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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **April 16th**, beginning with a celebration of Tartan Day.

Members should hold open Wednesday, **April 23rd** and Wednesday, **April, 30th**, as potential session days.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

Chairs and Vice-Chairs will meet on Tuesday, **April 8th**, from 8:30-9:45 a.m. in Rooms 210-211 of the LOB.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

Please note that the Calendar closes at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for scheduling and notices. It closes at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays for Committee Reports. Members and staff who need to schedule meetings should make arrangements with the Clerk's Office for room availability/assignment and publication of meeting notices.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendments to Ethics Guidelines

At its meeting on March 31, 2008, the Committee unanimously voted to amend the Ethics Guidelines, subject to approval by the General Court in accordance with RSA 14-B:3, II. The amendments, in their entirety, are printed below.

Representative Janet G. Wall, Vice Chairman
Representative Eric Anderson

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendments to the Ethics Guidelines

At its meeting on March 31, 2008, the Legislative Ethics Committee unanimously voted to propose the following amendments to the Ethics Guidelines. These proposed amendments are necessitated by the legislative changes made by Senate Bill 206, which was enacted as Chapter 21 of the New Hampshire Laws of 2006, and House Bill 828, which was enacted as Chapter 354 of the New Hampshire Laws of 2007. The two laws created in RSA 15-B new standards for the acceptance of gifts, honoraria, and expense reimbursements for members, officers, and employees. The amendment incorporates relevant provisions of RSA 15-B into the guidelines in order to make the guidelines consistent with that statute. The Committee respectfully requests favorable action on these proposed amendments to the Ethics Guidelines in order to create consistency between the guidelines and the law to provide guidance for the ethical conduct of members, officers, and employees.

Legislative Ethics Committee

Explanation: Matter added to the current guidelines appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from the current guidelines appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

ETHICS GUIDELINES

2 DEFINITIONS.

- I. "Anything Of Value" includes but is not limited to the following:
 - (a) A pecuniary item, including money, or a bank bill or note;
 - (b) A promissory note, bill of exchange, order, draft, warrant, check, or bond given for the payment of money;
 - (c) A contract, agreement, promise, or other obligation for an advance, conveyance, forgiveness of indebtedness, deposit, distribution, loan, payment, gift, pledge, or transfer of money;
 - (d) A stock, bond, note, or other investment interest in an entity;
 - (e) A receipt given for the payment of money or other property;
 - (f) A cause of action;
 - (g) A gift, tangible good, chattel, or an interest in a gift, tangible good, or chattel;
 - (h) A loan or forgiveness of indebtedness;
 - (i) A work of art, antique, or collectible;
 - (j) An automobile or other means of personal transportation;
 - (k) Real property or an interest in real property, including title to realty, a fee simple or partial interest, present or future, contingent or vested within realty, a leasehold interest, or other beneficial interest in realty;
 - (l) A promise of employment or continued employment;
 - (m) A rebate or discount in the price of anything of value unless the rebate or discount is made in the ordinary course of business to a member of the public without regard to that person's status as a public official or public employee, or the sale or trade of something for reasonable compensation that would ordinarily not be available to a member of the public.
- II. "Conflict Of Interest" is the condition in which a legislator has a financial interest in any official activity.
- III. ***"Expense Reimbursement" shall mean any price, charge, fee, expense, or other cost which is waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed in any form for the reasonable expenses of attendance, registration, travel, meals,***

or lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar or educational or informational program, when the source of such reimbursement is other than the state, a county, or the United States of America.

IV. *"Family Member" shall mean any person related to and living in the same domicile as a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee who shares a common economic interest in the expenses of daily living, including, but not limited to, a spouse, child, or parents.*

~~III.~~ V. *"Financial Interest" is a reasonably foreseeable direct material financial effect ~~+~~ distinguished from its effect on the public generally, on the legislator or his or her spouse arising from a change in law, a change in administrative rule, a decision whether or not to award a contract, grant a license or permit, discipline a licensee or permittee, or other decision by government affecting a business, profession, occupation, group, or matter enumerated in RSA 15-A:5, I(d) that results in a greater financial effect on you or a family member than it would on the general public.*

VI. (a) *"Gift" shall mean:*

(1) Money in any amount, whether in the form of cash, check or any other negotiable or non-negotiable instrumentality for the transfer of money.

(2) Any other tangible thing, intangible thing, service, or the use thereof having more than insignificant economic value. Any such item with a value of less than \$25 is presumed to be of insignificant economic value.

(b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), "gift" shall not mean:

(1) A political contribution as defined in RSA 664.

(2) A commercially reasonable loan, made in the ordinary course of business.

(3) Repayment to an elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or legislative employee of a bona fide loan made by such a person.

(4) A ceremonial plaque, award, or other commemorative object, which is personally inscribed to the recipient and which has inconsequential economic value. A ceremonial object or award with a value of \$150 or less is presumed to be of inconsequential economic value.

(5) Objects which primarily serve an informational purpose provided in the ordinary course of business, such as reports, books, maps, or charts.

(6) Money in any form, an object, or any tangible or intangible thing of economic value, where the donor's act of giving is purely private and personal in nature and the money, object, or thing of economic value would have been given and received even if the person were not an elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or legislative employee.

(7) Wages, salary, benefits, mileage, or payment for expenses received by the person in his or her regular course of employment or business which is unrelated to the government position held.

(8) Wages, salary, benefits, mileage, or payment for expenses paid to the person by the state, a county, or the United States of America related to performance of official duties.

(9) Tickets or free admission to a charitable, ceremonial, or political event provided that:

(A) The proceeds of the event are subject to the political contributions and expenditure reporting law, RSA 664; or

(B) The event is sponsored by a charitable organization that is registered with the division of charitable trusts, department of justice, or

which is a charitable organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code; or

(C) The event is published as an event open for attendance by any member of the general court in the calendar of the senate or the house.

(10) Meals, beverages, lodging, or transportation associated with attendance at:

(A) Any event for which the primary significance is ceremonial or celebratory, provided the event is public or, if by invitation only, is planned to have an attendance greater than 50 people; or

(B) Any event where the person is attending in an official capacity representing the state and/or the senate, house, or the agency of which the person is a member.

(11) Expense reimbursement or an honorarium.

(12) Meals and beverages consumed at a meeting or event, the purpose of which is official business.

VII. "Honorarium" means a payment in any form to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee 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.

~~IV.~~ **VIII. "Immediate Family" includes a spouse, guardian, parent, sibling, child or dependent.**

~~V.~~ **IX. "Legislation" is a bill, resolution or constitutional amendment.**

~~VI.~~ **X. "Official Activities" is the conduct of activities which relate to official responsibilities including the introduction of legislation, testifying before any legislative committee or state agency, voting in committee or in house or senate session or otherwise participating in, influencing, or attempting to influence any decision of the legislature, county delegation or any state agency.**

XI. "Official Business" means, for legislators, legislative officers, and legislative employees, the discussion or transaction of legislative business, namely, any official action or non-action with regard to any potential pending or existing bill, resolution, amendment, report, or study, any other matter pending or proposed in a committee or in either house of the general court, or an issue of public policy which is or may be the subject of legislative attention, or any other matter which is within the official jurisdiction or cognizance of the general court.

3 LEGISLATOR'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM.

Every representative, senator, and officer of the House and Senate, shall file with the Legislative Ethics Committee the following financial disclosure form on or before January 31 of each year.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM

FOR STATE SENATORS, STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL COURT

Required by the Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B)

Name of Legislator/Officer _____

(print name)

Address _____

street

town/city

zip code

Office _____ County/District _____ Telephone Number _____

I. Sources of Income

Identify below the name, address, and type of any professional, business, or other organization (including any unit of government) in which you ***or your spouse*** are or were an ***employee***, officer, director, associate, partner, proprietor, ~~[employee,]~~ or member, or served in any ***professional or*** advisory capacity, from which you ***or your spouse*** derived any income (including retirement benefits other than federal retirement and/or disability benefits) in excess of \$10,000 during the preceding calendar year.

- 1) a) Name of organization _____
b) Address of organization _____
c) Type of organization _____

- 2) a) Name of organization _____
b) Address of organization _____
c) Type of organization _____

- 3) a) Name of organization _____
b) Address of organization _____
c) Type of organization _____

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

~~[Please note: every State Senator, State Representative, and Officer of the General Court is required to file this form.]~~ If you feel that your income during the preceding calendar year does not qualify for disclosure according to the criteria stated above, signify by ~~[checking]~~ ***writing your initials*** on the line below.

My income does not qualify _____

~~[COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION IS OPTIONAL.]~~

~~[Disclosure and description below of your financial interest may eliminate the need to follow the conflict of interest procedure established in Section 5 of the Ethics Guidelines. If your participation in an official activity creates a conflict of interest not disclosed by the information on this form, you must complete and file a Declaration of Intent Form in accordance with Section 5 of the Ethics Guidelines. See Section 5 of the Ethics Guidelines for information regarding particular conflicts of interest that you may have.]~~

II. Disclosure of Financial Interests

IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE BELOW ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE MAY HAVE. FOR THIS SECTION, "FINANCIAL INTEREST" MEANS THAT A CHANGE IN ~~[THE]~~ LAW, A CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE, A DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO AWARD A CONTRACT, GRANT A LICENSE OR PERMIT, DISCIPLINE A LICENSEE OR PERMITTEE, OR OTHER DECISION BY GOVERNMENT AFFECTING THE BUSINESS, PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, GROUP, OR MATTER ~~[DEALING WITH ANY OF THESE SUBJECTS]~~ LISTED BELOW WOULD POTENTIALLY HAVE A GREATER FINANCIAL EFFECT ON YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE THAN IT WOULD ON THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Do you or your spouse have a financial interest, as defined above, in any of the following businesses, professions, occupations, groups, or matters? Check any of the following which apply and describe the nature of your or your spouse's financial interest:

- ☐ (a) any profession, occupation, or business licensed or certified by the State of New Hampshire

- ☐ (b) health care

- ☐ (c) insurance

- ☐ (d) real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords

- ☐ (e) banking or financial services

- ☐ (f) State of New Hampshire, county or municipal employment

- ☐ (g) the New Hampshire Retirement System

- ☐ (h) the current use land assessment program

- ☐ (i) restaurants and lodging

- ☐ (j) the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages

- ☐ (k) the practice of law

- ☐ (l) any business regulated by the Public Utilities Commission

- ☐ (m) horse or dog racing, or other legal forms of gambling

- ☐ (n) education

- ☐ (o) water resources

- ☐ (p) agriculture

- ☐ (q) New Hampshire taxes: ☐ Business Profits Tax, ☐ Business Enterprise Tax,
☐ Interest and Dividends Tax

- ☐ (r) other

I hereby swear or affirm that [T]the foregoing information is true ***and complete*** to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Legislator/Officer

Complete and return to the Legislative Ethics Committee no later than January 31, ____.

4 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

- I. Legislators shall not solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from another for themselves or other persons, if the legislator receives such thing of value:
 - (a) Knowing or believing the other's purpose to be the influencing of an action, decision, opinion, recommendation, or other official activity.
 - (b) Knowing or believing that the giver is or is likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the ~~[giver or another member of the legislature]~~ **legislator or the General Court.**
 - (c) In return for advice or other assistance relating to a legislator's official activities.
 - (d) In return for introducing legislation, testifying before any legislative committee or state agency, voting in committee or in House or Senate session, or otherwise participating in, influencing, or attempting to influence any decision of the legislature, county delegation or any state agency.
 - (e) In return for an endorsement, nomination, appointment, approval or disapproval of any person for a position as, or advancement of, a public servant.
 - (f) In return for having given a decision, opinion, recommendation, nomination, vote, or other official activity.

(g) In violation of RSA 15-B.
- II. Legislators shall not:
 - (a) Reveal information which the legislator has obtained confidentially in the course of his official activities.
 - (b) Reveal information about state agency operations or decisions which the legislator would not reveal to any member of the general public requesting such information.
 - (c) Threaten reprisals or promise inducements of any kind to influence another so as to obtain special personal benefits for the legislator, the legislator's immediate family, or for certain constituents which would not be available to others under similar conditions.
 - (d) Conduct private negotiations with any governmental agency in an attempt to obtain a decision on a pending matter which would result in special personal benefit to the legislator, to the legislator's immediate family, or to certain constituents which would not be available to others under similar conditions.
- III. Legislators shall not use their public position or office to obtain anything of value for the private benefit of the legislator or the legislator's immediate family.
- IV. Legislators shall not use state-provided services or facilities for private gain.
- V. Legislators shall not become involved in any official activity without complying with the conflict of interest procedure set forth in this document.
- VI. Legislators shall not engage in conduct that constitutes sexual harassment as defined in RSA 14-B:1.
- VII. Nothing in this section on prohibited activities should be construed to prohibit the following:
 - ~~[(a) The giving or receiving of campaign contributions made for the purpose of defraying the costs of a political campaign.]~~
 - ~~[(b)]~~ **(a)** Assistance to constituents in their dealings with state agencies.
 - ~~[(c)]~~ **(b)** Advocacy of a particular outcome on matters pending before a state agency when the legislator believes such a decision would benefit the general public or the legislator's constituents generally.
 - ~~[(d)]~~ **(c)** Submission by a legislator of recommendations or references on behalf of a candidate for state employment when the legislator believes the candidate is qualified to be a suitable public employee.
 - ~~[(e) Acceptance of awards, prizes or other honors of a minimal value.]~~
 - (f) (d)** Acceptance of anything of value the receipt of which would otherwise be a violation of this section where the value is less than \$250.00 in aggregate from any single source during any calendar year.

- ~~[(g)]~~ **(e)** Acceptance of **expense** reimbursement ~~[or underwriting of actual]~~ **for the reasonable** expenses for **attendance**, registration, travel, **meals, and** lodging~~[- and subsistence directly]~~ related to ~~[attendance at]~~ a bona fide **conference, meeting, seminar, or educational or** informational ~~[or educational conference, seminar, or meeting,]~~ **program related to the legislator's office** so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement ~~[or underwriting, including the identity of the primary sponsor or sponsors and including financial contributors,]~~ is made ~~[within 15 calendar days of the legislator's return from such conference (if expenses are underwritten) or, within 15 calendar days of reimbursement]~~ **no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received.** This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B. ***This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of an expense reimbursement made by an organization to which the general court pays dues, when the prepayment, underwriting or reimbursement is provided because of the dues paid.***
- (f)** Acceptance of honoraria so long as disclosure is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. ***This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.***
- (g)** Acceptance of meals or beverages with a value of greater than \$25 consumed at a meeting or event pertaining to official business so long as disclosure is made no later than ten (10) days following the meeting or event at which the meals or beverages were consumed. ***This disclosure shall be filed in a report in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.***
- ~~**[(h)] Acceptance of anything permitted under RSA 15-B.**~~

5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE.

- I. No declaration shall be required if no benefit or detriment could reasonably be expected to accrue to the legislator as a member of a business, profession, occupation, or other group, to any greater extent than to any other member of such business, profession, occupation, or other group, provided that disclosure of the legislator's membership is made in the Financial Disclosure Form pursuant to section 3 of the Ethics Guidelines. For purposes of these guidelines, groups shall be limited to ones generally recognized and of a substantial size.
- II. When a legislator becomes aware that a conflict of interest exists or may exist and the conditions set forth in paragraph I are not met, the legislator shall proceed in accordance with either subparagraph (a) or (b):
 - (a) Declare that the legislator will not participate in any official activity associated with the issue.
 - (b) Declare that the legislator intends to participate in the official activity and will provide a description the conflict of interest including:
 - * names of all entities, both public and private, which might be affected;
 - * the nature of any benefit which may accrue to the legislator;
 - * the nature of any financial interest in the issue;
 - * the nature of any relationship which existed, exists or may exist between the legislator and any person or entity which might be affected;
 - * and understanding of the nature and extent of the conflict.
- III. The declaration required in subparagraphs II (a) and (b) of this procedure shall be publicly announced prior to the legislator's initial participation in the official activity. The information required in subparagraph (b) shall be filed with the clerk of the member's respective body within 24 hours of the time of the official activity and be made available for public inspection during normal business hours.

6 LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT.

I. General Principles of Conduct.

- (a) A legislative employee or officer should view his or her work for the General Court as a public service and should strive to promote the common good of the citizens of the State of New Hampshire through the devotion of his or her professional talents and energies to the support of the General Court in its mission as the representative of the citizens of this state.
- (b) A legislative employee or officer should act in a way that makes him or her worthy of the trust the General Court places in staff members and officers.
- (c) A legislative employee or officer should provide objective advice, information, and alternatives to legislators, independent of the employee's or officer's personal beliefs or interests or the interests of third parties. A legislative employee or officer should avoid activities that conflict with this objectivity or give the appearance of conflict.
- (d) A legislative employee or officer should treat all legislators with dignity and respect, and provide services of equal quality to the employee's or officer's appropriate legislative clientele.

II. Definitions.

- (a) "Legislative Employee" includes all house, senate, and joint staff whether employed on a part-time, full-time, permanent or temporary basis.
- (b) "Legislative Officer" includes those employees of the House and Senate who are elected by members of the General Court.

III. Prohibited Activities.

(a) A legislative employee or officer shall not violate the provisions of RSA 15-B.

~~(a)~~ **(b)** A legislative employee or officer shall not accept any gift from givers who wish to influence the work activities of the employee or officer.

(c) A legislative employee or officer shall not accept any employment or serve in any position, in addition to legislative employment, which would impair the employee's or officer's independence of judgment.

(d) Except within the scope of employment, a legislative employee or officer shall not provide any service to a lobbyist or any other person with a direct personal interest in any matter or action pending before the General Court.

(e) Nothing in this paragraph should be construed to prohibit the following:

- (1) Acceptance of awards, prizes, honors, or gifts of a minimal value.
- (2) Acceptance of informational material relevant to the employee's or officer's official function, such as books, pamphlets, reports, documents, periodicals, or other information that is recorded in a written, audio, or visual format.
- (3) Acceptance of **expense** reimbursement ~~[or underwriting of actual]~~ **for the reasonable** expenses for **attendance**, registration, travel, **meals, and** lodging, ~~and subsistence directly~~ related to ~~[attendance at]~~ a bona fide **conference, meeting, seminar, or educational or** informational ~~[or educational conference, seminar, or meeting,]~~ **program related to the legislative employee's or officer's employment** so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement ~~[or underwriting, including the identity of the primary sponsor or sponsors and including financial contributors,]~~ is made ~~[to the joint committee on legislative facilities or the fiscal committee of the general court as appropriate within 15 calendar days of the employee's or officer's return from such conference (if expenses are underwritten) or within 15 calendar days of reimbursement]~~ **no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received.** This disclosure shall be **filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be** in a form prescribed ~~[by the above cited committees and shall be made available to the public upon request]~~ **in RSA 15-B. This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of**

an expense reimbursement made by an organization to which the general court pays dues, when the prepayment, underwriting or reimbursement is provided because of the dues paid.

- (4) Acceptance of honoraria so long as disclosure is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.*
- (5) Acceptance of meals or beverages with a value of greater than \$25 consumed at a meeting or event pertaining to official business so long as disclosure is made no later than ten (10) days following the meeting or event at which the meals or beverages were consumed. This disclosure shall be filed in a report in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.*

~~*[(6) Acceptance of anything permitted under RSA 15-B.]*~~

~~*[(b)]*~~ *(f)* A legislative employee or officer shall not use or attempt to use the employee's or officer's official position to (a) personally obtain any privilege, exemption, special treatment or any other thing of value, or (b) obtain any such benefit for others except as required to perform duties within the scope of employment.

~~*[(e)]*~~ *(g)* A legislative employee or officer shall not accept or solicit anything of value for the private benefit of the employee or officer or the employee's or officer's immediate family under circumstances in which it can be reasonably inferred that the legislative employee's or officer's independence of judgment is impaired or is intended as a reward for any official action.

~~*[(d)]*~~ *(h)* A legislative employee or officer shall not use state-provided services or facilities for private gain.

~~*[(e)]*~~ *(i)* A legislative employee or officer shall not disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the employee's or officer's official position to any person or group not entitled to receive such information, nor shall the employee or officer use such information for personal gain or benefit or for the benefit of others.

~~*[(f)]*~~ *(j)* A legislative employee or officer shall not enter into any contract with a state agency involving services or property, unless the contract is made after public notice and competitive bidding; except in cases where public notice and competitive bidding are not required, the contract or agreement shall be filed with the employee's or officer's supervisory officer.

- IV. Disclosure Procedure. When a legislative employee or officer becomes aware that his or her participation in a particular activity presents a conflict of interest or conflicts with his or her objectivity or gives the appearance of a conflict, the employee or officer shall immediately make disclosure of this fact to his or her supervisory officer. All such reports shall be forwarded to the Chief of Staff of the House, the Chief of Staff of the Senate, the Director of the Office of Legislative Services, or Legislative Budget Assistant, as appropriate.

HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, April 10, 2008	Last day to report Senate bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 17, 2008	Last day to act on Senate bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 8, 2008	Last day to report all Senate bills
Thursday, May 15, 2008	Last day to act on Senate bills
Wednesday, May 21, 2008	Last day to form Committees of Conference
Friday, May 30, 2008	Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports
Thursday, June 5, 2008	Last day to act on Committee of Conference

LAID ON TABLE

HB 76-FN, creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire. (Pending question is Ought to Pass.)

HB 174-FN, relative to regulating residential building and remodeling contractors. (Pending question is Ought to Pass.)

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. (Pending question is the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 620-FN, repealing the statutory provisions regarding small loans, title loans, and payday loans and establishing a general statutory usury rate. (Pending question is Recommit.)

HB 799-FN, establishing a criminal usury rate for interest rates. (Pending question is Ought to Pass.)

HB 1139, relative to party access to voter information. (Pending question is the majority committee amendment.)

HB 1391-FN, prohibiting the investment of state funds in the energy sectors of countries that have been identified by the United States Department of State as state sponsors of terrorism.

HB 1483, requiring instruction in Internet safety. (Pending question is Ought to Pass with Amendment.)

HB 1593-FN-A-L, establishing a flat rate education income tax and relative to the statewide enhanced education tax and certain other taxes. (Pending question is the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 1612-FN-L, relative to county and state obligations for costs for nursing care and services, and for court orders for children services. (Pending question is the committee report of Inexpedient to legislate.)

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 267, relative to certain small loans. (SJ 2/14/08)

HB 351, clarifying that the definition of “overseas business organization” includes all foreign incorporated business organizations and all 80/20 business organizations, and redefining “business activity” for purposes of the business profits tax. (House Concurred 1/30/08)

HB 754-FN, repealing the law relative to the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority. (House Concurred 1/30/08)

HB 1151, relative to reporting dates for the instream flow pilot program. (SJ 3/27/08)

HB 1295, establishing a commission to study issues relating to stormwater. (SJ 3/27/08)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 7

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 100, State House

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. *HA 1*, for the removal of Patricia C. Coffey, superior court justice, from office.
Organizational meeting.

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

1:15 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *SB 439*, relative to money transmitters and mortgage servicing companies.
10:00 a.m. *SB 500-FN*, relative to certain insurance fraud, relative to workers' compensation for employee leasing companies, and establishing a task force on employee misclassification.
11:00 a.m. *SB 312-FN*, relative to insurance coverage for obesity and morbid obesity.
1:00 p.m. *SB 532*, relative to administrative fines under the indoor smoking act.
1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on *SB 319-FN*, relative to third party liability and state recovery of public assistance.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *SB 507-FN*, relative to extended terms of imprisonment for criminal street gang members.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. *SB 359*, updating the health curriculum requirements for public school students and requiring the state board of education to provide for procedures through which students may be excused from course requirements relating to health and sex education on religious grounds without penalty.
11:00 a.m. *SB 374*, relative to the process for nonrenewal of teacher contracts.
1:00 p.m. Executive session on *SB 539-FN-L*, relative to the cost of an adequate education and provision of fiscal capacity disparity aid, *SB 530-FN-A-L*, relative to kindergarten aid, *SB 376*, requiring local fire chiefs to annually inspect all school buildings within his or her jurisdiction and report on the condition of all such school buildings.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *SB528-FN*, relative to a mercury-added thermostat collection program.
11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on solid waste and recycling.
1:00 p.m. Executive session on *SB 368*, relative to exemptions for toxics reduction in packaging, *SB 518-FN*, relative to agricultural restricted covenants, *SB 528-FN*, relative to a mercury-added thermostat collection program.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on *SB 212-FN*, relative to the regulation of home inspectors, *SB 300-FN-A*, relative to death benefits for corrections officers killed in the line of duty, *SB 310-FN*, relative to changes to games of chance, *SB 316-FN*, expanding a death benefit for police officers and firefighters to emergency medical technicians, *SB 327-FN*, relative to compensation for state employees injured in the line of duty, *SB 331-FN*, establishing new positions and realigning functions at the department of correction, *SB 346-FN*, relative to the regulation of fuel gas fitters by the state fire

- marshal, **SB 410**, relative to the conditions for issuance of a cremation certificate and relative to the medical examiner's statute, **SB 438**, relative to contractor accountability and disclosure in the public works construction procurement process, **SB536-FN**, reclassifying certain positions in the insurance department.
- 1:00 p.m. **SB 210-FN**, relative to making various changes to the regulation of plumbers and water treatment technicians by the board of licensing and regulation of plumbers.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 326-FN**, relative to salaries for certain unclassified positions.
- 2:15 p.m. **SB 334-FN**, relative to undue influence on real estate appraisals and relative to the quorum of the real estate appraiser's board.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 325-FN-A**, relative to child care provider reimbursement rates, **SB 442-FN**, requiring that the proceeds of fees for motions to appear in court pro hac vice be paid into the law library revolving fund, **SB 498**, relative to state guarantees of certain municipal debt issues.
- 10:30 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **SB 321**, relative to construction or renovation of regional vocational centers, transferring certain positions from the pari-mutuel commission to the department of safety, and requiring certain operating budget reductions.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB332-FN**, relative to resomation of human remains.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 324-FN**, consolidating all substance abuse services in the office of alcohol and drug abuse prevention within the department of health and human services, **SB 332-FN**, relative to resomation of human remains, **SB 365**, relative to the commission to study childhood lead poisoning prevention laws, policies, and standards in New Hampshire, **SB 390**, establishing a suicide prevention council, **SB 529**, changing certain references in the mental health laws.
- 11:00 a.m. **SJR 1**, prohibiting the department of health and human services from adopting proposed administrative rule He-P 1906.02.
- 1:00 p.m. **SB 512-FN**, relative to emergency management powers.
- 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 496**, establishing a commission to study incentives for providers of home and community-based care.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I), Room 104, LOB

- 3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to **SB 501-FN**, relative to workers' compensation on certain state projects and penalty collection powers of the department of labor. The proposed amendment is relative to permanent impairment awards under workers' compensation. Copies of the amendment are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms office.
- 11:30 a.m. Executive session on **SB 501-FN**, relative to workers' compensation on certain state projects and penalty collection powers of the department of labor, **SB 502-FN**, relative to unemployment compensation, **SB 537**, relative to allowing the commissioner of the department of employment security to participate in a joint local employment dynamics program with the United States Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- 2:00 p.m. **SB 482**, relative to ethical standards for volunteer service in the executive branch.
- 2:30 p.m. Executive session on **SB 499-FN**, relative to penalties for unauthorized disclosure of confidential matters in legislative ethics proceedings.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB384**, relative to the repair of septic systems prior to the sale of waterfront property.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 451**, authorizing rate recovery for electric public utilities investments in distributed energy resources.

2:00 p.m. Executive session on **SB 177**, relative to orders of reparation by the public utilities commission and penalties against public utilities.

2:15 p.m. Full committee work session on **SB259**, establishing state appliance and equipment energy efficiency standards.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

8:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 379**, relative to boating while intoxicated and transporting alcoholic beverages by a minor.

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 429**, relative to driver education courses in other states.

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 490-FN**, relative to fees for special number plates for veterans and relative to vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war, **SB 103-FN-L**, establishing a committee to generate and evaluate solutions for maintaining emergency access on class VI and private roads, **SB 303-FN**, relative to special number plates, **SB 336-FN**, relative to special number plates for veterans who are former prisoners of war, **SB 363**, requiring youth operators and passengers of OHRVs and snowmobiles to wear approved protective headgear, **SB 364**, relative to vehicle weight tolerance, **SB 503-FN**, relative to authorizing temporary registrations of off-highway recreational vehicles for nonresidents, **SB 533**, establishing a committee to study age-based driver's license renewal testing, **SB 379**, relative to boating while intoxicated and transporting alcoholic beverages by a minor, **SB 429**, relative to driver education courses in other states.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 423**, relative to cashing of bingo winnings checks, **SB 493**, allowing certain tax exempt organizations to be defined as charitable organizations for purposes of games of chance operations, **SB 515-FN-A**, relative to the combat veteran business tax credit, **SB 534-FN**, eliminating the processing fee on court credit card transactions.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 389**, relative to privileged communications between health care providers and minor children.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 465**, relative to the laws regulating trusts and trust companies in New Hampshire.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 468**, relative to the reinsurance pool and the New Hampshire vaccine association.

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **SB 439**, relative to money transmitters and mortgage servicing companies, **SB 500-FN**, relative to certain insurance fraud, relative to workers' compensation for employee leasing companies, and establishing a task force on employee misclassification, **SB 532**, relative to administrative fines under the indoor smoking act, **SB 465**, relative to the laws regulating trusts and trust companies in New Hampshire, **SB 319-FN**, relative to third party liability and state recovery of public assistance, **SB 315**, preventing the fraudulent use of the names of financial institutions.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 507-FN**, relative to extended terms of imprisonment for criminal street gang members.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 90-FN**, relative to the penalty for impersonating a law enforcement officer, **SB 507-FN**, relative to extended terms of imprisonment for criminal street gang members, **SB 513-FN**, relative to fighting animals, **SB 356-FN**, prohibiting offenders against children from participating in or being a spectator at certain activities or events.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 463**, establishing an investment committee and an audit committee in the New Hampshire retirement system.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 335**, allowing certain judges to terminate membership in the judicial retirement plan and elect senior active status.
- 11:45 a.m. **SB 449**, relative to the status of emergency services volunteers.
- 12:30 p.m. **SB 453**, relative to the terms of members of the electricians' board.

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

- 10:00 a.m. **SB 450**, requiring the New Hampshire Citizens Health Initiative to provide an annual summary to the general court.
- 10:30 a.m. **SB 509-FN**, requiring tobacco cessation therapy under the state Medicaid program.
- 1:00 p.m. **SB 541**, relative to an expedited process for certificate of need review and membership of the health services planning and review board.
- 2:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 425**, relative to the data collection practices of health care providers and relative to the development of a comprehensive uninsured health care database.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 264**, relative to creating liens on personal and real property to recover uncollected small claims judgments.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 329**, relative to payment of members of screening panels for medical injury claims, **SB 531**, relative to the capital appropriation for the Hillsborough north superior court and relative to the venue for criminal cases in Hillsborough county, **SB 370**, relative to emergency powers of the supreme court, **SB 399**, permitting annulment of certain criminal records in the supreme court, **SB 444**, relative to settlements on behalf of minors and judgments and decrees in favor of minors, **SB 447**, eliminating obsolete provisions regarding pleas by mail and noncomputerized courts.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB487**, clarifying the law regarding bail pending appeal.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 338**, relative to the Hampton Beach capital improvement fund, **SB 361**, relative to the widening of Interstate 93, **SB 431**, naming a small impoundment in Goffstown as Namaske Lake, **SB 522-FN**, relative to licensing requirements for small quantity biodiesel producers and distributors and prohibiting the sale or delivery of biodiesel not meeting the state ASTM standard, **SB 396**, relative to the establishment of a statewide transportation policy, **SB 452**, relative to transportation planning, **SB 516-FN-L**, relative to aid for county bridges.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 158**, relative to review of activities affecting surface waters, **SB 328**, relative to civil forfeitures for certain waste disposal violations, **SB 384**,

relative to the repair of septic systems prior to the sale of waterfront property, **SB 486**, relative to the duties and responsibilities of special deputy forest rangers, **SB 489**, establishing a commission to study erecting a fire tower on Copple Crown mountain in Brookfield, **SB 519-FN**, imposing a per diem fine on dam owners and operators for failure to repair damage, **SB 523**, relative to requirements for the estuary alliance for sewage treatment to take and hold land, **SCR 10**, urging the New Hampshire delegation to actively seek an increase in federal funding for wastewater treatment facility improvements.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **SB 525**, establishing the first Saturday in May as Emergency Medical Services Provider Recognition Day.
- 10:00 a.m. **SCR 7**, urging the United States Department of Defense and Congress to restore full services to the Manchester Veterans Administration Hospital.
- 11:30 a.m. Executive session on **SCR 9**, urging Congress to fund a community-based outpatient clinic for veterans

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HR 28**, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB464**, relative to the number of children in a licensed foster home.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **SB 301-FN**, requiring insurers to cover prescriptions for durable medical equipment filled near the patient's residence.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 472**, relative to consumer protection from certain practices of payday loan, small loan, and title loan lenders and establishing a commission to study access to consumer credit for people in New Hampshire.
- 1:00 p.m. **SB 540-FN**, relative to New Hampshire HealthFirst, an affordable, wellness-based health insurance plan for small employers.

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

- 11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued executive session on pending legislation, if needed.
- 11:00 a.m. **SB 348-FN**, relative to the certification of forensic counselors by the board of forensic counselors.
- 1:00 p.m. **SB 373**, relative to definitions for and the application of the civil unions law to the retirement system.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. Continued executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 383**, establishing a commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the north country.
- 10:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 451**, authorizing rate recovery for electric public utilities investments in distributed energy resources.
- 1:00 p.m. **SB 419**, relative to the duties of the energy planning and advisory board and

restructuring policy principles.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on *SB497-FN*, relative to the security of bonds or notes issued to the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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.

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 Field office, Pease International Tradeport

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

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

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Informational meeting with the Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND SPECIES (RSA 487:30), Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Representatives Hall

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on *SB 337-FN*, relative to home education of children.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on *SB 436*, enabling certain persons to vote in primaries prior to turning 18 years of age, *SB 478*, relative to processing absentee ballots, *SB 492*, relative to persons designated to fill vacancies on the ballot.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on *CACR 34*, relating to funding of public education. Providing that the general court shall define an adequate education and distribute state funds for public education in a manner that alleviates local disparities.

1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **SB 321**, relative to construction or renovation of regional vocational centers, transferring certain positions from the pari-mutuel commission to the department of safety, and requiring certain operating budget reductions.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 414**, authorizing special elections to fill vacancies in elective town offices, **SB 462**, limiting liability for overseers of public welfare when acting in the course of their official duties, **SB 416**, relative to subdivision and site plan regulation waivers, **SB 474**, relative to registers of deeds and reports of county officers, **SB 524**, relative to eligibility for persons to receive the elderly property tax exemption, **SB 542**, relative to a mediated settlement dispute in the town of Rye, and continued executive session on **SB 473**, naming the Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Memorial in Hesky Park in the town of Meredith.

1:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **SB 199**, relative to the assessment of property subject to a housing subsidy restriction.

1:10 p.m. **SB 342-FN-L**, establishing a mechanism for expediting relief from municipal actions which deny, impede, or delay qualified proposals for workforce housing.

1:20 p.m. **SB 421-L**, relative to workforce housing.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 508-FN-L**, relative to municipal deposits, **SB 479**, relative to the vote required for passage of school bonds, **SB 407**, establishing a committee to study the right of entry upon lands for the purpose of conducting a land survey, **SB 398**, establishing a committee to study municipal boundaries and the laws pertaining to these boundaries and continued executive session on **SB 381**, relative to conservation commissions.

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Public rule hearing.

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J), Webster Place Recovery Center, 9 Holy Cross Road, Franklin

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 464**, relative to the number of children in a licensed foster home, **SB 483**, establishing a committee to study in-home intervention and counseling services for families and children charged with a crime or designated in need of services by the juvenile court, **SB 389**, relative to privileged communications between health care providers and minor children.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, Department of Health and Human Services Concord District Office, 40 Terrill Park Drive, Concord

12:30 p.m. Tour of the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services.

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. **SB 341**, prohibiting digital advertising devices on certain highways.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 467**, relative to taking lobsters and crabs, **SB 480**, repealing a requirement that the fish and game department publish certain hunting season information in newspapers in each county.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3), Room 205, LOB

9:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

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, APRIL 29

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE PRACTICE OF LEASING STATE-OWNED REAL ESTATE ON THE SHORES OF PUBLIC WATERS (HB 710, Chapter 254:1, Laws of 2007), Room 203, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. Executive session on **SB 341**, prohibiting digital advertising devices on certain highways.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

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

9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

MONDAY, MAY 5

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WAITLIST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 171-A:1-c), Room 103, State House

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, **April 18** at 9:30 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood for the first quarter budget review.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham 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. Peter R. Cote, 68 Bowers Street, Nashua, New Hampshire 03060-3927.

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs. 91, 172, 173, 185, 211, 285, 315, 352, 359, 369, 399, 415, 432, 436, 502, 523, 563, 584, 594, 666, 678, 679, 690, 692, 754, 765, 766, 794, 837, 841, 877, 901, 1152, 1168, 1293, 1298, 1307, 1341, 1343, 1348, 1394, 1396, 1405, 1436, 1457, 1459, 1472, 1502, 1505, 1508, 1509, 1545, 1579, 1580, 1584, 1587, 1590, 1594, 1598, 1599, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1607, 1608, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1626, 1631, 1633, 1635, 1639, 1640, 1642, 1645, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1652. SBs 94, 146, 173, 212, 301, 303, 312, 317, 318, 321, 324, 325, 329, 331, 337, 356, 376, 378, 410, 437, 439, 490, 500, 501, 507, 508, 509, 515, 516, 522, 530.

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.

All legislators are invited to attend "Pros and Cons of Expanded Gambling for New Hampshire and New England" on **April 8** from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 120 of Spaulding Hall on the UNH Campus. Richard McGowan, an Associate Professor in Boston College's Carroll School of Management and a Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School, will present arguments opposing expansion of gaming. He has worked with Massachusetts State Legislators formulating public policies affecting the "sin" industries. His most recent book is *The Gambling Debate* (Greenwood 2008). James Rafferty, President of NH Charitable Gaming, will present arguments in support of expanded gaming. Mr. Rafferty has been a leader in the gaming industry for 30 years, including employment with Harrah's Casino Hotels and Harvey Casino Resorts. The event is sponsored by the Casino Management Class within the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at UNH.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and David W. Hess

The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association and Parents Association are pleased to invite members of the New Hampshire General Court and Staff to the annual UNH Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, **April 9** from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the New Hampshire Historical Society Tuck Library, Park Street, Concord. Learn how undergraduate student researchers at UNH are focused on the most compelling challenges in New Hampshire and the world. Meet students as they share their discoveries at this special event.

Rep. Marjorie K. Smith

Governor Lynch has declared **April 12** as New Hampshire Literacy Day. You and your families are invited to celebrate the day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Southwick School, 50 Zion Hill Road, Northfield. There will be free healthy snacks and activities for children of all ages, as well as the opportunity for children to extend their experience by taking home a free book.

Rep. Stephen J. Shurtleff

On Monday, **April 14**, at 5:30 p.m. Rep. Betty Hall hosts a reception for all House members to meet and exchange opinions with honored guests at the Kimball House in the Capitol Center for the Arts. Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, who released the Pentagon Papers helping to end the Vietnam War; former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who served under President Lyndon B. Johnson; Dr. Robert

Bowman, director of the Star Wars Missile Defense Program under Presidents Ford and Carter; Phil Burk, businessman and impeachment scholar to be followed by a program at 7:00 p.m. regarding HR 24 to commence impeachment proceedings in the US Congress as provided in Jefferson's Manual Section 603. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Complimentary ticket to House members for reception and program. Pick up your ticket at invitees' table and pick up additional program tickets at the Box Office at \$14 per person at the Capital Center for the Arts.

Rep. Betty Hall

All legislators and staff are welcome to attend a breakfast reception sponsored by the Community Association Institute of New Hampshire on Wednesday, **April 16th** from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the State House cafeteria.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and David W. Hess

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the New Hampshire Network of Child Advocacy Centers (NHNCAC) is hosting a legislative luncheon at the Barley House on **April 16** from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. NHNCAC serves as a statewide resource and membership organization for New Hampshire's 8 established and 2 developing Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). By utilizing a multi-agency joint investigation approach, CACs provide a safe neutral environment for the evaluation of child abuse and exploitation, coordination of services for victims and families and child abuse prevention through community education. A short program with Governor John Lynch will begin at 12:30 p.m. Members of the House and Senate are welcome and RSVP to amanda.peterson@unh.edu.

Rep. Mary Stuart Gile

There will be a meeting of the General Court Lodge (Masons) on **April 17** at 6:30 p.m. at the Concord Masonic Temple on Iron Works Road. There will be a dinner at 5:30 p.m. with the lodge meeting to follow. All Masons are welcome for some food, friendship and fellowship.

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

The NH Commission on the Status of Women and the NH Women's Policy Institute cordially invite members of the General Court to a policy luncheon titled: Economic Security for Older Women and the Implications for Public Policy in NH on Tuesday, **April 22** at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church. Please RSVP to the Commission at 271-2660 or to nancy.normand@nh.gov.

Rep. A. Laurie Harding

Annual Massage Therapy Day has been rescheduled to **May 13**. All members and staff are welcome to free massages from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room 209, LOB. Sponsored by the NH Chapter of the National Association of Massage Therapists.

Rep. Benjamin C. Baroody

The House Republican Alliance will meet every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Upham Walker House.

Rep. David J. Bettencourt

The Main Street Republicans will meet every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Upham Walker House.
Rep. David H. Kidder

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 **April 2008**. 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 changes. **Please note that if your school is closed or has a delay, that their tour will be rescheduled. 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>
Apr 7	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Marston School – Hampton	4/80
Apr 8	9:30	Maple Ave School – Goffstown	4/48
Apr 8	11:00	Rollinsford Elementary School	4/26
Apr 8	11:00	Sarah Porter School – Langdon	(3&4)/10
Apr 9	9:30	Maple Ave School – Goffstown	4/48
Apr 9	11:00	Thornton's Ferry Elementary School – Merrimack	4/50
Apr 9	1:00	Newington Public School	(3,4,5,6)/28
Apr 10	9:30	Maple Ave School – Goffstown	4/48
Apr 10	11:00	Thornton's Ferry Elementary School – Merrimack	4/25
Apr 11	8:30	Gilford High School – French Exchange Students	HS/22
Apr 11	9:30	Lisbon Elementary School	4/
Apr 11	11:00	Thornton's Ferry Elementary School – Merrimack	4/50
Apr 14	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School	4/65
Apr 14	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Lincoln-Akerman School – Hampton Falls	(3&4)/60
Apr 15	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Towle Elementary School – Newport	4/90
Apr 15	12:30	St. Patrick's School – Jaffrey	3&4/13
Apr 16	9:00	Conant Elementary School – Concord	4/28
Apr 16	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Garrison Elementary School – Dover	4/100
Apr 17	9:00	Rochester Chamber of Commerce	Adult/15
Apr 17	9:30	Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School	4/45
Apr 17	11:00	Bartlett Elementary School – Goffstown	4/50
Apr 18	9:30/10:30 SH/HM	DAR	Adult/100
Apr 18	1:00	OLLIE	Adult/25
Apr 21	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Marston School – Hampton	4/60

Apr 21	12:00	Swasey Central School – Brentwood	4/40
Apr 22	10:00/11:30	Nottingham West Elementary School –	4/78
	SH/HM	Hudson	
Apr 22	12:00	Swasey Central School – Brentwood	4/40
Apr 23	9:30/11:00	Canaan Elementary School	4/60
	SH/F&G		
Apr 23	12:00	Cornish Elementary School	4/20
Apr 24	10:00/11:30	Nottingham West Elementary School –	4/78
	SH/HM	Hudson	
Apr 25	10:00	Maple Ave School – Claremont	4/63
Apr 25	11:30	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	4/39
Apr 25	12:30	Phoenix Academy – Dublin	HS/
Apr 28	8:30	Laconia Memorial Middle School	(6-8)/30
Apr 29	9:30/11:00	Hillsboro-Deering School	4/65
	SH/HM		
Apr 30	10:00	White Birch Community – Henniker	Adult/30
Apr 30	10:00	John Fuller School – Keene	4/50