Works and Highways: The committee fully acknowledges the current and future need of rail as a form of transportation, both in-state and regionally. This particular bill set up an overlapping commission and urged the Department of Transportation to consider light rail, which it has. The approved plans for the I-93 widening currently include a 90-foot right-of-way for future light rail construction. We could possibly restrict our options for future rail technology by requiring light rail only. The committee felt this bill was not the appropriate vehicle to planning and constructing a rail system. **Vote 16-1**.

HB 794, allowing the department of transportation to lease space for the provision of food service at state highway and turnpike rest stops. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. Candace C.W. Bouchard for Public Works and Highways: This legislation would have allowed the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to lease space for the provision of food service at state, interstate and turnpike rest areas. The committee appreciated the sponsors' concern for motorist convenience and safety while traveling on New Hampshire's interstate system. However, during testimony, the committee learned the following: New Hampshire interstate exits, unlike those in other states, are close together, usually within ten miles of each other. This legislation would have a negative impact on an estimated 4,000 currently established businesses located off the interstate exits providing safe, convenient services to traveling motorists. Also, this legislation conflicted with RSA 186-B:9 and the Federal Transportation Act giving priority to blind services specific to providing vending facilities on property controlled by the state. **Vote 13-0**.
HB 812, relative to state acquisition of privately-owned airports. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**
Rep. Chris S. Malloy for Public Works and Highways: The committee felt this bill would allow the State to purchase an airport with the intention of having it remain as a viable operating airport and not used for other purposes. The bill also makes the State sell the land for any purpose and to any party after five years. It is the intent of this committee to keep airports open whenever possible, purchase an airport as a last resort, and dispose of the property if continued use as an airport is not viable. **Vote 14-1**.
HB 835-FN, relative to federal highway grant anticipation bonds. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**
Rep. Mark E. McConkey for Public Works and Highways: A subcommittee met to explore the merits of this bill relative to financing the widening of Interstate 93 through the use of grant anticipation bonds (GARVEE). After a lengthy discussion with the Department of Transportation and the State Treasurer, the committee agreed that this funding tool warrants refinement, and further questions need to be answered. The committee voted to commit the bill to Interim Study. **Vote 13-3**.
SB 35, relative to the transfer and exchange of certain state-owned land for certain land owned by the Manchester water works. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. John A. Graham for Public Works and Highways: The sponsors have indicated that this bill is no longer required. It appears that the matter will be addressed through a non-legislative process. **Vote 13-1**.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 152, relative to regulation by political subdivisions of OHRV trails and exempting certain rail trails use from the state trail evaluation process. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**
Rep. David M. Lawton for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill would prohibit local municipalities from restricting public OHRV trails on private lands which have been authorized by landowner permission. This bill is not necessary at this time since a recent Superior Court decision stated that municipalities do not have the authority to regulate trail siting for public trails. The Court did, however, enumerate several restrictions that the municipality can put in place to control the operation of OHRVs on the public trails in their community. The committee recommends that this legislation be retained for interim study in case future action is needed on this controversial subject. **Vote 16-0**.
HB 385, requiring compliance with local ordinances in the establishment of public ATV and trail bike trails on private lands. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY**
Rep. David M. Lawton for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill would change RSA 215-A:43 to allow local municipalities to require any public OHRV trails on private lands to be in compliance with local ordinances and bylaws. A recent Superior Court decision in a related case found that the local municipality, while it may not regulate trail siting, may regulate numerous aspects of OHRV operation on public trails. The committee, therefore, did not want to take any action at this time, and recommends Interim Study. **Vote 16-0**.
HB 429, relative to processing excavating and dredging permits. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. D.L. Chris Christensen for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill covered the same subject matter as HB 810, which was effective July 1, 2003. Testimony was received that excavation and dredge permits were being dealt with well within the parameters of HB 810. **Vote 14-0**.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 537, establishing a 211 commission. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**
Rep. John H. Thomas for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill was before the Science, Technology and Energy Committee as HB 707 in 2001. A committee of conference changed HB 707 in its entirety to form a study committee. The study committee recommended essentially the same legislation. In this session, the Committee saw the same problems as in the original bill in the 2001 Session – those being financing duplicity and a growing entity. **Vote 11-0**.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 65, relative to educational assistance for national guard members. **OUGHT TO PASS**
Rep. James F. Headd for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the consideration

of the Montgomery GI Bill benefits in the tuition formula for tuition waiver for National Guard members. Guard members will have available to them empty seats, thereby eliminating any additional expense to the taxpayers. The committee felt that this will help our volunteer Guard members grow and be the best educated individuals protecting our State and country. **Vote 11-1**.

HCR 17, urging the posthumous promotion of Colonel Edward Ephraim Cross to brigadier general. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: After hearing much testimony from a number of historians regarding Colonel Cross, the committee felt that his leadership was crucial to victory at the Battle of Gettysburg while Colonel Cross was the Commander of the 5th Regiment NH Volunteers. He was killed July 2, 1863 during the battle in the line of duty and deserves promotion to Brigadier General. **Vote 11-0**.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 53, relative to retail motor vehicle sales. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Sherman A. Packard for Transportation: The amendment to HB 53 is a consumer protection issue. Under existing law, any vehicle that is a rebuilt vehicle shall be marked on the title after being rebuilt. This bill adds that a registration be also marked "rebuilt vehicle". This will allow a consumer or dealer buying any motor vehicle to immediately identify it as a rebuilt vehicle, preventing any chance of fraud. **Vote 15-0**.

HB 388, permitting the reduction of the speed limit within a business or urban residence district or within the compact part of cities or towns to 15 miles per hour. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland for Transportation: This bill was permitting a reduction of speed limits within business or urban residence areas. The main part of the bill was for a situation that was happening on a city's back alley roads. That issue was taken up and put as an amendment to another bill that passed the House, therefore making this bill unnecessary. **Vote 13-0**.

HB 689-FN, relative to drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Sherman A. Packard for Transportation: The youth operator license issues proposed in HB 689 became law as a result of passage of HB 819. The bill was retained to look at an amendment offered during the hearing. This amendment was felt to be a bad idea by both the committee and the Department of Safety. **Vote 14-0**.

SB 222-FN-A, relative to motor vehicle fees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Sherman A. Packard for Transportation: The subject matter in this bill was addressed in other legislation during the 2003 Session, making this bill unnecessary. **Vote 14-0**.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 830-FN-A, creating enterprise zones in which qualifying businesses are eligible for tax credits. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Jeffrey D. Gilbert for Ways and Means: This fall the study committee authorized by a similar bill, SB 73, has held extensive hearings both at the State House and around the state on the subject matter of HB 830, as well as other strategies and tactics to encourage economic development. Last spring, the committee had voted to retain this bill for possible further consideration in the event that the study committee established under SB 73 recommended further action on HB 830. The SB 73 committee has advised the Ways and Means Committee that it does not recommend such further action, but rather, will shortly file its report and propose legislation on the subject matter of HB 830. **Vote 18-0**.

HOUSE DEADLINES

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2004

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 188-E:20), NH Automobile Dealers Association

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

2:00 p.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.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***HR 22,*** relative to fathers' rights.
9:30 a.m. ***HB 1144,*** establishing a committee to study banning alcohol sales at youth and family-oriented community events.
10:15 a.m. ***HB 1275-FN-A,*** relative to the role of the department of health and human services in juvenile proceedings.
10:45 a.m. ***HB 1212,*** relative to the circumstances under which a juvenile may be committed to the youth development center until the age of 18.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1169,*** relative to child support calculations based on one-time or irregular income.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1315,*** relative to the disclosure of the identity of the person filing a report of suspected child abuse.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1305,*** establishing a committee to study certain high interest loans.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1320,*** making changes in the laws relative to retail installment sales, first mortgage bankers and brokers, mortgage loan servicers, second mortgage home loans, and the regulation of small loans.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1204-FN-A,*** establishing an historic homeownership mortgage credit program.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1374,*** relative to lightning protection systems.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1217,*** relative to apportioning state representative districts for Hillsborough county.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1369,*** relative to state representative district 67.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1362,*** relative to state representative districts in Grafton county.
1:45 p.m. ***HB 1373,*** relative to Grafton county representative districts.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***HB 1156,*** establishing a committee to study the use of pesticides and herbicides in residential neighborhoods.
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1227,*** relative to land assessed for current use which is taken by eminent domain.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1229,*** establishing a commission to study bioaccumulative toxic chemicals.

ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 103, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1277-FN,*** requiring assisted living facilities to have certain security measures for residents.
10:45 a.m. ***HB 1318-FN-A,*** relative to a senior care provider program and making an appropriation therefor.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1365-FN,*** relative to protecting hearing ear dogs, guide dogs, and service dogs.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1294,*** establishing a committee to study the effect of the federal reauthorization of the Temporary Aid to Needy Families Program and its effect on the state of New Hampshire.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1247-FN,*** relative to a statewide law library network.
11:00 a.m. ***CACR 23,*** relating to oaths of civil officers. Providing that all officers, department heads in the executive branch, and town officers shall take an oath before executing the duties of their office.

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.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1171,*** relative to official ballot voting on issuance of bonds or notes.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1256,*** relative to a buddy system for firefighters.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1272,*** relative to allowing towns to have an official ballot vote on the issuance of specific bonds or notes.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1301,*** relative to extensions to the intent to cut.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1207-FN-A,*** relative to an Operation Iraqi Freedom service bonus payment.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1378-FN-A,*** relative to New Hampshire service medals for veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Conflict and making an appropriation therefor.
1:00 p.m. ***HR 20,*** supporting Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization.

STATE VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), American Legion Post 79, West Brook Street, Manchester
5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1184,*** requiring all vehicles to be equipped with mud flaps or spray or splash guards.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1167,*** requiring any driver to have headlights on when continuously operating windshield wipers during inclement weather.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1139,*** relative to vehicles stopping in travel lanes.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1128,*** relative to motor vehicle dealer registrations.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1259,*** relative to the medical certification required for a walking disability plate or placard.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1258-FN,*** establishing supporting public schools number plates.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1276-FN,*** establishing Bronze Star and Silver Star number plates.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1203-FN-A,*** establishing a research and development tax credit against the business profits tax.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1344-FN-A,*** allowing a deduction against the business profits tax for employer-paid health insurance premiums.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1387-FN-A,*** reducing the rate of the business enterprise tax.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1388-FN-A,*** reducing the rate of the business profits tax.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1342-FN-A-LOCAL,*** establishing a new system of coinage for the state.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1145,*** prohibiting commercial faxes.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1268,*** relative to bank reserve and lending procedures.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1382,*** relative to liens filed with public servants.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1146,*** ratifying the national crime prevention and privacy compact.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1165,*** relative to extending domestic violence protection orders.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1366,*** relative to penalties for violation of protective orders.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB
9:30 a.m. ***HB 1292,*** apportioning state representative districts.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB
9:00 a.m. ***HB 1262,*** establishing a committee to study ways to encourage municipal recycling efforts.
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1285,*** restricting owners of land in current use and land acquired with public funds from posting for no hunting.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1296,*** establishing a committee to study the transfer of authority for dairy product inspection to the department of agriculture, markets, and food and to study revising and updating RSA 184.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House
9:30 a.m. ***HB 1222,*** establishing a commission and authorizing a portrait of Vesta Roy, New Hampshire's first woman governor.
10:15 a.m. ***HB 1231-FN,*** relative to the state flag.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1338,*** establishing Patriots Day in New Hampshire.

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

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1192,*** relative to psychotropic drug recommendations by public employees.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1157,*** establishing a committee to study the feasibility of implementing model legislation on medical resident work hour restrictions.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1170,*** establishing a committee to study access to medical records of persons with highly communicable diseases.

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1154,*** relative to the Hanover-Lebanon district court and the Plymouth-Lincoln district court.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1381,*** relative to the rights of citizens.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1302,*** relative to rental contracts or leases entered into by individuals who are subsequently called to service in the armed forces.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1194,*** establishing a study committee relative to notifying tenants of radon in rental units.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1199-FN-LOCAL,*** relative to water connection fees.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1386,*** relative to participation by nonresident taxpayers in town meetings.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1158,*** relative to a necessary quorum in town elections for motions to reconsider after voting polls have been open a period of more than 4 hours.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 1255,*** relative to the procedure for calling for a special town or school district meeting.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1140,*** relative to the disposal of surplus real estate.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1196-FN-A-LOCAL,*** relative to leasing a certain parcel of state-owned property to the town of Hopkinton.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1197-FN-A-LOCAL,*** relative to selling a certain parcel of state-owned property to the town of Hopkinton.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1215,*** relative to seasonal directional signs.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1273,*** relative to the use of trails managed by OHRV clubs.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1166,*** clarifying certain local regulation of OHRVs and relative to the operation of snow traveling vehicles on class VI roads.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1186-FN,*** relative to registration stickers issued to nonresidents operating snowmobiles in New Hampshire.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HJR 21,*** urging New Hampshire businesses to consider alternative fuel options to oil.

11:00 a.m. ***HJR 20,*** supporting President Bush's hydrogen fuel initiative.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1221,*** establishing a committee to study repealing universal service telephone charges.

STATEWIDE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 193-C:7), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***HB 1280-FN,*** establishing limited driving privileges special licenses.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1129,*** prohibiting smoking in vehicles when child passenger restraints are required.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1179-FN,*** relative to driver education training reimbursement.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1183,*** relative to transporting manufactured housing.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1243,*** prohibiting the collection of biometric data.

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

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1251-FN-A,*** establishing an income tax.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1311-FN,*** relative to the insurance premium tax.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1316-FN-A,*** relative to the computation of tax on certain telecommunications services under the

communications services tax.

1:45 p.m. ***HB 1303-FN,*** creating a charity bingo and lucky 7 ticket review and advisory commission and establishing a multi-hall linked bingo pilot program.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS UNDER RSA 519-A (HB 287, Chapter 255:1, Laws of 2003), Room 208, LOB

8:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Department of Corrections subcommittee.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J), Rooms 201-203, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

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

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

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

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Rooms 205-207, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1234,*** establishing a study committee to examine ways to prevent and address homelessness in New Hampshire.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1266,*** relative to the long-term care ombudsman.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1290,*** establishing a time limit on the receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1332,*** relative to child support in cases of shared custody.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1198,*** relative to reporting child custody statistics.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1312,*** relative to the court's discretion to extend child support obligations.

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

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1133,*** relative to disclosures required prior to a condominium sale.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1233,*** relative to the accuracy of information used by consumer reporting agencies.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1149,*** relative to the provision of credit reports to consumers.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1329,*** relative to the length of time consumer credit reporting agencies retain individual credit information.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 1330,*** relative to the investigation of disputed credit reporting items by consumer credit reporting agencies.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1326,*** establishing a study committee to examine the classification of consumer and display fireworks.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1235-FN,*** establishing a criminal penalty for throwing an incendiary object from a motor vehicle.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1195-FN,*** increasing the penalty assessment on fines imposed by the courts.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1289-FN-LOCAL,*** relative to drug-free senior housing zones.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1232-FN,*** allowing a disabled person to enroll in a class free of charge at any institution within the university system of New Hampshire, provided a seat is available in the class.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1352-FN,*** requiring school districts to recommend daily physical activity to pupils.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1345-FN-LOCAL,*** establishing an education scholarship fund.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1353-FN,*** mandating open enrollment schools statewide.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HJR 23,*** relative to the process for choosing United States Senators.
11:00 a.m. ***CACR 26,*** relating to the apportionment of representatives. Providing that representation in the house of representatives shall be as equal as one person, one vote, as defined by certain federal courts will permit.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1159,*** relative to prohibited employment for state liquor commission employees.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1208,*** relative to standards of certification in credentialing for New Hampshire public school food service directors and staff.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1241,*** exempting from the state employee hiring delay certain positions within the regional community-technical college system which are directly responsible for child care.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1314,*** relative to the taking of deer by crossbow.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1334,*** relative to retention of records of fish and game law violations by the fish and game department.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1327-FN,*** relative to allowing persons to be bonded for search and rescue costs in hiking and climbing in New Hampshire.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1288-FN,*** reducing the membership of the fish and game commission.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1249-FN,*** relative to the recreational taking of lobster by scuba diving.

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

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1322,*** relative to the rules for the operation and regulation of supported residential care facilities.
10:15 a.m. ***HB 1323,*** relative to the rules for the operation and regulation of residential care facilities.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1134,*** relative to appointment of the chief justice of the supreme court.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1135,*** relative to appointment of the chief justice of the superior court.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1238-FN,*** requiring interpreters for persons with limited English proficiency in court and administrative proceedings.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1384,*** relative to challenges to statutes.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1377-LOCAL,*** relative to the repeal of municipal ordinances by petition.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1358-FN,*** requiring municipal auditors to be bonded, and relative to audits within political subdivisions.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1152,*** relative to the salaries of elected town officials.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1299,*** relative to the removal of the tax collector or town clerk, and required notice to the board of selectmen

by a candidate for office if the candidate has ever been removed from a bonded position.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1379,*** relative to boating on certain lakes and ponds by disabled persons.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1164,*** relative to moorings on Bow Lake.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1131,*** requiring the department of environmental services to study the cost effectiveness of programs to control exotic aquatic weeds and to examine alternatives.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1390,*** relative to MTBE.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1141,*** relative to dioxin emissions reduction and medical waste incinerators.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTAGE, BIOSOLIDS AND SHORT PAPER FIBERS STUDY (SB 87, Chapter 302:1, Laws of 2003), Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

11:15 a.m. ***HR 23,*** urging the President and Congress to amend federal selective service and immigration laws to grant the right of citizenship to all immigrants honorably discharged from United States military service.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1246,*** nullifying the USA Patriot Act.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1213-FN-LOCAL,*** exempting persons age 70 and older from the state and local education portion of property taxes.
11:15 a.m. ***HB 1254-FN,*** granting certain disabled veterans an exemption from state education property taxes.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1356-FN-A-LOCAL,*** assessing a fee on water withdrawn for commercial bottling purposes from water supply sources in the state.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1163,*** establishing a commission to study methods of increasing the number of insurance carriers doing business in New Hampshire.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1287,*** establishing a study committee to review insurance statutes and rules to assure conformity with the mission statement published by the insurance department.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1130,*** relative to certain insurance agents.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1161,*** relative to solicitation and marketing of insurance products.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1274,*** relative to evidence admissible in sexual assault cases.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1337-FN,*** prohibiting any person convicted of an offense against a child from purchasing a residence or entering a rental or lease agreement for rental property in the vicinity of a school.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1367,*** permitting the parents or legal guardian of a sexual assault victim to remain with the victim during the legal proceedings.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1160,*** relative to the membership of the board of professional geologists.
10:15 a.m. ***HB 1248-FN,*** adding a licensed nursing assistant member to the state board of nursing.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1265,*** establishing a committee to study prescriptive authority of qualified psychologists.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1174,*** relative to acceptance of electronic records by government agencies.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***HB 1216-FN-A,*** making an appropriation to the small business innovation research support program.
9:45 a.m. ***HB 1223,*** establishing a committee to study state reimbursement to municipalities for emergency responses along interstate highways.
10:15 a.m. ***HB 1225-FN-A,*** making administrative changes to the historic agricultural structure matching grants program and making an appropriation to the barn preservation fund.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1339-FN-A-L,*** relative to distribution of tobacco settlement funds

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

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1309,*** relative to noise pollution from shooting ranges.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1206,*** establishing a committee to study the appropriateness of designating corporations as legal persons.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1383,*** relative to full faith and credit in judicial proceedings.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1263,*** establishing a committee to study the feasibility of creating a trust fund to support a family and disability leave program.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1153,*** relative to employment security.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1278-FN-LOCAL,*** relative to the applicable minimum wage for hourly employees.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1270,*** prohibiting the deduction of any taxes from mileage reimbursement checks for house members.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1375,*** relative to powers of conservation commissions.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1325-FN-A,*** relative to the E-Z Pass toll system.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1261,*** relative to closing a certain rest area on the F. E. Everett turnpike.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1354-FN,*** relative to certain tolls on the Everett Turnpike.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1138,*** establishing a Nash Stream forest citizens committee.
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1284,*** relative to setbacks from wetlands.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1148,*** defining a wetland for the purpose of fill and dredge in wetlands.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1283,*** relative to wetlands permits.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1293,*** relative to emission control equipment for certain vehicles.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1230-FN,*** relative to abandoned deposits held by telephone utilities and relative to public interest payphones.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***HB 1132-LOCAL,*** establishing a committee to study allowing the operation of slot machines and keno in restaurants and establishments serving liquor.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1168,*** establishing a committee to study the effects of the current business tax structure on New Hampshire's economy.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1370,*** establishing a committee to study property tax relief for low-income and elderly persons.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1281,*** relative to the determination of the amount of taxes to be raised to support a cooperative school district.

2:00 p.m. ***CACR 21,*** relating to state education property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans. Providing that veterans with certain service connected disabilities shall be exempt from the state education property tax.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-P:51), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TASK FORCE ON FAMILY LAW (HB 447, Chapter 250:1, Laws of 2002), Room 307, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10-:00 a.m. ***HB 1252-FN,*** requiring the posting of notice by uninsured liquor licensees.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1267,*** requiring fast food restaurants to provide nutritional information to consumers.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1178-FN,*** relative to sales of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1240,*** prohibiting minors from sitting in the smoking sections of restaurants.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1188,*** relative to indoor air quality in public schools.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1226-LOCAL,*** establishing a debt retirement fund in the Governor Wentworth regional school district.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1297,*** relative to credit for American sign language and transliteration as a foreign language.

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

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1269,*** establishing a citizens' legislative redistricting advisory board.

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

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1237,*** allowing deer hunting with a primitive flintlock muzzleloader.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1313,*** relative to establishing a spring season for bear baiting.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1126,*** relative to obstructing or hindering hunting, fishing, or trapping of fish and game.

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

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

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

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1295,*** relative to the right-to-know law.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1176,*** relative to government access to private property.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1242,*** establishing a committee to study protecting law enforcement officers and others from public disclosure of their personal information.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION (RSA 17-M), Room 201, LOB
9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1182-FN,*** allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax exemption for long-time resident elderly persons.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1346,*** relative to income qualification in the elderly property tax exemption.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1211,*** relative to the expenditure of land use change tax revenues.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1187-LOCAL,*** allowing municipalities to deposit land use change tax revenues into a heritage fund.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1372,*** defining certain terms relating to military service.
11:30 a.m. ***HR 24,*** opposing the exploration for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1245,*** nullifying the Sixteenth amendment to the United States Constitution.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB
1:00 p.m. ***CACR 20,*** relating to: the conservation of the gravel and water resources of the state. Providing that the general court may provide for special assessments, rates and taxes on gravel and water extracted from the resources of the state.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1210,*** relative to self-service storage facility liens.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1244,*** relative to subcontractors' liens for labor and materials.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1180,*** relative to the creation of express trusts for pets.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1224,*** establishing the Uniform Trust Code in New Hampshire.
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. ***HCR 23,*** on non-citizens during times of war.
10:45 a.m. ***HB 1385,*** establishing the protection of liberty act.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Rooms 210-211, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular business.
9:30 a.m. Audits: The Unique College Investing Plan Annual Report September 30, 2003.
Fidelity Advisor 529 plan annual report September 30, 2003.
State of New Hampshire comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.
State of New Hampshire New Hampshire Sweepstakes Commission comprehensive annual financial report for the year ended June 30, 2003.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB
10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB
9:30 a.m. ***HB 1389,*** relative to appearances and representation in courts.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1321-FN,*** relative to claims before the state commission on human rights.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1335-LOCAL,*** relative to workers' compensation requirements for out-of-state employers doing business in New Hampshire.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1298,*** relative to dispute resolution within the context of public employee labor relations.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1376,*** relative to agency fees assessed pursuant to collective bargaining agreements and representation of certain employees in grievances.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1336,*** relative to the procedures for the legislative ethics committee.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1189-FN-LOCAL,*** increasing the property tax credit for service-connected total disability.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1333-LOCAL,*** extending the veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1331,*** allowing recipients of the National Defense Service Medal to be eligible for the veterans' property tax credit.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1260,*** naming the new Route 9 bridge over the Connecticut River between New Hampshire and Vermont the United States Navy Seabees Bridge.
2:15 p.m. ***HB 1363,*** establishing a policy for naming state highways, bridges, and buildings.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HJR 22,*** concerning foliage protection.
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1205,*** establishing a committee to study alternative waste disposal systems.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1136,*** relative to homeowner exemptions from certain environmental permitting.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1209,*** relative to substances added to public water supplies.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WATER RESOURCES STUDY COMMITTEE RSA (481:1-b), Room 103, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. ***CACR 25,*** elating to prohibiting an income tax. Providing that no tax on personal income shall be levied by the state of New Hampshire.
1:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***CACR 22,*** relating to taxation. Providing that a 2/3 vote is required to pass a new tax or to increase a tax after it is levied and that the maximum increase in any budget bill shall be limited by the rates of inflation and population growth.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, Community Services Division

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

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.

TASK FORCE ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (HB 225, Chapter117:2, Laws of 2003), Room 205, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, Community Services Division
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT (RSA 146-D:4), Room 305, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting and hearing.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1264,*** relative to advertisement of prescription drugs.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1319,*** relative to the percentage of ownership in physician hospital organizations.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1202,*** relative to third-party payment of covered services ordered by the juvenile court.
2:00 p.m. ***HCR 24,*** urging the state to include individual development accounts in the Temporary Aid to Needy Families
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1257-FN,*** relative to penalties for driving under the influence with a minor in the vehicle.
10:45 a.m. ***HB 1391-FN,*** relative to motor vehicle violations.
11:45 a.m. ***HB 1368,*** establishing a committee to study means of interdicting and preventing the distribution of controlled substances in New Hampshire.
1:00 p.m. ***HJR 24,*** concerning misdemeanors and probable cause.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1155,*** establishing a committee to study the feasibility of implementing a training program for school board members.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1162,*** relative to school district policies on bullying.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House
9:30 a.m. ***HB 1364-FN,*** establishing a statutory joint committee to review and propose changes to state unclassified officers' salaries.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1324-FN,*** authorizing the position of clerk of the board of manufactured housing.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB
10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1201,*** prohibiting the application of the doctrine of adverse possession or prescription when boundary lines can be proven by a preponderance of the evidence.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1286,*** relative to oaths of office.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1218,*** relative to criminal threatening by public servants.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the

committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

2:00 p.m. ***CACR 24,*** relating to election of the attorney general. Providing that the attorney general shall be elected by the house of representatives and the senate.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1127,*** relative to consideration of road improvements in property appraisals.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1317-FN-LOCAL,*** requiring cities and towns to complete valuations of property and relative to the implementation of property tax hardship relief provisions.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1306,*** relative to collective bargaining by state employees.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1355,*** changing the name of the sweepstakes commission to the lottery commission.

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

JUDICIARY, Rooms 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1340-FN,*** relative to the Informed Consent for Abortion Act.

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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1348-FN,*** relative to registration of business organizations.

1100 a.m. ***HB 1282,*** relative to exemptions from the consumer protection act.

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

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

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

JUDICIARY, Rooms 206-208, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1253-FN-LOCAL,*** prohibiting public funds, employees, and facilities to assist or perform abortions.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1177-FN,*** requiring the department of health and human services to compile and maintain induced termination of pregnancy statistics.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1175,*** relative to the use of official ballot referenda as an optional form of town meeting.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1181,*** relative to certain deliberative session amendment procedures in official ballot voting.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1185,*** relative to the adoption of amendments to articles proposed in the first session in official ballot proceedings.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1214-FN,*** relative to the penalty for filing an erroneous default budget.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1193,*** establishing a committee to study the constitutionality of the federal income tax and constitutional abuses in the collection of the income tax and its effects on New Hampshire citizens.
11:30 a.m. ***HCR 20,*** affirming civil rights and liberties and opposing federal measures that infringe on such rights and liberties.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1173,*** establishing a committee to study the discontinuation of the use of social security numbers in the criminal justice system.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1239,*** relative to records access by private investigators.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1347-FN,*** implementing a “good time” sentence reduction system for inmates in the state prison system.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1349-FN-LOCAL,*** relative to medical parole.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1228,*** requiring legislative approval of changes in the uniform fine schedule.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1191-FN,*** relative to court proceedings.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1142,*** relative to tort liability to third persons for oil spills.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1307-FN,*** relative to review of final proposed rules under the administrative procedures act.
3:00 p.m. ***HB 1308-FN,*** relative to lobbying activities by state employees.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1304-LOCAL,*** relative to notice for zoning rehearings.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1151,*** relative to membership on the zoning board of adjustment.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1357,*** relative to cluster zoning and the village plan alternative.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1359-FN-LOCAL,*** relative to notice requirements for public hearings on certain zoning changes.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1351-FN,*** relative to penalties for acts committed during a riot.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1361,*** relative to sentences for certain offenses committed on or near a public college or university campus.

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1291-LOCAL,*** relative to elderly and handicapped priority low-income housing.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1236-FN-LOCAL,*** relative to municipal use of impact fees.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1137,*** relative to the use of impact fees.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTAGE, BIOSOLIDS AND SHORT PAPER FIBERS STUDY (SB 87, Chapter 302:1, Laws of 2003), Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HCR 22,*** urging Congress to withdraw the United States from the United Nations.
11:30 a.m. ***HCR 21,*** urging the reduction of the federal gasoline and diesel fuel excise tax.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1279,*** establishing a committee to study the adoption and implementation of the multistate forensic DNA compact in New Hampshire.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Rooms 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1220-FN,*** relative to banning partial birth abortion.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1190,*** relative to exceptions to the carrying or selling of certain weapons.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1271-FN,*** repealing the license to carry provisions of state law.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1310,*** relative to licenses to sell firearms.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1371-FN,*** prohibiting the sale or possession of pocket knives in safe school zones.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1172-LOCAL,*** relative to compensation of county convention members for county business.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1328,*** requiring the development of a plan for the elimination of county government by the year 2011.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 306, LOB

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HR 21,*** reaffirming the death penalty.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1380-FN,*** establishing a criminal penalty for unauthorized video surveillance.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1341-FN,*** relative to prohibited computer practices.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1219-FN,*** establishing penalties for transmission or distribution of obscene electronic mail.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1147,*** relative to the use of deadly force in defense of a fetus.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1343-FN,*** making it a crime to cause the death of a fetus as a result of committing a violent act against a pregnant woman.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1360-FN,*** including "unborn child" in the definition of "another" for the purpose of capital murder, first and second degree murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide.
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, if needed.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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:

Report to the Council on Resources and Development for the Land Conservation Investment Program Monitoring and Enforcement Activities for period July 2002 through June 2003

Department of Corrections Division of Field Services Performance Audit Report, December 2003

NH Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FYE June 30, 2003

NH Veterans Advisory Committee Biannual Report, November 1, 2003

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 Legislative Caucus for Young Children (LCYC) will meet on **January 5,** 2004 in Room 206, LOB at 1:00 p.m. to review selected 2004 bills, determine the caucus position and assignments. All members of the House and Senate are welcome.

Rep. Deanna S. Rollo

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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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Cornerstone Policy Research cordially invites all members to an Annual Prayer Breakfast for Legislators on **January 8** at the Holiday Inn, Concord from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Please call 228-4794 or 672-4735 for more information or reservations. E-mail: nhfamily@earthlink.net – www.nhcornerstone.org.

Rep. Michael G. Gilman

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Members and public are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment to be held on **January 9** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Rooms 201-203, LOB. The agenda

will include further discussion about the statewide grants and future programs. Reports from the grantees on the programs that were funded last year. Members are encouraged to take the opportunity to attend and provide input to the State Plan or prevent to overcome the addiction in our communities.

Reps. William E. Leber and Kathleen N. Taylor

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Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all members of the New Hampshire Legislature, and their staff, to its Fifth Annual Legislative Reception to be held Thursday, **January 22**, 2004 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at its corporate offices at One Delta Drive in Concord.

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur

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The Department of Transportation will hold the following meeting:
Jan 15 – Andover Town Office, 31 School Street, Andover, 7:00 p.m. Public officials/public informational meeting, Andover-Franklin, reconstruction of NH Route 11, from Sam Hill Road to Chance Pond Road.
Jan 28 – Lancaster Town Hall, 25 Main Street, Lancaster, 7:00 p.m. Public officials/public informational meeting, Lancaster, rehabilitating US Route 2, from the intersection of US Route 3 easterly 1.3 miles to the Cabot Motel.

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 **January 2004**. 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
1-5-04	11:15 to 12:15	Beckett School – Pike	18
1-8-04	10:00 to 1:00 SH/HM	HO Smith & Library St. Schools – Hudson	4/75
1-9-04	9:45 to 12:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Village School	5/65
1-12-04	10:00 to 11:00	Granite State Christian School – Salem	4/6
1-12-04	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Stratham Memorial School	4/42
1-13-04	9:30 to 10:30	Jolicoeur School-Manchester	Hs/20
1-13-04	11:00 to 12:00	Wheelock Elementary – Keene	4/33
1-14-04	9:30 to 12:00 SH/HM	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	4/60
1-15-04	9:30 to 12:00 SH/HM	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	4/60
1-16-04	9:30 to 10:30	Jolicoeur School-Manchester	Hs/20
1-16-04	9:30 to 12:00 SH/HM	Peter Woodbury School - Bedford	4/60
1-16-04	1:00 to 2:00	NH Grange	Adults/30
1-20-04	10:45 to 1:00 SH/P	Belmont Elementary	4/48
1-21-04	10:45 to 1:00 SH/P	Belmont Elementary	4/70
1-22-04	10:30 to 12:30 SH/Lunch	Hills-Garrison School – Hudson	4/45
1-23-04	10:30 to 12:30 SH/Lunch	Hills-Garrison School – Hudson	4/65
1-26-04	10:00 to 12:30 SH/SC	Stratham Memorial School	4/54
1-27-04	9:45 to 12:00 SH/FG	Charlotte Ave. School – Nashua	4/75
1-28-04	9:45 to 12:00 SH/FG	Charlotte Ave. School - Nashua	4/50
1-28-04	12:30 to 2:00	North Hampton Elementary	5/56

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1-29-04	9:45 to 12:00 SH/HM	Auburn Village School	4/73
1-30-04	9:45 to 12:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Village School	5/85
1-27-04	9:45 to 12:00 SH/FG	Charlotte Ave. School – Nashua	4/75
1-28-04	9:45 to 12:00 SH/FG	Charlotte Ave. School - Nashua	4/50
1-28-04	12:30 to 2:00 SH/HM	North Hampton Elementary	5/56
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