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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet in session on Wednesday, June 27th, at 10:00 a.m. The House will take up Committee of Conference reports which will be placed in seat pockets on either Monday or Tuesday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for all your hard work and cooperation during this session, particularly during the busy Committee of Conference time. It has been an honor to serve as Speaker of the House. I wish you all a restful summer recess and hope you will have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

After more than 26 years of state service, Lucy Harrison has announced her retirement, effective June 28th. Lucy has been the friendly face of the Speaker's Office who gives a welcoming greeting to all members and visitors. Please come up to the Speaker's Office on June 27th to wish Lucy well. I am pleased to announce that Betty Lichty, who previously worked for the House under Speakers Roberts and Tucker, will join the Speaker's staff as the office receptionist on June 25th.

The "2007-2008 Telephone Directory of State Departments" has arrived and is available in the Speaker's Office. Each House member is entitled to one copy.

There will be no legislative business in July. Thereafter, legislative business will be restricted to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus in Representatives Hall on **Tuesday, June 26th at 1:00 p.m.** and on **Wednesday, June 27th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Tuesday, June 26th at 3:00 p.m.** in Rooms 305-307, Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley, Republican Leader

NOTICE

The next House Calendar will close on **Thursday, June 28th** at noon for mailing **Friday, June 29th**. During July and August the House Calendar will be published every two weeks. Members and staff who need to schedule meetings should make arrangements with the Clerk's Office for room availability and publication of meeting notices. Please note Calendar **will close**

at noon on Wednesdays.

CLOSES NOON *WEDNESDAY*:

July 11
July 25
August 8
August 22

TO BE MAILED *THURSDAY*:

July 12
July 26
August 9
August 23

Karen O. Wadsworth

Clerk of the House

NOTICE

All requests for Proclamations and Eagle Scout Certificates must be received, in writing, at least five business days before a Representative wishes to present them. For more information, please contact the House Information Officer in SH 309.
Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

The 2007 Manual for the General Court (Red Book) will be available Wednesday, **June 27th** . House members are entitled to three (3) copies and may be picked up in the Secretary of State’s office.

William M. Gardner, Secretary of State

HOUSE DEADLINES

Wednesday, June 27, 2007	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports
Monday, September 10, 2007	First day to file legislation for 2008 Session
Friday, September 21, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.	Last day to file legislation for 2008 Session
Friday, November 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.	Last day to sign off 2008 legislation
Friday, November 16, 2007	Last day to report retained bills
Wednesday, January 2, 2008	Last day to introduce House bills for 2008

LAID ON TABLE

HB 92, decriminalizing marijuana. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)
HB 109, eliminating straight ticket voting. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)
HB 177-FN, including “unborn child” in the definition of “another” for the purpose of first and second degree murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)
HB 234, establishing a committee to study state environmental laboratory fees and services. (Pending question is the adoption of the committee amendment.)
HB 674, extending the veterans’ property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans. (No pending question.)
HB 745, relative to the use of secret databases. (No pending question.)
HR 12, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009. (Pending question is adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.)
SB 73-FN-A, relative to lottery prizes and administration by the lottery commission. (Pending question is adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)
SB 88, relative to public employee terms of employment, bargaining units, and dispute resolution. (Pending question is adoption of the majority report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.)
SB 191-FN-A, relative to the nongame species account in the fish and game fund. (Pending question is adoption of the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27
COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE STATEMENTS
SENATE BILLS

SB 35-FN-A, making an appropriation for disaster relief assistance in response to the May 2006 floods and establishing a committee to study the distribution of financial disaster assistance.

The Senate conferees agreed with the House version and the House version of this bill was adopted by the conference committee. SB 35 provides \$2,200,000 to communities which received flood damage in the May 2006 floods and, in addition, appropriates \$1,500,000 for a FEMA match for eligible costs for floods in April 2007. These funds will be expended utilizing the traditional formula of 75% federal, 12.5% state and 12.5% town. In addition, the bill establishes a committee to study distribution of financial disaster assistance and requires the committee to complete its work by November 1, 2007.

Rep. Frederick W. King

SB 52, relative to authorizing the attorney general to bring actions for violations of New Hampshire combination and monopolies law.

This bill authorized the Attorney General to bring actions for violations of the combination and monopolies law, and further provided a private right of action for individuals. The House removed the private right of action. The conferees of the House and Senate discussed the use of the right and the desire of the Attorney General to have the private right as part of the law. The House acceded to the Senate position.

Rep. Stephen T. DeStefano

SB 67-FN-A, relative to implementation of the recommendations of the YDC master plan and making an appropriation therefore.

The Senate has changed its mind and has agreed to concur with the House version of the bill.

Rep. James B. Rausch

SB 91, relative to political contributions by corporations, partnerships, and labor unions.

The House conferees agreed with the Senate version of SB 91 with an additional amendment that includes a definition of person.

It was clear to all the conferees that when the Supreme Court said money equals free speech, and, also knowing corporations won a law suit on the grounds corporate political contribution bans were found to be unconstitutional, SB 91 in its original version did level the playing field between corporation and labor unions.

Since an amendment dealing with reporting and disclosure would have been non-germane, the conferees are satisfied that HB 241, retained in committee, will allow us to deal with that issue.

Rep. Jane A. Clemons

SB 106, allowing lobbyists and those connected with lobbyists to sit on committees established by the judicial branch.

The House conferees agreed with the Senate amendment to this bill. The changes had been previously agreed to by the House with the following exceptions: 1) The conferees reduced the hours required to qualify as a lobbyist from 200 hours in the original House amendment to a total of 75 hours, 2) Added a new section exempting volunteers on task forces and ad hoc committees. The amended version also eliminates the original prohibition of volunteers serving on judicial committees.

Rep. Michael S. Rollo

SB 143, naming Jericho Mountain state park and establishing ATV and trail bike trails in such park.

This bill allows for the waiver of certain "fine filter" criteria for the establishment of ATV trails at the Jericho Mountain State Park in Berlin. The conferees agreed to three changes: 1) reincorporating the word "state" in the name of the park; 2) allowing for Department of Transportation trail connectors or crossings so that riding areas can be connected; and, 3) clarifying that Department of Resources and Economic Development was the lead agency and that waivers would be granted "in agreement with" the Fish and Game Department and Department of Environmental Services in the case of impacts on water quality.

Rep. Donald A. Brueggemann

SB 161-FN, relative to the registration fees for mortgage servicing companies.

This bill established a uniform filing fee for mortgage servicers with other entities regulated by the New Hampshire Banking Department. The Senate receded from its position and agreed with the House position which House amendment clarified a definition of "debt adjustment" and corrected the use of "debtor" that should have stated "creditor."

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

SB 170-FN, establishing an office of mediation and arbitration within the judicial branch.

The House and Senate conferees agreed to a technical amendment requested by the judicial branch relating to newly appropriated funds for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. These funds establish an office of mediation and arbitration within the judicial branch. There were no other issues.

Rep. Bette R. Lasky

SB 176-FN, relative to lead paint poisoning and establishing a commission to study the current childhood lead poisoning prevention law, policies, and standards.

The Senate conferees accepted the majority of the House's changes. They further acceded to the House proposed language to clarify that inspections of other units will be triggered only if a lead hazard is found in the original unit where a child with a high lead level resides. The House conferees acceded to the Senate's request to compromise on an effective date of January 1, 2008, for all sections except the commission, which remains effective on passage.

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

SB 187, relative to motor vehicles operated in parades.

The Senate and House conferees agreed to further describe certain trailers beyond the description "outrigger" by adding the word "protruding" to clarify the intent of the bill for law enforcement. All conferees recognized the relevance of this legislation in light of the tragic event of a recent parade.

Rep. Jim Ryan

SB 188, relative to unfair claim settlement practices by insurers.

This bill passed by the Senate would allow third party suits for violations of RSA 417, the Unfair Trade Practices Act. States that have allowed these suits in the past have repealed their laws subsequently because of the flood of duplicative litigation. The House amended the Senate version to enhance the tools the New Hampshire Insurance Department has to remedy violations of the Act. The House felt that regulation by litigation was not beneficial to consumers, and the Department's ability to revoke an insurer's license, assess administrative penalties up to \$25,000 and order restitution to insureds was effective, and allows the department to identify problems in the industry that need attention. The House and Senate could not agree.

Rep. Matthew S. Houde

SB 204-FN-A, relative to collection of debts owed the state.

This bill allows state agencies and departments to refer to the Attorney General any uncollected debt owed to the state for collection. The Senate conferees agreed with the House on the passage of SB 204 as amended by the House, once they understood that this was a self-sustaining program and did not require a line item in the budget.

Rep. A. Laurie Harding

SB 215-FN-A, making an appropriation for AIDS services.

The Senate conferees acceded to the House version of the bill that added language for the second year of funding to match the budget appropriation. The House and Senate conferees agreed to add new language that ensures that the five (5) AIDS service organizations in the state receive the total amount of the money appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services on a per capita basis, rather than placing a specific amount in statute. The conferees also agreed that the AIDS service organizations use established procedures from the Boston Public Health Commission's AIDS program for their eligibility and billing processes through the department.

Rep. Thomas E. Donovan

SB 217-FN-A, establishing the New Hampshire housing and conservation planning program.

This bill establishes the New Hampshire Housing Conservation Program in the Office of Energy and Planning with an advisory board. The Senate requested a reduction in the number of legislators on the advisory board established by this bill as it was amended by the House. The Senate would have one member and the House would have two. The House conferees agreed to this change.

Rep. Jessie L. Osborne

SB 233-FN, relative to sales by beverage manufacturers and relative to the definition of specialty beer.

This bill allowed an alcohol content for specialty beer to be increased from a maximum of 12% to 14%, created a definition of specialty beer, and provides for self-distribution of up to 5,000 barrels for those beverage manufactures who brew 15,000 or less barrels per year. The House amended the bill to exclude flavored malt beverages from the definition of specialty beer and created a study committee to address concerns about these products and whether they are marketed to underage drinkers. The House further amended the bill to allow the liquor commission to approve any specialty beer with an alcohol content greater than 12%. The Senate conferees agreed with the House amendment. The Senate and House conferees agreed to an amendment requiring any specialty beer sold in the state with an alcohol content greater than 12% to be clearly labeled to state the percent of alcohol by volume.

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

SB 235-FN-A, relative to milk support for dairy farmers.

The committee of conference reviewed the changes made by the House. The Senate conferees agreed with the House language after suggesting a technical change to RSA184:110, IV which clarifies the use of funds for legal purposes pertinent to performance and administration of the fund. The clarification requires approval by the governor and council for such use. The House and Senate conferees concurred.

Rep. James G. Phinizy

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE STATEMENTS
HOUSE BILLS

HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

Statement not available when calendar sent to print.

HB 2-FN-A, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

Statement not available when calendar sent to print.

HB 25-FN-A, making appropriations for capital improvements.

The House conferees agreed to the Senate amendments with some minor changes. No projects were removed during the committee of conference. However, the Senate did remove the Department of Corrections Berlin 150-bed Minimum Security Unit (MSU). Both the House and the Senate conferees agreed the Department of Corrections was neither ready nor able to move forward building the MSU this biennium. In an effort to have Corrections ready for a capital project in the next biennium, the conferees did agree to increase Corrections funding for a comprehensive master plan that shall include planning and engineering for Berlin and a Secure Psychology Care facility. The Senate conferees also agreed to include the Troop B and Milford DMV appropriation in the Capital Budget and to remove the appropriations from HB 498. This Capital Budget is a fiscally responsible budget that stays within prudent bonding limits and addresses the infrastructure needs of the state.

Rep. Candace C.W. Bouchard

HB 37, relative to notification requirements for criminal offenders.

As passed by the House, HB 37 contained a provision granting school administrative units, school districts and charter schools absolute immunity from civil or criminal liabilities for actions in accordance with a formally adopted policy concerning background investigations and criminal record checks for certain categories of school volunteers. The Senate deleted this provision. The committee of conference agreed to a compromise by adding a qualified grant of immunity which is provided if that policy is adopted and carried out “in good faith” and not in a “reckless or wanton” manner.

Rep. David W. Hess

HB 83, relative to the deliberations of the board of tax and land appeals under the right-to-know law.

The House and the Senate conferees agreed to a new amendment putting in statute The Board of Tax and Land Appeals’ duty to record the Board’s rulings of law and findings of fact in support of its decisions.

Rep. Bette R. Lasky

HB 95-L, relative to the treatment of charter school pupils in the definition of average daily membership in residence.

The House and Senate conferees were unable to reach agreement on HB 95. The Senate amended the original bill with an amendment which is the same as a bill retained by the House Finance Committee. There were many unresolved issues and the conferees agreed to let the Finance Committee complete its work on the bill.

Rep. J. Timothy Dunn

HB 134, relative to electronic prescribing for prescription drugs.

The House and Senate conferees agreed to new language with added privacy protections that restrict the use of electronic prescription information by electronic transmission intermediaries to be solely for clinical purposes by pharmacists and prescribers. The new language removes the 15 day limit on data retention, acknowledging that these limits will be determined by state or federal law.

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

HB 187, establishing that sheriffs' departments have sole jurisdiction to enforce civil orders.

The House version of the bill assigned the sole jurisdiction for the enforcement of civil judgments to the sheriff's department and required an order of enforcement be issued at the time of judgment. The Senate version changed the term "sole jurisdiction" to "authority" and removed the reference to orders of enforcement. Since local police departments and state police also enforce some civil judgments (domestic violence restraining orders), the Senate change is appropriate. The term "order of enforcement" does not exist in legal terminology and would therefore create confusion and difficulty by inserting it into law. House conferees agreed with the Senate version of the bill.

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr.

HB 202, relative to a point system for automobile dealer and inspection station violation.

The House and Senate conferees agreed to Senate amendments that clarified membership on the motor vehicle industry board. The conferees also extended "lemon law" protection to snowmobiles.

The Senate agreed with the House position on a technical revision to the OBD II statute, New Hampshire RSA 266:1, based on recommendation for the OBD II Advisory Board that grant flexibility to municipal and county governments in complying with emission testing, but allowing the expense of equipment to be avoided by property tax payers.

Rep. Jim Ryan

HB 229, relative to licensing requirements for operators of games of chance.

The Senate has acceded to the House version of this bill. Originally, the Senate added a tax on the proceeds and increased the chip values to \$5 from \$2 in games where chips have a monetary value. Conferees acknowledge that the tax situation, wager amount, and other relevant matters should be studied for future legislation.

The bill gives the Pari-Mutuel Commission the ability to assess fines, and requires a criminal background check with fingerprints of anyone involved in the running of game. It also adds an Internal Auditor and Inspection supervisor in the Commission staff.

Rep. Ken Hawkins

HB 261, prohibiting the Carroll county attorney from engaging in the private practice of law.

The House and Senate conferees were unable to reach agreement on this bill.

Rep. Betsey L. Patten

HB 293, allowing municipalities to establish agricultural commissions.

The Senate agreed with the bill as amended by the House in that members of the agricultural commission need not be limited to individuals who are or have been actively engaged in agriculture. The House conferees accepted the Senate amendment ratifying and confirming a vote taken by the town of Barrington during a town meeting in which 761 people voted in the affirmative and 450 voted against bonding for conservation easements or open space land, regardless of the fact that the town did not hold a public hearing on the bond, as required by RSA 33:8-a,I.

Rep. Robert L. Theberge

HB 306, establishing a task force on work and family.

This bill establishes a task force to consider the relationship between work and families. The Senate added an item to the duties of the task force, which addressed the use of unemployment funds in certain specific circumstances. Because the list of duties already allowed this issue to be considered, and because a related provision had already been passed in SB 195, the Senate conferees agreed to withdraw their amendment and support the version of the bill passed by the House.

Rep. John K. Knowles

HB 365, establishing a commission to study foreclosures of home mortgages and the foreclosure rescue scam industry.

This bill regulates pre-foreclosure purchases and foreclosure consultants and establishes a reporting requirement by the New Hampshire Banking Department, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, and New Hampshire Legal Assistance identifying any foreclosure rescue scam or scheme not covered by the new legislation. The House agreed with the Senate amendment and the Senate and House conferees added an amendment. The House had passed the bill out as a study committee and expressed its reluctance that time did not permit action this year. The Senate amended the bill with a comprehensive regulatory scheme. The committee of conference agreed to amend further to include a requirement to itemize amount paid on behalf of a homeowner, as well as defining further the necessary funds that could be deducted from the net proceeds from any resale. The study commission was replaced with the reporting requirement on November 1, 2007 and 2008.

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

HB 377, relative to the right-to-know law.

The House and Senate conferees met on three separate occasions. A good faith effort was made by the conferees of both legislative bodies. Unfortunately, a compromise on HB 377 could not be reached. The conferees have agreed to disagree.

Rep. Stephen J. Shurtleff

HB 429, relative to nominations by multiple parties.

The Senate conferees agreed with the House conferees to pass the House version of HB 429. The conferees agreed that any person who is registered with a specific party on either party's primary election ballot shall only be the nominee of the party in which one is registered in the general election. Therefore, no candidate shall be nominated to multiple parties.

Rep. Jane A. Clemons

HB 488-FN-A-L, relative to the state chief medical examiner and medico-legal death investigations and making an appropriation to the department of justice for autopsy costs.

House and Senate conferees agreed upon the re-codification of RSA 611 and 611-A into one new Chapter, RSA 611-B. Terms were defined with consistency and clarity. Several important changes were made. A non-lapsing dedicated fund is established into which all related fees would be deposited. A newly established Supervisor II position was created to be paid for by deposits from this dedicated fund. All autopsies would become a state responsibility and fees for autopsy/sign-outs would increase from \$125 to \$140; and \$25 phone consults. The new bill incorporates sections from the House and Senate versions.

Rep. Peter E. Franklin

HB 498-FN-A, dedicating certain OHRV and snowmobile unrefunded road tolls to the fish and game department.

A section of the Senate version of the bill included an appropriation of \$1.2 million that the House believed was an operating budget item and another appropriation of \$800,000 that should be in the Capital Budget. The Senate conferees agreed to remove that section. In return, the House conferees agreed to add the \$1.2 million to the Highway Fund and \$800,000 to the Capital Budget with the understanding the monies would be used for the same purpose from the same source. The House agreed to the section of the Senate version of the bill amending RSA 227-M:7-a,I and continuing to allow LCHIP's administrative fund to receive up to \$335,000 in combined funds annually from the Conservation Plate Trust Fund and interest on appropriations beyond FY 2007. Revenue beyond the \$335,000 will be credited to the LCHIP Trust Fund. The language of HB 498 was unchanged.

Rep. Candace C.W. Bouchard

HB 533, relative to Occupational Safety and Health Administration certification requirements for state contracts.

This bill focuses on two aspects of safety – It first provides a requirement for bidders on state and local building and public works contracts over \$100,000 to certify that the employees have completed an Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction safety program and the Senate amendment established a commission to recommend a comprehensive program for increasing the use of passenger restraints in New Hampshire.

After a satisfactory explanation by the Senate conferees as to the purpose of the new commission, the House conferees agreed with this addition to the original bill. There was then discussion on the makeup and size of the commission with a compromise being reached by all parties.

Rep. Sally H. Kelly

HB 653, relative to the determination of benefits, funding, and administration of the New Hampshire retirement system.

The original HB 653 made several important changes to the retirement system. It changed the funding methodology to Entry Age Normal, curtailed the gain sharing to the special account and set the target funding of the pension fund at 85%.

Committee of conference changes include establishing a one year only COLA at 2 ¼% for all members and beneficiaries, re-establishing the State Treasurer as a full voting member of the NHRS Trustees, reinstating the House language that the employers' contribution will be no less than the employees' contribution, removing language that referenced additional benefits and establishing the effective date as June 30, 2007.

Rep. Anne-Marie Irwin

HB 659-FN, exempting certain motor vehicles manufactured prior to 1941 from vehicle equipment and inspection requirements.

The House conferees agreed with the Senate amendment and the full committee of conference agreed to a further amendment. Several sources have revealed that the technology in motor vehicle manufacturing changed significantly in 1949. This bill with amendment exempts motor vehicles manufactured prior to 1949 from vehicle equipment and inspection requirements.

Rep. Jennifer M. Brown

HB 723, extending the moratoriums on nursing home beds and rehabilitation.

This bill reinstituted the moratorium on long-term care and rehab beds, which had expired at the end of 2006. The House conferees acceded to the Senate's amendment to allow the Certificate of Need applications which have been filed after the expiration (and are based on needs determined by the health Services Planning and Review Board) to proceed through CON process. The Senate version of this bill also included provision of HB 893, which had overwhelming policy support, but was retained in Finance because of the late referral date and conflicting information about fiscal impact. This bill is critical because it repeals the sunset of the eligibility for long-term care provisions of the Granite Care Medicaid Modernization plan (HB 691 of 2005), which were set to expire on June 30th. The Senate version also removed the cost drivers contained in the original HB 893, thereby addressing potential concerns of Finance. The Senate conferees acceded to the request of the House to delay the effective date of this section of the bill until January 1, 2008.

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

HB 735, relative to the form of the presidential primary election ballot.

The House conferees agree to the Senate amended version of HB 735. The Senate added justices of the peace with any notary public for administration of official oaths of office.

The Senate also added supervisors of the checklist authorization to appoint assistant supervisors of the checklist to assist election officials and have the power of supervisors for the purpose of registering voters on election day. This bill clarifies the form of the presidential primary election ballot.

Rep. Jane A. Clemons

HB 767, relative to insurance for volunteer drivers.

The bill as passed by the House prohibited increased auto insurance rates for volunteer drivers. The House agreed with the Senate amendment establishing a State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation. The Senate and House conferees agreed to a further amendment making the appointees to the council include a representative from the transportation and business communities and requiring eight of the members to be appointed by the Governor and Council.

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

HB 796, relative to civil liability for damaging highway protective barriers.

The House conferees agreed with the Senate amendment to the bill which expands the civil liability of a person who obstructs or damages a highway to include liability for damage to highway protective barriers under RSA 236:39. The Senate amendment deletes the phrase "negligently or intentionally" from the House version. The deletion was agreed to so as to pass the bill and help the Department of Transportation as well as municipalities more easily determine liability and seek restitution for damaged barriers.

In response to concerns discussed in the committee of conference, several members the agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2008 session which would address a problem with the present statute which appears to render people liable for third party claims against the state regardless of fault.

Rep. John R. Cloutier

HB 828-FN, relative to a state ethics officer.

The amendment agreed to by House and Senate conferees makes several changes to RSA 15-B, relative to restrictions on gifts to legislators and staff. The definition of gift is changed such that the threshold value increases from the current \$10 to \$25; at the same time, the amendment goes on to clarify that meals and beverages over that amount are exempt from the definition only when they are consumed at a meeting or event whose specific purpose is to discuss official business, and adds a requirement that any such gifts of meals and beverages exceeding \$25 must be reported to the Secretary of State.

The threshold value for exemption of personally inscribed ceremonial objects from the definition of gift is raised from \$50 to \$150, which conferees agreed was a more realistic amount. The amendment also clarifies the definition of expense reimbursement in 15-B and amends RSA 640, the public corruption statute, to make it consistent with RSA 15-B.

In summary, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to RSA 15-B and the Senate agreed to the House amendment to RSA 640. The ethics officer provision of the original bill was deleted with all conferees agreeing that someone should be designated in the Secretary of State's office to respond to questions re: campaign contributions and other matters that relate to reporting requirements.

Rep. A. Laurie Harding

HB 876-FN-L, establishing a commission to make recommendations to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of the New Hampshire retirement system.

A complete review of the New Hampshire Retirement System can best be accomplished by a commission with specific expertise in retirement and financial management areas with the guidance to review and explore alternatives for supplemental benefits

including COLA's.

The selection of key professionals for the commission will provide input that will inform both the legislature and the trustees of potential and innovative approaches to stabilize the system and maximize investment.

In keeping with the goal of improving and stabilizing the NHRS, the committee of conference agreed to add two members to the commission, one retired member of Group I and one retired member of Group II. They are to be jointly appointed by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House. The House and Senate leaders will appoint these members in addition to legislative members. With this change, the commission will have a total of 21 members.

While HB 653 contains a COLA for 2007, the commission will continue to work on the issue of COLAs as well as a number of other issues designed to ensure the long-term stability of the retirement system.

Rep. Anne-Marie Irwin

HB 882-FN, relative to limitations on tort liability of government units.

The House agreed to eliminate the references to the cost of living increases to the existing liability caps. The Senate agreed with the House position that the new liability limits shall be in effect at the time of judgment or stipulated settlement.

Rep. Bette R. Lasky

HB 903-FN, prohibiting delivery of oil to non-compliant underground storage facilities.

The House conferees agreed to the Senate amendment with change in one date. The amendment establishes requirements for fuel companies offering guaranteed price plans and prepaid contracts for household heating fuel. It will help protect consumers from losing both money and fuel supply when a dealer is unable to fulfill the contract.

Rep. Judith T. Spang

HB 927-FN, relative to the specific criteria and substantive educational program that define an adequate education.

Statement not available when calendar sent to print.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 25

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

10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting followed by regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 330** establishing a task force to study the feasibility of supplying laptop computers to all 7th grade children in the state.

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

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 563**, relative to obtaining birth certificates for stillborn children.

Room 207, LOB

2:00 p.m. Rescheduled subcommittee work session on retained **HB 603-FN**, establishing a task force on mental health costs and requiring the commissioner of the department of corrections to enroll any person being released from a correctional facility in any available free or reduced cost drug program.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS (RSA 273-A:9,V), Rooms 201-203, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 841**, relative to the appointment of parenting coordinators.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 47**, exempting inheritances from marital assets for purposes of divorce settlements.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 502-FN-A-L**, allowing foster families to receive subsidies for foster children attending postsecondary educational facilities and establishing a scholarship fund for foster children.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 682**, relative to the court's authority to award parental rights and

responsibilities to a “psychological parent.”

COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE CLASSIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS AND OFFENDERS AGAINST CHILDREN (HB 1692, Chapter 327:26, Laws of 2006), Room 208, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 404-L**, prohibiting state and local law enforcement agencies from enforcing federal immigration laws.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 678-FN**, revising the special education program approval and monitoring process.

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5), Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB 166-FN**, relative to port moorings, **HB 65**, relative to the appointment of the director of the division of ports and harbors, and **HB 818**, establishing a committee to study reestablishing the port authority as an independent agency.

LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 212, LOB

3:30 p.m. Regular business.

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Governance subcommittee (Group D) work session on retained **SB 172-FN-L**, allowing counties to share correctional facilities, **HB 208**, relative to the definition of swine as a nuisance, **SB 236**, extending the authority for police mutual aid, and **HB 315**, relative to criminal background checks of municipal employees through the New Hampshire state police.

STRATEGIC CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE (RSA 21-H:14-a), Room 201, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 729**, relative to prohibitions on reproducing drivers’ licenses and identification cards and copying information in motor vehicle records, **HB 781-FN**, relative to the duties of the department of safety, and **HB 901**, relative to requirements for non-driver identification cards.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Sales tax subcommittee work session on retained **HB 145**, establishing an education funding study committee.
10:00 a.m. Property tax subcommittee work session on retained **HB 912-FN-A-L**, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan, and subcommittee on retained **HB 145**, establishing an education funding study committee.
11:00 a.m. Income tax subcommittee work session on retained **HB 145**, establishing an education funding study committee.
1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 520-FN-A**, establishing a state-owned casino to provide funds for public education, **HB 886-FN-A-L**, relative to funding an adequate education, **HB 637-FN-A-L**, establishing a gaming oversight authority and video lottery gaming, and Casino subcommittee work session on **HB 145**, establishing an education funding study committee.

Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained on **HB 925-FN-A**, relative to state and local taxes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

DROPOUT PREVENTION AND DROPOUT RECOVERY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (RSA 189:60), New Hampshire Department of Education, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

Lunch break Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 740-FN**, relative to mental health services.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained SB 84, establishing procedural requirements to improve implementation of the 10-year highway plan.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 537**, establishing a task force on homeless teenagers.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 794-FN**, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 285**, prohibiting municipalities and state and local officials from entering into nondisclosure agreements with vendors of voting machines with respect to the purchase or lease of voting machines, and **HB 574-FN-L**, relative to preservation of electronic voting machine data.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 76-FN**, creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

9:30 a.m. Audits

State of New Hampshire Management Letter June 30, 2006

State of New Hampshire Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs for the year ended June 30, 2006.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Sales tax subcommittee work session on retained **HB 145**, establishing an education funding study committee.

1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on retained **HB 145**, establishing an education funding study committee, and **HB 912-FN-A-L**, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

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

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 23

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25), Room 100, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (RSA 17-H:2), Room 100, State House

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

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

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB 102-FN**, relative to the powers of state government in the event of an incident or outbreak of communicable disease.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Grafton County Delegation will meet at 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, June 25th** at the Grafton County Complex in North Haverhill to vote on the 2008 County Budget.

Rep. Catherine Mulholland, Chairman
Grafton County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, July 20th** at 9:30 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood for the Second Quarter Budget Review meeting.

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

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs 2, 25, 43, 46, 64, 74, 95, 102, 118, 169, 173, 198, 228, 239, 243, 247, 256, 272, 273, 283, 385, 407, 417, 426, 440, 451, 471, 472, 488, 493, 498, 501, 502, 504, 523, 547, 553, 561, 566, 568, 571, 567, 572, 574, 576, 577, 579, 580, 581, 582, 584, 585, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 601, 602, 604, 608, 613, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 622, 624, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 635, 636, 637, 638, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 653, 656, 657, 659, 661, 663, 664, 669, 677, 678, 679, 685, 696, 704, 714, 718, 726, 727, 733, 740, 749, 752, 755, 760, 765, 771, 776, 777, 778, 779, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 793, 799, 805, 813, 815, 820, 824, 826, 828, 834, 838, 843, 857, 861, 864, 865, 867, 870, 872, 873, 874, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 897, 899, 903, 904, 905, 907, 908, 911, 912, 913, 921, 922, 924, 925, 927.

SBs 35, 65, 67, 68, 74, 82, 92, 93, 98, 101, 117, 128, 131, 133, 134, 148, 166, 168, 169, 170, 178, 179, 183, 191, 200, 217, 219, 226, 232, 235, 243, 263.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

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.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices and will be limited to legislative policy or legislative social activities and political meetings or events. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the views espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

The House Republican Alliance will meet each **Tuesday** morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Upham Walker House.
Rep. David J. Bettencourt

The HAVA (Help America Vote Act) State Plan Subcommittee on Adopting Performance Goals and Measures will meet on **Monday, June 25th**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the new conference room at the State Records and Archives Building, 71 S. Fruit Street (State Hospital Grounds).

Rep. Shawn N. Jasper

There will be an informal session about the New Hampshire Humanities Council's *Shifting Ground* series of community forums on Religion and Civic Life on **Wednesday, June 27th** in Room 204, LOB during lunch break. Refreshments will be served. Come learn about plans for a series of facilitated conversations this fall for legislators of diverse political and religious beliefs. The goal for six weekly sessions is to reflect, learn, and cultivate an understanding of divergent views. Further information is available from Kathy Smith of the New Hampshire Humanities Council at KSmith@nhhc.org or 603-224-4071.

Reps. Terie Norelli and Michael D. Whalley

House members are reminded that **Wednesday, June 27th**, is the Emerson "Derby" Day and all members are challenged to wear their most darling (or daring) millinery creation.

Rep. Fran Wendelboe

Main Street Republicans will meet **Wednesday, June 27th** at 8:00 a.m. at the Upham Walker House. All Republicans are welcome to discuss pertinent issues. Join us for some lively and informative debate.

Rep. David H. Kidder

The New Hampshire Reagan Network will be holding the grand opening of their office at 134 North Main Street, (2 doors from the Barley House), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, June 27th** (or immediately after session). All Republicans are invited to stop by for refreshments and fellowship.

Rep. Fran Wendelboe

All are invited to a non-partisan "Support Our Troops" rally, **Saturday, July 7th** at Greely Park on Concord Street in Nashua. This celebration will take place from noon to 3:00 p.m., and will include ceremonies honoring those who serve, live music and family activities. Say "Thank You" to the men and women of the United States military.

Rep. Pamela G. Price

The Nashua Area Republican City Committee is having our annual summer luncheon, formerly the "Steakout", on **Sunday, July 22** from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Nashua Crowne Plaza. The guest speaker is Governor Mitt Romney. Tickets are \$35 and are available from either Reps. Pam Price or Casey Crane. All are welcome.

Reps. Pamela G. Price and Casey Crane