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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The House will meet in session on Wednesday, **September 5th** at 10 a.m. We will take up vetoes as well as critical corrective legislation relative to the Capital Budget. It is extremely important that you make every effort to attend.

Now that Study Committees and Retained Bills are gearing up and with Labor Day almost upon us, I hope you all have had an opportunity for some rest and relaxation during the break in legislative activity. Please note that if you are the first named member of a study committee, it is your responsibility to notify the members of hearing dates, locations and times. You may do this directly or with the assistance of Secretarial Services which may be reached at 271-3600.

Please keep in mind that the first day to file legislation for the 2008 session is Monday, **September 10th**.

I have received an inordinate number of citizen complaints about legislators driving either carelessly or recklessly. Please remember that with legislative plates on your vehicle(s), you represent not only yourself, but the entire legislature. Please drive with care and courtesy while operating on the roadways of our state.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, **September 5th**, at **9:30 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Wednesday, **September 5th**, at **9:15 a.m.** in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley, Republican Leader

NOTICE

The next House Calendar will close on **Wednesday, September 5th** at noon for mailing **Thursday, September 6th**. 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 on Wednesdays**.

CLOSES NOON WEDNESDAY:
September 12th

TO BE MAILED THURSDAY:
September 13th

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

HOUSE DEADLINES

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

GOVERNOR’S VETO MESSAGE ON HB 143

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 2, 2007, I vetoed HB 143, an act relative to the apportionment of damages in civil cases.

New Hampshire’s system of comparative fault is a hybrid system that works to balance the interests of injured plaintiffs with those of defendants bearing relatively low percentages of fault for causing damages. When multiple individuals or entities are responsible for causing harm, the New Hampshire approach is to ensure that injured plaintiffs receive just compensation, and that the degree of negligence of all responsible parties is appropriately weighed when apportioning damages among the negligent parties. Injured victims should be compensated fairly, but not at the disproportionate expense of those bearing relatively minor fault.

Under New Hampshire law, for the purpose of apportioning damages in a civil case, the jury is instructed to determine the amount of damages to be awarded to each plaintiff and then allocate fault in proportionate share to anyone who contributed to the incident giving rise to the plaintiff’s injuries. Fault may be apportioned against any individual or entity who was negligent and whose conduct was a substantial factor in causing the harm – including persons or entities that are parties to the lawsuit, parties who previously settled their lawsuits, or are immune from liability, or are not otherwise before the court.

HB 143 would change existing law and allow the jury to allocate fault only between those individuals or entities that remain parties to the lawsuit at the conclusion of the trial. This change in law would prohibit the jury from apportioning fault to certain individuals or entities who carry significant degrees of fault for the plaintiff’s injuries, but who either settled claims prior to conclusion of the lawsuit, or who are not parties to a particular lawsuit for other reasons. I cannot support this change in the law because it is unfair for a defendant with a low degree of fault to have to pay a disproportionately large share of the damages.

The attorney general has testified that the passage of HB 143 will result in increased litigation costs and higher judgments borne by the taxpayers of the State of New Hampshire. I believe these concerns warrant further study.

There may be steps that we can take to better ensure that injured victims are fully compensated under the law. I remain open to considering improvements to our existing statutory system of comparative fault, apportionment of liability and contribution laws. I encourage those interested in this bill to communicate closely with one another and to continue their work next session.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Lynch
Governor
Date: July 2, 2007

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

COMMISSION TO STUDY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 396, Chapter 171:1, Laws of 2007), Room 205, LOB
10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE COST DRIVERS IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE (HB 517, Chapter 297:1, Laws of 2007), Room 205, LOB
1:00 p.m. Organizational 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.

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON COSTING AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (RSA 193-E:2-d),
Room 100, State House**

9:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 682**, relative to the court’s authority to award parental rights and responsibilities to a “psychological parent.”

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 537**, establishing a task force on homeless teenagers and **HB 584-FN**, raising the age of minority for juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 894-FN**, requiring insurance coverage for bariatric surgery for diabetics.

COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN (HB 648, Chapter 179:1, Laws of 2007), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY AUTOMOBILE RECYCLING ISSUES (HB 54, Chapter 273:1, Laws of 2007), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS THAT SERVE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 6 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER (HB 86, Chapter 158:1, Laws of 2007), Room 207, LOB

1:15 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY LOWERING COSTS OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES (SB 135, Chapter 192:1, Laws of 2007), Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY METHODS OF IMPROVING THE RECYCLING RATE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR MERCURY-ADDED THERMOSTATS (HB 416, Chapter 279:2, Laws of 2007), Room 103, State House

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 404-L**, prohibiting state and local law enforcement agencies from enforcing federal immigration laws.

ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 561-FN**, relative to pharmacy benefit managers.

HOUSING AND CONSERVATION PLANNING PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 4-C:29), Office of Energy and Planning, 57 Regional Drive, Suite 3, Concord

9:30 a.m. Organizational meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION (RSA 14:14-c), Room 306, LOB

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Exemptions subcommittee work session on retained **HB 617-FN-L**, establishing a property tax relief program and fund and making an appropriation therefor, **HB 270**, allowing municipalities to adopt a homestead exemption for property tax assessments on a person’s principal place of residence, **SB 85**, relative to eligibility for the property tax exemption for the disabled, and **HB 474**, excluding septic and sewage treatment facilities from the tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities.

- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 255**, establishing a committee to study the implementation and use of growth management ordinances **HB 331**, relative to the withholding of building permits in certain cases. **HB 335**, defining “unnecessary hardship” for purposes of zoning variances. **HB 717**, allowing municipalities to establish local community services and care planning boards.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 205, LOB

- 1:15 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.

Room 206, LOB

- 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 841**, relative to the appointment of parenting coordinators.

Room 208, LOB

- 2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 47**, exempting inheritances from marital assets for purposes of divorce settlements.

COMMERCE, Room 201, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 560-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for prostate cancer testing.
10:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB 131**, relative to insurance coverage for services of midwives.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF TIDAL POWER GENERATION UNDER THE LITTLE BAY AND GENERAL SULLIVAN BRIDGES IN DOVER (HB 694, Chapter 222:1, Laws of 2007), Department of Environmental Services Office, Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth

- 9:30 a.m. Organizational meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR COUNTY PAYMENTS FOR NURSING HOME CARE AND HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE (HB 2, Chapter 263:23, Laws of 2007), Room 203, LOB

- 12:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY LIQUOR COMMISSION REVENUES, ENFORCEMENT AND TRAINING (HB 323, Chapter 170:1, Laws of 2007), Room 207, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 307, LOB

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 65**, relative to the appointment of the director of the division of ports and harbors.
11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB 166-FN**, relative to port moorings.
2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 174-FN**, relative to regulating residential building and remodeling contractors.

FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Work session on retained **HB 415-FN**, establishing a geothermal assessment project
2:00 p.m. Work session for the purpose of assigning subcommittees on retained **HB 173-FN-A**, relative to the promotion, acquisition, and retention of a large animal veterinarian in the north country, and making an appropriation therefore, **HB 374-FN-A**, increasing the appropriation to the fireman’s relief fund, **HB 577-FN**, establishing the number of associate justices of the superior court and **HB 910-FN**, relative to state reimbursement to sheriffs’ departments for the costs associated with court bailiffs.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular business.
9:30 a.m. Audits.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Governance D subcommittee work session on retained **SB 236**, extending the authority for police mutual aid, **HB 315**, relative to criminal background checks of municipal employees through the New Hampshire state police and **CACR 9**, relating to registers of probate. Providing that the requirement that registers of probate be elected be removed.
- 1:00 p.m. Assessing subcommittee work session on retained **HB 294-FN**, relative to current use taxation of certain farm buildings, **HB 310**, allowing municipalities to regulate wind turbines used for home energy production, **HB 445-FN-L**, relative to the assessment of open space land and **HB 734**, establishing a committee to study requiring certain nonresidential property owners to submit income and expense information for determining property value for tax purposes.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Rooms 302-304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Workshop on ISO-NE Electricity Scenario Analysis and Transmission Planning for the Integration of Renewables.

TASK FORCE TO STUDY COUNTY GOVERNMENT (SB 319, Chapter 221:1, Laws of 2006), Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Nursing home subcommittee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

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

- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 702**, relative to the court's jurisdiction over persons between the ages of 18 and 21 in abuse and neglect cases.

COMMISSION TO STUDY PHARMACEUTICAL COSTS AND THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM (HB 148, Chapter 245:1, Laws of 2007), Room 205, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. Rescheduled organizational meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BIODIESEL FUEL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 689, Chapter 283:1, Laws of 2007), Department of Environmental Services Office, Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:2), Room 103, State House

- 9:45 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:2), Room 100, State House

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session retained **HB 443**, relative to requirements for admission to the New Hampshire bar upon motion.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Casino gambling subcommittee work session on retained **HB 520-FN-A**, establishing a state-owned casino to provide funds for public education, **HB 637-FN-A-L**, establishing a gaming oversight authority and video lottery gaming and **HB 886-FN-A-L**, relative to funding an adequate education.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR INCREASING THE USE OF PASSENGER RESTRAINTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE IN ORDER TO REDUCE MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES AND THE RESULTING COSTS (HB 533, Chapter 326:4, Laws of 2007), Room 103, State House

- 9:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 441-FN-A**, establishing a non-motorized trails grant program and making an appropriation therefor

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 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, **HB 912-FN-A-L**, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan and **HB 925-FN-A**, relative to state and local taxes

Room 203

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 912-FN-A-L**, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATE MENTAL HEALTH PLAN (HB 691-FN-L, Chapter 175:15, Laws of 2005), Room 205, LOB

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on corrections.

COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT PLANT NEEDS AND STATE LABORATORY WATER TESTS AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (HB 1491, Chapter 309:3, Laws of 2006), Room 303, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 186-FN**, relative to random recounts, **HB 574-FN-L**, relative to preservation of electronic voting machine data and **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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 544**, relative to exemptions from auctioneering for Internet sales.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 763-FN**, establishing the licensure and regulation of residential and building inspectors.

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 908-FN**, relative to the licensure and regulation of massage therapists and registration of somatic and bodywork practitioners.

FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB

2:00 p.m. Work session on retained **SB 117-FN**, relative to fireworks display permits and the position of permissible fireworks inspector.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

1:30 p.m. Land Use subcommittee work session on retained **HB 717**, allowing municipalities to establish local community services and care planning boards, **HB 331**, relative to the withholding of building permits in certain cases, **HB 335**, defining “unnecessary hardship” for purposes of zoning variances, and **HB 255**, establishing a committee to study the implementation and use of growth management ordinances.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on retained **HB 295**, relative to the definition of biomass and biomass fuel, **HB 467**, requiring the department of environmental services to develop a climate action plan and to report on global warming issues and **HB 855**, relative to renewable energy generation incentive payments.

TASK FORCE ON WORK AND FAMILY (HB 306, Chapter 373:2, Laws of 2007), Room 206, LOB

2:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374:22-h), Room 304, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 283**, allocating a portion of unrefunded road tolls to the dam maintenance fund.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 759-FN**, relative to administration and enforcement of banking laws.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROPER ALLOCATION OF COSTS FOR TRANSPORTING CONVICTED PERSONS AND METHODS FOR MINIMIZING THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTING CONVICTED PERSONS (SB 76, Chapter 260:2, Laws of 2007), Room 103, State House

10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (HB 876, Chapter 355:1, Laws of 2007), Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 396, Chapter 171:1, Laws of 2007), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 91-A:11), Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATIVE TO GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWALS (SB 155, Chapter 305:1, Laws of 2003) Room 100, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE CANCER PLAN OVERSIGHT BOARD (RSA 126-A:65), Room 205, LOB

4:30 p.m. Organizational meeting.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 678-FN**, revising the special education program approval and monitoring process.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 31-FN**, requiring the licensure of property and casualty insurance appraisers.

COMMITTEE 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.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS (HB 914, Chapter 257:1, Laws of 2007), Room 308, LOB

12:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB 201**, authorizing certain Keene state college campus safety officers to detain individuals pending arrest or protective custody.

Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

ELDERLY AFFAIRS (RSA 17-H:2), Room 205, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB

11:00 a.m. Work session on retained **CACR 6**, relating to education funding. Providing that the state may meet its funding obligations under Article 83 by providing aid only to those communities that, in the reasonable judgment of the general court, are in need of such aid and **HB 752-FN**, relative to per pupil funding for charter school pupils.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 527-FN-A**, establishing a recreational saltwater license for fishing of marine species in coastal and estuarine waters.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 640-FN**, relative to requiring reimbursement of search and rescue costs of the fish and game department.

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

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 740-FN**, relative to mental health services.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on all retained bills.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT SYSTEM LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-C:11), Room 207, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL (RSA 4:9-f), Room 201, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 912-FN-A-L**, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

COMMISSION ON THE USE OF RADIO FREQUENCY TECHNOLOGY (HB 203-FN, Chapter 165:1, Laws of 2006), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EXPANSION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PROGRAM (HB 207, Chapter 162:1, Laws of 2007), Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE (SB 35, Chapter 334:3, Laws of 2007), State House 100

9:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE EFFICACY OF THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THE FINANCIAL BURDEN IMPOSED ON THE STATE BY CIGARETTE SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS (SB 55, Chapter 304:1, Laws of 2007), State House 100

10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PARK AND RIDE PROGRAM (HB 217, Chapter 77:1, Laws of 2007), Room 201, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STATE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND (HB 103, Chapter 207:1, Laws of 2007), Room 201, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PREPARING STUDENTS TO TAKE NATIONAL LICENSING EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTERED NURSING (HB 542, Chapter 90:1, Laws of 2007), Room 205, LOB

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification

system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 271**, making political and commercial advertising placed illegally on public property subject to state litter laws.
- 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 186-FN**, relative to random recounts, **HB 574-FN-L**, relative to preservation of electronic voting machine data and **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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 776-FN**, establishing the licensure and regulation of private investigators.

GREAT BAY ESTUARY COMMISSION TO STUDY CAUSES, EFFECTS AND REMEDIATION OF SILTATION (HB 216, Chapter 31:1, Laws of 2007), Department of Environmental Services Office, Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth

- 10:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB 84**, establishing procedural requirements to improve implementation of the 10-year highway plan.
- 3:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 582-FN-A**, relative to the bridge over the Merrimack River.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 686-FN**, relative to the regulation of tracking devices.

COMMISSION TO STUDY CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION LAWS, POLICIES AND STANDARDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (SB 176, Chapter 293:10, Laws of 2007), Room 100 State House

- 9:30 a.m. Organizational meeting.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue Administration, 57 Regional Drive, Concord

- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting.

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

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

IMPLEMENTING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTUARIES PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SB 70, Chapter 236:1, Laws of 2003), Department of Environmental Services Office, Pease International Tradeport, 50 International Drive, Portsmouth

- 8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT PLANT NEEDS AND STATE LABORATORY WATER TESTS AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (HB 1491, Chapter 309:3, Laws of 2006), Room 303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work session on retained **HB 181-FN-A**, establishing a tuition voucher program for New Hampshire national guard members and making an appropriation therefore, **HB 861-FN**, allowing certain members of the United States armed forces and their dependents to attend public postsecondary institutions at the in-state resident tuition rate and **HB 887-FN**, allowing certain members of the United States armed forces, including the reserve component, and veterans who qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill, to take courses tuition free at public postsecondary institutions.

STATE VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Buckingham Place, Nashua

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 777-FN-A**, relative to agricultural exemptions from alteration of terrain permitting requirements and penalties for site development.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TRANSFER OF ROAD TOLL COLLECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION (HB 25, Chapter 264:11, Laws of 2007), Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS (HB 32, Chapter 64:1, Laws of 2007), Room 308, LOB

12:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 186-FN**, relative to random recounts, **HB 574-FN-L**, relative to preservation of electronic voting machine data and **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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 696**, reclassifying certain positions in the insurance department.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR HOSPITAL-BASED PHYSICIAN OUTPATIENT SERVICES (HB 43, Chapter 205:2, Laws of 2007), Room 209, LOB

11:00 a.m. Organizational meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY METHODS AND COSTS OF SEWAGE, SLUDGE, AND SEPTAGE DISPOSAL (HB 699, Chapter 253:1, Laws of 2007), Room 303, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5), Rooms 305-307, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB

10:30 a.m. Work session on retained **HB 628-FN-A**, establishing the New Hampshire Rx advantage program and continually appropriating a special fund, **HB 643-FN**, relative to the distribution of tobacco settlement funds and **HB 893-FN**, relative to long-term care.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:30 a.m. Informational session with Law Librarian Mary Searles.

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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

COMMISSION TO STUDY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 396, Chapter 171:1, Laws of 2007), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB102-FN**, relative to the powers of state government in the event of an incident or outbreak of communicable disease.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c), Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 91-FN**, relative to registration fees for lobbyists and requiring registration of employers of lobbyists.

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 912-FN-A-L**, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 159**, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders, **HB 589-FN**, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment and **HB 595-FN**, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 186-FN**, relative to random recounts, **HB 574-FN-L**, relative to preservation of electronic voting machine data and **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.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

9:30 a.m. Rule hearing followed by regular board meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the **Merrimack** County Delegation will meet on Tuesday, **August 28th** at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is to review/approve the Second Quarter Financial Report and to attend to any other business.

Rep. Jessie L. Osborne, Chairman
Merrimack County Executive Committee

The New Hampshire General Court has a new web server. The problems some members had using Windows media player 11, to watch House sessions, have been resolved.

W. Stanton Kelly, Manager
General Court Information Systems

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, Monday, **September 10th** at 6:00 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

Anyone who was a member of the House or Senate during the 2005 Session and has not already done so is encouraged to pick up a complimentary copy of the 2005 House Permanent Journal, first-come, first-served. The House Clerk's Office still has many copies available. These are hardbound volumes and have been indexed for easy reference.

Agencies that have not received one are also invited to pick one up. One copy is complimentary to each state agency. Others interested in obtaining a copy are welcome to receive one. The cost for each copy is \$40.00, plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling, if applicable. Copies will be available until supplies run out, or November 1, 2007. Please contact the House Clerk's Office to obtain your copy.

Eric W. Fowler, Assistant Clerk

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 Aviation Caucus would like all members to be aware that Air Force Week New England will be celebrated **August 17-26** with a variety of special events to be held throughout the state and region. A full schedule of events can be found on-line at www.airforceweek.com and www.peaseairshow.com. Details can also be obtained from Lt. Col. Nicole Bixler at nicole.bixler@nhpeas.af.mil

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

All representatives are invited to attend "New Hampshire Supports Our Troops Rally" at the State House Plaza on Friday, **August 24th** at noon. This rally is to thank and honor our deployed soldiers, those soldiers who have recently returned from deployment, and to service members who have given their lives in the line of duty. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support our troops.

Rep. Pamela D. Coughlin

Independent System Operator-New England and New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission will present a workshop **August 29th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rooms 302-304, LOB on ISO-NE scenario analysis and transmission planning in support of

renewables.

Rep. Naida L. Kaen

The State House Nurses are pleased to offer you the new upgrade '05 guidelines for CPR in the Adult with the use of AED and CPR for the Child and Infant, as well as Basic First Aid. These new guidelines are approved by the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. Thursday, **August 30th**, there will be a morning and an afternoon session, each lasting approximately four hours. Please e-mail or call 271-2757, if you intend to participate in one of the classes.

dianne.berquist@leg.state.nh.us or ellen.neilley@leg.state.nh.us

Terie Norelli, Speaker

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children (LCYC) will meet Wednesday, **August 29th** in Room 206, LOB at 10:00 am. The agenda includes planning for the 10th Annual Legislative Roundtable for representatives of New Hampshire agencies and organizations serving families with young children, to be held **September 18th** at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206, LOB, and to which all legislators are welcome.

Rep. Mary Stuart Gile

Join the Hillsborough County Democratic Committee and Nashua Democratic City Committee for a dinner and dancing "fun-raiser" on Saturday, **September 8th** at the Nashua Courtyard Marriott. Cash bar cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each. For information or reservations, call Britt Hatch at 883-6883.

Rep. Suzanne Harvey

The Belknap County Republican Committee will host a BBQ (Burger and Dogs) at 457 Knox Road, Sanbornton on Saturday, **September 8th** from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Tickets \$20. Kids under 12 free. To obtain tickets contact Reps, Franklin T. Tilton, William B. Tobin or Stephen H. Nedeau.

Rep. Stephen H. Nedeau

Republicans come and meet some of your 2008 candidates at the Annual Scamman Farm

Chili Fest, Saturday, **September 8th** at 4:00 pm. Admission charge is \$5.00. For directions or questions contact Representative Nancy Stiles @ nancy.stiles@leg.state.nh.us

Rep. Nancy F. Stiles

Members and staff are invited to attend an Open House on Thursday, **September 13th** to celebrate the Governor's Commission on Disability turning 30 years old. The event will be held from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Governor's Commission on Disability, 57 Regional Drive Concord. Please RSVP by Friday, September 7th by calling Carol Nadeau at 271-6895. Refreshments will be provided. Please come and reminisce about the past and present with our Governors, Executive Council members, Commission members and members of the Architectural Barrier-Free Design Committee.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

The Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food has two free tickets available to each House member to attend the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Members are responsible for their own transportation, parking and meals. The Big E begins **September 14th** and runs through **September 30th**. New Hampshire Day is **September 21st**. To obtain tickets, call Lynn Gallop at 271-3788 or stop by the department offices, State House Annex, second floor.

Rep. James G. Phinizy

Join your colleagues in a special forum for legislators. Is religion becoming more influential in determining American public policy? Conflicting but deeply-held values affect public policies that range from waging war to the right to die, from same sex marriage to faith-based initiatives. While the media generates great heat about American values and the shifting relationship between Church and State, not much light emerges. The New Hampshire Humanities Council wishes to invite you and your colleagues to a special exercise in “civic reflection,” to get beyond the headlines, to reflect, learn, and cultivate a deeper understanding of your own and others’ views.

The Shifting Ground forum is a six-week seminar for legislators that meets Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 206, LOB beginning **September 25th**. These open conversations are based in provocative stories and readings sent to you in advance. The purpose of this forum is to establish a comfortable, neutral space where you can discover new insights about the relationship between religion and politics, learn more about the implications of your beliefs and values, and engage in personal reflection and respectful discussion.

The sessions are led by a team of trained facilitators and your former colleagues, Donna Sytek, former Speaker of the NH House, and James Squires, MD, former NH State Senator.

The cost to participate is \$10 for the six week session which covers the cost of materials. Readings will be mailed to you in late August. Space is limited to 25 so register early. Download a registration form from the Humanities Council’s website at <http://nhhc.org/forms/register.pdf> or call project director Kathy Smith at 224-4071 for more information.

Reps. Maureen C. Mooney and Mary Stuart Gile

State House Visitation Schedule

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 **September 2007**. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is nearly 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CLASS/Size</u>
Sept 11	9:00	German Exchange Students - Concord High School	HS/22
Sept 13	9:00/10:30 SH/HM	Alton Central School	4/66
Sept 14	10:00	Phoenix Academy – Dublin	HS/12
Sept 17	11:00	Chesterfield Elementary School	4/40
Sept 18	10:00	Senior Citizen Group	Adult/25
Sept 21	1:30	Fire Academy	Adult/25
Sept 24	11:00	Dame School – Concord	2/21
Sept 24	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Portsmouth Christian Academy- Dover	4/55
Sept 25	9:45/11:00 SH/ Pierce Manse	Loudon Elementary School	4/70
Sept 26	10:00/11:45 SH/HM	Ledge Street Elementary School – Nashua	4/100
Sept 27	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Weston Elementary School – Manchester	4/90
Sept 27	12:30	Dondero School – Portsmouth	4/40
Sept 28	9:30	Lafayette Regional Elementary School – Franconia	4/14
Sept 28	10:30	HO Smith Elementary School – Hudson	4/40