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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

The next House Calendar will close on **Wednesday, November 14th** at noon for mailing **Thursday, November 15th**. 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*:
November 14th

TO BE MAILED *THURSDAY*:
November 15th

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

HOUSE DEADLINES

Friday, November 16, 2007	Last day to report retained bills
Wednesday, January 2, 2008	Last day to introduce House bills for 2008

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

At its meeting on **October 29, 2007**, the Legislative Ethics Committee voted unanimously to adopt the following interpretative ruling, which is printed below in its entirety.

Attorney Russell F. Hilliard, Chairman
Representative Janet G. Wall, Vice Chairman
 Senator Sheila Roberge
 Senator Peter H. Burling
Representative Eric Anderson
 Attorney Kimon S. Zachos
 Attorney Martin L. Gross

Interpretative Ruling
2007-#1
(October 29, 2007)

The Legislative Ethics Committee received a request for interpretative rulings regarding typical issues that have confronted legislators and legislative employees in complying with the new requirements of RSA 15-B, including the propriety of, and reporting requirements relating to, the acceptance of free admission or tickets to events sponsored by organizations and entities that appear before the General Court, or the acceptance of meals and/or other underwriting for various types of programs and events. In response to the following specific scenarios, the Committee issues the following rulings:

1. **Complimentary admission to sporting or performing arts events.**

Issue: The University of New Hampshire has inquired as to whether it may extend and legislators may accept an invitation to attend,

at no charge, a hockey game or performing arts production at UNH.

Response: If the value of the admission is less than \$25, as determined by its regular price, free admission to such events does not constitute a prohibited gift. See RSA 15-B:2, V(a)(2) and XI.

If the value of the admission is \$25 or greater, the admission would be a prohibited gift. No other exemption appears to apply. A hockey game or performing arts event does not appear to be a "charitable, ceremonial or political" event, and so is not qualified for exemption under RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(9).

2. Complimentary admission to dinners or receptions at which food and beverages are provided.

Issue A: Tickets at no charge to an annual dinner sponsored by a chamber of commerce or similar organization.

Response: Complimentary admission may be accepted by a legislator or a legislative employee, even if the value of the admission is \$25 or greater, if (a) it is offered directly by the sponsoring organization, and (b) the event is charitable, ceremonial or political, and (c) the sponsoring organization is a charitable organization registered with the Division of Charitable Trusts of the NH Department of Justice, or is qualified as charitable under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(9)(A) and (B). Note that some chambers of commerce may not qualify as charitable organizations.

Such admission is not "expense reimbursement" as defined in RSA 15-B:2, IV and need not be reported as such.

Issue B: Receptions where free appetizers, drinks, and meals will be provided.

Response: Attendance and consumption of complimentary food and beverages does not involve a prohibited gift, if:

(a) the value of the complimentary food and beverages is less than \$25 (RSA 15-B:2, V(a)(2)); or

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(b) the reception is a political or ceremonial event which is published as an event open for attendance by any member of the general court in the calendar of the Senate or the House
(RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(9)(C)); or

(c) the primary significance of the event is ceremonial or celebratory and is public or, if by invitation only, it is planned to have an attendance greater than 50 people. RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(10)(A); or

(d) the complimentary food and beverages are consumed at a meeting or event, the purpose of which is to discuss "official business." RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(12). This is construed to mean that the purpose of the meeting or event is to discuss legislative business, that is, pending legislation or some issue of general policy which is or may be the subject of legislative attention. RSA 15-B:2, VIII-a. However, for meals and beverages whose value exceeds \$25 and qualify for acceptance only pursuant to this exception, legislators and legislative employees must file a report with the Secretary of State no later 10 days following the meeting or event. RSA 15-B:6, II.

Issue C: Awards, Ceremonial Objects or Door Prizes.

Response: Awards or ceremonial objects that are personally inscribed to the recipient may be offered to and accepted by legislators and legislative employees if the value is primarily personal to the legislator or legislative employee (for example, a personalized plaque, citation or trophy) and has a monetary value of \$150 or less. RSA 15-B:2, V (b)(4).

However, other items such as door prizes, that is, items other than personalized awards or ceremonial objects, may be offered and accepted only if their value is less than \$25.
RSA 15-B:2, V(a)(2).

3. Invitations to House or Senate committees by an interested party to a site-visit to view a particular business, location, hospital, natural area or park that is related to an issue upon which they are or will be deliberating, where the committee may be provided with transportation and a meal or refreshments as part of the site-visit. These site-visits are generally noticed in the calendar of the applicable legislative body.

Issue: May committee members accept the transportation and food offered as part of these site visits and, if they may, must they file an expense reimbursement form?

Response: When an entire committee is invited to participate in a site-visit on an issue that is relevant to the committee's business, they may accept the free transportation and meals provided. The site-visit by the committee constitutes an event where the members

are attending in their official committee capacity representing the house or senate. As such the meals and transportation are not prohibited gifts. RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(10)(B).

This is not “expense reimbursement” within the meaning of the statute and, therefore, expense reports are not required for these items.

4. A legislator has a private breakfast, lunch or dinner meeting with individuals interested in issues before the legislature, at which they discuss these issues.

Issue: May the legislator accept an offer from these individuals to pay for the legislator’s meal?

Response: If the meal is consumed at a meeting or event, the purpose of which is official business, the meal would not be a prohibited gift but would have to be reported if the value of the meal exceeded \$25. RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(12) and RSA 15-B:6, II. In the case of a legislator or legislative employee, “official business” means the discussion or transaction of legislative business, that is, any official action or non-action with regard to any pending or existing legislation, report or study, any matter pending or proposed in a committee or in either house of the general court, or any other matter which is within the official jurisdiction or cognizance of the general court. RSA 15-B:2, VIII-a. Nonetheless, Ethics Guidelines Section 4, VII(f), which establishes a \$250 annual limit from any given source, will still apply.

5. Expense reimbursements and other filings.

Issue: Under what circumstances must a legislator or legislative employee file an expense reimbursement report for the expense of meals, beverages, lodging or transportation associated with attendance at informational or educational conferences, seminars, or meetings? Must a legislator or legislative employee file an expense reimbursement report for accepting food and beverages valued at less than \$25 at such an event?

Response: An expense reimbursement report must be filed with the Secretary of State’s office in the following circumstances:

A) Someone else pays for your cost associated with attending a bona fide conference or seminar. A legislator or legislative employee must file an “Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report” with the Secretary of State's office when he or she receives payment in any form as prepayment, underwriting, or reimbursement of the reasonable expenses of attendance, registration, travel, meals, or lodging related to a bona fide informational or educational conference, seminar, or meeting. RSA 15-B:2, IV. Such expense reimbursement is directly authorized by statute and may be accepted, provided that the recipient reports it and attaches to the report a copy of the agenda or an equivalent document which discloses the subjects addressed and the time schedule of all activities at the event. RSA 15-B:5.

However, no reporting is required when the source of such reimbursement is the state, a county, the United States of America or an organization to which the state pays dues and the reimbursement is provided because of the dues paid. RSA 15-B:2, IV and RSA 15-B:5.

B) Meals and beverages, valued at more than \$25, consumed in the course of official business. A legislator or legislative employee must file a report with the Secretary of State’s office when she or he accepts meals and beverages with a value greater than \$25 consumed at a meeting or event pertaining to official business, unless the acceptance of the meals and beverages falls under any of the other exceptions to gifts set forth in RSA 15-B:2, V(b).

C) Honorarium. Legislators and legislative employees must report the receipt of honoraria. "Honorarium" means a payment in any form for an appearance, speech, written article or other document, service as a consultant or advisor, or participation in a discussion group or similar activities. Honorarium does not include a payment for such activities for which the person is being compensated by the state, a county, the United States of America, or by any other employer or client, where the activity giving rise to the honorarium is not related to or associated with any public office or government employment. RSA 15-B:6.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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 206-208, LOB
8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 396, Chapter 171:1, Laws of 2007), Bureau of Developmental Services, 105 Pleasant Street, Main Building, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4), CDFA Board Room, 10 Dixon Avenue, Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a) AND EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Keene Public Library, Kay Fox Room, 60 Winter Street, Keene

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OPEN ENROLLMENT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-B:21), Room 206, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session on remaining retained bills, if needed.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session on remaining retained bills, if needed.

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

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 630-FN**, relative to an electronic controlled drug prescription monitoring program.

9:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 563**, relative to obtaining birth certificates for stillborn children.

9:30 a.m. Executive session on retained **HB 265-FN-A**, relative to the waiting list for services to persons with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders and making an appropriation therefor, **HB 563**, relative to obtaining birth certificates for stillborn children, **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, **HB 630-FN**, relative to an electronic controlled drug prescription monitoring program, **HB 740-FN**, relative to mental health services and **SB 102-FN**, relative to the powers of state government in the event of an incident or outbreak of communicable disease.

11:00 a.m. Presentation on Healthcare Costs by the NH Center for Public Policy Studies.

1:30 p.m. Overview of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained **HB 399**, relative to variable rates of overtime and **HB 671**, relative to certain data used for workers' compensation rates.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 585-FN**, requiring all animal shelter facilities, pet shops and commercial kennels to collect a neutering deposit when placing a cat or dog that has not been neutered.

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained **HB 145**, establishing an education funding study committee, **HB 185-FN**, extending the duration of the CROP zone tax credits program and expanding the state jobs grant fund, **HB 283**, allocating a portion of unrefunded road tolls to the dam maintenance fund, **HB 385-FN**, relative to licensing and insurance fees, **HB 493-FN-A**, expanding the meals and rooms tax on rentals to include motorized recreational vehicles, **HB 520-FN-A**, establishing a state-owned casino to provide funds for public education, **HB 570-FN-A**, increasing the fee for a wild turkey hunting license, **HB 576-FN-A**, increasing certain fish and game nonresident license or permit fees, **HB 585-FN**, requiring all animal shelter facilities, pet shops and commercial kennels to collect a neutering deposit when placing a cat or dog that has not been neutered, **HB 610-FN-A**, requiring the criminal justice and public safety committee to review motor vehicle fines and extending the effective date for certain motor vehicle fine reductions, **HB 618-FN-A**, establishing a research and development credit against the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax, **HB 637-FN-A-L**, establishing a gaming oversight authority and video lottery gaming, **HB 777-FN-A**, relative to agricultural exemptions from alteration of terrain permitting requirements and penalties for site development, **HB**

868-FN, relative to a surcharge on recording documents with the register of deeds to fund the land and community heritage investment program, **HB 884-FN-A**, increasing the rate of the tobacco tax, **HB 886-FN-A-L**, relative to funding an adequate education, **HB 912-FN-A-L**, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan, **HB 925-FN-A**, relative to state and local taxes, **SB 63**, authorizing the commissioner of revenue administration to extend tax filing deadlines for certain members of the armed forces.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

COMMISSION TO STUDY EMPLOYMENT ISSUES AFFECTING VETERANS (SB 237, Chapter 316:2, Laws of 2007), Room 203, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS ACROSS BORDERS FOR SEXUAL AND LABOR EXPLOITATION (SB 194, Chapter 122:1, Laws of 2007), Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular 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

9:00 a.m. Final meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained **HB 76-FN**, creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Licensure subcommittee work session.

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

9:30 a.m. Regular business.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained **CACR 2**, relating to the definition and constitutionality of judicial and legislative acts. Providing that the supreme court shall determine the constitutionality of judicial acts and the legislature shall determine the constitutionality of legislative acts, **HB 40**, relative to living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, **HB 57**, relative to advance directives for durable powers of attorney and living wills, **HB 235**, relative to the recognition of out-of-state marriages, **HB 269**, prohibiting “pretexting” as a means of obtaining personally identifiable information, **HB 359-FN**, relative to recovery of medical assistance from an estate, **HB 369-FN**, relative to state reimbursement for costs of bailiffs, **HB 443**, relative to requirements for admission to the New Hampshire bar upon motion, **HB 455**, repealing the law relative to screening panels for medical injury claims, **HB 522**, requiring the supreme court to notify the legislature of any pending cases or matters before the court which involve constitutional issues regarding current law or pending legislation, **HB 786-FN**, relative to compensation for retired full-time justices for service after retirement, **HB 814-FN**, relative to the judicial retirement plan and **SB 32-FN**, increasing the maximum amount of debt or damages for small claims actions,

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL (RSA 4:9-f)

10:00 a.m. Leave LOB to view two sites on Route 1A in Rye.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

10:30 a.m. Executive session on retained **HCR 7**, urging federal action on the earned income tax credit and other tax benefits related to child custody, **HB 287**, requiring the seller to provide notice to the buyer of privately owned land or property known, or in an area historically known, to have been inhabited by Native Americans, **HB 856**, relative to the definition of veteran.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE AND SECURE LANDFILLS (HB 672, Chapter 252:1, Laws of 2007), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session on remaining retained bills, if needed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 238-A:4), Rooms 305-307, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES COUNCIL (HB 491, Chapter 250:2, Laws of 2007), Department of Health and Human Services, Rooms 110-112, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE ENERGY POLICY COMMISSION (HB 1146, Chapter 257:1, Laws of 2006), Room 301, LOB

9:00 a.m. Wind siting subcommittee meeting.

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374:22-h), Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on revenues.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATE MENTAL HEALTH PLAN (HB 691-FN-L, Chapter 175:15, Laws of 2005), Rooms 301-303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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 206-208, LOB

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3), Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K), NH Technical Institute, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

1:00 p.m. Final meeting.

COUNCIL TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 125-P), Room 205, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

INTERAGENCY ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE (RSA 21-I:19-c), Room 100, State House

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON COSTING AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (RSA 193-E:2-d), Room 103, State House

9:30 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

10:00 a.m. Regular business.

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.

TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION FOR EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE 2008 AND 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (HB 305, Chapter 248:1, Laws of 2007), Room 302, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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), Rooms 210-211, LOB

12:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on corrections.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), North Country Resource Center, 629B Main Street, Lancaster

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

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. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a) AND EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Rochester Public Library, Upstairs Conference Room, 65 South Main Street, Rochester

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

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.

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (HB 876, Chapter 355:1, Laws of 2007), Rooms 201-203, LOB

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), Moultonborough Police Department, 1035 Whittier Highway, Moultonborough

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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 201-203, LOB

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), Upper Valley Senior Center, 10 Campbell Street, Lebanon

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO NEEDY FAMILIES UNDER THE STATE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAM (HB 1461, Chapter 247:1, Laws of 2006), Room 205, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

COMMISSION TO STUDY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 396, Chapter 171:1, Laws of 2007), Bureau of Developmental Services, 105 Pleasant Street, Main Building, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Public forum.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2) AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 21-G:29), Upham Walker House, Park Street, Concord

10:00 a.m. Joint meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7, I), Department of Health and Human Services, Brown Building Room 232, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a) AND EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Lincoln Town Hall, 148 Main Street, Lincoln

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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 210-211, LOB

12:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

COMMISSION TO STUDY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 396, Chapter 171:1, Laws of 2007), Bureau of Developmental Services, 105 Pleasant Street, Main Building, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY IMPLEMENTING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTUARIES PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN (SB 70, Chapter 236:1, Laws of 2003), Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-P:51), Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON COSTING AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION RSA 193-E:2-d), Room 100 State House
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a), Room 207, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS ACROSS BORDERS FOR SEXUAL AND LABOR EXPLOITATION (SB 194, Chapter 122:1, Laws of 2007), Room 304, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

STATE RETIREE HEALTH PLAN COMMISSION (RSA 100-A:56), Room 301, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J), Rooms 205-207
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c), Room 100, State House
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON COSTING AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION RSA 193-E:2-d), Room 100 State House
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION FOR EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE 2008 AND 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (HB 305, Chapter 248:1, Laws of 2007), Room 302, LOB
11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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 210-211, LOB
12:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES COUNCIL (HB 491, Chapter 250:2, Laws of 2007), Rooms 110-112, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord
2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Hillsborough County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, **November 16** at 9:00 a.m. at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Mast Road, Goffstown. This will be a meeting to review the Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hillsborough County Nursing Home and the AFSCME Local 2715 combined with the regular monthly meeting agenda items.

Rep. David Essex, Chairman
Hillsborough County Executive Committee

Hillsborough County Executive Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, **November 27** at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Mast Road, Goffstown for the following purpose: Consistent with RSA 273-A, to consider proposed Collective Bargaining Agreements between Hillsborough County Nursing Home and the AFSCME Local 2715.

Rep. Lori Movsesian, Clerk
Hillsborough County Executive Committee

Hillsborough County Delegation will meet on Tuesday, **November 27** at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Mast Road, Goffstown for the following purpose: 1. Consistent with RSA 273-A, to consider proposed Collective Bargaining Agreements between Hillsborough County Nursing Home and the AFSCME Local 2715. 2. And any other business to come before the Delegation.

Rep. Lori Movsesian, Clerk
Hillsborough County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the **Merrimack** County Delegation will meet on Monday, **November 19th** at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is as follows: 1. Review/approve third quarter financial report. 2. Any other business.

Rep. Jessie Osborne, Chairman
Merrimack County Executive Committee

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.

Rep. Robert W. Forsing, Epsom Healthcare Center, Room 201, 901 Suncook Valley Highway, Epsom, New Hampshire 03234.
Colleagues who so desire may send cards and greetings to the address listed above.

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.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the NH Legislature, as well as the staff, for the many kind wishes and thoughts that have been extended to me over the last few weeks. The outpouring of support and prayers truly has made a difference to me and to my family and for that, I will always be so grateful.

The good news is the condition that I have been diagnosed with is treatable through radiation and chemotherapy. In fact, I began receiving treatments the first week of November and I am optimistic this will lead to a complete recovery in time for the upcoming session.

I thank you all again for your many expressions of care and concern. I look forward to seeing you all in January!

Mike Whalley, Republican Leader

Please join It’s Your NH and Chairman John Lyons for Breakfast and a Discussion about National Energy Policy with senior fellows from the Institute for Energy Research of Washington, D.C. on Thursday, **November 16** from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at the Concord Grille (Formerly the Capital Grille), 1 Eagle Square, Concord. Speakers: Senior Fellows from the Institute for Energy Research, Washington, D.C.

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

The Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is a resource for legislators. There are 19 members between the ages of 15 and 22. The legislature created LYAC to be informed about issues of concern to youth and to involve young people in the legislative process. Rep. Carolyn Gargas is co-chair of the council with youth co-chair Brendan Bertagnoll from Goffstown. Sen. Molly Kelly is a member of the council. The next meeting will be Sunday, **November 18**, 1:00 p.m. at the NH Technical Institute in Concord. Meetings are open to the public. Please contact Rep. Gargas for further information or questions.

Rep. Carolyn Gargas

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children (LCYC) will meet on Tuesday, **November 27** at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206, LOB. The agenda will focus on reviewing all 2008 legislation that affects the education, health and general well-being of young children to determine which bills LCYC will monitor and/or support next session. This will be an open meeting. As in past years, sponsors of legislation related to young children, are invited to come and take a few minutes to share information about their bill. To help in planning, members of the House are encouraged to call Reps. Eileen Flockhart or Carolyn Gargasz to indicate that they will attend.

Rep. Mary Stuart Gile

All legislators are invited to a presentation, "Public Health Strategies to Reduce Underage Alcohol Problems." This is part of the Public Health Grand Rounds Series 2007-2008 sponsored by the UNH Masters in Public Health Program and the NH Public Health Association. The Speaker is John Bunker, ScD, MHS, President, New Futures. This presentation will be held Tuesday, **November 27**, 4:30-5:30 pm, at the Cheshire Medical Center, North Building, Conference Rooms 1&2, Keene. The focus of the presentation will be on the scope and impact of underage alcohol problems in the US and in NH. To RSVP, complete the form at http://www.chhs.unh.edu/hmp/0708grandround_regform.html or call 862-1128.

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

The New England Board of Higher Education invites opinion leaders, policy makers and practitioners to a daylong conference exploring ways to define and measure "college and career readiness," identify the essential elements of an effective college- and career-preparatory curriculum, examine issues in school-college alignment, assessment and data quality, and to develop a New England action agenda for educational equity, access and success. College Readiness & Success: A New England Leadership Summit **November 30**, 2007, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Senior Policy Officer Joe Scantlebury at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will deliver the keynote address. The conference is free but you must register in advance. Telephone NEBHE at 617/357-9620 ext. 105 or email events@nebhe.org.

Rep. Marjorie K. Smith

The House Republican Alliance will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Upham Walker House.

Rep. David J. Bettencourt

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 **November 2007**. 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 and subject to change. 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>Grade/Size</u>
Nov 9	9:45/11:00 SH/SC	Lincoln Street School – Exeter	4/60
Nov 9	1:30	Taylor Community – Laconia	Adult/20
Nov 13	9:30	Sandwich Central School – Center Sandwich	4&5/21
Nov 13	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Grinnell School – Derry	4/80
Nov 14	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Danville Elementary School	4/75
Nov 15	9:15	Sunapee Central School	4/34
Nov 15	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Barrington Elementary School	4/100
Nov 16	9:45	Broad Street Elementary School – Nashua	4/50
Nov 19	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Woodland Heights School – Laconia	4/64
Nov 20	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Gilford Elementary School	4/80
Nov 26	9:30 & 11:00 SH/SC	New Boston Central School	4/70
Nov 27	10:00	Hills Garrison School – Hudson	4/44
Nov 27	10:45/12:15 SH/HM	Belmont Elementary School	4/86
Nov 28	10:15/11:30	Hills Garrison School – Hudson	4/66

Nov 29	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Reed's Ferry School – Merrimack	4/50
Nov 29	11:00	Cornerstone Christian Academy – Ossipee	4/7
Nov 30	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Reed's Ferry School – Merrimack	4/75

NOTICE

The House Clerk's Office is now accepting orders for the 2007 hardcover Permanent House Journals. Work on the journal is awaiting final adjournment from the 2007 session.

Anyone who was a **member of the Legislature in 2007**, and all state agencies are entitled to one Journal at no charge, **upon request**. All others interested in obtaining a Journal, as well as any Legislator or state agency requesting additional copies, will be charged for that copy. We estimate this cost to be approximately \$50 each, plus any applicable mailing expenses. Those who order paid copies will be notified *and billed* when the Journals are ready for distribution. **DO NOT** send any money now.

In an effort to contain costs, the number of Journals printed will be determined by the number of advance orders received. Please do not order a Journal if you have no intention of claiming it.

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