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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

The House will meet in Session on Wednesday, **January 26** at 1:00 p.m.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **January 25** in Rooms 201-203, LOB.

W.
Douglas
Scamman,
Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, **January 26** at 12:00 noon in Representatives Hall.

Rep.
James W.
Craig,
Democratic
Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Thursday, **January 27th** from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building. This is a rescheduled educational forum on Medicaid in New Hampshire, and will address reform-related issues, including GraniteCare.

Rep.
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NOTICE

All legislators and legislative officers are required to complete and file the annual **“Financial Disclosure Form”** with the Legislative Ethics Committee no later than **January 31, 2005.**

Rep. Janet G. Wall, Vice Chairman
Legislative Ethics Committee

NOTICE

Please note the Calendar will close on Thursdays. Members and staff who need to schedule meetings should make arrangements with the Clerk’s Office for room availability/assignment and publication of meeting notices.

**CLOSES NOON
THURSDAY**

January 27

Karen O.
Wadsworth,
Clerk of the
House

**TO BE
MAILED
FRIDAY**

January
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SHUTTLE SERVICE

For the convenience of members during the winter months I have instituted a shuttle service from the Storrs Street parking garage to the State House complex.

The shuttle will operate **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and again from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.** or until session is over. The van will drop-off and pickup on North State Street between the State House and LOB. If you have any questions or need any assistance please feel free to call my office or Protective Services at 271-3321.

W. Douglas Scamman, Speaker

HOUSE DEADLINES

Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 3:00 p.m.	Last day for all representatives-elect to file LSRs with complete information.
Friday, January 21, 2005, 12:00 p.m.	Last day to sign-off all House bills, including re-draft requests.
Thursday, February 3	Last day to introduce House bills. Last day to amend House rules by majority vote.

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Proposed by the Rules Committee

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

46. (b) All bills and resolutions affecting state **revenues and** fees shall, if approved by the House when reported from the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Amend House Rule 49 to read as follows:

49. (a) Whenever there is any disagreement between the House and the Senate on the content of any bill or resolution, and whenever both bodies, voting separately, have agreed to establish a

committee of conference, the Speaker shall appoint four members to the House conference committee. Exceptions: (1) the House committee of conference on the operating budget shall consist of five members; and (2) the number of members of the committees of conference on any bill may increase or decrease if the presiding officers of both the House and the Senate agree.

The two committees of conference on a bill shall meet jointly but vote separately while in conference. A unanimous vote by both committees of conference shall be necessary for an agreed report to the House and Senate.

(b) The first-named person from the body where the bill or resolution in disagreement originated shall have the authority to call the time and place for the first meeting of the committee of conference on said bill.

(c) The first-named House member on a committee of conference shall be the chairman of the House conferees. The chairman of the committee of conference of the body where the bill or resolution in disagreement originated shall chair the joint meeting(s) of the committee of conference.

(d) A committee of conference report analysis for all bills and resolutions in conference shall be prepared by the first-named House member on each conference and shall be printed in the House calendar.

(e) A committee of conference report may be placed on the consent calendar only by a unanimous vote of all House conferees.

(f) No action shall be taken on any committee of conference report earlier than some subsequent day after the report has been delivered to the members' seats.

(g) A committee of conference may neither change the title of any bill submitted to it nor add amendments which are not germane to the subject matter of the bill as originally submitted to it. For the purpose of this rule, a non-germane amendment is any subject matter not contained in either the House or Senate version of the bill.

(h) The prime sponsor of any bill or resolution referred to committee of conference shall, upon request, be granted a hearing before said committee prior to action on the bill or resolution.

(i) The report of the committee of conference on the general budget bills or the capital budget bill shall be printed in the appropriate calendar or supplement thereto before action on the report is taken on the floor. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (g) of this rule, amendments to these bills shall be allowed if the subject matter of such amendment was contained in a bill which has been passed by the House.

(j) A member of a committee of conference who has been removed for any reason and replaced with another member of the House shall have his or her name appear on the committee of conference report with a strike-through showing the individual is no longer a member of the committee of conference.

Amend House Rule 64 by adding the following:

Thursday, February 24, 2005	Last day to report House bills going to a second committee
Wednesday, March 9, 2005	Last day to act on House bills going to a second committee.
Thursday, March 24, 2005	Last day to report all House bills not in a second committee, except budgets.
Wednesday, March 30, 2005	Last day to act on all House bills not in a second committee, except budgets.
Thursday, April 7, 2005	Last day to report all House bills for action in 1 st year session
	Last day to hold public hearing on retained House bills
	Last day to report list of retained House bills
Wednesday, April 13, 2005	Last day to act on House bills. CROSSOVER

Thursday, May 5, 2005	
Last day to report Senate bills going to a second committee	
Wednesday, May 11, 2005	Last day to act on Senate bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 26, 2005	Last day to report all Senate bills for action in 1 st year session
	Last day to hold public hearing on retained Senate bills
	Last day to report list of retained Senate bills
Wednesday, June 8, 2005	Last day to act on Senate bills
Thursday, June 16, 2005	Last day to form Committees of Conference
Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at 3 pm	Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports
Wednesday, June 29, 2005	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports
Monday, September 12, 2005	First day to file legislation for the 2006 session
Friday, September 23, 2005	Last day to file legislation for the 2006 session

2005-0054h

**Floor Amendment to House Rules
Proposed by Rep. Dodge**

Amend House Rule 49(g) by replacing the second sentence with the following:

For the purpose of this rule, a non-germane amendment is any bill section whose subject matter is not contained in either the House or Senate version of the bill.

Amend House Rule 49(i) by deleting the second sentence.

2005-0053h

**Floor Amendment to House Rules
Proposed by Rep. Hall**

Amend House Rule 45 by deleting subparagraph (c).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

CONSENT CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 74, relative to the sale of permissible fireworks. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Gene Charron for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill allows New Hampshire permissible fireworks dealers to sell at wholesale to other New Hampshire permissible fireworks dealers. States cannot and do not regulate interstate sales. That is the authority of the federal government. The Fire Marshall supports this bill that clarifies that wholesale sales are, and should be, allowed within the state. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 80, relative to the definition of a deadly weapon. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill would change the statutory definition of a “deadly weapon” by removing language that specifically references firearms and knives. The committee believes that such a change is unnecessary and has the potential to create

confusion and ambiguity in the law. In addition, the Attorney General's office informed the committee that it opposes passage of this bill. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 86, relative to property held in police department property rooms. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Stanley E. Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill changes the length of time that a police department is required to hold unclaimed and abandoned property from 180 to 90 days before disposing of it. There was testimony that police department property rooms are overcrowded. This bill would provide relief to those agencies experiencing storage problems. This bill does not affect storage of evidence. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 131, requiring notice of the installation of smoke detectors prior to the sale of residential property. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Gene Charron for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee is well aware of the importance of safety. It was felt that this bill went too far for several reasons. All residential homes would be required to install hard wire detectors before the home could be sold. The bill required more detectors in living areas and sleeping areas on all levels. The homeowner would have to certify that the system is less than ten years old and the committee was concerned with this. Who becomes liable? The installation of a system prior to sale could create a financial burden to the seller, especially in older homes. The burden would be more so on the elderly. Who would enforce compliance? **Vote 16-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 62-FN, relative to the Social Security offset in the calculation of state retirement system annuities. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. William R. Zolla for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would have the 10% offset start when the beneficiary actually retired under federal guidelines between the ages of 65 to 67, thus requiring more money in the interim. At the present time, the offset takes place at 65. The retirement system terminally funded this at age 65 many years ago when it reduced the offset from 25% to 10% at great expense to the special accounts. The current bill does not address past retirees or those vested employees eligible for retirement annuity, only future retirees. The cost this bill would place on the political subdivisions would be approximately 1.9 million dollars a year according to actuarial estimates and would be in violation of Part First, Article 28-a of the NH Constitution. **Vote 14-4.**

HB 72, relative to continuing education requirements for professional engineers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Alida I. Millham for Executive Departments and Administration: A requirement for continuing education for engineers was established six years ago by the Board of Engineers. This bill was submitted to eliminate the education requirement for re-licensure. The committee determined there is no compelling argument to support this move and, in addition, felt it was not in the interest of the public or the profession of engineering. This would set a poor precedent for continuing education in other professional groups. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 85, establishing the private attorney retention sunshine act. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Maurice L. Pilotte for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee was informed by the attorney general's office that requests for the hiring of outside attorneys are currently submitted though the attorney general's office and negotiated rates currently agreed to by the State of New Hampshire are capped at an amount far below the \$1,000 per hour rate threshold suggested in this bill. The current procedure of review of contracts by the governor and executive council would be duplicated if contracts passing a specific dollar threshold were subjected to a hearing by the joint fiscal committee of the legislature. **Vote 16-2.**

HB 99, changing the name of the college for lifelong learning to Granite state college. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Francis B. Sullivan for Executive Departments and Administration: After listening to extensive testimony from the University of New Hampshire Board of Trustees, the president of the school requesting the name change, and numerous other interested parties, the committee felt that the name change was appropriate at this time. It was felt that the name change would bring about many positives for all involved with the school. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 123, relative to the New Hampshire state flag. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Judson K. Dexter for Executive Departments and Administration: The American flag is recognized all over the world and has not one word within its border. The words "Live free or die" are a politically and emotionally charged phrase that we know has caused the state legal problems in

the past. Additionally, it was made clear during the hearings that it is not against any state or federal laws if any individual wishes to add this phrase (or anything else) to our state flag. Our current state flag represents our proud history and hope for the future without stating a political position. Finally, “is there a problem with the flag?” Other than the sponsor, no one contacted the committee in any way expressing dislike of the current flag. **Vote 15-2.**

HB 161, relative to vacancies in the office of United States senator. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. John DeJoie for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee carefully reviewed the testimony of the sponsor who offered the only testimony on this bill. While the sponsor’s testimony was an attempt to standardize the process of filling vacancies, she was unable to illustrate a problem with the current system. In fact, her testimony illustrated various procedures for filling vacancies. As such, the committee did not believe there was merit in pursuing this bill any further. **Vote 17-1.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 101, relative to the duties of the oversight committee on health and human services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Thomas Donovan for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The intent of this legislation was to add the ability to monitor the development of new data systems within the Department of Health and Human Services, specifically in the Home and Community Based (HCBC), and long term care programs. The committee felt that under the present RSA 126-A:15, the Oversight Committee had the ability to perform this, and the committee also expressed a commitment to direct the Oversight Committee and place this on its agenda for future review. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 105, relative to denial of fertility treatment to a fertility patient. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. J. Gail Barry for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee was concerned about the anecdotal information provided on this bill concerning fertility treatment. However, after considerable deliberation, a subcommittee recommended ITL, as it felt there are currently a number of avenues available for consideration and response to complaints. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services has received no complaints about fertility treatments in any of the clinics in New Hampshire. The Board of Registration in Medicine is available to hear complaints against physicians, which they take seriously and act upon readily. This bill was also opposed by the Director of the Fertilization Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, as well as the New Hampshire Medical Society and the New Hampshire Hospital Association. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 106, establishing a commission to study the practices and procedures of fertility clinics and to develop standards of care for such clinics. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. J. Gail Barry for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill is a companion to HB 105 that also addressed issues concerning fertility treatment. HB 106 was studied by a subcommittee that voted unanimously to recommend ITL. The committee agreed and also voted unanimously Inexpedient to Legislate. The committee was sympathetic to those who pursue fertility treatment and experience anxiety and difficulty in the process. However, it was felt that the preponderance of evidence provided did not justify the need for a commission “to study the current practices and procedures of fertility clinics.” The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has not received any complaints about treatment received at fertility clinics. The Boards of Registration of Medicine and Nursing are available to take action in malpractice and other claims against physicians and nurses. The New Hampshire Medical Society and a representative from the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center testified against this bill. The committee was convinced that existing provisions are provided on a national and state level to provide the highest level of care. The American Medical Association is opposed to this type of legislation. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 108, relative to the acuity-based reimbursement system developed by the department of health and human services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill would have incorporated the cost of supervision for certain clients into the acuity-based reimbursement system. There was a total acknowledgment by the committee that individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or other related dementias most certainly required additional care. The committee also felt that there presently exists a mechanism to review the acuity levels of individuals in nursing facilities and that this concern will also be addressed and reviewed as part of the Granite Care legislation. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 111, establishing a commission to study the elimination of cervical cancer in the state of New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Fran Wendelboe for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: Cervical cancer is nearly 100 percent preventable with public education to not only promote PAP tests, but new tests and emerging vaccines. We now know that cervical cancer is caused by a common virus, human papilloma virus. HPV testing for target populations will aid in early detection and treatment. A vaccine currently in test trials at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical School will potentially eradicate HPV and therefore cervical cancer in the future. The commission established by this bill will look at the prevalence of cervical cancer in New Hampshire, raise public awareness and use of HPV testing, and help prioritize strategies to eliminate cervical cancer in New Hampshire. The amendment simply corrects a clerical error. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 164, relative to the use of chelating agents or chelation drug therapy for the treatment of medical conditions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill deals with the administration of E.D.T.A., also known as Chelation Therapy. It provides that a licensed physician may prescribe E.D.T.A. when the physician deems it is appropriate for the patient. The New Hampshire Board of Medicine adopted a policy that E.D.T.A. "is used orally or intravenously in rare instances where there are valid reasons such as heavy metal poisoning." However, the Board feels there are real changes in the use of this treatment. To quote a member of the New Hampshire Board of Medicine, "E.D.T.A. isn't safe as a drug. There's a real chance of kidney failure. E.D.T.A. can also cause bone marrow depression, shock, low blood pressure, convulsions, cardiac arrhythmias, allergic type reactions, and respiratory arrest." The Board's position is that E.D.T.A. cannot be used "for treating autism, atherosclerosis or any other condition for which there is no scientific basis." The committee voted this bill unanimously as I.T.L. Although the committee is supportive of alternative therapies, it felt that this legislation intrudes on the medical practices that are based on scientific evidence. The committee does endorse the ongoing medical research on E.D.T.A. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 173, relative to food service and distribution. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The intent of this bill was to establish a committee to study whether food services at youth summer camps, nursing homes, and agricultural fairs should continue to be exempt from licensure. The bill amended the definition of shellfish to comply with U.S.F.D.A. ordinance, corrected a reference which is no longer applicable to food safety classes, and clarified the definition of occasional food establishment in the food service licensure statute. The bill was referred to a subcommittee which found that current statute provided appropriate standards for licensing. The subcommittee was concerned that certain small community events might be subject to licensure. The bill was amended to correct the food safety class reference, change the shellfish definition, and revert to previous number of days defined under occasional food service establishments, but also added exemption from licensing for non-profit service organizations, extra-curricular school activities, non-profit sporting events, and religious activities. The Department of Health and Human Services was in agreement with this amendment. The subcommittee was unanimous with its recommendation, as is the full committee. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 186, establishing a committee to study the quality and delivery of nursing care to persons in nursing facilities or receiving home and community-based care. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The committee is supportive of the study duties outlined in this bill. Issues dealing with demographic data including the distribution of our population who are in home based care, community based care, and skilled nursing facilities are basic to the mission of the subcommittee on Granite Care that has been recently established. In addition, the bill addresses training and other work force issues. The overall concern for quality of care is primary. The committee voted ITL not to discourage this study, but rather to include it in the already existing Granite Care subcommittee. This allows the study to begin immediately under the purview of the Granite Care subcommittee with all of its resources available. The committee voted unanimously to support this approach including the involvement of the bill sponsors in the study process. **Vote 18-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 36, establishing a committee to study the location of transitional housing for the New Hampshire hospital. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James B. Rausch for Public Works and Highways: A study committee as proposed by this legislation was deemed unnecessary. The hospital campus where the transitional housing is located

has had extensive review and legislation to propose building rehabilitation, roadway and sidewalk reconfiguration. During the many meetings to study the campus, the Department of Health and Human Services has never indicated any problem with the transitional housing. Unless a specific request is made by the department, the committee feels a study is unnecessary. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 96, relative to a certain highway project between Pembroke and Bow, New Hampshire. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Mark McConkey for Public Works and Highways: A Route 106 connection to I-89 at the junction of I-93 merits consideration and it might be an option for the current I-93 Bow/Canterbury Study. The proposed project is not part of the current 10 Year Transportation Plan. (T.I.P.) The committee suggests the sponsors work with their Regional Planning Commission to consider this project for inclusion in the next 10 Year Transportation Plan. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 124, naming a certain portion of New Hampshire Route 125 the Mel Keddy Memorial highway. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Eric P. Rochette for Public Works and Highways: This bill names a portion of NH Route 125 from NH Route 107 to NH Route 111 after East Kingston Police Officer Mel Keddy, who died in the line of duty on this stretch of Route 125. The amendment added the word "officer" and includes NH DOT and Public Works and Highways Committee standard language for the naming of highways, which says that the state shall not be responsible for any costs incurred for signage, etc. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 135-FN-A, establishing a committee to study funding sources for the state laboratories and extending the appropriation to the department of corrections for the prison automation system. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. John A. Graham for Public Works and Highways: This bill is identical to a bill passed by the House in the last session. However, due to unacceptable Senate amendments, the bill died in Committee of Conference. This bill has two distinct sections. The first will establish a study committee to look at the fees charged at the state labs and whether or not these fees should be used for maintenance costs or debt service. The second part extends the lapse date for an existing capital appropriations for the prison automation system. This extension will allow the Department of Corrections to leverage approximately \$800,000.00 in federal funds. The Department testified that there is a critical need for this automation system and that if the lapse date is not extended they will lose access to the federal funds on March 31, 2005. The amendment extends the lapse date to 2006. This will allow the Department sufficient time to speed the allocated funds. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 160, naming a certain bridge on New Hampshire Route 3 between Pembroke and Allenstown. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Candace C.W. Bouchard for Public Works and Highways: The New Hampshire Department of Transportation will be replacing the double-deck bridge on Route 3 on the border of Allenstown and Pembroke and asked the towns to name the bridge. The two towns decided to have a bridge naming contest with the 8th grades at the Armand R. Dupont and Three Rivers Schools. The name Suncook Connection Bridge was chosen because the name will help preserve the culture and heritage of the scenic historic area known as Suncook Village. Members opposed to this legislation had issue with a contest being held to name the bridge, but the majority of the committee thought it was appropriate for the two towns to involve their local schools. **Vote 13-2.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 148, transferring the New Hampshire estuaries project from the department of environmental services to the university of New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Judith T. Spang for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill, as amended, enacts a recommendation of Chapter 257, Laws of 2004. The Estuaries Project's Management Committee was charged with finding a permanent host for the project. The University of New Hampshire was selected in order to facilitate coordination with UNH marine research programs integral to the Estuaries Project's work. Modest cost savings to the state are anticipated. The amendment makes the bill effective upon passage and deletes references to obsolete programs. **Vote 15-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 174, relative to renewable energy transition service and the extension of a portion of the system benefits charge. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Sam A. Cataldo for Science, Technology and Energy: The bill added a new paragraph relative to renewable energy transition service, extending a portion of the systems benefits charge, and

repealing laws relating to information provided to electric customers. This bill extends the authority of the commission to impose such a charge shall terminate on June 30, 2008. **Vote 17-0.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

REGULAR CALENDAR

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 97, relative to replacing school budget committee members. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Paul R. Hopfgarten for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government: The statute as currently constructed in (RSA 671:33) has possible conflicting provisions regarding the filling of vacancies for Budget Committee members. A notification to either the moderator or the chair of the school board seemingly determines who will fill the vacancy and could become a foot or telephone race. The changes to RSA 671:33 are only for elected Budget Committees, and would not affect methods of filling vacancies for appointed Budget Committees such as the Cooperative School Board representative to the Committee. The majority of the members of Municipal and County Government feel that the provisions of RSA 671:33 currently do not fill the vacancies in the same manner as all other elected Budget committees, and the proposed change makes the filling of vacancies consistent. **Vote 10-5.**

Rep. Harry S. Gale for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government: The minority believes that HB 97 is unnecessary because there is a process in place in RSA 671:33 that provides a clear process for what either the budget committee to do – notify the respective appointing authority. By removing the moderator, whose obligation and job description is to remain neutral and impartial, from the process of filling a vacancy will create more tension than the proposed change will ease. The minority believes that the recent court case in Sanborn reaffirms the existing policy.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

COMMISSION ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF (HB 1283, Chapter 43:2, Laws of 2000), Room 105-A, State House

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

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT (RSA 146-D:4), Room 305, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 61**, extending the family law task force.

10:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 120**, relative to the definition of child abuse and the identity of a person filing a report of suspected child abuse.

1:30 p.m. **HB 214**, permitting the parents or legal guardian of a sexual assault victim to remain with the victim during the legal proceedings.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 67**, prohibiting excessive overpricing of essential commodities during a declared state of emergency.

10:00 a.m. **HB 196**, establishing a committee to study awarding of the bid for health insurance for state employees.

11:00 a.m. **HB 145**, relative to the healthy kids corporation.

1:15 p.m. **HB 133**, establishing a committee to study single payer health care.

2:00 p.m. **HB 117**, requiring automobile insurance to register a vehicle.

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 128-FN**, relative to reckless or negligent operation of a carnival or amusement ride.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 204-FN**, relative to unauthorized video surveillance.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 208-FN**, relative to criminal penalties for possession of a firearm in a safe school zone.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 209-FN**, relative to unborn victims of violence.
- 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 184**, eliminating straight ticket voting.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 201**, establishing a study committee to consider amending voter identification and public assistance requirements as a means of discouraging illegal voting and illegal access to public assistance.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 221**, relative to eligibility for absentee ballots.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 171**, relative to nicknames on ballots.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 115**, allowing pharmacists to establish collaborative practice agreements with medical practitioners.
- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 114**, relative to the regulation of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians by the pharmacy board.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 210-FN**, relative to the determination of absence and return of contributions of members of the retirement system.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 216-FN**, relative to the authority of the New Hampshire retirement system to purchase supplies and services.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 222-FN**, relative to payment of medical benefits costs for disabled group II members of the retirement system.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE/SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Budget presentation.

FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Room 212, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 71-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to funding of the school building aid program for the 2005 fiscal year and making an appropriation therefor.
- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 103-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of education for charter schools.

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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 206**, relative to alcohol education and abuse prevention and treatment programs.
- 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. **CACR 2**, relating to the appointment of judges. Providing that: judges shall be appointed to 5-year terms of office which may be renewed.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 126**, relative to grounds for termination of employment.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

- 1:15p.m. **HB 43**, clarifying the penalty provision of the law relative to lobbyists.

2:00 p.m. **HB 182**, establishing a committee to study campaign contributions and lobbying practices.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 163**, establishing a committee to study the provision of education through the county government system.

11:00 a.m. **HB 218-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the apportionment of county taxes to municipalities.

11:30 a.m. **HB 176**, relative to the provision of rental and lease information of commercial and industrial property to assessing officials.

1:30 p.m. **HB 141-LOCAL**, relative to the planning board's authority to limit building permits. 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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 69**, relative to property rights and large groundwater withdrawals.

2:30 p.m. Tour of Department of Resources and Economic Development.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 185**, establishing a committee to study the unique nature of geothermal properties capable of supporting energy for production.

11:00 a.m. **HB 193**, relative to efficient renewable energy programs.

1:00 p.m. **Continued** public hearing on **HB 57**, relative to the burning of construction and demolition debris. 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

11:00 a.m. Revenues with Liquor, Safety and Administrative Services.

1:00 p.m. Revenues with Health and Human Services.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 104**, requiring insurance coverage for infertility treatments. 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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 138-FN**, requiring medical examiners to inventory and account for property taken from decedents.

10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

11:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 132**, relative to the grounds for dismissal of a teacher. 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

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 195**, establishing a committee to study the department of insurance and whether it should be combined with any other agency.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 156**, relative to licensing private investigators.

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

3:00 p.m. **Continued** meeting.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 211**, relative to the sale of lead fishing sinkers and jigs and establishing a study

committee on New Hampshire's loon population.

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

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on GraniteCare.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 104, LOB

11:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 66**, regulating mandatory overtime for nurses.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Briefing by Home Builders Association.

11:00 a.m. Municipal voting procedures briefing.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 78-FN-LOCAL**, relative to state funding of regional vocational education centers.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 215-FN**, relative to water management.

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 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HCR 1**, urging Congress to withdraw the United States from the United Nations.

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

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:30 a.m. **Continued** public hearing on **HB 54**, relative to responsibility for child passenger restraints.

9:50 a.m. **HB 212**, requiring any driver to have headlights on when continuously operating windshield wipers during inclement weather.

10:30 a.m. **HB 205**, relative to licensing requirements for certain drivers.

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. Revenue work session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 207-FN**, relative to the appointment of a guardian ad litem in adoption proceedings.

10:45 a.m. **HB 220**, establishing a committee to study the ability of homeless youth in New Hampshire to make a successful transition to adulthood.

11:30 a.m. **HB 223**, relative to the procedure for assignment of juvenile probation and parole officers.

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

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 177**, relative to home improvement contracts.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

11:00 a.m. **HB 136-FN**, removing increased penalties for crimes substantially motivated by hostility toward the victim's religion, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, or sex.

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

9:30 a.m. **HB 227**, relative to undeclared voters at primary elections.
10:15 a.m. **HB 232**, establishing a commission to recodify the election laws.
11:00 a.m. **HB 241-FN-LOCAL**, relative to removal of political advertising.
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

9:00 a.m. **HB 238-FN**, relative to the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.
11:30 a.m. **HB 247**, extending the law regarding receivership of care facilities for a certain length of time.
1:15 p.m. **HB 224-FN**, relative to the collection of data on hospital-acquired infection rates.
Rooms 205-207, LOB
2:45 p.m. **HB 240-FN**, relative to psychotropic drugs and child protection.
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 231**, establishing a commission to study issues relating to personal privacy.
11:00 a.m. **HB 225**, relative to liability for the use of municipal ski jump facilities.
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 187**, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax cap for persons 80 years of age and older.
11:00 a.m. **HB 198**, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax credit for persons aged 65 and older calculated by freezing their property assessments.
1:30 p.m. **HB 180**, relative to appeals of decisions relating to current use taxation.
2:30 p.m. **HB 236**, relative to the time for filing a motion to rehear a zoning decision.
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

11:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.
12:30 p.m. Tour of Department of Environmental Services.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 189**, establishing an international trade commission to investigate and report on the effects of international trade agreements on New Hampshire self-governance.
11:00 a.m. **HR 10**, urging increased consideration and preservation of local authority in international trade and investment agreements.
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. **CACR 9**, 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.
11:00 a.m. **HB 243**, relative to boat registration fees.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Rooms 210-211, LOB (Please note room change.)

9:00 a.m. Formal hearing of Complaint #2004-2.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation, 4 Barrell Court, Concord

8:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** investment meeting.

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 159**, relative to insurance coverage for persons having deafness and hearing loss.

11:00 a.m. **HB 226-FN**, relative to the provision of loss information to employers.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 55-FN-A**, relative to industrial hemp and establishing an industrial hemp special program fund.

2:00 p.m. **HB 229**, extending the committee to study the establishment of a farm viability program.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

FINANCE/CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Briefing by Pat Wilson, an expert on federal/state child welfare financing from the Child Welfare League of America will present the current federal funding structure, including Medicaid, and proposed changes.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 237**, relative to telephone rate disclosure.

11:00 a.m. **HB 203-FN**, relative to the use of tracking devices in consumer products.

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

1:15 p.m. Tour of Insurance Department.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee on GraniteCare.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Electric utility restructuring review.

1:00 p.m. **HB 190**, relative to the installation of continuous emission monitoring systems on stationary air pollution sources and devices.

3:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), 205, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 207, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee on GraniteCare.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4), CDFA Board Room, 10 Dixon Avenue, Concord
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

GUARDIANS AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1), Room 102, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), Room 205, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB
1:00 p.m. **HB 197**, decriminalizing marijuana.
2:00 p.m. **HB 147**, relative to the death penalty.
6:00 p.m. **Continued** public hearing on **HB 147**, relative to the death penalty.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

12:30 p.m. Organizational and regular meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Organizational and regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Organizational and regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Hillsborough County Executive Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, **February 3** at 6:00 p.m. at the Bouchard Building, 329 Mast Road, Goffstown for the following purpose: Consistent with RSA 273-A, to consider approval of cost items in an addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Hillsborough County Department of Corrections and Teamsters Local 633.

Hillsborough County Delegation will meet in convention on Thursday, **February 3** at 6:30 p.m. at the Bouchard Building, 329 Mast Road, Goffstown for the following purpose: Consistent with RSA 273-A, to consider approval of cost items in an addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Hillsborough County Department of Corrections and Teamsters Local 633.

Rep. J. Gail
Barry, Clerk
Hillsborough
County
Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Rockingham County Delegation will hold a public hearing on the Commissioners' Proposed 2005 Budget (RSA 24:23) on Thursday, **January 27** at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Rep. David

A. Welch,
Clerk
Rockingham
County
Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet immediately following the public hearing on Thursday, **January 27** to approve the 2005 Borrowing (RSA 29:8), at the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home.

The Executive Committee will also meet on Friday, **February 11** at 9:30 a.m. to vote on the budget to be presented to the full Delegation, and on Tuesday, **February 22** at 5:30 p.m. to finalize any unfinished business prior to the Delegation meeting.

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

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Rockingham County Delegation will meet to adopt the County Budget for 2005 on Tuesday, **February 22** (storm date February 24) at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home.

Rep. David
A. Welch,
Clerk
Rockingham
County
Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Sullivan County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, **January 28** at 9:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Woodhull County Complex in Newport, followed by a full delegation meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the same room

Rep. John
R.
Cloutier,
Chairman
Sullivan
County
Delegation

Several boxes of House Journals from the late 70's and early 80's have recently been discovered. These are available in the House Clerk's office for a limited time on a first-come, first served basis to anyone who would like to have them.

Those available are: 1977 Session, Volume I, softbound; 1977 Session, Volumes I and II, hardbound; 1977-78 Special Session, softbound; 1979 Session, Volumes I and II, softbound; 1980 Recall Session and 1981 Session, hardbound; and 1981-82 Special Session, hardbound.

Karen O.
Wadsworth,
Clerk of the
House

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 72 and 153.

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 legislative 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.

Upon presentation of proper credentials at the ticket window, NH Senators and Representatives may receive a lift ticket for their personal use and one for a guest. The elected official must be present to personally present the credentials, unless prior arrangement is made with Commissioner O'Kane. Any exceptions to this policy will be made in writing by the Commissioner and/or Division Director. *(Lift tickets are to be picked up at Guest Services at the Peabody Base Lodge or the Tramway Ticket Window at Cannon).*

W.
Douglas
Scamman,
Speaker

The House Republican Alliance will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, **January 25** at the Upham Walker House, Park Street, Concord.

Rep.
Paul
Mirski

Pro-choice legislators are invited to join the Reproductive Rights Coalition to discuss reproductive health and freedom issues, Tuesday, **January 25** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Liza at 228-1224 (appreciated, but not required.).

Reps.
Terie
Norelli
and
Sandra
Keans

Due to inclement weather the legislative reception hosted by the Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire, a non-political, non-partisan event, has been rescheduled to Tuesday **January 25**, at the New Hampshire Historical Society's Tuck Memorial Library on Park Street. The reception will take place from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

There is no charge for legislators or legislative staff to attend the reception. A portion of the proceeds from the event collected from sponsors, BIA members, and the general public will be donated to the legislature to help defray expenses associated with attending educational seminars. Please RSVP at 224-5388.

Rep.
Elizabeth
Hager

The Main Street Republican Caucus will meet at the Upham Walker House on Wednesday, **January 26** at 11:30 a.m. All Republican legislators are invited. Light refreshments will be served.
Rep.
Cynthia
J.
Dokmo

The Order of Women Legislators cordially invite the members of the House and Senate and staff to a reception in the Governor and Council Chambers after session on **January 26**.
Rep.
Karen
K.
McRae

The members of the NH Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA-NH) cordially invite all House members and staff to a reception at the Barley House following the close of session (or 4:00 p.m. should session end early) on Wednesday, **January 26**. Look forward to seeing you there.
Rep.
Michael
O'Neil

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children (LCYC) will meet on Friday, **January 28** in Room 206, LOB from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The agenda will offer sponsors of bills affecting the health, education and social well-being of children and families, an opportunity to share more detailed information with LCYC members. This is an important step in helping with decisions related to bills coming in the 2005 session. All members of the House and Senate are welcome.
Rep.
Mary
Stuart
Gile

Concerned citizens can learn how they can make a difference in the NH legislative process at upcoming "How to Lobby" workshops by the NH Women's Policy Institute:

Hanover	Saturday,	Richard
	January	W.
	29 , 9:00	Black
	a.m.-12:30	Center.
	p.m.	
Nashua	Wednesday,	Dion
	February	Center,
	2 , 6:00-9:30	Rivier
	p.m.	College

Workshop presenters include Representatives Marjorie Smith (D-Durham) and Sandra Keans (R-Rochester) among others, plus representatives of NH advocacy groups. For more information or to pre-register, contact the NH Women's Policy Institute, 603-224-9105, nhwomen@earthlink.net. \$5 donation requested. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Rep.

Marjorie
K.
Smith

NH Community Health Centers' 2005 Breakfast of Champions will be held on Thursday, **February 3** from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ordway Room, 21 Centre Street, Concord. Hot breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. and a brief program from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. featuring Community Health Center 2005 Champions including: Rep. Liz Hager, NH State Representative and Executive Director of the United Way of Merrimack County.

Rep.
Martha
S.
McLeod

Join us at the 46th annual 100 Club Dinner with special guest Sen. John Edwards on **February 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Armory Ballroom at the Center of New Hampshire Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Reps. James Craig or Jane Clemons.

Rep.
James
W.
Craig

The forum on Slots in NH by the Granite State Coalition Against the Expansion of Gambling has been postponed to **Tuesday, February 8**, also at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Paul's Church. All legislators are welcome, of whatever persuasion, to hear our case for why legal slot machines should not be permitted in our state. Please contact Reps. Almy, Carew or Hager for more information.

Rep.
Susan
W.
Almy

Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all members and staff of the New Hampshire Legislature to its Sixth Annual Legislative Reception to be held on Wednesday, **February 16** from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at its corporate office at One Delta Drive in Concord.

Rep.
Frederick
W. King

Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce invites the members of the House to a Legislative Reception on Wednesday, **February 23** from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Barley House, North Main Street, Concord.

Rep. Eric
Anderson

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:
Jan 28 – Franklin Pierce College, 5 Chenell Drive, Concord, 8:00 a.m. Stakeholders meeting,

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS Architecture).

Feb 1 – Crotched Mountain Residential Services McIntyre School Apts. Auditorium, 16 Highland Street, Whitefield, 7:00 p.m. Combined public officials/public informational meeting, Whitefield-Lancaster, paving of US Route 3 beginning approximately 500' north of Prospect Street in Whitefield, proceeding north approximately 7.5 miles to a point 1000' north of US 3/US 2 intersection in Lancaster. Also includes drainage and guardrail improvements.

Feb 15 – Keene Public Library, Kay Fox Meeting Room, Keene, 7:00 p.m. Meeting with City Council, Keene-Swanzey.

Feb 16 – Pillsbury Memorial Hall, 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills, 7:00 p.m. Public officials/public informational meeting, Sutton, remedial work to address unstable rock cut immediately adjacent to both sides of the I-89 NB and SB lanes approximately 0.75 miles south of Exit 10.

Rep. Gene
G.
Chandler,
Chairman
Public
Works and
Highways
Committee

State House Visitation Schedule 2004 & 2005 School Year

Virginia Drew, Public Information Administrator

Kenneth Leidner, Director

DATE TIME GROUP Grade/Size

M Jan 24	9:00	Weston School – Manchester	4/50
M Jan 24	10:30 & 12:30 SH/SC	Hampstead Central School	4/50
T Jan 25	10:00 & 11:30 SH/HM	Barrington Elementary School	4/70
T Jan 25	12:45	Walker School – Concord	4/20
W Jan 26	10:00 & 11:30 SH/HM	Barrington Elementary School	4/50
W Jan 26	12:45	Walker School – Concord	4/20
Th Jan 27	9:30 & 11:00 SH/HM	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	4/50
F Jan 28	9:30 & 11:00 SH/HM	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	4/75
M Jan 31	10:30 & 12:30 SH/SC	Hampstead Central School	4/50

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2005-0026h

Amendment to HB 99

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2005-0008h

Amendment to HB 111

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - C

Amend paragraph VI of section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VI. Developing a statewide comprehensive cervical cancer prevention plan and strategies for implementing and promoting the plan.

2005-0019h

Amendment to HB 124

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT naming a certain portion of New Hampshire Route 125 the Officer Mel Keddy Memorial highway.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Highway Named. Pursuant to RSA 4:43, the segment of New Hampshire Route 125 from its junction with New Hampshire Route 107 to its junction with New Hampshire Route 111 is hereby named the Officer Mel Keddy Memorial highway.

2 Signage. The cost of design, construction, maintenance, and installation of any signage, replacement signage, or other markers required under section 1 of this act shall not be a charge to the state. However, the design, construction, and installation of any signage or other markers required under this act shall be approved by the department of transportation.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill names a certain portion of New Hampshire Route 125 the Officer Mel Keddy Memorial Highway.

2005-0024h

Amendment to HB 135-FN-A

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

6 Capital Appropriation; Department of Corrections; Lapse Date Extended. The \$750,000 appropriation to the department of corrections in 1997, 349:1, III, D, for the prison automation system, is hereby extended to June 30, 2006.

2005-0035h

Amendment to HB 148

Proposed by the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development - C

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 Office of Energy and Planning; Obsolete References Deleted. Amend RSA 4-C:1, II(i) to read as follows:

(i) Administer the following programs: ~~[the coastal zone management program, the New Hampshire estuaries project, the saltmarsh restorability program, the southeast New Hampshire groundwater sustainability program,]~~ the statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, the national flood insurance program, the land conservation investment program, the scenic and cultural byways system, fuel assistance contracts, and weatherization contracts. The office shall employ necessary personnel to administer these programs.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill transfers the New Hampshire estuaries project from the department of environmental services to the university of New Hampshire. This bill also deletes references to programs that are no longer administered by the Office of Energy and Planning.

2005-0025h

Amendment to HB 160

Proposed by the Committee on Public Works and Highways - C

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Bridge Named. Pursuant to RSA 4:43, the new double-decker bridge to be built on New Hampshire Route 3 between Pembroke and Allenstown is hereby named the Suncook Connection Bridge.

2 Signage. The cost of design, construction, maintenance, and installation of any signage, replacement signage, or other markers required under section 1 of this act shall not be a charge to

the state. However, the design, construction, and installation of any signage or other markers required under this act shall be approved by the department of transportation.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill names the new double-decker bridge to be built on New Hampshire Route 3 between Pembroke and Allenstown the Suncook Connection Bridge.

2005-0039h

Amendment to HB 173

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - C

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Food Safety; Terminology Changed. Amend RSA 143:11, I(a)(2) to read as follows:

(2) passes a food safety class, subsequent to the revocation of the license, ~~[which has been certified by the Buros Institute for Assessment, Consultation and Outreach at the University of Nebraska, or a successor organization]~~ **meeting the standards of the Conference for Food Protection**. In order to fulfill the requirements of this section, the new remedial plan shall first receive the approval of the commissioner. Notwithstanding RSA 541-A, any individual denied a full license at the end of the 90-day period shall immediately shut down his or her establishment, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

2 Food Safety; Definition of "Shellfish." Amend RSA 143:20 to read as follows:

143:20 Definition. The term "shellfish," as used in this subdivision, means all fresh or frozen edible species of oysters, clams or mussels, either shucked or in the shell, **or scallops in any form, except when the final product form is the adductor muscle only.**

3 Food Service Licensure; Terminology Changed. Amend RSA 143-A:6, I(b) to read as follows:

(b) passes a food safety class, subsequent to the revocation of the license, ~~[which has been certified by the Buros Institute for Assessment, Consultation and Outreach at the University of Nebraska, or a successor organization]~~ **meeting the standards of The Conference for Food Protection**. In order to fulfill the requirements of this section, the new remedial plan shall first receive the approval of the commissioner. Notwithstanding RSA 541-A, any individual denied a full license at the end of the 90-day period shall immediately shut down his or her establishment, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

4 Food Service Licensure; Definition. Amend RSA 143-A:3, V to read as follows:

V. "Occasional food service establishment" means any food service establishment operated by a private or public organization or institution, whether profit or nonprofit, which prepares food or drink for sale or for service, and any other eating or drinking establishment or operation where food is served or provided for the public with or without charge, no more than ~~[96 hours at no fewer than 3 hours a day]~~ **4 days** during a 30-day period. **This definition shall not apply to the following non-profit entities which do not offer regularly-scheduled weekday meal service: extracurricular school events; non-profit sporting events; religious activities; or non-profit service organizations.**

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Amends the definition of "shellfish" to be in compliance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's model shellfish ordinance.

II. Corrects a reference which is no longer applicable to food safety classes.

III. Clarifies the definition of occasional food service establishment in the food service licensure statute.

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Amendment to HB 174

Proposed by the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy - C

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to renewable energy transition service, extending a portion of the system benefits charge, and repealing laws relating to information provided to electric service consumers.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Public Utilities Commission; Rulemaking; Renewable Energy Information.

Amend RSA 365:8 by inserting after paragraph XII the following new paragraph:

XIII. Standards and procedures by which those electricity suppliers and utilities that choose to offer renewable energy options will provide information to customers who take such service of the fuel source or sources and emissions associated with the electrical service that they take and to inform such customers of the resource mix and emissions associated with the electricity generated and sold in the New England region as a whole.

2 System Benefits Charge; Programs for Low-Income Customers. Amend RSA 374-F:4, VIII(c) to read as follows:

(c) The portion of the system benefits charge due to programs for low-income customers shall not exceed 1.5 mills per kilowatt hour. The authority of the commission to impose such a charge shall terminate on June 30, ~~[2005]~~ **2008. *If the commission determines that the low-income program fund has accumulated an excess of \$1,000,000 and that the excess is not likely to be substantially reduced over the next 12 months, it shall suspend collection of some or all of this portion of the system benefits charge for a period of time it deems reasonable.***

3 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. 2002, 268:7, relative to environmental disclosure.

II. 2002, 268:8, relative to expenditure on renewable energy education.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires the public utilities commission to adopt rules relative to electricity suppliers and utilities offering renewable energy options.

II. Extends the portion of the system benefits charge due to programs for low income customers.

III. Repeals provisions that required all electric customers to be informed of the resource mix and environmental characteristics of their electric service and required the public utilities commission to expend money to inform the public of the benefits of electricity generated from renewable energy resources.