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HOUSE CALENDAR
NOTICE

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

I would like to congratulate all of you who won election to the House, as well as thank the current members who will not be returning. Your service to your constituents and to the state is very much appreciated, and I wish you all the best of luck.

The New Member Orientation program is scheduled for November 28-30. Informational packets will be mailed to you shortly.

Organizational Day for the 160th Session of the General Court will be on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. House officers, Secretary of State and State Treasurer will be elected on that day.

W. Douglas Scamman, Speaker

NOTICE

Weekly publication of the House Calendar has resumed. **Please note the Calendar will close on Wednesday throughout November.** Members and staff who need to schedule meetings should make arrangements with the Clerk’s Office for room availability/assignment and publication of meeting notices.

CLOSES NOON WEDNESDAY November 15	TO BE MAILED THURSDAY November 16 Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House
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HOUSE DEADLINES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006	First day for all Representatives-elect to file LSRs with complete information. 10-day sign-off period begins.
Friday, December 8, 2006, 3:00 pm	Last day to file House LSRs with complete information.
Friday, January 19, 2007,	Last day to sign off all House LSRs.

3:00 pm

2006 INTERIM STUDY STATEMENTS

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 485, relative to the basis for awarding custody to a stepparent or grandparent. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Third parties can already gain guardianship of children through the guardianship process. That process is open to all parties that are not legal parents. Therefore, stepparents and grandparents should not be carved out as an exception during the rights and responsibilities proceedings between parents. **Vote 14-1.**

Rep. David A. Bickford

HB 1127, relative to the obligation of religious leaders to report child abuse. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

In the interest of protecting children from abuse and neglect the committee reaffirms the legislative intent of RSA 169-C:29, which reads as follows: RSA 169-C:29 Persons Required to Report. – Any physician, surgeon, county medical examiner, psychiatrist, resident, intern, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, psychologist, therapist, registered nurse, hospital personnel (engaged in admission, examination, care and treatment of persons), Christian Science practitioner, teacher, school official, school nurse, school counselor, social worker, day care worker, any other child or foster care worker, law enforcement official, priest, minister, or rabbi or any other person having reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected shall report the same in accordance with this chapter. Source. 1979, 361:2, eff. Aug. 22, 1979. The statute is comprehensive and clear on its face and no further legislation is necessary. **Vote 11-4.**

Rep. Eileen C. Flockhart

HB 1202, relative to the minimum age required for marriage. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill requests that collateral issues be included in any proposed future bills, so that this area is addressed comprehensively. **Vote 14-1.**

Rep. Mary Stuart Gile

HB 1586, prohibiting enforcement of support orders for college or other postsecondary education expenses. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The issue is covered by the Donovan decision (New Hampshire Supreme Court April, 2005). College or other postsecondary education expenses should not exceed the tuition and expenses at a state public institution and should have a time and age limit. **Vote 14-1.**

Rep. Karen K. McRae

HB 1610-FN, relative to a determination of incompetence under the CHINS statute. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee anticipates a report from the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services addressing the results of the CHINS Task Force. This report proposes a complete revision of the CHINS statute including RSA 169-D:18-a. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. Daniel C. Itse

SB 253, relative to enforcement of support orders for college and postsecondary educational expenses. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill was not recommended for further legislation because the issue is covered by the Donovan decision (New Hampshire Supreme Court April, 2005). Costs should be eliminated or at least limited to age 24 or to a maximum of a single 4 year degree. The costs should not exceed the tuition and expenses at a state public institution. **Vote 14-1.**

Rep. Karen K. McRae

COMMERCE

HB 92, limiting access to certain business records. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The intent of this bill is to prevent our sister states from “raiding” in New Hampshire business on sales tax audits without proper and timely notification. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Stephen B. Stepanek

HB 159, relative to insurance coverage for persons having deafness and hearing loss. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill was the first bill which the committee sent to the Insurance Department to have a study done to determine the cost of the mandate. We would strongly advise any future legislation review this report. Based upon this report, the committee recommends any future legislation focus on providing hearing aid coverage for persons 19 years of age or younger. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Stephen B. Stepanek

HB 1107, relative to requirements for commercial construction contracts. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE**

LEGISLATION.

The committee believes that the bill has merit but does require more work. The intent of the legislation is to ensure prompt payment of contractors and subcontractors. The bill as written became convoluted with penalties and lack of definition of terms; specifically "BAD FAITH." We recommended referring to the UCC for definition of terms. Additionally, some of the concerns raised by the representatives of the contractors associations should be written into the various contracts and enforced under existing contract law. **Vote 16-1.**

Rep. James F. Headd

HB 1325, relative to state regulation of martial arts schools. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** Martial Arts should be separated from Health Clubs and operate under their own statute. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. James R. Martin

HB 1374, establishing a committee to require personal information holders to disclose a security breach. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill to establish a committee to require personal information holders to disclose a security breach went to Interim Study as a backup plan if more comprehensive security breach legislation was not passed. Comprehensive legislation was passed, so this bill is not necessary. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Charles L. Clark

HB 1549, excluding certain acts based on bona fide economic and public safety considerations from the prohibition against age discrimination in public accommodations. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Laws currently on the books allow landlords and places of public accommodation to deny housing or accommodations based on economic or public safety reasons or other legitimate reasons and future legislation is not needed. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Stella Scamman

HB 1621-FN, prohibiting the overpricing of commodities during a declared state of emergency or a market emergency. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This is a bill in search of a problem. The Attorney General's Office was unable to produce any complaints which would be addressed by this bill. **Vote 12-5.**

Rep. Stephen B. Stepanek

HB 1723-FN, relative to health care and health insurance data. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** The Insurance Department now has a web site up and operational which is providing this information. They indicated this bill would in no way enhance or speed up this process. Therefore, the committee felt this legislation was not needed. **Vote 15-2.**

Rep. Stephen B. Stepanek

SB 209-FN, relative to licensing of money transmitters and check cashers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The licensing of money transmitters and check cashers was addressed and passed in HB 1126 and this bill is now unnecessary. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Charles L. Clark

SB 211-FN, relative to pharmaceutical marketers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The industry has adopted voluntary guidelines on marketing which are working. In addition such marketing is supervised at the Federal level and New Hampshire legislation is not necessary. **Vote 14-3.**

Rep. James R. Martin

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1149, regarding public notification of sexual offender information and establishing a committee to study the creation of a sexual offender classification system. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee voted to not recommend for future legislation. This bill has within it the creation of a classification study committee that is already active. **Vote 16-0.**

Rep. Gene P. Charron

HB 1406-FN, adding to the penalty provisions of the controlled drug act and relative to fines for violations of the controlled drug act. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Section 1 of the bill was amended to HB 1667. The remainder of the bill was kept for Interim Study pending the outcome of several other bills pertaining to methamphetamine. Those bills passed and therefore the need to take further action was negated. **Vote 18-1.**

Rep. E. Albert Weare

HB 1476, relative to electronic tracking and monitoring of sexual offenders. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee felt that this was a redundant bill because the issue is addressed in HB 1692, Chapter 327, 2006. **Vote 18-0.**

Rep. Gene P. Charron

HB 1680-FN, requiring law enforcement and corrections officers to complete training in appropriate techniques for dealing with

persons with mental health conditions. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The so-called “Memphis Plan” requires a detailed analysis of “suitable” officers (approximately 1 in 10 are emotionally and personality-type suited) plus an on-call (24/7/365) staff of specialty medical/psychiatric staff. The demographics state-wide do not appear to support such a program. However, more populous county-wide sheriff-based programs in certain counties may be supportable. As a direct result of the implied threat of a legislated curriculum, the Police Academy has implemented changes to introduce “de-escalation” skills and mental-health understanding to the core training and advanced training. **Vote 16-1.**

Rep. Jordan G. Ulery

HB 1729-FN, implementing a “good time” sentence reduction system for inmates in the state prison system. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Implementing the provision of this bill would in effect change the Truth in Sentencing statute now in effect. It would reduce the minimum sentence by better than one-third. The prosecutors testified that as a result there would be a push for a greater minimum sentence to be awarded. There are presently several provisions in current law for an incarcerated individual to attempt to have his or her sentence reviewed and possibly reduced or modified. **Vote 16-1.**

Rep. E. Albert Weare

SB 353-FN, relative to registration of criminal offenders convicted of homicide. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill was submitted for the benefit of one individual who has experienced a severe traumatic event involving her ex husband and another family member. The ex husband has been released from prison and this individual is in fear of possible retribution. Several attempts have been initiated to assure the individual that the parole board and the victim assistance office already have as a matter of policy her concerns already in effect. To establish a registration list for persons convicted of homicide is too costly and would produce no more results than that which is already in effect. **Vote 16-1.**

Rep. E. Albert Weare

SB 355-FN, relative to unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Underage drinking is a serious problem in New Hampshire. This bill was assigned to a committee that did not have the history, experience or expertise in liquor enforcement and they voted the bill to Interim Study. The Interim Study was assigned to the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. This bill had widespread support from the law enforcement, medical, treatment and prevention communities and the committee felt that the need and the problem was such that it was recommended for further legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr.

SB 407-FN-A, relative to enforcement of labor statutes under current federal immigration laws. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill would have authorized many procedures that are already covered under current law. By expanding the involvement into federal immigration enforcement without providing funding will overload the already full plate of state law enforcement. Immigration is a federal responsibility that should be enforced by federal agencies, not bypassing the responsibility to the states. **Vote 15-2.**

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr.

EDUCATION

HB 1532, revising the special education statutes. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee reviewed the recommendation of the Special Education Caucus and accepted its recommendation for future legislation. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. Stephen R. L'Heureux

SB 268, raising the age of required attendance of children in school and establishing a 2-year pilot program for increasing vocational education opportunities in the Manchester and Nashua school districts and making an appropriation therefor.

RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.

Believing that education is crucial to future success and that alternative routes to high school completion should be encouraged, the committee recommends future legislation to increase the age that a student can legally withdraw from 16 to 18. **Vote 11-4.**

Rep. Emma L. Rous

ELECTION LAW

HB 1219, prohibiting the use of public funds to advocate for the success or defeat of a candidate or ballot question. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Several bills that have been filed over this biennium have brought forward the issue of public funds being used for private advocacy on ballot issues. A majority of the committee recognizes that in principle such expenditures should be controlled and/or prohibited, but that the issue needs to be further developed through hearings on additional legislation. **Vote 10-3.**

Rep. William L. O'Brien

HB 1237-FN-LOCAL, requiring matching expenditures when public money is paid for purposes of electioneering. **NOT**

RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.

A sponsor of this bill opposes any use of public funds for private or one-sided advocacy on ballot issues. In committee he proposed that this bill, which would require that matching funds be given to each side when public funds are used to advocate on ballot issues, not be recommended for future legislation because it would accommodate wrong doing and not prevent wrong doing. **Vote 13-0.**

Rep. William L. O'Brien

HB 1304-FN, relative to the scope of registration of lobbyists and statements of lobbying activities. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The intent of this bill is to further strengthen the control of lobbying activities. Further legislation would only be a duplication of previous legislation passed in this biennium. **Vote 10-4.**

Rep. Richard B. Drisko

HB 1421-FN, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee had a spirited discussion in which a consensus developed that the use of private funds, particularly by affluent individuals, in support of political candidates may have adverse consequences, including the increased need for substantial personal funds to be spent by a candidate for public office. A majority of the committee, however, did not believe that public funding of elections would work for various reasons. It would not prevent the continued use of personal funds by a candidate or an advocate on behalf of the candidate, there are no state funds available for such expenditures and there are better methods to help non-affluent individuals become viable candidates. **Vote 11-3.**

Rep. William L. O'Brien

HB 1481, establishing a moratorium period for lobbying by certain state officers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The intent of this bill is to prohibit certain public officials from lobbying for one year after leaving office or employment with the state. This issue was adequately addressed in SB 206, Chapter 21, 2006. **Vote 11-3.**

Rep. Richard B. Drisko

HB 1547, clarifying what constitutes physical presence for purposes of establishing domicile under the election laws. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The consensus in the committee was that New Hampshire should more clearly establish that only New Hampshire residents participate in its elections. As this was the intent underlying this legislation the majority believes that it should be the subject of future legislation. **Vote 10-4.**

Rep. William L. O'Brien

HB 1553, relative to electioneering. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill addresses the issue of possible undue influence from public officials and employees in electioneering activities. Legislation may be necessary to address this issue in the forthcoming session. **Vote 12-2.**

Rep. Thomas J. Langlais

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 632-FN-L, creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** The committee recommends that an overall policy be instituted in the state to protect the environment through collaboration insuring consistency between all agencies in the executive branch. **Vote 10-4.**

Rep. William B. Tobin

HB 1416-FN-A, relative to the promotion, acquisition, and retention of a large animal veterinarian in the north country, and making an appropriation therefor. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

It is apparent as a result of discussions with various agricultural organizations especially animal oriented, that due to scarcity of veterinarians dealing with large animal, this bill should be moved for further legislation. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Derek Owen

HB 1551, establishing a committee to study incentives for reducing consumer solid waste for disposal in landfills and incinerators. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Existing commissions, state agencies, and non-profits can promote pay-as-you-throw recycling programs quite effectively. Currently, more than 40 communities have instituted such programs. Thus, a new committee to study pay-as-you-throw is unnecessary. **Vote 13-1.**

Rep. David E. Essex

HB 1622-FN, relative to the state recycling program. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

State agencies should and must take the lead in recycling if we expect town and cities to follow suit. Responsibilities must be assigned to carry out this task. **Vote 13-1.**

Rep. Burton W. Williams

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 455-FN, relative to establishing a board of private investigation and security services. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee recognizes the potential of this bill for improving public safety by assuring the ethical conduct of persons engaged in the practice of professional investigation. Working with a bill sponsor and other stakeholders, the committee identified critical elements needed in setting up a separate board. Some concerns addressed included ensuring that: (1) entry into the profession would not be inordinately limited; (2) activities of other professions (e.g. persons engaged in the repossession of vehicles, bail recovery agents, accident reconstruction specialist) not be limited; (3) the potential membership of the proposed board and its administrative attachment guarantees adequate oversight and involvement of all engaged in the profession; (4) continuing education requirements in re applicable laws, regulations, ethics, investigation techniques are identified. The bill's sponsor has submitted proposed legislation for 2007 session which addresses most of these concerns. **Vote 18-0.**

Rep. Maurice L. Pilotte

HB 598-FN, establishing a full-time financial exploitation coordinator in the department of justice. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Elder exploitation is a growing concern as is the number of reported cases at local levels. Therefore, the committee supports future legislation to establish a full-time financial exploitation coordinator in the Department of Justice because this position will designate responsibility for seeing cases through to resolution. The committee further suggests this position not be limited to exploitation but also include activities to investigate elder abuse and neglect. **Vote 18-0.**

Rep. Janeen A. Dalrymple

HB 1240-FN, establishing the position of state ethics officer. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee felt that as our state ethics laws become more complex, it is important to have an individual designated in the Secretary of State's office who is well versed in the ethics laws and who can respond in a consistent and timely fashion to the myriad of questions asked by candidates, public and elected officials and public employees. The goal is to prevent people, who in many cases volunteer their time to serve the citizens of New Hampshire, from unknowingly violating the ethics laws. **Vote 12-6.**

Rep. A. Laurie Harding

HB 1247-FN, relative to licensure of pharmacy benefit managers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**
The committee does believe that certain issues such as transparency and fiduciary responsibility warrant future legislative work. **Vote 16-0.**

Rep. Alida I. Millham

HB 1258-FN-A, establishing a sunset review process for executive agency and judicial programs and making an appropriation therefor. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill has been overtaken by events, in that current auditing processes encompasses many of the issues raised in the sunset bill. The draconian threat to eliminate ("sunset") agencies like Health and Human Services, the Department of Safety, etc. are unreal and of limited effect. Current performance audits are more effective. **Vote 16-0.**

Rep. Nelson S. Allan

HB 1347, relative to licensure, registration, or certification of regulated professions. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee felt this bill was important enough to warrant reintroduction that will define a series of guidelines as listed: 1) For new applications there must be a standardized format of requirements; 2) any request for changes to existing job titles should bring that occupation into compliance with new standard format; 3) the standard format must contain the intent of the Legislature for the level of regulation; 4) any increases in the level of qualification should be done by endorsement; and 5) new groups should fill out a sunrise questionnaire which should also be reviewed. **Vote 16-0.**

Rep. Donald F. Ryder

HB 1415-FN-A, establishing the office of corrections ombudsman. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR LEGISLATION.**

The history of this bill dates back to about 2000 and was originally designed, primarily by the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, to address a number of problems within the correctional system. The result of a number of study committees, the bill is intended to establish the office of corrections ombudsman to be administratively attached to the Department of Administrative Services and includes a \$75,000 appropriation. Because the present commissioner had only been in his position for a couple of weeks when the legislation was introduced in January 2006, the committee decided to study the bill over the summer. A study committee met several times and considered information from previous studies including: the prison performance audit, the list of financial settlements from 1998 through 2005, and the study committee report of 2002. In addition, it considered information from six other states who have corrections ombudsmen. Also received was information from the commissioner of corrections about his reorganization plan which was required by the legislature in 2005. This reorganization plan calls for the creation of an unclassified position similar (but not identical) to the position of ombudsman. This new position, if approved, would be called Inspector General, nominated by the Governor and would report directly to the

commissioner. In contrast, the ombudsman position would be administratively attached to the office of administrative services. As a result of study, the committee voted not to recommend additional legislation for the position of ombudsman. We do, however, see merit in the concept of Inspector General. **Vote 18-0.**

Rep. Anne-Marie Irwin

HB 1616-FN, establishing a performance measurement system for state agencies. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee voted to recommend for further legislation because the increased complexity of government is placing greater demands on both the legislature and the executive branch. More transparency is required of public policy to ascertain its effectiveness. Agencies need clear, appropriate performance measurements, and policy committees need an increased focus on legislating for results, and this kind of legislation would be a significant step in the right direction. **Vote 16-0.**

Rep. James M. Fitzgerald

FINANCE

HB 1284-FN-A, increasing the appropriation to the firemen's relief fund. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee felt that an increase was warranted to reflect the increasing costs and the expanding number of firemen covered. Coverage is extended to all firemen in the state who die while on duty and are members in good standing of any organized city or town fire department. **Vote 22-0.**

Rep. Robert L. Wheeler

HB 1384, relative to standardizing the format for special education budgets. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee believes that all school districts already have the authority to itemize and/or break out special education costs. Additionally, privacy issues regarding individual students could be compromised. **Vote 19-3.**

Rep. Linda T. Foster

HB 1601-FN-L, relative to the funding of catastrophic special education aid and making an appropriation to the department of education to support the Laurent Clerc Academy. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The bill attempts to distribute greater catastrophic aid to school districts by changing the distribution formula where catastrophic aid begins when the district has spent three and one half times the average cost per student (state-wide). The formula then divides the cost: 80% state, 20% district, until the total reaches ten times the average cost per student, at which point all further costs are borne by the state. The change to the formula in the bill would begin catastrophic aid at three times the average cost per district pupil. Then the split would be 80/20 as existing, but the state would pay 100% starting at eight times the average cost per district pupil. Education grants per student are not uniform to all districts. The committee felt that we needed to be informed as to what was the source of funds that the district was using for the calculations. We were unable to discover what funds were used. The most problematic was the amount supplied by medicaid. Without this information, the committee was reluctant to move forward with this concept. We support changing the formula, but not without a full accounting of all sources of spending per student. The question was divided on this bill, and the Laurent Clerc Academy funding is not recommended for further legislation. **Vote 21-0.**

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

HB 1645-FN, relative to fireworks display permits, the position of permissible fireworks inspector, and the sale of permissible fireworks. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee heard testimony that both the State Fire Marshal's office and several fireworks dealers supported the creation of a full-time fireworks inspector position. The committee believes the best course of action for this important item is for it to be considered in full view of all other departmental priorities during the budget process next year. **Vote 22-0.**

Rep. Christopher C. Pappas

SB 110-FN-A, establishing the New Hampshire Rx plus program for prescription drugs. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The subject of this bill is extremely important and should continue to be treated with the seriousness it deserves. **Vote 20-2.**

Rep. Elizabeth S. Hager

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 1714-FN, relative to an electronic controlled drug prescription monitoring program. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee unanimously supports the introduction of legislation to initiate the controlled drug prescription monitoring program. The focus will be on public health, protection of privacy, confidentiality and a limited focus on monitoring high risk prescriptions. **16-0.**

Rep. James R. MacKay

JUDICIARY

CACR 32, relating to eminent domain. Providing that property can only be taken for public benefit other than increased tax revenues. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee decided that CACR 30 which is Question 1 on the ballot this November adequately achieves what CACR 32 set out to accomplish. CACR 30 passed by overwhelming margins in the House and Senate. The successful amendment, in clear language, offers protection from property being taken and transferred to a private individual or entity. We feel the spirit of CACR 32 is sufficiently preserved in CACR 30. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Maureen C. Mooney

CACR 40, relating to taking of property. Providing that property may not be taken for a public purpose, but only for a public use. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee decided that CACR 30 which is Question 1 on the ballot this November adequately achieves what CACR 40 set out to accomplish. CACR 30 passed by overwhelming margins in the House and Senate. The successful amendment, in clear language, offers protection from property being taken and transferred to a private individual or entity. We feel the spirit of CACR 40 is sufficiently preserved in CACR 30. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. Maureen C. Mooney

HB 1129, relative to eminent domain. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The primary purpose of this bill was to define “public use” in the statutes. This was the first New Hampshire bill filed in response to the United States Supreme Court “Kelo” decision. As such, we commend the prime sponsor for his prompt efforts to protect property owners. Nevertheless, SB 287, Chapter 324, 2006 (which was signed into law on the 1 year anniversary of Kelo) adequately encompasses the purpose of this bill. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. Maureen C. Mooney

HB 1254, relative to eminent domain. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The primary purpose of this bill was to define “public use” in the statutes. This bill was the final product of the Special House Committee to Study Eminent Domain Issues which deliberated in 2005. Nevertheless, SB 287, Chapter 324, 2006 (which was signed into law on the 1 year anniversary of Kelo) adequately contains the purpose of this bill. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. Maureen C. Mooney

HB 1511, relative to business replacement costs resulting from government program displacement. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Although this legislation has passed the legislation in the past, it was vetoed due to its economic impact. The committee considered the impact on a small business when it must move. The current law does give an owner choices in compensation and the dollar amounts were raised recently. Given that the committee tried very hard to improve on the current law, but with no result, the committee feels that the issue should be put to rest until the dollar amounts need to be revisited. **Vote 13-2.**

Rep. John B. Hunt

HB 1554, relative to the amount paid for property in eminent domain. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill allows inflated monetary compensation for homes or businesses taken by eminent domain. Although the committee appreciates the prime sponsor’s intentions, we feel that such an extreme measure of compensation is not necessary to address concerns raised by the “Kelo” decision. **Vote 13-2.**

Rep. Maureen C. Mooney

HB 1569, relative to trust protectors, trust advisors, and directed trusts. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The issues addressed in this bill were included in a different bill that is now law. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. John B. Hunt

HB 1596-FN, relative to eminent domain compensation. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill addresses a new formula for compensating home and business owners when they are victims of eminent domain. This bill was one of a series of bills files in response to the “Kelo” decision. The general sentiment of the committee is that current law regarding home and business compensation is sufficient at this time. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. Maureen C. Mooney

HB 1721-FN, relative to changes in the use of weighted caseload statistics in the calculation of the salaries of part-time district court justices. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Part-time district court judges are paid for their services on a kind of “piecework” basis, in accordance with a schedule that assigns numerical weights to each type of case that comes before the district court. The weights are intended to reflect proportional differences among case types based on the average complexity of each case type and the time it takes to present, consider and rule upon it. House Bill 1721 was filed at the request of the Administrative Office of the District Court to revise the weight assignments among case types to reflect more recent experience, as indicated by internal audits. Following the public hearing, the committee was generally favorable to the idea of revising the weight scale, but it recommended the bill for interim study based on the concerns of some members that further refinements were indicated. The full committee has concluded that this subject should be pursued. **Vote 13-2.**

Rep. Gregory M. Sorg

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 524, relative to outsourcing of jobs. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

While the intent of this legislation is laudable, the bill as proposed would in fact be grossly punitive and contrary to the accepted reality of globalization. The bill's provision would not prevent large companies from dropping New Hampshire as a viable market and could cause a greater loss of jobs. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. William J. Infantine

HB 1133, establishing the employee civic duty act. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee was sympathetic to the intention of the bill, but felt that this bill was too broad in scope and could put an undue hardship on small business. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Russell D. Bridle

HB 1543, relative to protections for temporary workers. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

After much discussion, it was unanimous that further legislation be brought forth next session. **Vote 13-0.**

Rep. William J. Infantine

SB 172, establishing a committee to study a medical fee schedule for workers' compensation. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Although the committee was sympathetic to the rising costs of workers' compensation, it believes that this bill and the process of setting schedules for medical fees was not the solution to the problem. **Vote 10-1.**

Rep. Jarvis M. Adams

SB 267, relative to the definition of employee and clarifying the criteria for exempting workers from employee status. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee believes that there are too many issues with this bill and the global issue can be taken up in the study committee created by Chapter 134, HB 246, 2005. **Vote 10-1.**

Rep. William J. Infantine

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

CACR 11, relating to the compensation of the legislature. Providing that legislative members receive a payment for each day of legislative attendance and reimbursement for certain necessary expenses. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

A review of legislator compensation – benefits and salaries – from all of the 50 States was undertaken. Many states paid on a per diem bases for actual session days, while other states tied the compensation to the federal rate. Louisiana for example, paid the federal rate, plus an additional \$6,000, bringing their legislative pay to \$16,800 annual. The committee particularly looked at the compensation of neighboring New England states, Maine - \$38. per day, housing; \$32. per day meals; \$11,384. first regular session; \$8,655 second regular session; plus a \$1,500. annual constituent service allowance. Vermont - \$589. per week during session; \$118. per day for special sessions or interim committee meetings; plus mileage. We reviewed the question of whether an increase in our legislative compensation would, in fact, change the dynamics of the House; for example, increasing the number of members with school age/young children and who are currently active in the work force. To accomplish this, the compensation would have to be such that it could replace one's salary, thus turning our "volunteer" legislature into a "full-time job." The committee felt that this was not what our founding fathers had in mind. In fact, many could argue that our state constitution is written in such a way as to ensure that our time served in the legislature was both voluntary and a temporary position, with its members returning to the workforce after and during their legislative tenure. Discussion also focused on legislative benefits, such as health insurance and increased compensation to cover the cost of a hotel for those whose travel time prohibited daily commutes to Concord. This could be done by increasing the mileage compensation. Finally, it was agreed that it was bad politics to vote a salary increase for ourselves in light of the budget difficulties. **Vote 8-0.**

Rep. Karen K. Hutchinson

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 245, establishing a committee to study property appraisals of features of land and the view from residential property and unimproved land. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill established a committee to study property appraisals of features of land including the view from residential property and unimproved land. This last year, the committee heard testimony on another bill, HB 1206, which also dealt with property appraisals of land features. HB 1206 was passed into law May 30, 2006 (Chapter 193, 2006). The committee feels that this new law addresses the issues raised by HB 245 by charging the Assessing Standards Board to require the assessors to provide transparency within their documentation when determining property values. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl

HB 1301-LOCAL, relative to the purchase of conservation, preservation, and agricultural preservation restrictions.

RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.

The original bill required the contributor of public funds used in purchasing easements to abide by the provisions of the real estate practice act regarding prohibited conduct, RSA 331-A:26. After discussion among the committee, the sponsor, a conservation commission representative and a representative of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, an agreement was reached to work together to look at an appeals process, full disclosure during transactions, procedures to track public funds and an examination of public versus private land trust transactions in the next legislative session. **Vote 14-3.**

Rep. Laurie J. Boyce

HB 1405, relative to the schedule for the adoption, revision, and amendment of municipal charters. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

There has been a lot of work done over the last two year on reviewing the process for adopting and revising a charter and the timelines associated with it. By recommending for future legislation, the legislature, the municipal association, the local town officials and the Secretary of State will be able to build on this work to streamline and clarify the charter process. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. John P. Dowd

HB 1439, relative to petitioned zoning ordinance amendments. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

While the committee recognizes that petition zoning ordinances can pose a problem if found to be unconstitutional, illegal or beyond the authority of the legislative body, it was agreed that the problem would not be solved by allowing the governing body to refuse to put the petition on the ballot. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Nancy K. Johnson

SB 337, relative to the sale and repurchase of property acquired by tax deed. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Due to the fact that there are different interpretations regarding when and if municipalities were able to retain proceeds from tax sales after a period of 6 years and a day, the committee feels that RSA 80:88 through RSA 80:90 needs clarification. The overall interpretation of these laws was that they are very vague. Language has been drafted with the assistance of the Attorney General's Office for future legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 1186, relative to the location of the Cheshire county superior court. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The study committee on this bill did not focus on the narrow issue of where Cheshire County Superior Court should be located, but rather on the larger policy issue of court locations in general. The issue is whether or not the RSAs dealing with court locations should spell out the municipality that the courthouse is located in. The consensus of the committee was that legislation should be introduced eliminating the references to specific towns or cities, and instead simply state that the courthouse must be located in the district serviced by the court. This recommendation requires legislation to amend the current RSAs dealing with superior and district courts. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. John A. Graham

HB 1344, relative to a certain highway project in Merrimack. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

After meeting with the town officials of Hudson and Litchfield and the commissioner of the Department of Transportation, it was agreed that the bridge and highway project in Merrimack should be moved forward as soon as possible. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Leon C. Calawa

HB 1615-FN-A, establishing a fund for improvement of the state veterans cemetery. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

There is a need for a reserve fund to accommodate unanticipated expenses during the biennium at the state veterans' cemetery. However, appropriate details to provide controls and a possible cap are yet to be determined. They will be resolved and included in future legislation. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Franklin T. Tilton

SB 232-FN-A, making a capital appropriation to the department of health and human services for a dental facility in the town of Tamworth. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Tri County Community Action is working toward making the dental facility in the town of Tamworth a not for profit clinic. They have established a working relationship with the New Hampshire Dental Society to help accomplish that goal. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. James B. Rausch

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 1395, relative to public drinking water protection. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Upon review, the committee finds that this bill as introduced was too broad in its scope for the time available. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) is currently working with a grant, which encompasses the issues in section one, to define and prioritize water resource protection needs statewide, watershed by watershed. That report is expected by early 2007 and the committee would hope to move forward based on those outcomes. The committee does feel, however, that there is a clear and

present need addressed in section two which has been adequately evaluated and that legislation should go forward expeditiously. We recommend that the language in DRAFT Amendment 2006-2430h, unanimously approved by the Resources Committee, be reintroduced in 2007. This provides that when a Public Utility Water Company acquires land for the protection of the water resources, the protection shall be legally secured. Such legislation would guarantee that when ratepayers invest in the long-term quality and sustainability of their water supplies, their investment shall not be compromised in the future, but preserved for future generations. **Vote 13-0.**

Rep. Mary Ellen Martin

HB 1493, declaring that groundwater is part of the public trust. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** The Groundwater Study Commission is studying this issue, with plans to request the opinion of the Court on whether further statutes are necessary. Further legislation is therefore premature at this time. **Vote 13-0.**

Rep. Judith T. Spang

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HR 16, requesting that the New Hampshire congressional delegation support optional Social Security personal retirement accounts. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This complex resolution lost energy as a result of shifting positions in Washington and a reduced emphasis of solving the problem with only a personal retirement account. More questions were raised than solutions. **Vote 10-0.**

Rep. James E. Twombly

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1303-FN, requiring sex offenders to renew their drivers' licenses annually. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee is awaiting the definition of sex offender to be established by the Committee to Identify and Evaluate Classification and Risk Assessment Procedures for Convicted Sex Offenders and Offenders Against Children (HB 1692, Chapter 327:26, 2006) due to report out in 2007. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Sherman A. Packard

HB 1353, relative to addresses on motor vehicle registrations. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** The committee believes that this is a small problem for a few people but the solution in this bill is unacceptable to the towns; they would become the main address for people who don't have a home. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Brenda L. Ferland

HB 1466-FN, relative to registration of slow-moving vehicles. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** This is an outstanding issue that needs to be addressed and resolved in the next legislative session. It should be considered carefully and protection from abuse must be included in future legislation. **Vote 9-2.**

Rep. James W. Danforth

SB 157-FN, relative to all terrain vehicles used for agricultural purposes. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill was a hold over from 2005 session because of a similar bill to allowing these vehicles on the highways. The committee doesn't expect this bill to settle this issue and will look at future bills. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Sherman A. Packard

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 634-FN-A, relative to solid waste reduction, establishing a solid waste disposal fee, and renaming the recycling market development steering committee. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill deals with a very important and complicated matter; reducing the amount of solid waste which the state landfills and incinerates. A subcommittee met several times this summer on the landfill – trash tax issue. The subcommittee included members from the Municipal and County Government Committee, the Environment and Agriculture Committee and the Science, Technology and Energy Committee as well as the Ways and Means Committee. Numerous issues were discussed regarding the solid waste issue. Those issues included: 1) Landfill space is at a premium and new landfills are not being permitted for a variety of reasons. Laws, ordinances and regulations are too stringent; abutters don't want them, permitting takes too long and costs too much. 2) The Department of Environmental Services (DES) was requiring communities to close dumps without encouraging replacement facilities. 3) Recycling has worked fine for some communities and not so well for other communities. It was found that one community would pay to have recyclables disposed of while another community was being compensated for the same materials. 4) The Department of Environmental Services gave information about mandatory recycling programs, which would be funded by a new tonnage trash tax ranging from \$1/ton to \$2.50 ton. There was a mechanism to return money to communities. 5) The 28-A issue was explored regarding mandated programs and it was concluded that may be an issue depending on the final version of the bill. 6) The issue of how communities can maximize their income from recycling. Non-profit organizations provided an overview of their operations including networking and distribution

of ideas and resources that again maximize the value of this waste stream. The subcommittee voted to not pursue the implementation of a new tax to fund this mandatory recycling program. The majority of the subcommittee felt that 1) More time was needed for communities to implement recycling and to improve and maximize revenue from their recycling operations. 2) The mandatory tax proposal would punish communities that are doing a good job currently. 3) We would need a collection and distribution mechanism to deal with the new tax. 4) A new fund would need to be established. 5) DES should suggest ways to facilitate the siting of new landfills. Even with this new tax the department admitted the proposal did little to address the issue of where to put the residual trash that is not recycled. 6) The legislature should determine if the state alone should permit new facilities. For these reasons the Ways and Means Committee decided not to recommend HB 634 for further legislation. **Vote 11-2.**

Rep. Kevin L. Camm

HB 698-FN, relative to penalty assessments. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The purpose of the bill was to raise money for the penalty assessment fund by assessing a penalty even when no fine would be paid. It is not uncommon for multiple charges to be filed relating to one incident, in the final adjudication only one fine may be levied. The remainder of the charges may be placed on file or suspended. In those cases it is probable that the penalty assessments could far surpass the fine imposed. This would likely result in the dismissal of charges which may otherwise be reinstituted in the future. The net result may be no change in revenues or even a decrease. **Vote 13-0.**

Rep. Shawn N. Jasper

GOVERNOR’S BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

ROOMS 206-208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Opening Session – Governor Lynch
- 9:05 a.m. University System
- 10:20 a.m. Judicial Council
 - Marital Mediator Certification Board
- 10:40 a.m. Secretary of State
 - Real Estate Commission
 - Real Estate Appraiser Board
 - Commission on the Status of Women
 - Accountancy Board
 - Joint Board
 - Boxing & Wrestling Commission
- 11:20 a.m. Department of Health & Human Services
- 1:00 p.m. Revenue Administration
- 1:20 p.m. Treasury Department
- 1:35 p.m. Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)
- 1:50 p.m. Board of Tax & Land Appeals
- 2:05 p.m. NH Retirement System
- 2:25 p.m. Adjutant General
- 2:45 p.m. Agriculture
- 3:00 p.m. Department of Justice
- 3:20 p.m. NH Community Technical College System
 - Police Standards & Training
 - Christa McAuliffe Planetarium

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

ROOMS 206-208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. NH Lottery Commission
- 9:15 a.m. Insurance Department
- 9:35 a.m. Department of Labor
- 9:55 a.m. Liquor Commission
- 10:25 a.m. Public Utilities Commission
 - Consumer Advocate
- 10:40 a.m. Department of Safety
 - Electricians Board

10:55 a.m.	Department of Corrections
11:25 a.m.	Department of Employment Security
11:40 a.m.	Department of Cultural Resources
1:00 p.m.	Regulatory Boards & Commissions
	Public Employee Labor Relations Board
	Manufactured Housing Board
1:15 p.m.	Fish & Game Department
1:45 p.m.	Bank Commission
2:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
2:15 p.m.	Department of Environmental Services
	Plumbers Board
	Oil Disbursement Board
2:45 p.m.	Pease Development Authority
3:00 p.m.	Department of Resources & Economic Development

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 a.m.	Veterans Home
9:30 a.m.	Veterans Council
9:45 a.m.	Department of Health & Human Services – Administratively Attached Boards
	Medicine Board
	Optometry
	Registration in Podiatry
	Nursing Home Examination
	Allied Health Professionals
	Nursing Registrations
	Pharmacy Commission
	Chiropractic Examiners
	Cosmetology & Barbers Board
	Dental Board
	Electrolysis Board
	Funeral Directors & Embalmers
	Mental Health Practice
	Ophthalmic Dispenser
	Naturopathic Examiners
	Hearing Care Providers
	Acupuncture Board
	Midwifery Council
	Dietitians Council
	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Professionals
	Massage Therapy
10:15 a.m.	Department of Administrative Services
10:45 a.m.	Pari-Mutuel Commission
11:00 a.m.	Community Development Finance Authority
11:15 a.m.	Developmental Disabilities Council
11:30 a.m.	Postsecondary Education Commission
1:00 p.m.	Department of Education
1:30 p.m.	Department of Transportation
2:30 p.m.	Highway Safety Agency
2:45 p.m.	Executive Offices – Governor
	Office of Energy & Planning
	Office of Information Technology
3:30 p.m.	Commission on Disabilities
3:45 p.m.	Executive Council

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STATE PARK SYSTEM (SB 5, Chapter 276:1, Laws of 2005), Room 100, State House

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), NH Department of Revenue Administration, 57 Regional Drive, Concord

9:30 a.m. Public Forum

11:00 a.m. **Rescheduled** regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SHORELAND PROTECTION ACT (SB 83, Chapter 209:1, Laws of 2005), Room 305, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION (RSA 17-C:2), Room 207, LOB

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)/EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Durham Police Department, Chief Ray Burrows Memorial Community Room, 86 Durham Road, Durham

6:00 p.m. Public Forum.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FARM VIABILITY PROGRAM (HB 229, Chapter 78:1, Laws of 2005), Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Review of final report.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits: Office of Information Technology financial and compliance audit report for the nine months ended March 31, 2006

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I)/HERITAGE COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE (RSA 227-C:18), Room 103, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), American Legion Post 79, 35 W. Brook Street, Manchester

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STRATEGIC CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE (RSA 21-H:14-a), Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

LONG-RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION (RSA 17-M), Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 201-203, LOB (Please note room change.)

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)/EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Center Of NH Expo – LGC/NHMA Conference Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm Street, Manchester

1:30 p.m. Public Forum.

COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC USE OF FLOOD-DAMAGED PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE STATE (HB 1767-FN-A, Chapter 256:4, Laws of 2006), Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

GAMES OF CHANCE STUDY COMMISSION (HB 1744, Chapter 311:16, Laws of 2006), Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TASK FORCE RELATIVE TO CENTRAL REGISTRIES (HB 1672, Chapter 289:3, Laws of 2006), Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

RIGHT-TO-KNOW OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 91-A:11), Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE ENERGY POLICY COMMISSION (HB 1146, Chapter 257:1, Laws of 2006), Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c), Goffstown Women’s Prison, 317 Mast Road, Goffstown

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (HB 1390, Chapter 114:2, Laws of 2000), Room 205, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

WINNIPESAUKEE WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (RSA 483-D), Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

COMMISSION TO STUDY CHILD SUPPORT AND RELATED CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES (HB 310, Chapter 277:1, Laws of 2003), Room 207, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY COSTS AND FUNDING OF MEDICOLEGAL INVESTIGATIONS AND AUTOPSIES (HB 649-FN, Chapter 40:1, Laws of 2006), Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. Review of final report.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT (RSA 146-D:4), Room 209, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROPER RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF GREASE TRAP WASTES AND TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL CAPACITY (HB 1373, Chapter 261:1, Laws of 2006), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE ENERGY POLICY COMMISSION (HB 1146, Chapter 257:1, Laws of 2006), Room 304, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Ad hoc committee on voluntary retirement savings accounts.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint hearing.

OFFICIAL NOTICES
COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Belknap County Delegation will meet on Monday, **November 20** at 7:00 p.m. at the County Complex for the purpose of selecting a Gunstock Commissioner and a County Commissioner.

Rep. John H. Thomas, Chairmen
Belknap County Delegation

NOTICE

Reservations for the use of the Upham Walker House are now being made with Doug Dolcino, Director of Operations for the General Court, at 271-3324.

W. Douglas Scamman, Speaker

Pursuant to RSA 326-B:10-a,IV, the Joint Health Council will meet at the NH Board of Nursing Office, Walker Building, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, on Tuesday, **November 28** at 6:00 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

When the House Clerk's Office is aware of House Members who are hospitalized or homebound by serious illness, we will publish a list of names and addresses as requested.

Robert F. Chabot, 73 Joseph Street, Manchester, NH 03102-2312

Ed M. Putnam, II, Rockingham County Nursing Home, 117 North Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Colleagues who so desire may send cards and greetings to the address listed above.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House
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MEMBERS' NOTICES

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Class photos are still available in the Speaker's Office for \$30 each by cash (or check payable to Bill Finney). After November 1, the price will be \$45, which will then include shipping and handling.

W. Douglas Scamman, Speaker

On **November 14th** the Main Street Republican Caucus will host an Education Funding Forum. In the morning The NH Policy Center will give a presentation on "Education Funding in NH" starting at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 206-208, LOB. After lunch, the forum will continue with presentations by sponsors of education funding legislation proposed for the upcoming session. All legislators are invited. If you would like to present your education funding or CACR legislation at this forum, please contact Mike Asselin at 365-1888.

Rep. Cynthia J. Dokmo

Child and Family Services of New Hampshire awarded Rep. Carolyn Gargas with the Voice of Children Award, an honor

bestowed yearly to a New Hampshire citizen who has shown an outstanding commitment to and made a tremendous difference in the lives of children and families. She served on the Family Law Task Force and convened a group of child advocates to ensure that the child’s best interests be the touchstone of decision-making in child-related aspects of divorce. She also chaired the oversight committee that was established by the legislature to monitor the implementation of the pilot project allowing the public to attend parts of child protection hearings. Rep Gargasz will receive her award at Child and Family Services’ Voice for Children Award Celebration and 156th Annual Meeting, Thursday, **November 16**, 5:00 p.m. at The Wayfarer Inn and Convention Center in Bedford. Admission is \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10. For further information, visit www.cfsnh.org. To register, call Child and Family Services, 1-800-640-6486 ext. 156.

Rep. Mary Stuart Gile

Sheehan Phinney Capital Group will be hosting the annual Welcome Back Reception for all House and Senate members and staff on Organization Day, Wednesday, **December 6** at the Capitol Grille, following the close of session (or at 3:00 p.m. should the session end early).

Rep. John B. Hunt

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

Rep. Michael A. Balboni

STATE HOUSE VISITATION SCHEDULE 2006

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors’ Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in November 2006. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year. Please contact the Visitors’ Center concerning school tour booking information. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew, Director		Caitlin A. Daniuk, Public Information Administrator	
Nov. 13	9:30/11:00 SH/F&G	Broad Street Elementary School – Nashua	4/60
Nov. 14	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	South Londonderry Elementary School	4/65
Nov. 15	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	South Londonderry Elementary School	4/65
Nov. 16	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Danville Elementary School	4/75
Nov. 17	9:45/11:00 SH/SC	Epping Elementary School	4/80
Nov. 20	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	St. Patrick’s School – Pelham	(4/5)/55
Nov. 21	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Gilford Elementary School	4/100
Nov. 27	9:45	Merrimack Valley High School - Penacook	10/45
Nov. 27	10:45/12:30 SH/Planet	Belmont Elementary School	4/94
Nov. 28	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Reed’s Ferry School – Merrimack	4/75
Nov. 29	9:45/11:15 SH/HM	Mastricola Elementary School – Merrimack	4/90
Nov. 30	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Parker Varney Elementary School – Manchester	4/90

