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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

The House will meet in Joint Session with the Senate on **Tuesday, February 15th** at 10:00 a.m. to hear the budget message from Governor Lynch as required by law.

Chairmen and Vice Chairmen will meet on **Tuesday, February 15th** at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 201-203, LOB.

The Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, John T. Broderick, Jr., will address a Joint Session of the Legislature on the State of the Judiciary on Wednesday, **February 23rd** at 1:00 p.m.

W.
Douglas
Scamman,
Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Tuesday, **February 15th** at 9:30 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

Rep.
Michael
O'Neil,
Majority
Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Tuesday, **February 15** at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 202-204 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep.
James W.
Craig,
Democratic
Leader

NOTICE

Please note the Calendar closes at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for scheduling and notices. It closes at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays for Committee Reports. 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.

Karen O.
Wadsworth,
Clerk of the
House

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

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.
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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 167, relative to mail-in rebates for merchandise purchased within the state. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Stephen B. Stepanek for Commerce: Although well intentioned by the sponsor, the committee and subcommittee heard no testimony that any consumers had complained. Even the sponsor admitted there was no evidence that the consumer was not receiving rebates that were mailed in, or that the advertising did not notify consumers a mail-in rebate was required. The sole purpose of the bill was not to protect the consumer but to make it more convenient for consumers. The unintended consequences, however, would put undue costs on retailers, especially small retailers. By interfering in the manufacturer-retailer-consumer relationship, the committee heard testimony the retailers would, as is their right, refuse to participate in the rebate program and/or the manufacturer would refuse to offer the rebates in New Hampshire. There was no evidence of consumer complaints and the unintended consequences could be the loss of these money saving rebates to the New Hampshire consumer. The committee felt this bill was unnecessary. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 178, requiring disclosure of documents prior to a residential real estate closing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Donald H. Flanders for Commerce: Ideally this is fine but not as a practical matter. More often than not changes are made and some information is not received until the very last minute before a closing. If the closing has to be delayed for three days after receipt of all the information and preparation of the documents, problems with rate lock commitments and rate increases may be created. Adequate information should be available from the lender/closing company when required. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 188-FN, restricting the amount of account information on credit card receipts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Marshall Lee Quandt for Commerce: This bill prohibits sellers from printing more than the last 5 digits of the account number or the expiration date on credit card receipts. The prohibition does not apply to receipts that are handwritten or created by an imprint of the card. In 2003, the federal government passed legislation mandating that, in 2006, the electronically generated credit card receipts given to the purchaser only would have the last five credit card digits, while the business would keep a receipt that had the complete number. With the help of the bill's sponsor, a flaw was detected in this bill that should a "charge back" occur, the business that took the credit card in payment may not be able to justify the sale because of not having the full credit card number. It was felt this was a hindrance to businesses accepting credit cards. The issue of security of credit card receipts was addressed and the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection is providing education on this issue, as well as the New Hampshire Retailers Association, that will advise their members on better ways to protect their copies of credit card receipts. **Vote 17-1.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The bill, if enacted, would remove the enhanced penalty for crimes substantially motivated by hostility towards the victim's religion, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin or gender. There was a five hour hearing conducted where 36 people testified. The four sponsors and three citizens were the only ones in favor of the bill. The governor's representative and attorney general were strongly opposed to this legislation.

This great country of ours is a heterogeneous group of people. We have men and women from most countries around the world, representing numerous religious organizations, races and sexual orientations. We have always struggled with the rights of various minority groups. We have not always been as open to freedom of expression as our forefathers would have liked. Yet, even as we deplore hateful speech against minority groups, we protect and defend the freedom of expression of all people. Our Constitution provides freedom of expression for blacks and the Ku Klux Klan, gays and gay haters, women's groups and misogynists, Christians, Jews, Muslims and any other religious group. It is not the thought this statute seeks to punish, as testimony suggested. It is the actions of a few hateful people. This law punishes those who would seek to intimidate others in their freedom of expression; who seek to harm others because of the color of their skin, gender, sexual preference or nationality. These individuals need to understand that as a free and democratic society, we thrive on an individual's freedom of expression. We need to encourage and protect this right so that any minority is free from harm or intimidation in the exercise of its rights. In those cases where hate motivates any individual to assault or murder another because of his or her minority status, we must hold these individuals to account for their behavior. Ultimately, we as a democratic society will be judged on our willingness and ability to protect any minority of our citizenry. This law was enacted in the early 90's because crosses were being burned on people's lawns, anti-semitic signs were being painted on synagogues and homes, people were being beaten because of their race, religion, or sexual preferences. This law is only used by a jury after all the facts have been put before them. The committee feels this law should be kept on the books. **Vote 19-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 229, extending the committee to study the establishment of a farm viability program. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Burton W. Williams for Environment and Agriculture: The study of farm viability proved to be very complex. The committee traveled to four locations throughout the state holding hearings on farm viability. Many issues were discussed resulting in proposed legislation for this session. The study of farm viability was never completed. Therefore, extending this committee is necessary. **Vote 18-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 153-FN, relative to the collection of debts owed to the state. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee heard testimony that the Attorney General's office will only go to court to collect fines, fees, etc. when they are in excess of \$10,000. In the past, state agencies could go to small claims court to recover these monies. In 2004, the Attorney General's office ruled that this could not be done anymore. This legislation enables state agencies to use a collection firm or law firm that has an approved contract with the Attorney General's office that was approved by the governor and executive council to collect monies owed. In the Department of Environmental Services alone, there is over \$160,000 overdue. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 253, exempting certified financial planners from requirements for licensure under insurance laws. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Hector M. Velez for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill exempts certified financial planners from the license requirement for insurance producers provided the person does not sell or solicit insurance or receive a commission. Based on testimony, the committee believed that a fee only certified financial planner had to consult their client on insurance matters. At the present moment, RSA 405:44-a has language regarding requirements for those who consult or advise relating to insurance matters. The same RSA references individuals to RSA 402-J which talks about producer licensing laws as it relates to being an insurance agent or broker. Therefore, the committee came to the conclusion that certified financial planners should meet full requirement for licensure under insurance law. **Vote 14-2.**

HB 281, requiring certain labels on bottled water. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James B. Coburn for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would direct the commissioner of health and human services to adopt a rule that would require all bottled water sold in New Hampshire to list on its label the amount of any fluoride or compound of fluorine contained in the water. The labeling would raise consumer awareness of a potentially hazardous material in the water. After hearing testimony and discussion, the committee felt that existing state and federal

laws regulating labeling of food products and the amounts of naturally occurring and added fluorine were sufficient. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 290-FN, relative to participation in health savings accounts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Maurice L. Pilotte for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee heard testimony reminding us that federal law already allows this type of health savings account provided they include a high deductible (\$1,000.00 minimum). The committee has further concerns about the ability of the State of New Hampshire to introduce these accounts absent their inclusion in the state employee negotiated contracts. **Vote 16-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 259, relative to medical assistance for home care for children with severe disabilities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Rogers J. Johnson for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The legislature of 2004 passed legislation, which created a commission to study the medical assistance program for home care of children with severe diabetes (HC-CSD) also known as “Katie Beckett.” This bill is the product of that commission. This bill will put into statute and thus protect the “Katie Beckett” program. It will also revamp the program to bring it into compliance with federal law as required. The amendment to the bill contains technical changes which do not affect the nature and purpose of the legislation. The committee voted ought to pass with amendment 21-0. **Vote 21-0.**

HB 321, requiring health care providers to furnish a patient with a copy of his or her medical complaint form. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This is a well intentioned bill that deals with the importance of patients’ access to their medical records. The committee accepted that it is well established under professional practice acts that individuals have access to their medical records and can have copies made of those records. In addition, it is routine practice that practitioners forward copies of their records to new providers. The records would also include any letters or complaints registered by the patient. In this instance, the sponsor of this bill wanted to convey the importance of the symptomatic complaints being made part of the record. The intent was to provide a record that allows for the best patient treatment possible while protecting the provider. The committee unanimously agreed that the present system already provides the protections that this bill would require. **Vote 21-0.**

HB 514, establishing the New Hampshire health care quality assurance commission. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill establishing the New Hampshire health care quality assurance commission is one very important step, among many, that is directed at dealing with our ever increasing crisis in the delivery of health care. The quality assurance commission is the product of the work of a highly qualified task force considering remedies for medical errors. The new quality assurance commission provides a confidential opportunity for New Hampshire hospitals professional staff to review and analyze medical errors, unexpected outcomes and potential problems. Every acute care hospital and ambulatory surgical center will be represented on the commission; each member will be responsible to educate his or her institution on the confidential findings of the commission. This provides for a carefully controlled system operating confidentially to disseminate lessons learned about medical errors to help in their eradication and reduction. This bill, endorsed by the task force on medical errors has strong support including the New Hampshire Medical Society and the New Hampshire Trial Lawyers Association. **Vote 18-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 112, relative to psychiatric evaluations in competency hearings. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for Judiciary: This bill addresses a perceived defect in the law governing the holding of competency hearings following a criminal defendant’s commitment for treatment aimed at restoring his or her competency to stand trial. Under present law, the psychiatrist treating the patient is required to conduct the follow-up competency evaluation. This dual role creates a conflict of interest that both the mental health care professionals and the Attorney General’s office wanted to eliminate. As amended, the bill requires that the psychiatrist conducting competency evaluations not be the treating psychiatrist. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 158, relative to the Auburn District Court. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Donald R. Buxton for Judiciary: The committee feels that the time has come to solve the Auburn Court location problem. The issue comes up in every legislative session and will not go away until addressed. The unanimous feeling was that the court needs to be more centrally located so that access to justice is available to all. The burdens on the small towns, along with transportation for the poor, becomes unreasonable. This bill will provide the opportunity to locate a district court that is accessible to the citizens of the district. **Vote 21-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 376, establishing a statutory joint committee on legislative parking facilities. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Paul C. Smith for Public Works and Highways: The committee unanimously agreed that the issue in the bill is an important one, but one that is already being dealt with. In years past, several committees were established to study and determine what means could be taken with regard to the parking garage issue, and more often than not, the committee fell apart. However, due to increased staffing and business, the City of Concord and the State have come back together to work on the issue in a committee that includes members of the House, Senate, City of Concord and Administrative Services. The Public Works Committee was assured that not only is their status hopeful, but that we could potentially see a plan this legislative session. With that, the committee voted to ITL the bill because the issue is seemingly being resolved in a timely fashion. **Vote 18-0.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HR 10, urging increased consideration and preservation of local authority in international trade and investment agreements. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. James E. Twombly for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: While the concern for state and local sovereignty is noteworthy, the committee felt that this issue is too broad in scope and too comprehensive in nature and is beyond our level of responsibility. The federal government makes treaties and sets conditions. Also the committee felt that states and localities are protected by the Eleventh Amendment and that previous decision by international bodies has no teeth in the United States. **Vote 14-0.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

REGULAR CALENDAR

COMMERCE

HB 117, requiring automobile insurance to register a vehicle. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Donald H. Flanders for Commerce: This type of bill has been before the legislature on numerous occasions in the past and always defeated because our New Hampshire system has proven to be very effective. We have one of the lowest rates of uninsured motorists in the country at 9%, and our New Hampshire policy includes uninsured motorist coverage which protects everyone who purchases auto insurance for injuries sustained by someone who is uninsured. In addition to this, New Hampshire law penalizes those uninsured drivers responsible for accidents by requiring them to reimburse the injured party and carry insurance in the future or their licenses will be suspended. Simply stated, our current requirements work. **Vote 12-5.**

FINANCE

HB 60-FN-A, relative to reimbursement of legal fees of the commissioner of the department of administrative services and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler for Finance: The committee felt that it was appropriate to reimburse the commissioner of administrative services for legal fees which he incurred as a result of his employment when the Attorney General's office could not represent him. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 71-FN-A-L, relative to funding of the school building aid program for the 2005 fiscal year and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Robert K. Dodge for Finance: As generally happens in the second year of each biennium, appropriations are only estimates and actions taken by town meetings and cities can exceed our

estimates. Now that we have the actual amount needed, \$2,730,411.00, the committee recommends that we adjust the appropriation. **Vote 21-0.**

HB 102 FN-A, increasing the personal needs allowance of nursing home residents and certain other residents and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Lawrence A. Emerton. This bill will increase the personal needs allowance for all medicaid nursing home residents in NH by \$6.00 per month, from \$50.00 to \$56.00. Federal reimbursement will be 50%, counties 25% and the state 25% for \$1.50 per month. The last personal needs increase was over 5 years ago. In addition, this bill requires the commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services to make adjustments for cost of living increases every 5 years to reflect social security increases. **Vote 19-3.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 240-FN, relative to psychotropic drugs and child protection. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Charles E. McMahon for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill addresses the use of psychotropic drugs and how they are recommended to the states' school children. According to reliable governmental studies, New Hampshire, for the last six years, has led the nation on a per capita basis on the use of the drug Ritalin. The escalating use of these drugs continues to grow. It has become a major concern to the committee, especially as the testimony has been presented, that in some cases the recommended use of the drug Ritalin is done by school personnel. They do not have the background and or education in the field of medicine, they are on occasion making the recommendation that a child be put on Ritalin for behavioral issues. Any recommendations for the use of psychotropic drugs for our children must be the sole responsibility of those trained in medical care for evaluation, testing and prescribed treatment. No public school personnel without a medical degree shall suggest or recommend the use of psychotropic drugs and no public schools shall require a child to take psychotropic drugs as a condition of attending school. Public testimony indicated that these conditions have occurred and this bill will address that issue. The provisions included in this bill shall not prohibit school health professionals from recommending that a student be evaluated by an appropriate degreed health care professional nor shall it prohibit school health personnel from consulting with such degreed health practitioners with the consent of the child's parent or legal guardian. The committee, by a strong majority, felt that psychotropic drugs are good medications, but wants to insure that only trained medical personnel are the ones making the recommendations for their use. This bill would also align with federal regulations and keep New Hampshire eligible for federal funding. **Vote 17-4.**

Rep. Barbara C. French for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: It is wrong and sad that school staff recommend medication such as Ritalin. However, it is not necessary to pass a law that possibly threatens the teacher, or other personnel with a lawsuit. School personnel are professionals who carry out specific duties which are regulated by licensure or certification. There are penalties for performing duties which are not included in their line of expertise. Prescribing medication is the job of a physician. Schools and staff have been adequately put on notice that recommending medication is wrong. There is a procedure now in place in which a parent can complain to the school principal, or use the complaint procedure under the New Hampshire Department of Education rules for the education of handicapped children, allowing the staff person to be dealt with appropriately.

JUDICIARY

HB 130-FN, relative to limiting the length of involuntary commitment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Bernard E. Buzzell for Judiciary: This bill reduces the maximum involuntary commitment from 5 years to 1 year. Testimony from state hospital administration discussed how this bill would negatively impact the mentally ill and would be detrimental to the state's ability to track those who had been committed as criminally insane. The Attorney General's office states that this measure would negatively impact their job and cause considerable hardship. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 231, establishing a commission to study issues relating to personal privacy. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg for the **Majority** of Judiciary: This bill would establish a commission to "study issues relating to personal privacy," and to file a report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation by November 1, 2005. While the entire committee is

mindful of and concerned about the erosion of privacy resulting from, among other causes, national security concerns and expanding information technology, the majority concluded that establishment of a study commission is not the proper vehicle to address the problem. The proposed scope of the commission was considered too broad and open-ended; and because privacy erosion is an on-going problem, the majority believed that a more preferable vehicle would be to form an ad hoc committee on the subject. **Vote 13-6.**

Rep. Bette R. Lasky for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The minority feels that this is an issue that is too important to simply dismiss with the ITL of this bill. This bill is likely not the appropriate vehicle to study the issues assaulting our personal privacy and we want to be able to explore other options to, in fact, study the issue as it deserves.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT SPECIAL ORDER

HB 142, establishing a commission to study changing the local property tax abatement procedures. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Nancy K. Johnson for Municipal and County Government: The committee agreed that the form for an abatement may be confusing but the Board of Tax and Land Appeal entertains ideas to change forms. The committee agreed that a study commission is not necessary at this time. **Vote 18-0.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 1, urging Congress to withdraw the United States from the United Nations. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Kris E. Roberts for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This concurrent resolution requests that the United States withdraw from the United Nations and all related organizations. The right to enter or withdraw from treaties is a federal, not state, right. While it is understood that the UN has not lived up to the general goals of its founders, it has, through combined action, improved the lives of billions of people world-wide. If one has problems, those concerns should be addressed from within not from the outside. To withdraw from the UN would eliminate any chance of US input. **Vote 8-6.**

Rep. Russell Albert for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The responsibility of the United States as a member of the United Nations creates immense financial boundaries on the citizens of our country, even though the US provides the largest share of the burden. Many members are not friendly to the US issues and against our interests. By dissolving our membership, we will free the US of this financial burden. The outrageous corruption in the oil, food and medicine program should send a clear message, that the United Nations' only real concerns are in lining their pockets with money, to date \$26 billion dollars, the largest swindle in world history.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** subcommittee work session on **HB 252**, requiring bail hearings for persons arrested for probation violations.
- 10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 382**, establishing a commission to develop a strategic capital plan for department of corrections' facilities.
- 10:45 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 385**, establishing a committee to study the repeal of the felony count for fourth and subsequent DWI offenders.
- 11:15 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 439**, relative to registration requirements for criminal offenders.
- 1:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 440**, relative to hearing ear dogs, guide dogs, and service dogs.
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. Subcommittee on education funding.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 708-FN**, establishing a new state defined contribution retirement plan for new state employees and establishing a committee to study the transition of current employees into the new plan and administration of the new plan.

10:00 a.m. **HB 715-FN-A**, relative to the regulation of bingo and lucky 7.

11:00 a.m. **HB 674-FN-A**, establishing fees for construction plan reviews by the state fire marshal and establishing the position of fire protection engineer in the division of fire safety.

1:00 p.m. **HB 701-FN**, establishing a citizen complaint review commission.

1:30 p.m. **HB 669-FN**, setting the laboratory fee schedule for certain environmental samples.

2:00 p.m. **HB 647-FN**, relative to restructuring the department of revenue administration. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 478-FN-A**, making an appropriation for "Newsline for the Blind."

10:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 401-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the Seacoast Shipyard Association.

11:00 a.m. **HB 210-FN**, relative to the determination of absence and return of contributions of members of the retirement system.

11:30 a.m. **HB 216-FN**, relative to the authority of the New Hampshire retirement system to purchase supplies and services.

12:00 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 – (DIVISION III), Rooms 210-211, LOB

2:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** briefing on Glenclyff.

3:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** follow-up briefing by Director Nancy Rollins of DCYF.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 474**, establishing a commission to study the accessible housing needs and available financial assistance resources for individuals with disabilities.

11:15 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 492**, relative to health standards for food service handlers.

1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 574-FN**, requiring the reporting of burn injuries. 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

9:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 522**, establishing a committee to study gaming options for New Hampshire.

10:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 466-FN-A**, establishing a research and development tax credit against the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), White Birch

Community Center, Henniker
10:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 312**, relative to the appointment of parenting coordinators in child custody cases.
- 2:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 397**, relative to authority to file an abuse or neglect petition under the Child Protection Act.
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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 177**, relative to home improvement contracts.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 678-FN**, relative to the insurance premium tax.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 623-FN**, relative to licensing requirements in the insurance and financial services industries.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 689-FN**, relative to the jurisdiction of the New Hampshire commission for human rights over housing discrimination cases.
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

- 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.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

Immediately following the House session, executive session on pending legislation.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 1:15 p.m. **HB 339**, relative to electioneering at polling places.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 349**, relative to placement and 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.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 255**, establishing a committee to study the pricing of milk.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 386**, relative to agricultural best management practices.
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 306, LOB

Immediately following the House session, executive session on pending legislation.

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

- 1:30 p.m. **Continued** public hearing on **HB 399-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.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 295**, relative to access to certain motor vehicle records.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 694-FN**, relative to interference with service of process.
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 307, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 633-FN-A**, relative to companies which do not provide health insurance to their employees and continually appropriating a special fund.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 524**, relative to outsourcing of jobs.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 404**, permitting public sector employees to request a wage deduction for contributions to a political action committee.
- 3:30 p.m. **HB 384**, prohibiting mandatory overtime.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- 2:00 p.m. **HB 630-FN**, relative to computer spam and cyber-security.
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

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 504**, relative to the assessment or refund of real estate transfer taxes, and the recording of plans with the register of deeds.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 505**, relative to recording mailing addresses on property deeds.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 509**, relative to election of police chiefs.
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

Immediately following the House session, executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 419**, relative to the Mount Sunapee ski area boundary and lease terms.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 525**, establishing a committee to study the leasing of state-owned conservation land to private entities and relative to a temporary prohibition on the leasing of such lands.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RULES COMMITTEE, Room 203, LOB

- 3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **Continued** public hearing on **HB 152-FN**, requiring heating oil sellers to purchase biodiesel.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 661-FN**, relative to radiological monitoring in nuclear emergency planning zones.
- 4:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 622-FN-A**, establishing an income tax.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 470-FN-A**, relative to the annual funding of placement costs for juvenile diversion and alternative disposition programs and relative to an effectiveness study of such programs.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 325**, relative to the burden of proof in child abuse and neglect proceedings.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 662-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for family mutual support services.
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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 133**, establishing a committee to study single payer health care.
- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 226-FN**, relative to the provision of loss information to employers.
- 10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 364**, establishing a committee to study adopting the uniform securities act.
- 11:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 348**, relative to mortgages held by parties to a divorce.
- 1:15 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 423**, relative to insurance premiums for medical malpractice liability insurance.
- 2:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 422**, 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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Rooms 202-204, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Workshop on the regulation of low ignition power cigarettes.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 527**, relative to protective orders and possession of firearms.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 454**, relative to carrying a concealed weapon without a license.
- 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

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 612-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire volunteer elementary teachers and students program.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 614-FN-A-LOCAL**, providing for state funding of the statewide average education cost per pupil.
- 1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 606-FN-A-LOCAL**, revising the calculation and distribution of education funding and special education funding.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 664-FN-LOCAL**, mandating open enrollment in all school districts.
- 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 366**, relative to maintenance of voter checklists.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 361**, relative to filling vacancies on a party ticket in cases of disqualification or death.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 381-FN**, relative to special elections, voter lists, and conduct of elections.
- 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

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 659-FN-A**, establishing a state recycling program to provide technical services to municipalities and establishing a fee on take-out food and beverages.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 663-FN**, establishing a New Hampshire municipal recycling authority and establishing a commission to study the tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 677-FN**, establishing fees and reporting requirements for the storage of hazardous materials.
- 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 306, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 605-FN**, relative to the funding of the modular building standards program.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 595-FN**, establishing the position of state meat inspector.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 644-FN**, transferring certain responsibilities from the department of transportation and the department of health and human services to the department of administrative services.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 596-FN**, relative to the salary of the state veterinarian.

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 597-FN-A**, relative to the natural heritage inventory program.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 598-FN**, establishing a full-time financial exploitation coordinator in the department of justice.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 685-FN-A**, permitting casino gambling.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations

- 9:00 a.m. Opening Session with Governor Lynch
- 9:30 a.m. Treasury Department
- 10:00 a.m. Postsecondary Education Commission
- 10:30 a.m. Department of Agriculture
- 11:00 a.m. Retirement System
- 11:30 a.m. Secretary of State
- 1:00 p.m. Department of Administrative Services
- 1:30 p.m. Lottery Commission
- 2:00 p.m. Department of Revenue Administration
- 2:30 p.m. Office of Information Technology

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Representatives Hall

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 691-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the medicaid program.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 690-FN**, relative to medical services for children and pregnant women.
- 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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 302**, establishing a county mileage surcharge for service of documents by county sheriffs.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 686-FN**, relative to the judicial branch family division.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 251**, relative to the family division of the courts.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 698-FN**, relative to penalty assessments.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 682-FN**, requiring an informational statement regarding the powers of district courts.
- 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 307, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 393**, establishing a committee to study methods for requiring employers to permit volunteer firefighters to respond to calls.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 350**, relative to enforcement of the labor protection statutes.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 329**, establishing the crime victim employment leave act.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 618-FN**, relative to persons acting as volunteers to a state agency.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 561**, relative to reasonable accommodation by employers under the state law against discrimination.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 506**, including employees of charitable organizations under the protection of the state law against discrimination.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 137-FN**, relative to unemployment benefit eligibility.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 551-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the timing of security or assessment in subdivision plat approval.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 651-FN-LOCAL**, relative to federal lien registration.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 699-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to fines for parking violations.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 670-FN-A**, relative to a surcharge on recording documents with the register of deeds to fund the land and community heritage investment program.
- Public hearing on a proposed amendment to **HB 670-FN-A**, relative to a surcharge

on recording documents with the register of deeds to fund the land and community heritage investment program. The proposed amendment is relative to assessing a fee on groundwater withdrawn from aquifers for sale as water to fund the land and community heritage investment program. Copies of the amendment will be available from the Sergeant-at-Arms office.

2:00p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 417**, relative to petitions for municipal charter revisions.

2:30 p.m. **HB 418**, allowing towns with town charters to have wards.

3:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 431-FN-LOCAL**, requiring run-offs in certain local elections.

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 565-FN-A**, relative to the demolition of a certain building to provide access for a public boat ramp for Winnisquam Lake and making an appropriation therefor.

10:30 a.m. **HB 625-FN**, relative to bonding limits for the Winnepesaukee river basin project.

11:15 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 559-FN**, establishing a preference for New Hampshire vendors in state procurement contracts.

1:15 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 528-FN-LOCAL**, relative to acquisitions of state surplus real property by municipalities.

2:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 540-FN**, relative to the disposal of real property purchased with highway or turnpike funds.

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 433-FN-A**, relative to planning for public access, recreation, and road management in the Connecticut Lakes headwaters working forest and making an appropriation therefor.

11:00 a.m. **HB 457**, relative to excavating and dredging permit exemptions for water conveyance systems.

1:00 p.m. **HB 487-FN**, establishing a volunteer lake assessment program in the department of environmental services.

2:00 p.m. **HB 571-FN**, relative to moorings on Bow Lake.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 202**, establishing a commission to study options for reducing the impact of exhaust emissions from mobile diesel engines.

10:00 a.m. **HB 330**, establishing a commission to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide non-emergency 311 telephone system.

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

1:00 p.m. Electric Restructuring Review – Part III.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 387**, authorizing the state treasurer to make a lawful money requisition order.

10:30 a.m. **HB 333**, relative to the rights of citizens.

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 203, LOB (Please note room change.)

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on Health and Human Services Revenues.

10:00 a.m. **HB 671-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to an exemption from the real estate transfer tax.

10:45 a.m. **HB 576**, establishing a New Hampshire advantage commission.

11:15 a.m. **HB 553-FN-A**, relative to a state tax on large lottery winnings.

1:00 p.m. **HB 613-FN**, exempting prepared take-out food items sold in supermarkets from the meals and rooms tax.

1:30 p.m. **HB 601-FN**, allowing businesses to apply the investment tax credit to contributions

made to scholarship funding organizations.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 510**, relative to financial affidavits in domestic relations cases.

11:00 a.m. **HB 511**, relative to the confidentiality of records pertaining to the support of dependent children.

1:00 p.m. **HB 567**, relative to mediation in family law cases involving children.

1:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 450-FN-A**, extending the commission to study child support and related child custody issues and relative to hiring economists to assist in revising the child support guidelines and making an appropriation therefor. 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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 235**, relative to age-based motor vehicle insurance premiums.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 274**, relative to notice of the availability of automobile gap insurance.

10:00 a.m. **HB 490**, relative to law enforcement access to financial records under the New Hampshire right to privacy act.

10:30 a.m. **HB 577**, relative to requirements for debt collection by telephone.

11:00 a.m. **HB 575**, establishing a committee to examine a restructuring of the state health insurance programs.

11:30 a.m. **HB 631-FN**, relative to the time after which certain unclaimed property is presumed abandoned.

1:15 p.m. **HB 583**, establishing an oversight committee to study medical malpractice insurance rates in this state.

2:00 p.m. **HB 615-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for court-ordered counseling services. 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

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 228-FN**, prohibiting cellular telephone directories in New Hampshire.

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 208-FN**, relative to criminal penalties for possession of a firearm in a safe school zone.

10:00 a.m. **HB 486**, establishing a committee to study firearms confiscation practices in domestic violence matters.

10:30 a.m. **HB 526**, relative to temporary hearings on domestic violence petitions.

11:00 a.m. **HB 498**, establishing a study committee relative to the sale of fire-safe cigarettes.

11:30 a.m. **HB 443**, relative to the statute of limitations for fire code violations.

1:30 p.m. **HB 459**, relative to access to criminal records and enhanced 911 system records and excluding information brokers from private detective licensing. 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

9:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 448-FN**, relative to the collection of certain fees by the postsecondary education commission.

10:00 a.m. **HB 635-FN-LOCAL**, relative to education funding.

11:30 a.m. **HB 341**, establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.

1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 646-FN-LOCAL**, proposing a definition of an adequate education.

2:30 p.m. **HB 320-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to educational scholarship grants to qualifying

private educational institutions.

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 345**, requiring photo identification to obtain a ballot.
10:15 a.m. **HB 347**, requiring proof of identity for voter registration.
11:00 a.m. **HB 391**, relative to voter registration forms for students.
1:00 p.m. **HB 501**, relative to proving qualifications to vote, requiring identification to obtain a ballot, and relative to citizenship on New Hampshire identifications.
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 331**, establishing a committee to study stock and working dogs for agricultural purposes.
10:00 a.m. **HB 517**, establishing a committee to study certain issues relative to construction and demolition waste and establishing a moratorium on the incineration of any construction and demolition waste.
2:00 p.m. **HB 538**, relative to disposing 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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 624-FN**, relative to penalties in certain health and health-related professions.
10:00 a.m. **HB 629-FN**, relative to licensing requirements for certain regulated professions.
11:00 a.m. **HB 637-FN**, relative to licensure of alcohol and drug abuse professionals.
1:00 p.m. **HB 668-FN**, relative to appeals of decisions by boards, commissions, and agencies regulating professional occupations.
2:00 p.m. **HB 688-FN**, relative to the regulation of mental health practitioners and the procedures of the board of mental health.
2:30 p.m. **HB 545-FN**, allowing retired police officers to become teachers without rejoining the state retirement system.
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. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 430-FN-A**, establishing a one-day resident fishing license.
11:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 254-FN**, establishing additions to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for certain activities.
1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 484**, allowing deer hunting with a primitive flintlock muzzleloader.
1:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 310**, relative to requirements of the fish and game department before a coastal area may be closed to fishing of marine species.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations

- 9:00 a.m. Department of Justice
9:30 a.m. Insurance Department
10:00 a.m. Liquor Commission
10:30 a.m. Banking Department
11:00 a.m. Office of Energy and Planning
11:30 a.m. Safety
1:00 p.m. Department of Transportation
1:30 p.m. Fish and Game Department
2:00 p.m. Department of Environmental Services
2:30 p.m. Pease Development Authority

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 206, LOB

8:45 a.m. GraniteCare ad hoc committee to study the quality and delivery of nursing care to persons in nursing facilities or receiving home and community based care.

Room 205, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 681-FN**, relative to training, quality assurance, and licensing of assisted living facilities.

1:00 p.m. **HB 697-FN**, establishing a commission to study medicaid reimbursement rates for pharmacy providers and exempting pharmacy providers from certain requirements of the department of health and human services relative to reimbursement rates. 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 375**, relative to right-to-know requirements when interviewing applicants for certain public positions.

10:45 a.m. **HB 626-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the right-to-know law.

1:15 p.m. **HB 672-FN**, relative to notaries public and adopting the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.

2:00 p.m. **HB 680-FN**, relative to witness tampering.

2:45 p.m. **HB 617-FN**, allowing current court stenographers to retain their positions in the New Hampshire courts. 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

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

Kenneth A. Brett School, 881 Tamworth Road, Tamworth

5:00-7:00 p.m. Public hearing at the Kenneth A. Brett School, Tamworth on **HB 90**, relative to private driving instruction and exhibition facilities.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 604-FN**, relative to discounts in electronic toll collection and discontinuing the use of tokens. 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

9:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** subcommittee work session on **HB 215-FN**, relative to water management.

10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 655-FN-A**, increasing the boat registration fee for public boat access and exotic aquatic weed control.

1:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on proposed amendment to **HB 69**, relative to property rights and large groundwater withdrawals. The proposed amendment is relative to groundwater withdrawals. (Copies of the proposed amendment are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms office.) 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

9:00 a.m. **HB 550-FN**, requiring placards in vehicles operated by persons learning to drive.

9:30 a.m. **HB 568**, establishing the greater Derry-Salem cooperative alliance for regional transportation.

10:15 a.m. **HB 588**, relative to suspension of drivers' licenses after a motor vehicle accident.

11:00 a.m. **HB 593**, requiring motor vehicle drivers' schools to post bonds.

11:30 a.m. **HB 599-FN**, requiring disclosure to consumers of the presence of event data recording devices in new motor vehicles.

1:00 p.m. **HB 679-FN-LOCAL**, authorizing the electronic enforcement of traffic signal violations.

1:45 p.m. **HB 683-FN**, relative to reporting of motor vehicle offenses by driver education instructors and drivers' school licensees.

2:15 p.m. **HB 705**, relative to passenger restraints.
3:15 p.m. **HB 579**, relative to motor vehicle inspections.
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. Subcommittee work session on Health and Human Services Revenues.
10:00 a.m. **HB 563-FN-A**, increasing the tobacco tax.
10:30 a.m. **HB 535-FN-A**, increasing the tobacco tax.
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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 91-FN**, repealing the local property tax exemption for wooden poles and conduits.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

BOARD OF CLAIMS (RSA 541-B:3), Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE/SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE, Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Insurance Commissioner's Briefing.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 620-FN**, relative to the accountability of public officials and interference with constitutional and legal rights.
10:45 a.m. **HB 628-FN**, relative to the authority of law enforcement officers to close an area for the purpose of abating a threat to public health or safety.
11:15 a.m. **HB 636-FN**, requiring the electronic recording of statements by persons subject to custodial interrogation.
12:00 p.m. **HB 673-FN**, making it a felony to knowingly transmit the human immunodeficiency virus or hepatitis to another person.
12:30 p.m. **HB 692-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the county department of corrections.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

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.

FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

Agency Budget Presentations

9:00 a.m. Department of Cultural Resources
9:30 a.m. University System of New Hampshire
10:30 a.m. Judicial Council
11:00 a.m. Department of Corrections
11:30 a.m. Department of Labor
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Judicial Branch.
2:30 p.m. Community Technical College System

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 485**, relative to the basis for awarding custody to a stepparent or grandparent.
10:30 a.m. **HB 398**, removing judicial discretion to include life insurance in a child support order.
11:15 a.m. **HB 327**, relative to enforcement of support orders.
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 714-FN**, adopting the Uniform Partnership Act
11:00 a.m. **HB 716-FN**, relative to securities regulation.
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 468**, relative to provisions for permissible contact between the agent of the defendant subject to a protective order and a plaintiff.
11:00 a.m. **HB 475**, relative to access to certain criminal records.
1:30 p.m. **HB 497**, relative to stolen checks.
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. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 684-FN-LOCAL**, relative to education funding and the distribution of targeted aid and transition education grants.
Executive session on pending legislation will be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 362**, relative to statutes to be posted at polling places.
10:15 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 363**, relative to parking at polling places.
11:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 365**, relative to recount fees.
1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 483**, relative to instructions to be placed on the general election ballot.
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 293**, establishing a commission to study the development of a materials resource and recovery facility in Sullivan County.
11:00 a.m. **HB 371**, relative to mercury reduction.
1:00 p.m. **HB 432-FN**, relative to the septage handling and treatment facilities grant program.
2:00 p.m. **HB 479**, relative to tax bills for land use change taxes.
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 306, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB**Agency Budget Presentations**

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services
1:00 p.m. Department of Resources and Economic Development
1:30 p.m. Department of Education

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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 704-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire Rx advantage program and continually appropriating a special fund.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

**IMPLEMENTING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTUARIES
PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SB 70, Chapter 236:1, Laws of 2003), Barrington Town
Hall, 41 Province Lane, Barrington**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 307, LOB

- 1:15 p.m. **HB 288-FN**, establishing a commission to effect the process for the town of Killington, Vermont to become part of the state of New Hampshire.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 421**, establishing a committee to study effective dates on legislation. 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. **Continued** public hearing on **HB 90**, relative to private driving instruction and exhibition facilities.
- 1:30 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 658-FN-A**, requiring the department of transportation to make certain improvements to New Hampshire Route 3 in the town of Tilton and making an appropriation therefor. 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. Subcommittee work session on **HB 57**, relative to the burning of construction and demolition debris, **HB 190**, relative to the installation of continuous emission monitoring systems on stationary air pollution sources and devices, **HB 315**, relative to best available technology for air pollution control, **HB 414**, relative to regulation of municipal waste combustors and **HB 438**, relative to emissions requirements for municipal waste combustion units.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 298**, relative to consolidating statutes relating to driving while intoxicated.
- 10:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 326**, relative to motorcycle noise levels.
- 1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 513**, relative to motor vehicle inspection stations. 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 676-FN**, exempting agricultural buildings from the education property tax.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 675-FN**, exempting agricultural tower silos from the education property tax.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 602-FN-A**, relative to the unbundling of communications services for purposes of the application of the communications services tax.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 707-FN-A**, establishing a credit against the business enterprise tax for certain borrowed and invested money. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 558**, relative to the circumstances constituting sexual assault.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 533-FN**, relative to penalties for aggravated felonious sexual assault.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 556-FN**, requiring registration of drug offenders. 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.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 560**, relative to timber harvesting.

9:30 a.m. **HB 580**, establishing a commission to study the procedures for the formation and dissolution of solid waste management districts under RSA 53-B and the procedures for the dissolution of an interstate waste compact under RSA 53-D, and providing joint and several liability on all municipalities from a dissolved solid waste management district.

11:00 a.m. **HB 562**, relative to eliminating certain mercury-added products.
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 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

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

9:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** regular business.

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

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

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 338**, allowing municipalities to adopt a low income property tax credit.

10:15 a.m. **HB 367**, allowing municipalities to adopt a homestead exemption for property tax assessments on a person's principal place of residence.

11:00 a.m. **HB 410**, relative to the confidentiality of documents submitted with an application for a property tax credit, exemption, or deferral.
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. Executive session on pending legislation.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 693-FN**, making the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief program a tax cap and applicable to current year tax liability.

10:15 a.m. **HB 554-FN-A**, establishing a state property tax relief program for seniors and the disabled.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 476**, revising the definition of adultery.

11:00 a.m. **HB 640-FN**, relative to parental rights and responsibilities.
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 609-FN**, establishing the protection of liberty act.

10:30 a.m. **HB 531**, relative to application for a writ of habeas corpus.

11:00 a.m. **HB 645-FN**, relative to fire-safe cigarettes.

1:00 p.m. **HB 627-FN**, relative to raising the age of minority for juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age.
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.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 578**, relative to construction or development constituting a change in use for purposes of assessing the land use change tax.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 544**, relative to the land and community heritage program.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 573**, establishing a committee to study automobile disposal fees.
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 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 594-FN**, relative to retirement system classification for correctional line personnel.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 652-FN**, relative to the retirement system classification for the director of juvenile justice services, department of health and human services.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 455-FN**, relative to establishing a board of private investigation and security services.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 383**, relative to vital records administration.
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. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 334**, relative to consistency of notices in court proceedings.
- 10:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 368**, relative to limiting the sworn testimony of witnesses.
- 11:15 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 508**, relative to ex parte hearings.
- 1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 413**, relative to the appointment of the chief justice of the superior court.
- 2:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **CACR 12**, relating to judicial conduct. Providing that the people of New Hampshire, in a manner established by law, shall be responsible for investigating and evaluating the conduct of members of the judicial branch.
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

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 437**, relative to the disposition of municipal records.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 323-FN**, relative to excluding social security numbers and other information from documents filed with registries of deeds.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 311-LOCAL**, enabling towns to establish revolving funds for certain purposes.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 394**, relative to real estate tax lien procedures for tax collectors.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 408**, relative to the sale of town-owned land.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**COMMISSION ON THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF (HB 1283, Chapter 43:2, Laws of 2000), Room 105A, State House**

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 643-FN**, establishing an integrated criminal justice information system.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 654-FN-LOCAL**, prohibiting the sale or resale of goods or services produced using inmate labor.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 667-FN**, relative to reckless conduct.
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

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 425-FN-LOCAL**, increasing fees paid to municipalities for registering current model year vehicles.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 318-FN-LOCAL**, relative to providing municipal water supply services.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 411**, relative to the North Conway water precinct.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 416**, relative to billing for the semi-annual collection of property taxes.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 467**, relative to naming private roads.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 519-LOCAL**, relative to the authority to accept dedicated streets and to subdivision roads.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Community Services Training Room, 57 Regional Drive, Concord

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

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

- 1:00 p.m. Complaint hearing.

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

- 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 206, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HCR 7**, urging the United States Congress to establish and revise the current drug policy.
- 10:30 a.m. **HCR 8**, urging the Congress of the United States to place a moratorium on new free trade agreements, to investigate and review current free trade agreements and policies of the United States, to investigate and review participation of the United States with international trade organizations and to ensure that such agreements, policies, and participation are in the best interests of the citizens of the state of New Hampshire and the United States.
- 11:30 a.m. **HR 11**, urging the department of defense to establish a military presence on the New Hampshire seacoast to ensure a rapid response to any threat to domestic security.
- 12:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HCR 3**, urging Congress to require the Department of Justice to conduct a review and release information to the public regarding Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 388**, establishing a commission to study the retirement system medical benefits subsidy for retired teachers.
- 10:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 499**, relative to participation in and administration of the Manchester employees' contributory retirement system.

- 11:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 502-FN***, allowing certain surviving spouses to receive a retirement system death benefit.
- 1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 521***, relative to medical insurance coverage for members of the Manchester employees' contributory retirement system.
- 2:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 481***, establishing a commission to study the location of the secure psychiatric unit and places to which persons are committed under RSA 651: 8-b, RSA 135-C, and RSA 171-B.
- 2:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 465-FN***, authorizing the board of medicine to take non-disciplinary remedial action against physicians.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. ***HCR 5***, recognizing New Hampshire's ratification of the original Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 10:30 a.m. ***HCR 6***, urging Congress to enact legislation to make English the official language of the United States.
- 11:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HCR 4***, urging Congress to find that the Piscataqua River and Portsmouth Harbor lie within the state of New Hampshire.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 12:30 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 328***, relative to jurisdiction over land occupied by or ceded to the United States.
- 1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 520***, relative to 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. ***HB 611-FN***, relative to small group insurers.
- 11:00 a.m. ***HB 77-FN***, relative to geographic location for small group insurance coverage.
- 1:15 p.m. ***HB 515***, relative to group health insurance coverage for certain entities.
- 2:00 p.m. ***HB 337***, establishing a committee to study small group health insurance and the small brokerage health insurance community.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. ***HB 665-FN-LOCAL***, relative to the applicable minimum wage for hourly employees.
- 1:00 p.m. ***HB 246***, establishing a committee to study the classification of employees as independent contractors.
- 1:30 p.m. ***HB 217***, relative to liability of third persons under workers' compensation.
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

- 9:30 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 305***, relative to amended warrant articles on official ballots.
- 10:15 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on ***HB 336***, relative to the use of secret ballots at town meetings.

11:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** public hearing on **HB 360**, relative to the amendability of warrant articles requesting appropriations in official ballot towns.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

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

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Merrimack County Delegation will hold a public hearing on Monday, **March 7** at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is: Information/presentation on the proposed new Merrimack County Nursing Home.

Rep.
Candace
C.W.
Bouchard,
Chairman
Merrimack
County
Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICES

Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet 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

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 47, 72, 104, 116, 130, 153, 159, 272, 477, 603, 605, 606, 614, 621, 622, 633, 635, 642, 650, 651, 653, 657, 658, 661, 663, 664, 665, 672, 674, 684, 693, 701, 708, 713.

Karen O.
Wadsworth,
Clerk of the
House

Lucy Harrison in the Speaker's Office keeps a schedule of House events. To avoid conflicts, anyone wishing to hold an event should check with Lucy at 271-3661 for available dates and times.

Rep.
Michael
O'Neil,
Majority
Leader

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

Legislative Alpine Ski Team. Any legislator interested in forming and participating on an Alpine ski team for the purpose of competing in charitable races are invited to contact the undersigned member.

Rep.
David
W.
Hess

The House Republican Alliance will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, **February 15** at the Upham Walker House, Park Street, Concord.

Rep.
Paul
Mirski

The "Legislators Have Good Hearts" walking program will be kicked off on Tuesday, **February 15th** at 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please meet at the State House Lobby for a half an hour walk around the Capitol. We will be meeting at 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of session.

Rep.
Claudia
A.
Chase

The New Hampshire State Building and Construction Trades Council is hosting a reception for all members and staff of the General Court on Tuesday, **February 15** at the newly renovated IBEW Local 490 Training and Safety Facility located at 48 Airport Road, Concord. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Governor John Lynch will be a special guest.

Rep.
Terie
N.
Norelli

The Legislative Caucus Against the Expansion of Gambling will meet on Wednesday, **February 16th** at noon (bring your lunch) in Room 209, LOB to discuss bills coming before the legislature for further information see Reps. Carew, Hager or Almy.

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

President Don Wharton would like to invite all members of the General Court and staff to a Cocktail Reception hosted by Plymouth State University on Wednesday, **February 16th**. The event will be held at the New Hampshire Historical Society, Tuck Library, 30 Park Street, Concord from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Rep.
Mary
R.
Cooney

The officers and 900+ member companies of the Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire invite all legislators and staff to their 39th Annual Legislative Reception on Thursday, **February 17th** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Bartlett Room at the Concord Holiday Inn.

Rep.
Kenneth
L.
Weyler

Legislative Caucus for Young Children will meet on **February 18** at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206, LOB.

Rep.
Anne
Grassie

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

Rep. Eric
Anderson

Help support our troops! The State House Activities and Recreation Committee (SHARC) will hold a bake sale on Wednesday, **February 23rd** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the LOB basement. All proceeds will go towards care packages for the soldiers.

Reps.
Michael
O'Neil
and
James
W.
Craig

Celebrate Winter in NH! March 6 & 7

Ski NH's 13th annual invitational charitable event will be held at The Mount Washington Resort at Bretton Woods on Sunday, **March 6** and Monday, **March 7**. Entitled ***Celebrate Winter in NH***, this event is not just for skiers! Downhill skiing, cross country skiing, skating, snowshoeing, and other planned activities will be available both days. Some may prefer to take a sleigh ride, take the train up and down (*or ski down!*) the Mount Washington Cog railway on Monday, or sit in front of a fire and enjoy the scenery. Other activities will include a reception on Sunday evening, and on Monday: a luncheon, a Legislative Ski Race and an après-ski awards reception.

Come for a day or come and stay. There will be special room rates for Sunday night, March 6, at The Mount Washington Resort of \$119 per person and \$179 double (plus tax). The rate includes a superior four-course dinner, full breakfast, complimentary "rentals" for many outdoor activities, use of the indoor and outdoor heated swimming pools, sauna, Jacuzzi, and a lot more!

Ski New Hampshire has partnered with the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association to sponsor this event, and both groups look forward to hosting legislators again and to raising funds for NHADA's, KEEP KIDS S.A.F.E. Program.

Detailed invitations and registration forms for this charitable event are being sent. If you have any questions, please contact Kim at Ski NH (1-800-887-5464 Ext. 0).

Rep.

John H.
Thomas

Mark the Date! **March 16** at the Barley House. Come join the Merrimack County Democrats at their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. Guest speakers and more details to follow in the upcoming weeks. Everyone is welcome.

Rep.
John
DeJoie

The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

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.

March 8 – Laconia Community Center, 306 Union Avenue, Laconia, 7:00 p.m. Public officials/public informational meeting, Laconia, construction of 5 foot wide sidewalks along both sides of US Route 3 between the intersection with NH 11B and Lake Side Avenue.

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

M Feb 14	10:00 & 11:30 SH/SC	Moultonboro Central School	4/60
T Feb 15	9:00 & 11:00 SH/Planet	Raymond Middle School	5/50
T Feb 15	10:30 & 12:00 SH/HM	Appleton Elementary School – New Ipswich (ReScheduled)	4/73
W Feb 16	9:00 & 11:00 SH/Planet	Raymond Middle School	5/50
Th Feb 17	10:00 & 11:00 SH/HM	Danville Elementary School	4/60
F Feb 18	10:00 & 11:15 SH/SC	Bakersville Elementary – Manchester	4/55
F Feb 18	10:00	Acworth Elementary School	4/13
M Feb 21		President's Day State House Closed	
Tu Feb 22	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Southwick Elementary School – Northfield	4/36

W Feb 23	10:00/11:30S H/HM	Southwick Elementary School - Northfield	4/46
Th Feb 24	10:00 & 11:30 SH/HM	New Searles School-Nashua	4/60
F Feb 25	10:00 & 11:30 SH/HM	Chester Academy	4/90
M Feb 28		History Museum Closed	
M Feb 28	10:30	KA Brett School – Tamworth	4/28

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

2005-0175h

Amendment to HB 60-FN-A

Proposed by the Committee on Finance - R

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

1 Appropriation; Reimbursement of Legal Fees of the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services. The sum of \$16,932 is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to the department of administrative services, for the purpose of reimbursing the commissioner of the department of administrative services for the legal fees he incurred in the AlphaDirections/Linda Pepin matter. These funds are in addition to any other funds appropriated to the department of administrative services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

2005-0083h

Amendment to HB 71-FN-A-LOCAL

Proposed by the Committee on Finance - R

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 School Building Aid; Fiscal Year 2005. The sum of \$2,730,411, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, is hereby appropriated to the department of education for the purpose of providing full funding of all school building aid projects approved for the 2005 fiscal year. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation of \$2,730,411 to the department of education for the purpose of fully funding all school building aid projects approved in the 2005 fiscal year.

2005-0221h

Amendment to HB 112

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

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

1 Competency Hearings; Psychiatric Evaluations. Amend RSA 135:17-a, III to read as follows:

III. ***Except for good cause shown***, a further hearing to determine the defendant's competency shall be held no later than 12 months~~[-, except for good cause shown,]~~ after the order committing the defendant for treatment. The hearing may be held earlier if the court is notified that the defendant has ~~[regained]~~ ***been restored to*** competency, or that there is no longer a reasonable likelihood of such restoration. Prior to the scheduled hearing, the ~~[treating]~~ psychiatrist ***who conducted the initial competency evaluation*** shall conduct a further ~~[competency]~~ evaluation ~~[as set forth in]~~ ***pursuant to*** RSA 135:17, and furnish ***a copy of the report of*** such evaluation to the court and the parties. ***If that psychiatrist is unavailable or unable to conduct such further evaluation, the court may order that the evaluation be conducted by another qualified psychiatrist other than the treating psychiatrist.***

2 Competency Evaluations During Involuntary Commitment Period. RSA 135-C:17-a, VI is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

VI. If the person is ordered to be involuntarily committed following proceedings pursuant to RSA 135-C or RSA 171-B, the court may, for good cause shown upon motion of the attorney general or county attorney at any time during the period of the involuntary commitment and before expiration of the limitations period applicable to the underlying criminal offense, order a further competency evaluation, to be conducted as prescribed in paragraph III.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits a court to order a qualified psychiatrist other than the treating psychiatrist to conduct a psychiatric evaluation of a defendant for purposes of a subsequent hearing to determine competency to stand trial, if the psychiatrist who conducted the initial evaluation is unavailable.

The bill also permits the court, for good cause shown upon motion of the attorney general or county attorney at any time during the involuntary commitment period and before expiration of the limitations period applicable to the underlying offense, to order a further competency evaluation.

2005-0082h

Amendment to HB 153-FN

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration - C

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

1 New Subdivision; The State and its Government; Treasurer and Accounts; Collection of Debts Due the State. Amend RSA 6 by inserting after section 43 the following new subdivision:
Collection of Debts Due the State

6:44 Collection of Public Debts by Collection Agencies or Law Firms.

I.(a) State agencies may retain, by written contract, private collection agencies or law firms for the purpose of collecting debts owned to a state agency by any person. The department of justice shall be responsible for the collection function for all state agencies. There is established in the department of justice a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the debt recovery fund, into which all debts collected under this section shall be deposited. The department of justice may use the account for expenses associated with managing the collection function. Annually, funds deposited in the account, after all costs have been deducted, shall be credited proportionately to the accounts for which they were collected.

(b) Unless otherwise provided for by law, the amount of the collection fee and the terms and conditions of retention shall be negotiated by the department of justice and the private collection agency or law firm, subject to governor and council approval, and the requirements of this subparagraph. The amount of the collection fee as negotiated between the department of justice and the private collection agency or law firm shall be added to the bill of costs to be paid by the debtor and shall not exceed 35 percent of the amount collected.

II. No debt may be assigned to a collection agency or law firm unless:

(a) There have been at least 3 documented attempts to notify the debtor of the existence of the debt and of the fact that the debt may be assigned to a collection agency or law firm for collection if it is not paid; and

(b) At least 30 days have elapsed from the last notice attempt.

III. Collection agencies or law firms assigned debts under this section shall have only those remedies and powers which would be available to them as assignees of private creditors. The collection agencies or law firms are likewise bound by applicable laws governing unfair collection practices.

IV. For purposes of this section, a private collection agency or law firm shall cease its efforts designed to collect the debt and inform the department of justice and the agency upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) Direction from the department of justice.

(b) Bankruptcy of the account debtor.

(c) Determination by the private collection agency or law firm that the debt is non-collectible.

(d) Upon order of a court having jurisdiction over the debtor in a criminal or civil matter.

V. The attorney general shall submit an annual report, on or before June 30, to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairperson of the house standing committee on executive departments and administration, relative to collection activity under this section. The report shall include, for each account: the relevant agency; the amount to be

collected; the amount collected and whether it was collected by a collection agency, law firm, or court action initiated by the department of justice; any expenses incurred; and any amount outstanding.

VI. For purposes of this section, the term "debt" shall include fines and other debts, including the fee required under subparagraph I(b) of this section.

2 New Subparagraph; Debt Recovery Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (234) the following new subparagraph:

(235) Moneys deposited in the debt recovery fund, established under RSA 6:44.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2006.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits state agencies to retain private collection agencies or law firms to collect debts owed to the state. The bill directs the department of justice to deposit funds collected in a dedicated fund, known as the debt management fund, from which recovered funds shall be distributed annually to the appropriate agency. The bill also requires the department to submit an annual report on the collection activity to the legislature.

2005-0113h

Amendment to HB 158

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary - C

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

1 Auburn District Court. Amend RSA 502-A:1, IV to read as follows:

IV. AUBURN DISTRICT. The Auburn district shall consist of the towns of Auburn, Candia, **and** Deerfield, [~~Nottingham, Raymond, and Northwood~~]. The district court for the district shall be located in Auburn, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Auburn District Court.

2 New Paragraph; Raymond District Court. Amend RSA 502-A:1 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

IV-a. RAYMOND DISTRICT. The Raymond district shall consist of the towns of Raymond, Nottingham, and Northwood. The district court for the district shall be located in Raymond, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Raymond District Court.

3 Contingency. If the department of administrative services and the towns of Raymond, Nottingham, and Northwood reach an agreement on an acceptable courthouse facility and funding for a courthouse facility for the Raymond district on or before June 30, 2008, sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2008. If the department of administrative services and the towns of Raymond, Nottingham, and Northwood cannot reach an agreement on an acceptable courthouse facility and funding for a courthouse facility for the Raymond district on or before June 30, 2008, sections 1 and 2 of this act shall not take effect.

4 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 3 of this act.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill divides the Auburn district court district into 2 districts, the Auburn district and the Raymond district, if certain conditions are met regarding a court facility for the Raymond district.

2005-0177h

Amendment to HB 240-FN

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - R

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

1 New Section; Psychotropic Drugs and Schools. Amend RSA 200 by inserting after section 35 the following new section:

200:35-a Psychotropic Drugs and Schools.

I. Advice regarding the use of psychotropic drugs for any child is the sole responsibility of medical professionals following standard medical practice, testing, and evaluation of the child. No public school personnel shall suggest or recommend use of such medications.

II. No public school shall require a child to take psychotropic drugs as a condition of attending school.

III. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit school personnel from recommending that a child be evaluated by an appropriate health care practitioner, or prohibit school personnel from consulting with such practitioner with the consent of the child's parents or legal guardian.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits public school personnel from recommending or requiring that a child take a psychotropic medication.

2005-0187h

Amendment to HB 259

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

Amend RSA 167:3-f as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

167:3-f Home Care for Children With Severe Disabilities; Recipient Eligibility.

I. In this section:

(a) "Active treatment program" means an aggressive, consistent implementation of specialized and generic training, treatment, health and related services directed toward:

(1) The acquisition of the behaviors necessary for the child to function with as much self-determination and independence as possible; and

(2) The prevention or slowing of deterioration of the ability to function.

(b) "Family centered community-based home care" means an organized network of integrated and coordinated services delivered at the local level which promotes normal patterns of living and which recognizes the pivotal role of families with respect to the provision of services for their children.

(c) "Cost effective" means the estimated medicaid cost of care outside an institution is no higher than the estimated medicaid cost of appropriate institutional care.

II. The purpose of family centered community-based home care shall be to support but not supplant the child's family as the primary caregiver.

III. To be eligible for medical assistance for home care of certain children with severe disabilities, the child shall, in addition to the eligibility criteria in RSA 167:3-e:

(a) Reside in a place maintained as the child's home community.

(b) Be able to receive services in the home as defined in 45 CFR 233.90(c)(1)(v)(B).

(c) Meet the program criteria as described in section 1902(e)(3) of the Social Security

Act.

(d) Meet the recipient criteria of He-W 641.04, except that, pursuant to the prohibition in section 1614(f)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act, rules requiring the deeming of parental income shall not apply.

(e) Meet the following medical criteria:

(1) Is chronically ill or impaired, whose illness or disability does not require the level of care provided in an inpatient facility, but whose condition requires ongoing and regular medical monitoring and treatment; and

(2) Has a severe disability which includes at least one of the following:

(A) A developmental disability as defined in RSA 171-A:2, V.

(B) A chronic, degenerative, progressive, or life-threatening condition causing impairment of a vital organ function which requires ongoing and regular medical monitoring.

(C) A sensory impairment which is expected to continue indefinitely, including a hearing loss established by audiometry which functionally impacts the child.

(D) A mental illness, emotional disturbance or behavioral disorder which functionally impacts his or her psychosocial adjustment and the diagnosis for which is recognized by the American Psychiatric Association.

(E) An acquired childhood disease which functionally impacts the child.

(F) A genetic disorder or congenital anomaly requiring ongoing medical monitoring.

(f) Require the same degree of care that is typically provided in a hospital, psychiatric hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded as specified in RSA 167:3-g.

IV. In addition to the eligibility requirements described in paragraph II, the services proposed for the child shall be:

(a) Medically appropriate, as determined by the joint medical review team in accordance with paragraphs V and VI; and

(b) Cost effective as determined by the department in accordance with RSA 167:3-e, IV.

V. The joint medical review team, upon certification by the child's physician, shall determine if it is medically appropriate, in accordance with paragraph VI, for the child to receive family centered community-based home care as opposed to institutional care.

VI. The joint medical review team shall determine that family centered community-based home care is medically appropriate if each of the following conditions are met:

(a) The care can be provided in the home without jeopardizing the medical needs of the child.

(b) Medical and psychological support services are available in the community.

(c) The child's treating physician recommends home care and certifies the safety of home placement.

(d) The child's family or guardian have expressed a willingness and desire to assume responsibility as the primary caregiver for the child in order to maintain the child at home.

(e) The family and household members have been trained to support the child's needs in the home and have the ability to be primary caregivers.

Amend RSA 167:3-g, IV(a) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) The child meets the definition of a child with a serious emotional disturbance established by Department of Health and Human Services Notice, dated May 20, 1993, 58 Federal Register 29422 (1993).