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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

Pursuant to Part 2, Article 3 of the New Hampshire Constitution the House “shall assemble annually on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January.” Therefore, the House will convene on Wednesday, **January 2, 2008** at 11:00 a.m. and will continue to meet on Wednesdays throughout the 2008 session.

Please also note that there will be no legislative business conducted on the day of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary, Tuesday, January 8th, and no House session on Wednesday, January 9th. There will be a break in legislative activity the week of February 25th to coincide with the New Hampshire school vacation.

We will take up the Consent Calendar and bills pulled from the Consent Calendar on January 2nd and the Regular Calendar on January 16th. There will be no Calendar the week of December 24th, so please bring the amendment calendar dated December 13th for use on January 2nd.

I am pleased to announce that seven of our past House Speakers will be honored at a Breakfast Reception on the opening day of the 2008 session. The reception will be held from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Executive Council Chambers. I look forward to hosting and honoring my predecessors as Speaker and offering all House members the opportunity to meet or renew acquaintances with these distinguished leaders. I look forward to seeing you there.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, **January 2** at **8:45 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Wednesday, **January 2 at 9:00 a.m.** in Rooms 305-307, LOB.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley, Republican Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Wednesday, **January 10 at 3:15 p.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley, Republican Leader

NOTICE

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 Thursdays.**

CLOSES NOON THURSDAY:

January 3rd

TO BE MAILED FRIDAY:

January 4th

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Proposed by the House Rules Committee

Amend House Rule 64 by adding the following:

Thursday, January 31, 2008	Last day to report House bills going to a second committee
Thursday, February 7, 2008	Last day to act on House bills going to a second committee
Thursday, February 21, 2008	Last day to report all House bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 13, 2008	Last day to report all remaining House bills
Thursday, March 20, 2008	Last day to act on House bills: CROSSOVER
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 reports

HOUSE DEADLINES

Wednesday, January 2, 2008	Last day to introduce House bills for 2008
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 502-FN-A-L, allowing foster families to receive subsidies for foster children attending postsecondary educational facilities and establishing a scholarship fund for foster children. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Beth R Arsenault for Children and Family Law: This bill extends medicaid coverage to students through age 20 who are attending post secondary schools and who were in foster care on their 18th birthday. The bill also establishes a study committee to examine other state programs that extend support services to former foster children such as extending health care benefits to age 21 for those who are attending college. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 537, establishing a task force on homeless teenagers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Barbara Hull Richardson for Children and Family Law: This bill enables legislators and representatives of various agencies involved with homeless teenagers to solicit information and testimony from youth and young adults who are or have been homeless. Task force members will study the educational, social and financial needs of teenagers leaving the foster care system and special education system and identify the type and adequacy of available transition services and make recommendations for proposed legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 584-FN, raising the age of minority for juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Mary E Walz for Children and Family Law: Except for major crimes, this bill will allow 17 year old children charged with a crime to be treated as juveniles; they will be treated the same as children under the age of 17. They will have their cases heard in juvenile courts and be incarcerated at YDC. If they are charged with a major crime, they will, as all juveniles, continue to be eligible to be certified as an adult and have their cases heard in the adult court system. In anticipation of this law, the state built enough capacity into the new YDC facilities to accommodate 17 year olds. In passing this law, New Hampshire will join the majority of states in treating 17 year olds as juveniles. Under current law, 17 year old children find themselves in a legal limbo. They cannot drop out of school. They cannot enter into a contract and thus cannot rent an apartment. There are limitations on when and where they can work. The committee also heard extensive testimony about the immaturity of 17 year olds brains and how that impacts their ability to make judgments. The services these children need are available through the juvenile system. Furthermore, studies show that incarcerating these children in the juvenile system lowers the recidivism rate. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 682, relative to the court's authority to award parental rights and responsibilities to a "psychological parent." **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Carolyn M Gargas for Children and Family Law: This bill establishes factors the court may consider in awarding supplemental or substitute guardianship of a minor to provide continuity to a minor's existing parental relationships. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 702, relative to the court's jurisdiction over persons between ages 18 and 21 in abuse and neglect cases. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Deanna S Rollo for Children and Family Law: This bill establishes the procedure for the court to continue or close the case of a child over 18 years of age who had previously consented to continued jurisdiction of the court under RSA 169-C. The bill also permits the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a voluntary service plan to a person under 21 years of age who had been abused or neglected as a child. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 841, relative to the appointment of parenting coordinators. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Eileen C Flockhart for Children and Family Law: This bill establishes a procedure for the certification of parenting coordinators in divorce and parenting cases. It changes the

name of marital mediators to family mediators. It also renames the board of marital mediators, as the Board of Family Mediator and Parenting Coordinator Certification, and establishes the board's authority and duties relative to parenting coordinators. **Vote 12-2.**

COMMERCE

HB 31-FN, requiring the licensure of property and casualty insurance appraisers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert F Matheson for Commerce: The purpose of this bill was to make insurance appraisers more accountable for the determination of the damage to property. It was retained by the committee. A similar bill, HB 169, which subjected insurance appraiser to penalties if they knowingly underestimate a claim, was sent to the house floor and eventually was signed into law by the governor. This makes HB 31-FN unnecessary. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 116, limiting access to certain business records. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Joel F Winters for Commerce: A house tradition, this bill is introduced, retained, and referred to interim study each session. Some of our neighboring states have been over-zealous in attempting to collect taxes from New Hampshire businesses. For years, keeping this bill 'pending' has achieved the goal of putting them on notice that certain procedures must be followed. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 432-FN, relative to age requirements for cocktail lounges. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John B Hunt for Commerce: As introduced, this bill would bar anyone under the age of 21 from entering the cocktail lounge area of a restaurant. Given that many restaurants use these areas for over flow of their restaurants, this legislation would cause many families to wait for a table. The amendment replaces the entire bill and will create a new type of liquor license for establishments that do not want to serve food. Under current laws, only private clubs are exempt from the current food requirement which is that a restaurant must sell at least \$75,000 worth of food a year or that their liquor sales are only 50% of their revenue. HB 432 would create a Tavern license that would be \$24,000 per year and would require the owner to have liability insurance. The owners must also be at least 25 years of age and no one under the age of 21 would be allowed to enter. The bill also allows for smaller taverns of fewer than 50 seats with a license fee of \$12,000. Under current law, restaurants with a cocktail license may stop serving food at 9:00 p.m. and it is difficult to restrict access to underage drinkers when they are already seated. The committee feels that now is the time to address the disparities in our law and will allow better enforcement of underage drinking. Finally under current law any city or town may request to the liquor commission to not issue these new licenses in their community. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 442-FN, prohibiting unconscionable prices for essential commodities during a declared state of emergency. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Matthew S Houde for Commerce: After four work sessions, no consensus was reached on HB 442-FN. The subject matter, which would have made it an unfair trade practice to charge an unconscionable price for a commodity during a declared state of emergency, has been before the committee (and the General Court) before. This version, however, did not retain a central provision of a previous incarnation (HB 1621, 2006) (a provision for the Office of the Attorney General to initiate an investigation). It was not clear to the members this time around, however, exactly how this provision of HB 1621, upon which consensus within the committee had been reached in the past, would operate (i.e., exactly how the Attorney General would petition the court and whether any party would have an opportunity to refute the evidence presented), and the issue was not resolved before the vote on HB 442-FN. Thus, it is recommended that HB 442-FN be referred for interim study so that the best components of each can be incorporated into a new bill and clarification can be obtained from the Office of the Attorney General. **Vote 16-2.**

HB 492, relative to consumer protection in telecommunication contracts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James R Martin for Commerce: This bill would regulate contracts for telecommunications service entered into between businesses and telecommunication service providers. It does not affect individual consumers who purchase off tariffs filed with the Public Utilities Commission. The bill requires telecommunication carriers to keep records in perpetuity and to refund any overcharges regardless of when the error occurred or when it was discovered and regardless of what the contract between the carrier and business provided in that regard. The bill would invalidate all contract provision requiring notice of errors in a reasonable period of time. The bill requires a minimum penalty of \$1,000.00 for each error. The bill would dramatically increase the costs of telecommunications services to businesses in New Hampshire. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 560-FN, relative to insurance coverage for prostate cancer testing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stephen P Spratt for Commerce: This bill, a bill mandating coverage for prostate testing, was introduced by the sponsors as a bill intended to raise awareness for prostate cancer. Testimony given during committee hearings established that coverage was already in place. The bill was retained to gather more information. In work sessions the committee heard testimony again from providers regarding coverage and no additional information from the bill's supporters. The committee was also aware of the governor's intent to proclaim September "Prostate Cancer Awareness" month. With no additional information available and both awareness and coverage addressed, the committee voted to find the bill inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 858-FN, relative to a discount medical plan organization. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Susi Nord for Commerce: This bill was entered at the request of the NH Insurance Department to address gaps in the consumer protection statutes regarding discount medical plans. These plans may be a component of a traditional insurance plan, but they are not considered insurance and may also be purchased independently. For example, a discount medical plan may offer discounts on eye glasses if purchased at a specific store. This benefit may be part of an insurance plan, but may also be totally separate from one's health insurance. Unfortunately some consumers were signing up for these plans thinking they were actually purchasing a regular insurance plan and only finding out what they had purchased after an injury or illness. The NHID also heard complaints that some plans were sold where the local vendors did not exist or did not otherwise honor the plan as expected. The conflict arose that since these plans are not actual insurance, they should fall under the Attorney General's office under the Consumer Protection Act, but the substance was more in line with what the NH Insurance Department deals with on a daily basis. That confusion was compounded by the problem that some of these plans are sold by insurance companies who are regulated by NHID, not the Attorney General. HB 858 puts all discount medical plans under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Department and creates regulations regarding disclosure and notification so that consumers can make informed purchasing decisions and the confusion can be minimized. **Vote 17-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 35, establishing a commission to study human trafficking issues in New Hampshire. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laura C Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: SB 192 has already passed and a commission is already in place. Meetings are already being held. This bill is not needed. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 159, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David A Welch for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill, as amended, creates an entity where members are drawn from various areas of the criminal and juvenile justice

system including the defense bar, New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, law enforcement and most important, the court system. This same group had been in existence several years ago and was very informative and beneficial to all members. Problem solving was a main benefit. The original bill would have created a committee to study the need for a classification for criminal offenders. We currently do recognize the need and such a system is in place. The original bill is not necessary but during the study it was mentioned that the original Interbranch Criminal and Juvenile Justice Council was a forum where similar discussions did take place. The amendment recreates the original council in statute so that it will become the forum for identifying and solving problems within the justice community.

Vote 15-0.

HB 214, relative to discovery in criminal matters. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. John E Tholl for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The bill would have repealed RSA 604:1-a Relative to discovery in criminal matters. Testimony indicated that there were problems with current law that created problems for the prosecution having to provide multiple discoveries of the same materials on the same case. The defense properly pointed out that timely discovery is necessary to protect the accused's rights and to move the trial along in a timely manner. The solution chosen by the committee was to have the Supreme Court address this matter through Rules. This is currently in the works. The committee decided to refer this bill for interim study in order to ensure that this important issue is addressed in a timely manner. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 260-FN, relative to bail agents and recovery agents. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. William V Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill is being recommended for interim study. The committee retained the bill this summer because the contents are encompassed in HB 776. We do not at this time know the disposition of HB 776 which is in the Executive Departments and Administration Committee, therefore interim study is recommended. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 291, relative to licensure of fireworks sellers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David A Welch for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill changes the licensing for sale of display and consumer fireworks and the sale of permissible fireworks to a renewable license to expire on May 1st of each year. Section 3 of the bill makes the first license a pro-rated license to equalize the fees for all applicants. There was no opposition from the Fire Marshall or those dealers who attended the subcommittee meetings. Some licenses expire in July which does not make sense for those engaged in retail sales of permissible fireworks. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 373, relative to unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John E Tholl for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill, as amended, provides that anyone under the age of 21 who has in his or her possession or has consumed an alcoholic beverage shall be guilty of a violation. It further allows the court to impose a fine, or in lieu of any portion or all of the fine, impose community service. It also permits the court to order treatment and services. The committee is well aware of the tragic consequences of underage consumption of alcoholic beverages on our youth and society in general. The committee was unanimous in approving this legislation with the amendment to prevent the tragedies that result from underage drinking, the loss of life, the injuries, and the criminal acts that but for the consumption of alcoholic beverages would not have occurred as well as the damage done to youthful maturing bodies and brains of our youth. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 535-FN, establishing a regional license suspension hearing pilot program.

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. David A Welch for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill would establish a regional license suspension hearing pilot program in Cheshire County. It was pointed out that the leasing of a facility and personnel salary would amount to an estimated \$110,000 annually. The subcommittee never met and it was the recommendation of the whole

committee that if such a need existed there would have been more attention paid to the subject matter. There are no funds for such a pilot program. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 581-FN, relative to the penalty for purposely mistreating service dogs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Stanley E Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill was amended to change the title of the bill from service dogs to service animals to be all inclusive in recognition of the fact that other animals, such as monkeys, are being used as service providers to humans. It also provides a definition for "service animal." **Vote 15-0.**

HB 589-FN, relative to the calculation of concurrent and consecutive terms of imprisonment. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Lee M Hammond for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: Under present statutes, prisoners who are serving consecutive terms of less than four years each can never qualify for sentence review. This bill rectifies an unjust situation created by the wording of current law. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 595-FN, establishing a sentence reduction method for state prisoners. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Laura C Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee feels there should be a clemency board in place. A prisoner who has a good record while in prison should have a place to go to ask for a reduction in sentence. The commissioner will adopt the rules and recommendation. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 632-FN, relative to the penalty for death resulting from the trafficking of controlled drugs. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. William V Knowles for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This legislation clarifies when a person is responsible for the death of another when such person manufactures, sells or dispenses certain drugs and the injection, inhalation or ingestion of the substance is a substantial contributing factor in causing the death. In determining an appropriate sentence the factors are outlined for the court. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 730, increasing the maximum fine for speeding in a highway construction or maintenance zone. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Everett A Weare for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The present law provides a maximum penalty of \$500 dollars for speeding in a highway construction zone. This bill will increase the maximum penalty to \$1,000 in a highway construction or maintenance zone, which is presently the maximum penalty for speeding. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 773, excluding noise violations from the crime of disorderly conduct. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laura C Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill would repeal RSA 664:2, III which specifies that loud or unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a public place or other private places, which noises would disturb a person of average sensibilities, are a breach of the peace, or a public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm. The committee sees no reason to eliminate this section of the statute which has as its intention to protect the public peace. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 792-FN, prohibiting convicted felons from profiting from their crimes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laura C Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee feels this issue can be handled by a civil suit by the victim. We did not feel a new law was necessary when there is already a way the victim can get relief. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 842, establishing safety requirements and procedures for firefighters. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Stanley E Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: There are issues with this bill that need more time to resolve. Various involved parties agreed that this would provide an opportunity to attempt to find common ground. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 201, authorizing certain Keene state college campus safety officers to detain individuals pending arrest or protective custody. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John E Tholl for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The bill had an admirable purpose, to allow Keene State security to apprehend and detain those persons who violate enumerated statutes and then turn them over to Keene police to answer for their offenses. However, the detaining of a person to answer for a crime/offense constitutes an arrest. One law enforcement officer may pass his/her probable cause to another law enforcement officer, but a non law enforcement security officer may not do so. This would then necessitate the Keene police officer getting an arrest warrant for the offender as the Keene officer did not have probable cause to make an arrest because he was not present when the offense/crime was committed. The suggestion was made to make them law enforcement officers rather than security officers but Keene State chose not to do so. Neither the sponsor nor the committee was able to craft a means of overcoming this obstacle that would be constitutional. **Vote 15-0.**

EDUCATION

HB 79, relative to the safety of school bus stops. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Barbara E Shaw for Education: The committee is in agreement with the ITL recommendation of its subcommittee. School bus issues arise locally, and policies and procedures exist within the local districts to deal with safety issues as needed. An appeal process is already in place. State agency resources are available when needed. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 330, establishing a task force to study the feasibility of supplying laptop computers to all 7th grade children in the state. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Scott A Merrick for Education: The committee agrees that supplying laptop computers to certain school students warrants further study and recommends ought to pass with amendment. **Vote 14-1.**

HB 578-FN, providing a definition of an adequate education and establishing an adequacy board. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Scott A Merrick for Education: The committee voted to recommend inexpedient to legislate on all of the adequacy bills except HB 927, which will incorporate all adequacy concerns and issues. The committee did look at, and consider, all of the bills but felt it would be easier to operate under one bill, rather than seven. All of the adequacy bills, however, have been considered by the definition and costing committees and will continue to be discussed as the state legislature works toward defining and funding an adequate education. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 642-FN, relative to educational accountability programs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Sharon M Carson for Education: This bill required the New Hampshire department of education to report annually on all monies received and expended in New Hampshire under NCLB. Additionally, it set up a committee to study New Hampshire's education accountability program. The committee and the New Hampshire department of education reached an agreement under which the New Hampshire department of education will report on NCLB in its annual report to the governor. Also, since education accountability program legislation has been filed for the upcoming session, the committee believes the concerns outlined in the bill will be addressed then. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 677-FN, relative to special education procedural safeguards and the dispute resolution process. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nancy F Stiles for Education: This bill was one of the Special Education bills retained last session. The proposed changes in that bill have been addressed in HB 766. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 765-FN, relative to procedures for determination of special education costs, payment liability, and rate setting. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Scott A Merrick for Education: The issues of student residency and financial liability proved too complex to solve within the context of the special education bills, and the committee recommends a separate study committee to address this issue. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 865-FN, relative to an adequate education and state education grants. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Scott A Merrick for Education: The committee voted to recommend ITL on all of the adequacy bills except HB 927, which will incorporate all adequacy concerns and issues. The committee did look at, and consider, all of the bills but felt it would be easier to operate under one bill, rather than seven. All of the adequacy bills, however, have been considered by the definition and costing committees and will continue to be discussed as the state legislature works toward defining and funding an adequate education. **Vote 12-1.**

HB 916, relative to nonpublic or private schools receiving public funds. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. J. Timothy Dunn for Education: This bill would require private schools receiving public funds to comply with all relevant education, labor and health and safety laws in place for public schools. Clearly the bill needed an amendment. No amendment was forthcoming; therefore the committee voted unanimously to recommend ITL. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 919, relative to the high school curriculum for New Hampshire history. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. J. Timothy Dunn for Education: At first reading, this bill may seem quite sound in that it requires US history and NH history to get equal time in social studies curriculum. However, that presented problems for current curriculum structure. Further, it placed in statute museum visits, historic site renovation projects and the like to fulfill course requirements. Upon investigation it was discovered that education frameworks already encourage all of what this bill contains. **Vote 13-1.**

SB 173, relative to regulation of private postsecondary career schools. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Karen K McRae for Education: The committee previously retained this bill in order to clarify the changes in the structure of the relevant postsecondary education statutes. These statutes deal with the licensing of career schools and certain exempted entities. The amendment reflects these clarifications. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 179-FN-A, establishing an automated external defibrillator advisory commission. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kimberley S Casey for Education: The language and intent of this bill to establish an automated external defibrillator advisory commission was covered by HB 911, Chapter 62, 2007 which passed the House and Senate with (mostly) identical language. Therefore, further retention or action on this bill was unnecessary. **Vote 13-0.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 156, relative to the membership of the ballot law commission. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Charles F Weed for Election Law: The committee is developing a more comprehensive bill which will collect the diverse charges for and may recommend new tasks for the commission. It will also recommend restrictions on who might be appointed and will recommend increased membership. This bill was related specifically to membership on the Ballot Law Commission. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 241, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James R Splaine for Election Law: The committee has spent much time during the past year discussing the way in which contributions and expenditures by corporations, businesses, partnerships, and unions are made to candidates or used to influence political decisions, as well as how those contributions and expenditures are reported. The committee recommends this bill because it preserves important core elements of current New Hampshire law. New Hampshire has had prohibitions of direct contributions from their treasuries by corporations since 1911, and in 1955 added the prohibition by unions. This has helped prevent political corruption and excessive influence-peddling in the political process of our state. A court

decision in 1999 declared outright prohibition of corporate donations to be unconstitutional, thus creating an imbalance since now corporations can contribute directly from their treasury, but unions cannot. In an effort to truly level the field, this bill continues our traditional prohibition of such direct donations by corporations, businesses, partnerships and unions but allows those organizations to create a political action committee. This guarantees their right to participate in the democratic process while also ensuring full disclosure to the Office of Secretary of State, and thus the public, of their expenditures and contributions. Therefore, passage of HB 241 will accomplish important two goals: 1 - level the field for the constitutional right of business organizations and unions to participate in the political process; and, 2 - provide full disclosure reporting for transparency of their expenditures and donations, so the voters will know to whom they are giving funding, and other ways that they are attempting to influence political decision-making. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 285, prohibiting municipalities and state and local officials from entering into nondisclosure agreements with vendors of voting machines with respect to the purchase or lease of voting machines. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Richard B Drisko for Election Law: The intent of this bill is to initiate a process to develop a system requirement specification for a voting machine. This system will provide: (a) verifiably valid and accurate vote counting and reporting of election results, (b) preservation of paper ballots and voting machine data, and (c) public confidence in the integrity and transparency of the system and the voting process. The bill also provides for an evaluation and procurement process under the Secretary of State's Office. **Vote 14-3.**

HB 358, relative to the procedure for listing candidates on state election ballots. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David M Pierce for Election Law: The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled in 2006 that all candidates have an equal chance to get the best spot on ballots. In response to that ruling, the state instituted a procedure by which a single letter from the alphabet is picked at random to serve as the starting point for listing candidates' names on state ballots. HB 358 would merely codify that procedure into statute. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 555, relative to certain disclosures by campaign workers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Shawn N Jasper for Election Law: While many members of the committee were sympathetic to the goal of the bill, the reality is that, even though work sessions were held on the bill, there is no reasonable way to accomplish the goal of this legislation. The bill would have required that anyone who was employed by a candidate or political organization disclose the terms of their employment and remuneration package every time they mentioned their employer on the air, on television or in print. As we saw in the last election, doing so without making some disclosure, brings much unwanted publicity to a campaign and is most likely more effective than any law could be. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 574-FN-L, relative to preservation of electronic voting machine data. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Claudia A Chase for Election Law: Several bills were retained in order to deal with the issue of electronic voting equipment. We amended two of the bills and declared this one inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 16-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 201-FN-A, relative to recycling and reconstituting the recycling market development steering committee. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Burton W Williams for Environment and Agriculture: The content of this bill was addressed in two other bills. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 540-FN-A, relative to solid waste reduction, establishing a solid waste disposal fee, and renaming the recycling market development steering committee. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Burton W Williams for Environment and Agriculture: The content of this bill, identifying a source of revenue to fund solid waste management programs, was addressed to the committee's satisfaction in HB 503. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 830-FN-A, relative to milk support prices in New Hampshire. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James G Phinizy for Environment and Agriculture: This bill, similar in nature and concept to House Bill 407 and Senate Bill 235, was held over in order to effect any technical changes to the two programs established in HB 407 and SB 235. As there were no immediate changes to the legislation passed which provided direct emergency relief and a long term support program, the committee no longer required this title. At present, the Department of Agriculture has dispersed the funds allocated through HB 407. It did so very efficiently within about one month of the application deadline date. There are currently only about eleven appeals before the emergency relief appeals board regarding minor, perfunctory technicalities. The board granted the majority of the appeals and is awaiting clarification of such criteria as herd status or production figures before settling the last several appeals.

Vote 16-0.

HB 837, relative to easements and the land and community heritage investment program and creating a farm viability program. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David E Essex for Environment and Agriculture: This bill originally sought to amend the LCHIP statute to clarify the intent of allowing "term," or temporary, easements on conserved land only if they are granted in connection with a farm viability program. Since the establishment of such a program depends on the ongoing work of a study commission that has not issued its report, the committee majority recommends an amendment that makes the original technical corrections and leaves the establishment of a farm viability program as a possibility for future legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 839, 'establishment of maximum retail fluid milk prices. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James G Phinizy for Environment and Agriculture: As in the case of HB 830, this bill was retained in order to address possible ancillary issues surrounding dairy producers, sharply lower "farmgate" milk prices and production costs. There are several areas regarding milk quality and pricing to be considered; however, these areas of concern due to their complexity deserve full public hearings before the committee and are filed under separate titles for the next session. It is interesting to note that even-though prices to the farmer are "up" to near-term highs, production costs are managing to keep pace. For example, grain prices are continuing to accelerate at about a 33% increase from a high of last year. **Vote 16-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 329, relative to fire equipment servicing certification program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Maurice L Pilotte for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill originally proposed creating an exemption for electricians licensed by the electrician's board from voluntary certification of persons engaged in the inspection, installation, and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and fixed fire extinguishing systems, fire sprinkler systems, and fire alarm and detection systems. The Advisory Committee on Portable Fire Extinguisher and Fixed Fire Extinguishing Systems, Fire Sprinkler Systems, and Fire Alarm and Detection Systems (established in RSA 153:5-b), the Bureau of Electrical Safety and Licensing and the Electrical Contractors Business Association have come to an agreement on administrative rules in re training required for electricians who wish to qualify for this voluntary certification. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 561-FN, relative to pharmacy benefit managers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alida I Millham for Executive Departments and Administration: This is the second time around for this bill. The committee still has concerns about transparency and openness to consumers about pharmacy benefit contracts, but has determined that we have not yet

found an approach without unintended consequences, which seems to sometimes be the way with commercial contract issues. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 594-FN, granting group II retirement system status to certain positions in the department of corrections. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill, as introduced, would give Group II benefits to 59 employees at the Concord State Prison who are presently Group I. After reviewing each job classification and job description, the committee voted to include eleven of these positions in Group II. The supplemental job descriptions explicitly identify security responsibilities for these positions making them eligible for Group II. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 596-FN, relative to a retirement system calculation exemption for certain retired teachers of the Concord school district. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Reagan for Executive Departments and Administration: This issue regarding past benefits for some Concord teachers is still under consideration by the New Hampshire Retirement System. It is not necessary for the legislature to address this request at this time. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 696, reclassifying certain positions in the insurance department. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Maurice L Pilotte for Executive Departments and Administration: The committee opposed this bill because it involves an inappropriate approach to job re-classification for unclassified employees. Prior to the 2000 session of the general court, requests to change classification were regularly referred to the Executive Departments and Administration Committee. It was decided that it would be advisable to remove such requests from the political arena and refer them to an outside consultant who would make recommendations to a joint committee on employee classification. The joint committee can concur and assign a temporary classification and subsequently file legislation to make necessary changes in statute. As a result of the discussion about the request to classify these positions in the insurance department, the joint committee on employee classification has adopted specific protocols and time-frames for processing such requests. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 763-FN, establishing the licensure and regulation of residential and building inspectors. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alida I Millham for Executive Departments and Administration: How to regulate home inspectors is an issue this committee has been struggling with for several legislative terms. The proposals are either too skimpy or too detailed and the people involved cannot agree on what is good policy. An ITL of this bill means the parties go back to the drawing board and come back with a proposal that protects the people of New Hampshire and promotes good public policy for Home Inspectors. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 771-FN, extending medical and surgical benefits to domestic partners. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would have given medical benefits to domestic partners of state employees, but it is not needed as that has been negotiated in the latest union contract. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 776-FN, establishing the licensure and regulation of private investigators. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would establish the licensure and regulation of private investigators. The consensus of the committee, after much discussion, was that more study was needed to address concerns brought forward by the Police Chiefs Association, the Public Defenders Office, New Hampshire Judicial Council, and the New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 779-FN, relative to funding of retirement system benefits and supplemental allowances. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Reagan for Executive Departments and Administration: The governor's commission continues to deliberate on the issues surrounding the future of public employees' retirement benefits including COLA's and medical allowances. The commission will not conclude its findings until December. It would be premature to act on this bill until that research can be fully considered by the legislature. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 908-FN, relative to the licensure and regulation of massage therapists and registration of somatic and bodywork practitioners. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Alida I Millham for Executive Departments and Administration: There was no agreement on parts of this proposed legislation. Good public policy regarding massage therapy and other body work modalities is important. Rather than find this bill inexpedient to legislate, it was deemed that putting the bill into interim study would give the committee some influence in encouraging all the parties to work on a workable piece of law-making.

Vote 15-0.

SB 146-FN, relative to allowing service credit for certain court system employment. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Daniel J Sullivan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill allows a group of county and municipal court employees, whose employment predates the January 1, 1984 conversion of their retirement system to the New Hampshire Retirement System, to carry over their service time. The committee recommends this bill as a clarification of the benefit status of this small group of workers. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 166-FN, relative to port moorings. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter B Schmidt for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill as amended has two components related to the use of moorings (scarce and valuable coastal commodities) that are managed by the Pease Development Authority Division of Ports and Harbors. The first provision gives the division the ability to establish a program for temporary seasonal moorings. The second provision creates a reconsideration process for mooring permits that have lapsed. While reconsideration of an appeal decision made by the division director is rarely necessary, SB 166 does give mooring holders one more option to explain their situations to the Pease Development Authority Board of Directors. **Vote 15-1.**

SB 251, allowing the board of medicine to issue licenses for physicians to engage in a correctional institution medical practice. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Maurice L Pilote for Executive Departments and Administration: We acknowledge that there is a serious staffing problem for doctors, especially doctors of psychiatry, in the correctional environment. There is no disagreement that this problem has been exacerbated by the passage of the sexual predator law. The medical society has agreed to create a correctional care ad hoc committee which will include input from the board of medicine. This ad hoc committee will attempt to find a solution to the problem and make recommendations for future legislation to the ED & A committee. **Vote 14-0.**

FINANCE

HB 173-FN-A, relative to the promotion, acquisition, and retention of a large animal veterinarian in those areas of the state where there is a need, and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David L Smith for Finance: The bill addresses a critical issue for owners of large animals, especially in the more rural counties. The bill puts forth the basis for establishing a fund to attract and retain large animal veterinarians in New Hampshire by offering tuition reimbursement to veterinarians who practice in underserved areas. Only \$1.00 is to be appropriated now, but the fund is eligible to receive funds from any source. No funds will be used in the program until sufficient funds (\$100,000) are in hand to fund each veterinarian who applies and is accepted. The fund will be a budget item, and subsequent legislatures will have the decision of funding this line item as it will best suit the state's need at that time. **Vote 23-0.**

HB 181-FN-A, establishing a tuition voucher program for New Hampshire national guard members and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert A Foose for Finance: The committee received a recommendation from the Deputy Adjutant General that consideration of this bill be deferred until the next biennium because of a delay in developing an appropriate support structure. The delay was caused in part because of the General's staff's service in Afghanistan. **Vote 15-1.**

HB 374-FN-A, increasing the appropriation to the firemen's relief fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David L Smith for Finance: Although the state has had a very long history of supporting this organization, due to other financial commitments we are not in a position to increase that current support of \$6,000 per year to \$40,000 per year. Representatives of the firemen's fund understand our position, and they have the cash reserves to meet immediate needs. This organization does much to encourage volunteer firemen in our communities, which is in the best interest of the state. The return of this request will be expected in the next budgeting year, and hopefully it will be favorably received. However this bill is recommended ITL due to lack of our funds, and adequacy of theirs. **Vote 20-3.**

HB 415-FN, establishing a geothermal assessment project. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Bernard L Benn for Finance: The use of geothermal technology provides a renewable and clean source of energy. This technology has been a proven renewable technology that is extremely viable in New Hampshire. However, the state does not have adequate geological data to prepare maps and/or provide information on the geology that would support the use of geothermal applications. Despite this lack there has been a growing and successful use of geothermal technologies in our state. This bill provides methodology for collecting needed data from existing construction projects that drill exploratory hydrothermal wells or from projects that drill at least 3 boreholes 1,000 or more feet deep on one site. Many other states already have such a program as this. The data provided from these drillings will be provided to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, which will, in turn, compile the data into a usable format available to the public. This legislation will ensure that New Hampshire has needed information to support further use of this renewable energy and there will be no cost to the state for this program. **Vote 23-0.**

HB 628-FN-A, establishing the New Hampshire Rx advantage program and continually appropriating a special fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Larry A Emerton for Finance: This bill would establish a state-sponsored discount pharmacy program run by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reduced priced prescription drugs to qualified New Hampshire residents. The policy of this bill was passed during the 2007 session. Due to the numerous questions about the fiscal note as prepared by the department and the complexity of the bill, the committee did not have enough information and time to bring the bill forward. It is hoped that when further cost estimates are available, appropriate action could be taken. **Vote 22-0.**

HB 643-FN, relative to the distribution of tobacco settlement funds. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Sharon L Nordgren for Finance: This bill was voted ITL by the Finance Committee. The proposal in the bill is laudable, but the budget we passed last year contained over \$6M for the NH Cancer Plan and it is the assumption of the Finance Committee that many of the goals of this bill will be met with this significant financial support. The Finance Committee would recommend that any further consideration of the proposals brought forth in HB 643 be considered at the start of the budget process as the Health and Human Services Department generates its budget recommendations to the Governor. **Vote 22-0.**

HB 861-FN, allowing certain active duty members of the United States armed forces and their dependents to attend public postsecondary institutions at the in-state resident tuition rate. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert A Foose for Finance: The committee received assurances from both the university system and the community college system that the two institutions would take prompt action to handle this request administratively. Prior to the final vote of the full committee, both systems completed the necessary policy changes to accomplish the intent of the bill. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 887-FN, allowing certain members of the United States armed forces, including the reserve component, and veterans who qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill, to take courses tuition free at public postsecondary institutions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kenneth H Gould for Finance: The committee heard several bills dealing with tuition assistance for military and their dependents. There is a need to do more research on people helped and people who fall through the cracks. The problem has been partially solved by the University of New Hampshire through its own change in policy. Other remedies will be forthcoming in the next session if necessary. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 893-FN, relative to long-term care. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Larry A Emerton for Finance: Long term care is of great importance to the citizens of New Hampshire, not only to give our older citizens efficient and proper care, but to allow them to remain in their own homes at much less cost to all involved. This bill's purpose was to strengthen New Hampshire's Long Term Care program. It would have established a presumptive eligibility process; provide for an annual report on the availability and need for quality long term care services; and require that the department estimate the full cost of adequately funding long term care services to assist in the budgetary process. However the committee determined that some of the bill's requirements have been incorporated into other bills. Also questions concerning the presumptive eligibility rules have to be resolved; and definitive costs relative to the bill's implementation have not been determined. For these reasons, while supporting the bill's intent, at this time the committee concluded that the bill was inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 22-0.**

HB 910-FN, relative to state reimbursement to sheriffs' departments for the costs associated with court bailiffs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David L Smith for Finance: This bill addresses moving bailiffs' compensation from \$65 per day to \$20.00 per hour. A pay adjustment is now long overdue. However, although the committee recognizes the need to positively deal with this pay issue, there are two other bills (SB 79 AND HB 369) which are better bills which address other sheriff department issues more comprehensively. Due to this other legislation, the sponsor of HB 910 and the Hillsborough County Sheriff requested that we recommend ITL on this bill. **Vote 22-0.**

FISH AND GAME

HB 640-FN, relative to requiring reimbursement of search and rescue costs of the fish and game department. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Vincent E Greco for Fish and Game: The committee did not feel that passage was justified since the law would require reimbursement by the beneficiaries of search and rescue efforts, regardless of circumstances, such as lost children or adults with disabilities. **Vote 11-1.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 563, relative to obtaining birth certificates for stillborn children. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James R MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill allows individuals to request a certificate of stillbirth under the fetal death statute. The sponsors were responding to the requests of constituents who wanted a tangible recognition of a stillbirth. The amendment places the actual certificate in statute. This amendment provides clarification of an issue that caused the bill to be retained. **Vote 20-0.**

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. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne S Butcher for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The Commission to Develop a Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan, the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, the Correctional Health Care study group, and other groups are addressing the issues raised in this bill. The departments of corrections and of health and human services recently signed a memorandum of understanding to improve planning for release, including enrollment of those eligible in medicaid. The committee believes that an additional task force is not necessary. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 740-FN, relative to mental health services. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert G Bridgham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill as amended makes small modifications in the statutes governing the mental health services system. It updates the titles of key administrators in the system and modifies the description of the process and terms of their appointment to be consistent with practice. It permits the sharing of clinical information between a community health program and a mental health in-patient program when essential to the care and treatment of a patient. It allows the individual providing continuing treatment in a community mental health program, whether a psychiatrist or an ARNP, to revoke the conditional discharge of a patient, under defined conditions. An earlier version of the bill contained modifications in the definition of "mental illness" and the process of extending involuntary admissions; these were eliminated at the request of DHHS. **Vote 20-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 235, relative to the recognition of out-of-state marriages. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bette R Lasky for Judiciary: This subject matter is dealt with in the civil union statute, RSA 457-A. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 269, prohibiting "pretexting" as a means of obtaining personally identifiable information. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stephen J Shurtleff for Judiciary: This bill deals with "pretexting" which is defined as obtaining personal information about an individual, without the individual's consent, or by using a ruse. This bill has some merit, but is so broadly written that it could have unintended consequences. As was pointed out by the attorney general's office, this bill would have a chilling effect on law enforcement. Police officers often use "pretexting" in order to affect an arrest. Under this bill a police officer could be charged with a criminal offense.

Vote 20-0.

HB 359-FN, relative to recovery of medical assistance from an estate. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Anthony R DiFruscia for Judiciary: The bill as amended clarifies present practice by the department of health and human services with additions. First, upon the death of a spouse who has received medical assistance, the surviving spouse shall not be liable for recovery. Second, the bill makes it clear that if the recipient of joint property or a remainder interest paid fair market value for the property at interest during the lifetime of the deceased, the property recipient will not be subject to recovery. Third, the bill exempts joint interests and remainder interests created prior to July 1, 2005, the effective date of the legislation allowing recovery, as these property interests vested before the enactment of the law. Finally, the bill requires that written notice shall be given in all cases stating what categories of recipients are exempt by reason of familial status, and how others may obtain a waiver in case of hardship. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 369-FN, relative to state reimbursement for costs of bailiffs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Stephen J Shurtleff for Judiciary: This bill will raise the current per diem rate for court security officers from \$65 a day to \$100 a day. Our court security officers provide an outstanding service to our state in maintaining the security and integrity of our state's court

facilities. This bill will help to maintain the level of expertise and professionalism needed in our changing society. **Vote 20-0.**

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. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stephen J Shurtleff for Judiciary: The committee believes that this bill would cause unnecessary work and additional expense to the N.H. Supreme Court. Furthermore the bill may cross the boundary of separation of powers, between the legislative and judicial branches of government. For the legislature to demand that the judiciary review every bill that is filed goes far beyond the role of the court. Every criminal case has the potential of raising a constitutional issue. Asking the court to notify the legislature of pending criminal cases which may involve constitutional issues could raise constitutional questions before cases are adjudicated. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 786-FN, relative to compensation for retired full-time justices for service after retirement. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Janet G Wall for Judiciary: This bill addresses compensation for retired full-time justices for service after retirement. The committee, having heard from the chief administrative judge from each court and from the judicial council, agreed that this is an important issue. There is no need for this bill, however, because it was incorporated nearly verbatim into HB 2, Chapter 263, 2007, together with an annual appropriation of \$200,000 for 2008 and 2009. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 814-FN, relative to the judicial retirement plan. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Janet G Wall for Judiciary: The substance of this bill was incorporated into SB 178, Chapter 313, 2007 which has already been signed into law. The new law now allows for a retired member to be appointed to the judicial retirement system board of trustees; changes the method for determining and funding supplemental allowances (COLAs); permits a quorum of 4 trustees at a board meeting if 4 out of 7 members attend; and requires reports to be made to the fiscal committee of the general court and to the executive departments and administration committees of both the House and the Senate. **Vote 20-0.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 671, relative to certain data used for workers' compensation rates. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William J Infantine for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: The committee felt that the procedures that are in place for workers compensation classification code disputes are sufficient and that no further legislation is needed. **Vote 10-1.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 91-FN, relative to registration fees for lobbyists and requiring registration of employers of lobbyists. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael S Rollo for Legislative Administration: This bill, as amended, clarifies what activities constitute lobbying, who is a lobbyist and a lobbyist's duty to register and report their activities with the secretary of state. Under this amendment, registered lobbyists will continue to report fees, expenditures, political contributions, honorariums and expense reimbursements. The amendment permits individuals with pertinent expertise, who do not make their living as lobbyists, and who are generally not considered lobbyists to participate in executive and legislative task forces without having to register as a lobbyist, as long as the convening authority files a statement with the secretary of state's office listing the subject matter and participants involved, and the anticipated duration of the group or meeting. Under the existing law, a lobbyist only has to report political contributions they make to candidates. By eliminating the language that limits what information regarding political contributions must be reported, the committee intends to require lobbyists to report all political contributions made by the lobbyist pursuant to RSA 664 in his or her professional or personal capacity, including to political committees or political action

committees, not only those contributions made to a specific candidate. The amendment also changes, at the urging of the secretary of state, the reporting dates for financial disclosures by lobbyists to coincide with other filing dates received by that office. Lastly, the amendment exempts volunteers who assist the state with non-policy setting or decision making functions, such as individuals who stock ponds for the fish and game department and maintain trails at state parks from having to file financial disclosure forms. Executive branch department heads will have to submit to the secretary of state the names of the exempt volunteers who perform this type of work. The current requirement that these volunteers file financial disclosure forms is a barrier to obtaining volunteers. Without volunteers, these activities would require additional state expenditures, so the committee recommends eliminating the reporting requirements in these circumstances. **Vote 9-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 255, establishing a committee to study the implementation and use of growth management ordinances. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mary R Cooney for Municipal and County Government: The committee decided that the issue had been studied before in previous sessions and the consensus was that a new bill should be filed addressing the proper use of growth management ordinances and giving municipalities guidance in crafting such ordinances. A new bill has been filed for the 2008 Session. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 270, allowing municipalities to adopt a homestead exemption for property tax assessments on a person's principal place of residence. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jessie L Osborne for Municipal and County Government: This legislation would cause increased cost shifting for the local residential and business property tax payers by an indeterminate amount. The number of residents eligible for this homestead exemption could be substantial and huge problems exist with determining the assets that could be counted as income. The Department of Revenue Administration indicated that it will increase the costs of administration for setting the local property tax rates. There are in existence numerous ways for the elderly, blind, disabled, veterans and low and moderate income residents to obtain credits or exemptions. This subject is also in HB 617 which the committee has recommended be put in interim study. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 294-FN, relative to current use taxation of certain farm buildings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Betsey L Patten for Municipal and County Government: The bill fixed the assessing practice of placing the highest and best use valuation on farm buildings other than residences by adding the land under those buildings into the current use assessment. However, there was no support to change the current use statute. Another bill will be introduced in 2008 that will address this issue in a new section of current use statutes. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 315, relative to criminal background checks of municipal employees through the New Hampshire state police. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Suzanne S Laliberte for Municipal and County Government: The bill allows municipalities to obtain criminal background checks through the state police. It is necessary to pass the bill to allow background checks through the FBI data base. Municipalities can obtain the background investigations on candidates for town employment who work with children or elderly, who can enter homes and/or who handle money. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 331, relative to the withholding of building permits in certain cases. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Betsey L Patten for Municipal and County Government: The amendment revises the time frame for design review process before the local planning board by giving that board the discretion to announce the end of the design review. The planning board also will have the opportunity to establish specific rules of procedure relating to the design review process that will be part of its regulations. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 335, defining "unnecessary hardship" for purposes of zoning variances. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Jessie L Osborne for Municipal and County Government: The committee had several questions about what the term "economically viable" meant and felt that it needed more information regarding use variance and area variance as it relates to economically viable. The committee members recommended that the bill be sent for Interim Study to decide on the definition of "economically viable" and how this would affect hardship ordinances. **Vote 11-2.**

HB 474, excluding septic and sewage treatment facilities from the tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Betsey L Patten for Municipal and County Government: The Department of Environmental Services (DES) has the authority to grant a local tax exemption on the value, in whole or in part, of any facility, device, application or installation that would reduce, control or eliminate any source of air or water pollution. The amendment removes any private septic and sewer treatment systems that have as their primary purpose treatment or disposal of human waste from the allowable exemption. The committee agrees that the amendment closes a loophole that erodes the local property tax base. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 617-FN-L, establishing a property tax relief program and fund and making an appropriation therefor. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Jessie L Osborne for Municipal and County Government: This bill would repeal the current law dealing with low and moderate income property tax exemptions and establish a relief fund. The Department of Revenue Administration testified that this would be very costly to the state. Upon examination, the committee found that this bill was so complicated and that the funding mechanism was probably not doable and therefore, recommended that the bill be sent for Interim Study to preserve the subject matter. The prime sponsor introduced an amendment which looked promising, but was so different in scope that it warranted a full hearing. The full committee suggested that the prime sponsor submit a new bill based on the amendment in order to have a full hearing on the subject matter. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 734, establishing a committee to study requiring certain nonresidential property owners to submit income and expense information for determining property value for tax purposes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Betsey L Patten for Municipal and County Government: The assessors in the state of New Hampshire would like to have more information regarding commercial, rental and industrial properties. However, requesting "income and expense" information is now associated with private business enterprise and financial and proprietary information. The committee chose to find a different nomenclature for the property operating expenses of commercial, rental or industrial properties in the upcoming session. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 172-FN-L, allowing counties to share correctional facilities. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Eric G Stohl for Municipal and County Government: This bill allows a county to contract with the state or another county for the reception and confinement of prisoners committed to or who are ordered to be detained at a county facility. The bill was retained by the committee awaiting action in the Senate on a similar bill – HB 566. The Senate passed and the Governor signed HB 566 into law. There now is not any need for SB 172-and the committee unanimously recommends the bill be Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 236, extending the authority for police mutual aid. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Bennett F Moore for Municipal and County Government: The bill, as amended, will permit police officers to respond to named incidents in jurisdictions in the state, other than their own, when requested to do so by such jurisdiction. Such permission will not supersede any police mutual aid agreement that may exist covering the officer and the requesting

jurisdiction. Responding officers will remain employees of their home departments for insurance purposes. **Vote 13-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 282, relative to administration of road tolls. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David B Campbell for Public Works and Highways: The capital budget bill (HB 25) established a study commission to investigate the administration, efficiencies and costs of collecting the road toll (better known as the “gas tax”), and the possibility of transferring some or all of those duties from the Department of Safety to the Department of Revenue. That commission has introduced legislation for the current session, so this bill is no longer necessary. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 582-FN-A, relative to the bridge over the Merrimack River. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David B Campbell for Public Works and Highways: While the committee recognizes that there are only two Merrimack River crossings between the Massachusetts line and Manchester, this bill is not appropriate to solve that transportation problem. The bill locates the bridge between the towns of Merrimack and Litchfield and is funded by a bridge toll. The Merrimack legislative delegation and town council were adamant in their opposition to a toll bridge. No new bridge can be built without a toll. Additionally, legislation is being filed to enable private financing of a third Merrimack River bridge in an alternative location between Nashua and Hudson. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 823-FN, relative to state and municipal contracting practices for public works. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Franklin T Tilton for Public Works and Highways: This bill would add to the cost of state contracts and likely would diminish the number of contractors willing to compete for state contracts. While some of the requirements of the bill are admirable, contractors can adopt them now if deemed positive to them. **Vote 12-1.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 485, exempting tidal waters from the general rules for vessels operating on water. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David H Russell for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill was introduced in order to remove the “headway speed only” law on the Cocheco River that runs from the Piscataqua River to Dover. The committee retained the bill in order to go on a field trip to investigate. We agreed unanimously that the river is far too narrow and curvy, and anything over headway speed would be dangerous as well as ecologically harmful. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 810, establishing a commission to prepare a master plan for Mount Sunapee state park, Sunapee state beach, Pillsbury state park, Wadleigh state park, Rollins state park, and Winslow state park. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lawrence M Kappler for Resources, Recreation and Development: The committee unanimously agreed that establishing a commission at a regional level would be in conflict with the Department of Resources and Economic Development’s current strategic planning at the state level which will include the input of regional groups. **Vote 14-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 467, establishing a state climate change policy commission and developing a climate action plan and to report on climate change issues. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jacqueline A Cali-Pitts for Science, Technology and Energy: The Governor’s Climate Change Task Force closely mimics HB 467 thereby making HB 467 unnecessary at this time. **Vote 14-0.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jane Wood for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill originally put the burden on sellers of real estate. The goal was to protect the buyer from the seller knowingly hiding information that could cause the buyer's property to lose value. The committee quickly ascertained that there were too many liability issues involved with both the original bill and a couple of proposed amendments. Our study of this retained bill brought out the need for cooperation by several state agencies, and education of local boards and commissions regarding the need for historic and cultural preservation. The division of historical resources needs to be involved at the outset of the land planning development process. Educating planning boards and conservation commissions in all of our 234 municipalities is beyond the scope of this bill and our ability to accomplish. The same is true for getting the department of environmental services (DES), the department of resources and economic development (DRED), fish and game, and other departments to be proactive and coordinate with DHR. The committee believes that through cooperation this matter could be properly addressed rather than making a new law. **Vote 12-0.**

HCR 7, urging federal action on the earned income tax credit and other tax benefits related to child custody. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Doreen Howard for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee vote reflects the unanimous consensus that HCR 7 tax credit concerns are being fully addressed at the present time in the United States Congress. Furthermore many issues concerning federal tax credits and tax deductions for children are often addressed in the final divorce decree. The committee felt that this complex tax credit issue did not fall under New Hampshire jurisdiction as New Hampshire has no income tax. **Vote 10-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 45, relative to addresses on motor vehicle registrations. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: The committee voted inexpedient to legislate as this bill was folded into HB 901. Please see the report on HB 901. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 121-FN, expanding eligibility for special number plates for veterans to family members of soldiers killed in action. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jean-Guy J Bergeron for Transportation: After review, this bill and HB 355-FN, dealing with special plates the committee established criteria for future bills which request special plates, and will share the criteria with future bill sponsors. Some of the criteria for plates are that law enforcement needs license plates to confirm a vehicle is properly registered, identifies a state vehicle, and identifies a vehicle involvement in an accident. The committee does not recognize the purpose of license plates as raising money for public or private organizations or supporting particular causes. In addition, license plates should be easy to read and remember. Special plates can make this difficult. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 190, relative to the definition of "resident" for motor vehicle purposes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: The content of this bill was folded into HB 901. Please see the report on HB 901. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 211-FN, requiring that first-time driver's license applicants be informed of and examined on laws relating to blind pedestrians. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Sherman A Packard for Transportation: The bill as amended requires the Department of Safety to inform the applicant for a new or renewal driver's license of the safety issues surrounding blind pedestrians. The committee felt that it is important that the driving public be continually aware of the problems with handicapped people. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 296, prohibiting the use of flatbed trailers with outrigger wheels in parades. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Howard N Cunningham for Transportation: SB 187 passed at the end of last session and was signed by the Governor to prohibit flatbed trailer wheel outrigger to be used in parades. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 355-FN, establishing number plates supporting New Hampshire public higher education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert W Williams for Transportation: The committee had over ten requests for special plates. A report of the committee findings is shown in the statement for HB 121-FN **Vote 13-0.**

HB 449-FN, relative to motor vehicle inspections. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: This bill was originally voted ITL on February 23, 2007. It was again voted ITL by the committee on October 23, 2007 for the same reason. It would have changed motor vehicle inspections from annual to biennial. Currently, the Department of Environmental Services requires an annual emission control test as required by the federal emissions standards. Annual inspection help keep our highways safe and this bill was opposed by the Department of Safety and The New Hampshire Automobile Association. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 647, relative to indicating citizenship on drivers' licenses and nondrivers' identification cards. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: This bill would discriminate against non-citizens who have presented proper identification to the Department of Motor Vehicles. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 656-FN, relative to the issuance of identification cards to individuals who lack the ability to obtain a nondriver's picture identification card. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: The committee voted ITL as the content of this bill was folded into HB 901. Please see the report on HB 190. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 729, relative to prohibitions on reproducing drivers' licenses and identification cards and copying information in motor vehicle records. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: This bill was an attempt to prohibit the use of a driver license from being used to identify a person who uses cash during a retail transaction and brings back the merchandise for a refund and is asked for a driver's license. Testimony was given that this is done to prevent fraud. In addition, under federal statute the banking industry is required to use a driver license as a measure of identification. This bill as written would also take away from the Department of Safety the ability to prosecute an individual for procedural reproduction of a driver's license. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 781-FN, relative to the duties of the department of safety. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: The bill eliminated the section which would have put the New Hampshire Hospital Security Force under the control of the Director of Division of State Police rather than the Commissioner of Safety. The amendment repeals, removes term limits for members of the motor vehicle industry board and permits the Department of Safety to establish late fees for non payment of surcharges required for the 911 fund. In addition, the amendment clarifies the annual reporting procedures required by the Department of Safety. **Vote 12-1.**

HB 878-FN, relative to drivers' licenses issued to persons 70 years of age and older and relative to the medical/vision advisory board. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Carole J Estes for Transportation: The bill does not improve the cost, time, or content of driver testing, and probably limits the possibility of improved future legislation. It increases the cost to a single age group, creates an inconvenience for this age group, and increases the workload of the Department of Safety (DOS). Review of DOS fatal crash statistics show that the very young (<26) and very old (>66) have the highest at fault percentages for years 1997-2006 and this bill will not address a significant part of the problem to test the under 26 driver. Future legislation, such as tiered testing, or simulator use will be limited because this bill may engender the belief that the problem is solved. In

the future, there may be technologies to eliminate the inherent discrimination involved with targeting a single age group. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 901, relative to requirements for non-driver identification cards. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter F Bergin for Transportation: There were several bills addressing non-drivers identification. Several were consolidated into HB 901. The bill as amended will make it possible for person without a physical home to get a non-drivers identification card. It establishes several criteria for the Department of Safety to verify this. These are people who are homeless, state prison inmates who are released and need an identification card to start a new life. Also, foster children, abused and neglected children, delinquent children who reach maturity and are in need of identification. **Vote 13-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 145, establishing an education funding study committee. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael G Marsh for Ways and Means: This bill seeks to establish an education funding study committee, to consider a number of possible revenue sources to fund public education. Among the sources to be studied are an income tax, several variations of a sales tax, and a tax on legalized gambling. The committee was asked to consider the amount of revenue that could be raised, the economic consequences of each revenue source on the state, and the constitutionality of each tax. In its work on this retained bill, the committee believes it has arrived at a sufficiently good understanding of each possible tax so that a study committee to gain further knowledge is no longer necessary. Accordingly, it recommends that HB 145 be found Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 16-2.**

HB 283, allocating a portion of unrefunded road tolls to the dam maintenance fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frank W Davis for Ways and Means: This bill would have transferred one-half of the unrefunded boater road tolls from the general fund to the dam maintenance fund (DMF). Currently the unrefunded road tolls are divided between the general fund and the Fish and Game. As a result of the Electric Utility Reconstructing Act of 1996, hydropower lease payments have been declining. It appeared that there would be a revenue shortfall in the DMF of more than \$600,000 for FY 2008. During 2007, DES received two one-time settlements that resulted in revenue of more than \$3 million. It is now estimated that there will be a balance in the DMF of more than \$2,000,000 for FY 2008 and more than \$800,000 for FY 2009. This bill would have raised only about one-half of the additional estimated revenue needed for FY 2010. The committee recommends inexpedient to legislate on this legislation, but to closely monitor the DMF revenue throughout FY 2008, with the expectation that new legislation would be introduced in FY 2009. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 385-FN, relative to licensing and insurance fees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jordan G Ulery for Ways and Means: After the policy in this bill having been vetted by Commerce Committee, Ways and Means looked at the fee structure. The bill reorganized the licensing and permitting structure for more efficient and computerized processing of CEO's address changes, applications and the minutia of the department. Some fees were reduced (change of address to \$10 from \$25). A few new fees were added (late application for filing of CEO's) and many fees consolidated or moved to other sections. The amendment removed those sections of the bill enacted under HB 2. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 493-FN-A, expanding the meals and rooms tax on rentals to include motorized recreational vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William A Hatch for Ways and Means: This bill was intended to expand the rooms and meals tax to include recreational vehicles. After review, the committee determined the amount of money accrued would be minimal plus there was not a clear reason why the funds were needed. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 520-FN-A, establishing a state-owned casino to provide funds for public education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Christine C Hamm for Ways and Means: This bill was one of three bills relating to gambling and casinos which were retained and studied by a subcommittee of seven members over the summer. While a majority of committee members believe there is value in continuing to analyze emerging developments regarding these issues, it seems unnecessary to retain more than one of the bills in order to carry on this work. For this reason, the committee recommends inexpedient to legislate on HB 520-FN-A-L. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 570-FN-A, increasing the fee for a wild turkey hunting license. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Catherine Mulholland for Ways and Means: The provisions of this bill, increasing the fee for a wild turkey hunting license, were already incorporated into House Bill 2 (Chapter 263, 2007) and therefore the bill is redundant. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 576-FN-A, increasing certain fish and game nonresident license or permit fees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Catherine Mulholland for Ways and Means: The provisions of this bill, increasing certain fish and game non-resident license and permit fees, were already incorporated into House Bill 2 and therefore the bill is redundant. **Vote 18-0.**

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.

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Roger G Wells for Ways and Means: This bill would have imposed a tax on people purchasing dogs or cats from pet stores or private kennels in order to fund spaying and neutering for pets bought from humane shelters. It would have required a deposit of \$40.00 with the pet store which would be refunded after the pet was spayed or neutered.

Uncollected refunds would go to the spay and neuter program. However, pets purchased from pet stores or private kennels would not be eligible to participate in the state subsidized spay and neuter program. Another pending bill, HB 666 is preferable to fund the spay and neuter program. **Vote 18-0.**

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.

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Norman L Major for Ways and Means: This bill was incorporated and passed as part of HB 2, Chapter 263, 2007. As a result, the House committee on criminal justice and public safety reviewed the fines for motor vehicle violations and finds that the current fine schedule should remain in effect and that future study, based on public safety considerations, is warranted. The committee agrees with the result of the study and recommends no further action on this bill. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 618-FN-A, establishing a research and development credit against the business profits tax and the business enterprise taxes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William A Hatch for Ways and Means: This bill establishes a research and development credit against the business and profits tax and business enterprise tax. The committee retained the bill to prepare for SB 134, which had similar intent but was capped at an amount the state could afford. SB 134 was subsequently passed with the committee's amendment, and HB 618 has fulfilled its mission. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 637-FN-A-L, establishing a gaming oversight authority and video lottery gaming. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Christine C Hamm for Ways and Means: This bill was one of three bills relating to gambling and casinos which were retained and studied by a subcommittee of seven members over the summer. While a majority of committee members believe there is value in continuing to analyze emerging developments regarding these issues, it seems unnecessary to retain more than one of the bills in order to carry on this work. For this reason, the committee recommends inexpedient to legislate on HB 637-FN-A-L. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 777-FN-A, relative to agricultural exemptions from alteration of terrain permitting requirements and penalties for site development. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Norman L Major for Ways and Means: This bill imposes a fee and a fine for certain changes to terrain alteration permits. This bill as recommended by the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee and unanimously passed by the House in 2007 clarifies agricultural exemptions for alteration of terrain permits and sets penalties for change of use to any other activity. The penalty shall be based on the amount of land changed and length of time before the change. Part of the penalty assessment was to help fund the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). HB 2, Chapter 263, 2007 as passed and signed by the Governor provided for a funding mechanism to fund LCHIP. The amendment specifies that the proceeds of any civil penalty levied pursuant to this section shall be placed in a nonlapsing fund held by the treasurer under RSA 482-A:14, III., which may be expended by the department, subject to the approval of the governor and council, for the purpose of restoration, research, investigation and enforcement relative to wetlands. **Vote 16-2.**

HB 868-FN, relative to a surcharge on recording documents with the register of deeds to fund the land and community heritage investment program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gilman C Shattuck for Ways and Means: Funding for the LCHIP program has been incorporated in the General Funds Budget as part of HB 2, Chapter 263, 2007. HB 868 therefore is not needed. While funding for the first year of the biennium is by appropriation, funding for the second and subsequent years is essentially the methodology proposed in HB 868. A committee on alternative sources of LCHIP funding is established as part of HB 2; unless an alternative method of funding is recommended by the committee, the recording surcharge of HB 868 will be used after July 1, 2008. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 884-FN-A, increasing the rate of the tobacco tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael G Marsh for Ways and Means: This bill seeks to increase the rate of tax on tobacco products by 50 cents per package of 20, raising the rate to \$1.30, to help balance the state budget for the current biennium. In HB 2, Chapter 263, 2007, the House raised the tax on cigarettes by 28 cents per package, to \$1.08. Inasmuch as the rate has been increased, and additional funds are not needed at this time, the committee recommends that HB 884 be found Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 912-FN-A-L, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Norman L Major for Ways and Means: This bill as introduced I) imposes an education property tax at \$7.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value, II) establishes a homestead exemption from the education property tax for the first \$200,000 of assessed value of a homestead, III) establishes a new formula for the determination of adequate education grants to be funded by the education property tax and existing revenue sources in the education trust fund, IV) provides sustainability grants to municipalities in which the education property tax would increase by \$3.00 or more per \$1,000 of taxable value, V) provides supplemental grants to municipalities based on demonstrated need, and VI) repeals the excess education property tax payment. The committee has considered four extensive amendments that would 1) lower the property tax rate to \$5.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value, 2) change the Homestead exemption to \$150,000 of assessed value, 3) address the administration of the Homestead Exemption, 4) establish a new formula for the determination of adequate education grants to be funded by the education property tax and existing revenue sources in the education trust fund, 5) provide sustainability grants to municipalities based on demonstrated needs, and 6) repeal the excess education property tax payment. The committee feels there are still many more issues to be resolved, such as the affect of the homestead exemption on the elderly, renters, small business and the interrelationship of the various credits and exemptions, and wishes the opportunity for further study. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 925-FN-A, relative to state and local taxes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frank W Davis for Ways and Means: This bill was introduced by the sponsors in an attempt to raise \$400 million in small and medium revenue sources to pay for their estimate of costs for an adequate education. The committee retained HB 925 to evaluate whether the taxes it proposed could raise needed funds. The committee determined that the objectives could be met if the legislature moved in that direction, and if major modifications (including substitution of some taxes) were made. The adequacy commission will provide a proposal of cost to the legislature in February. The committee sees no purpose in amending this legislation to go forward before the costing is complete, and the amount of revenue needed is known. Therefore, while commending the sponsors, the committee voted to recommend the bill be found inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 17-1.**

SB 63, authorizing the commissioner of revenue administration to extend tax filing deadlines for certain members of the armed forces. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John D Kelley for Ways and Means: The bill allowed the commissioner of revenue to extend the tax filing deadline for any members of the armed forces or National Guard serving in a qualified hazardous duty area or combat zone. The amendment allows the commissioner to extend the filing deadline for members of the armed forces and National Guard to file tax returns and make associated tax payments for a specified period of 180 days after return from service in a “qualifying duty location,” provided such person is filing as an individual, a sole proprietor, or as the member on behalf of a single member limited liability corporation. The amendment further defines a “qualifying duty location.” **Vote 18-0.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

REGULAR CALENDAR

EDUCATION

CORRECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

HB 679-FN-L, relative to delivery of special education services. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nancy F Stiles for the **Majority** of Education: This bill is the result of two years of work by more than fifty people. All vested interests have been represented in support of re-writing NH’s Special Education statutes to bring them into compliance with federal law. This bill, in compliance with IDEA 2004, provides opportunities for students with disabilities to excel to their greatest potential in the least restrictive environment. The five bills retained last year (HB 677, 678, 679, 765 and 766) were organized according to services provided. After subcommittees reported at the end of October, the bills were consolidated into two bills: HB 766 updates special education statute (RSA 186-C) and HB 679 concerns other statutes affected by special education (RSA 169, 193, and 194). For clarity and simplicity, the bills now follow the order of current statutes. HB 679 is the second bill to come from the two year study of the Special Education statutes and addresses the RSAs that affect situations for students with disabilities in need of special education that are not included in the RSA 186-Cs. In our effort to re-write New Hampshire’s Special Education statutes we addressed all the affected RSAs to make sure there was no conflict within our own statutes. Our overall effort in the re-write, in addition to meeting the federal law, was to make the statutes clear and well organized so that money spent by the local districts could be spent on services to students rather than on litigation. Because the language in RSA 169 deals with extenuating circumstances of children (CHINS and delinquency,) we sought legal expertise from representatives of advocates for children with disabilities and advocates for school administrators. The various legal experts worked together to develop the appropriate language to meet the educational needs of these students with extenuating circumstances. As it came forward to committee there was a question to insure privacy rights so we sought the legal knowledge of a committee member to clarify the language. During the executive

session questions arose about the use of the words “believes” and “suspects”. In referencing federal law and regulations, we find that “believes” is used three times in the IDEA statute and five times in the regulations. “Suspects” is used twice in IDEA statute and seven times in the regulations. In NH’s current RSAs, “suspects” is used one hundred fifty times and “believes” more than five hundred times. You will find the words “believes” and “suspects” in current NH education law. **Vote 10-4.**

Rep. David W. Hess for the **Minority** of Education: This bill has defects which should have been corrected in committee, but weren’t. This bill also suffered from a breakdown in process. First, the bill triggers notification to a school district if “the arresting or prosecuting agency, or juvenile probation or parole officer suspects that a [juvenile delinquent] has a disability,” and requires a court to order a juvenile in delinquent or CHINS proceedings to consult with counsel if it “believes” the juvenile has a disability. These words are undefined and have no settled meaning in the law. Moreover, nothing should be initiated on mere suspicion, particularly if the suspicion is held by individuals who have no particular knowledge or experience with the condition they are empowered to report. Second, this bill deletes the descriptive limiting adjective “educationally” wherever it modified the word “disabled.” Using the term “educationally” reminds the reader that a disability does not warrant the actions required by the statute unless it is an educational disability. The references to RSA 186-C do not, in the opinion of the minority, cure this deficiency, and there are substantial reasons for continuing the use of unique New Hampshire terms in our statutes rather than mimicking federal laws and regulations. Finally, over half the statutory provisions amended, or otherwise addressed, in this bill are properly within the jurisdiction of the other House committees. Those are the provisions dealing with delinquency (RSA Chapter 169-B), neglect and abuse (RSA Chapter 169-C) and CHINS (RSA Chapter 169-D). At the very least, this bill, if passed by the House, should be referred to the committees primarily responsible for those statutes as second committees.

HB 766-FN, making changes to the laws relating to special education. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nancy F Stiles for the **Majority** of Education: This bill is the result of two years of work by more than fifty people. All vested interests have been represented in support of re-writing NH’s Special Education statutes to bring them into compliance with federal law. This bill, in compliance with IDEA 2004, provides opportunities for students with disabilities to excel to their greatest potential in the least restrictive environment. The five bills retained last year (HB 677, 678, 679, 765 and 766) were organized according to services provided. After subcommittees reported at the end of October, the bills were consolidated into two bills: HB 766 updates special education statute (RSA 186-C) and HB 679 concerns other statutes affected by special education (RSA 169, 193, and 194). For clarity and simplicity, the bills now follow the order of current statutes. This was a comprehensive study on the complex issues of special education to bring NH law into compliance with IDEA 2004. Within the House Committee there were questions about changing the language “educationally disabled child” to “child with a disability”. This bill uses the language of the federal statute, “child with a disability” (clearly defined in RSA 186-C:2, I) “who because of such impairment, needs special education or special education and related services” and carries this reference through all the special education statutes. This language mirrors the federal language with the exception that “acquired brain injury” was added because physicians tell us there are times when children, due to a fall or other circumstances, have sustained a brain injury that requires special education or related services. The bills retained last session had four major areas of disagreement: short-term objectives and benchmarks, expert witness fees, mapping of cochlear implants, and program approval and monitoring. 1) The short-term objectives and benchmarks were required for all special education students until this past August and are still required for children who take alternate assessments. Parents tell us benchmarks are helpful to support the educational

process at home. To empower the local IEP team, this bill uses the short-term objectives and benchmarks as a fall back position unless the IEP team and in particular the parent determines they are not necessary. 2) Expert witness fees provide a level playing field for parents when they are in court with a due process hearing. A judge can determine if the expert witness was necessary for the parent to prevail and can award all, some, or none of those costs. This bill as amended provides the caveat that only when the court determines the school district has not acted in good faith can an award be considered. 3) Mapping of cochlear implants is done by an audiologist to make adjustments to an external processor so a child can hear, and allows the student to remain within the school district rather than possibly be placed out of district. Mapping is currently allowed through insurance policies and through Medicaid but the subcommittee felt it needed further study and has proposed a study committee through one of the other retained special education bills (HB 678). 4) The bill lays out the steps for program approval and monitoring by the Department of Education and consequences for non-compliance. In addition to bringing NH into compliance with IDEA 2004, the bill includes added opportunities for parent involvement in their child's education, no expanded programming for the local district, incentives for local school districts at their own choosing to establish the capacity to offer programming in district which has the potential to save tax payer money from out-of-district placement, and strengthens accountability through the department of education. **Vote 12-3.**

Rep. David W. Hess for the **Minority** of Education: House Bill 766, as it comes to the House, is a massive, omnibus, 26-page revision of our special education laws which was compiled from four separate bills several days before the Education Committee voted on it. Prior to that, these bills were separately heard in public hearings, separately worked on in individual subcommittees, and separately considered by the full Education Committee in work sessions. While these bills were generally presented as vehicles to merely make technical changes and update our statutory language to mirror federal special education laws and regulations, in many instances this bill imposes requirements and obligations which exceed federal law, and introduces ambiguous, unclear, undefined terms, all at unknown additional cost to our local school districts. For example, the statute replaces the phrases, "educationally disabled" and "educationally related services" with the generic phrases, "child with a disability" and "related services," and deletes the qualifying adjective "educational" at various other places. The ambiguity generated by such deletions invites future litigation and substantially risks expanding the scope of services our local school districts must provide and/or pay for. The bill empowers the Department of Education to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Health & Human Services for special education without expressly indicating whether they are administrative rules subject to RSA 541:A. It refers to a right of appeal from certain department decisions but fails to establish an appeal process. It newly empowers the Commissioner of Education unilaterally to issue orders including "compensatory education," but does not define that term. The bill exceeds federal law by requiring that all *individual education programs* (IEP) include short-term objectives and landmarks, and by requiring local school districts to provide extended school time beyond the standard school day and school year whenever a child's IEP team decides it is necessary while repealing the standards and criteria to be used in making that decision, which exist in current law. It also appears to exceed federal law in the proposed definition of a "Child with a Disability." This bill refers to "an emotional disturbance" while the federal IDEA refers to "serious emotional disturbance." Similarly the proposed definition in the bill includes "acquired brain injury" while no such provision exists in federal law. These are merely a few examples of the ambiguities and provisions which expand beyond federal law and regulations created and imposed by this bill—again, at unknown additional expense to our local school districts, and ultimately our local taxpayers.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. *HB 1187*, regulating disclosure of personal information obtained in the course of business.
- 10:30 a.m. *HB 1152-FN*, relative to annual reports filed by business corporations.
- 11:00 a.m. *HB 1137*, relative to contracts with illegal aliens.
- 1:15 p.m. *HB 1417*, relative to banning the sale of low-efficiency light bulbs.
- 1:30 p.m. *HB 1337*, relative to private actions under the consumer protection act.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. *HB 1293*, relative to eligibility requirements for the state animal population control program.
- 11:00 a.m. *HB 1458*, relative to milk producers and hauling and stop charges.
- 1:00 p.m. *HB 1537*, relative to the definition of milk.
- 2:00 p.m. *HJR 10*, urging congress to allow for the interstate sale of state inspected meat and poultry.
- 2:20 p.m. *HJR 11*, requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to provide redress for price reporting errors in milk prices.
- 2:40 p.m. *HJR 12*, relative to support for research into colony collapse disorder.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Briefing by the commission to make recommendations to ensure the long-term viability of the New Hampshire retirement system.
- 11:00 a.m. Briefing by the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant on the 2007 comprehensive annual financial report, 2008-2009 surplus situation and bills with appropriations.
- 1:00 p.m. Briefing by the Joint Legislative oversight Committee on Costing an Adequate Education.
- 2:00 p.m. Continuation of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant briefing on the 2007 comprehensive annual financial report, 2008-2009 surplus situation and bills with appropriations.

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

- 10:00 a.m. *HB 1395-FN*, establishing the AIDS drug assistance program fund.
- 10:45 a.m. *HB 1385*, waiving medical records fees for persons applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).
- 1:00 p.m. *HB 1560-FN-A-L*, relative to the pharmaceutical assistance program and making an appropriation therefor.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. *HB 1478*, relative to the quorum for meetings of the equalization standards board.
- 10:30 a.m. *HB 1338*, allowing towns and cities to receive state funding for preventative mosquito control programs on all lands within the municipality.
- 11:00 a.m. *HB 1523*, relative to the use of clotheslines.
- 1:00 p.m. *HB 1346*, relative to the regulation of junk dealers, scrap metal dealers and pawnbrokers.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. *HB 1372-FN*, relative to allowing driveway construction permit fees.
- 11:30 a.m. *HB 1448-FN*, relative to documents prepared by the department of transportation and fees for such documents.
- 1:00 p.m. *HB 1365-FN*, relative to changes in the rates of highway tolls.
- 1:45 p.m. *HB 1555-FN*, relative to an E-Z Pass discount for residents of Merrimack.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1535**, relative to establishing a factual data base for wetland decision accountability.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1471**, relative to time limits for excavating and dredging permits.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1154**, establishing a commission to study flooding in the town of Bradford, specifically Lake Massasecum, Lake Todd, and the watershed.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1128**, mandating the commissioner of the department of environmental services to conduct an examination of Willand Pond in the Dover/Somersworth area.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1229**, requiring the office of energy and planning to maintain a map of the state's lands under conservation or development restrictions.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Representatives Hall

- 10:00 a.m. General information regarding Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).
Room 304, LOB
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1544-FN**, relative to the development of effective energy efficiency measures.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1499-FN-A**, replacing the electricity consumption tax with an electricity generation tax.
- 3:30 p.m. **HB 1564-FN**, relative to the regulation of commercial mobile services by the public utilities commission.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1357-FN**, relative to extensions of time for filing returns and making payments under the interest and dividends tax for deployed members of the United State armed forces.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1308-FN-A**, relative to the business profits tax deduction for reasonable compensation.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1158-FN-A**, increasing the exemption for persons 65 years of age and older and establishing a credit for persons 70 years of age and older under the interest and dividends tax.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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.

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

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

- 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1383**, adopting the uniform child abduction prevention act.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1387**, relative to reimbursement rates for foster care respite providers.
1:00 p.m. **CACR 23**, relating to parental rights. Providing that the State shall not abridge the right of parents to control the welfare and education of their children.
2:00 p.m. **HB 1148**, relative to the enforcement of parenting plans.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1174**, relative to condominium association meetings.
1:30 p.m. **HB 1384**, relative to the regulation of designated agents by the New Hampshire real estate commission, and relative to the disclosure of certain property conditions.
2:00 p.m. **HB 1459-FN-A**, relative to modular building standards and fees.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1303-FN**, relative to limiting games of chance.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1509-FN-A**, establishing certain fees for operators of games of chance for the purpose of funding the education trust fund.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1155-FN-A**, making an appropriation of certain revenues to the board of nursing.
1:30 p.m. **HB 1503-FN-A**, making an appropriation to fund the reporting of hospital infections by the department of health and human services.
2:00 p.m. **HB 1485**, relative to state reimbursement under the housing security guarantee program.
2:30 p.m. **HB 1341-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of administrative services for an energy audit and system evaluation of the state house.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1531**, relative to allowing a cause of action for identity theft.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1534**, relative to the misuse of social security numbers.
1:00 p.m. **HB 1406**, authorizing a special license and limiting liability for retired physicians, dentists, nurses, and nurse practitioners offering volunteer services.
2:00 p.m. **HB 1347**, establishing a committee to review the Revised Statutes Annotated and recommend revision or removal of obsolete laws or references.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1210**, establishing a commission to study whistleblower protection for public employees.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1242**, relative to the prohibition on employee consumption of beverage or liquor.
1:00 p.m. **HB 1515-FN**, prohibiting "at will" employment and creating a database of employee terminations.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1453**, relative to civil liability for damage to protective barriers.
10:30 a.m. **HB 1206**, relative to park and ride facilities.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1165**, relative to department of transportation traffic control regulations.
11:30 a.m. **HB 1207**, relative to standards for highway and bridge construction.
1:00 p.m. **HB 1228**, relative to sales of motor fuel by the department of transportation

- to certain nonprofit corporations.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1355-FN**, exempting alternative and renewable fuels from the road toll.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1220**, establishing a commission to study the taxation of alternative fuel and electric-powered motor vehicles for the purpose of funding improvements to the state's highways and bridges.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1439**, relative to a moratorium on large groundwater withdrawals intended for commercial bottling use.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1202**, relative to monitoring privately owned water distribution programs.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1353**, relative to local control of water resources.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1295**, establishing a commission to study issues relating to stormwater.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Representatives Hall

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1405-FN**, regulating outdoor wood-fired boilers.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HR 26**, expressing regret that New Hampshire's United States Senators voted to deny the District of Columbia the right to be represented in the Congress.
- 11:00 a.m. **HCR 13**, urging Congress to create an Office of the National Nurse.
- 12:00 p.m. **HCR 15**, commemorating the commissioning of the USS New Hampshire.
- 12:30 p.m. **HR 21**, urging Congress to oppose any attempt to remove the phrase "In God We Trust" from United States currency.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. The NH Economy – an update by NH Economists.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1184**, relative to religious practices of children placed outside the home pursuant to RSA 169-C.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1188**, relative to grounds for modification of parental rights and responsibilities.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1189**, relative to the development and enforcement of the parenting plan.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1190**, establishing a commission to study issues related to child support.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1506-FN**, establishing a restricted mail registry in the department of justice.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1532**, relative to snow and obstruction removal from parking spaces designated for disabled persons.

**COMPREHENSIVE CANCER PLAN OVERSIGHT BOARD (RSA 126-A:65),
Foundation for Healthy Communities, 125 Airport Road, Concord**

- 4:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1508-FN**, relative to prohibited influence of voters and persons intending to vote.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1271**, relative to 2008 contribution reports by candidates.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1326**, relative to access to voter information.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1327**, relative to domicile for purposes of voter eligibility.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1430**, relative to the application of animal cruelty laws to horse and dog race tracks.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1429**, relative to private landfills.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1277**, relative to the definition of farm.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1172-FN**, changing the name of the pari-mutuel commission to the racing and charitable gaming commission.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1302-FN**, relative to enforcement of gambling laws.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1381**, relative to game operators acting on behalf of charitable organizations.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Briefing by the Department of Transportation I-93 project and the impact of toll increases.
- 11:00 a.m. Briefing by the Department of Corrections on department cost drivers including inmate medical, dental and psychiatric services.
- 1:15 p.m. Briefing on Medicaid – New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies.
- 3:00 p.m. Briefing on Medicaid – Department of Health and Human Services.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1297**, relative to licenses for aquaculture issued by the fish and game department.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1351**, relative to fish and game license and registration agents.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1266**, allowing 50 caliber pistols to take game animals in the state.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1142**, relative to licensure requirements for bird breeders.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1403-FN**, relative to the performance of an abortion when there is a reasonable expectation of viability.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1407**, relative to permission to discharge a firearm in the compact part of a town or city.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1474-FN**, relative to the construction and operation of shooting ranges.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1476**, relative to shooting ranges.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. Executive session on **HB1372-FN**, relative to allowing driveway construction permit fees, **HB1448-FN**, relative to documents prepared by the department of transportation and fees for such documents, **HB1365-FN**, relative to changes in the rates of highway tolls and **HB1555-FN**, relative to an E-Z Pass discount for residents of Merrimack.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1456**, naming route 202 in Strafford county the Charles E. Smith Memorial Highway.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1145**, designating the Senator Otto Oleson Scenic Overlook in Jefferson.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1181**, naming the Manchester district courthouse the Armand Capistran district courthouse.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1428**, naming a portion of the Franconia Notch Parkway after Corporal Bruce McKay.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1440**, relative to reciprocity with the state of Maine for registration of OHRVs and snowmobiles.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1264**, relative to prohibiting ATV and trail bike use on state-owned rail trails acquired using federal funds.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1151**, relative to reporting dates for the instream flow pilot program.

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1349**, relative to membership on the council on resources and development.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 1134-FN**, including upkeep and improvements of the state park system within the land and community heritage investment program.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Representatives Hall

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1434**, relative to the regional greenhouse gas initiative and authorizing cap-and-trade programs for controlling carbon dioxide emissions.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1241-FN-A**, requiring a discount to wholesalers on cash purchases of tobacco tax stamps.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1309-FN-A**, relative to the definition of "cigarette".
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1510-FN-A**, redefining tobacco products and increasing the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1334-FN**, increasing the fee for a tobacco products retailer's license, establishing a tobacco use prevention and cessation program fund, and designating the increase to such fund.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1426-FN-A**, relative to motor fuel import fees.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1427-FN-A**, relative to the fuel oil import fee.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1511-FN-A**, relative to fees for laboratory services and establishing a laboratory services fund.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 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

- 10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

- 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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

- 1:00 p.m. Complaint hearing.

CITIZENS TRADE POLICY COMMISSION (RSA 19-L), Room 307, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Rescheduled 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.

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

- 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, JANUARY 15

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

1:00 p.m. Assessing Reference Manual subcommittee meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular business.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1376**, relative to insurance penalties.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1378**, relative to insurance taxes and fees.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1479-FN**, relative to sale of tobacco products and the appeals process concerning the seizure of illegal tobacco products.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1480**, authorizing the commissioner of revenue administration to deny certain tobacco licenses.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1161**, relative to the definition of truancy.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1164**, relative to the counting of charter school pupils in the definition of average daily membership in residence.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1166**, relative to rate setting for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1169**, relative to parental approval of a student's participation in human sexuality instruction in public schools.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1171**, establishing a commission to study air quality issues in public school buildings.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1256**, relative to safety training for certain public school extracurricular activities.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1131**, relative to protection of poll workers' employment.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1218**, relative to signs at polling places.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1362-FN-L**, establishing a selection process for compulsory assistant election official service.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1305-FN-L**, relative to filing for election to town offices.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1537**, relative to the definition of milk, **HB1293**, relative to eligibility requirements for the state animal population control program, **HB1430**, relative to the application of animal cruelty laws to horse and dog race tracks and **HB1277**, relative to the definition of farm.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1529**, relative to permitting chambers of commerce to conduct games of chance.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1546-FN**, allowing the local chief of police to object to games of chance licenses for charitable organizations.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1527**, relative to charitable organizations and games of chance.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

1:30 p.m. **HB 1366**, establishing a committee to study implementation of a new statewide budget system.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1367**, establishing a committee to study implementation of a new state financial accounting system.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1368-FN-A**, establishing a financial benefit for returning New Hampshire national guard and army reserve unit members and make an

appropriation therefor.
3:00 p.m. **HB 1419-FN**, relative to voting machine costs.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1451**, relative to the transportation of deer by certain persons not issued a deer tag.
10:20 a.m. **HB 1219**, relative to exempting fish and game department volunteers from financial disclosure requirements.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1411**, relative to information concerning the presence or range of threatened species.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

11:00 a.m. **CACR 30**, relating to the oath of office. Providing that the name of the state in the oath of office be corrected.
1:00 p.m. **HB 1437**, establishing a committee to study whether the state of New Hampshire shall establish a policy that victims of negligent or intentional tortious acts shall recover losses incurred as a result of such acts.
1:30 p.m. **HB 1488**, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of establishing prose law libraries.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1478**, relative to the quorum for meetings of the equalization standards board, **HB 1338**, allowing towns and cities to receive state funding for preventative mosquito control programs on all lands within the municipality, **HB 1523**, relative to the use of clotheslines, **HB 1346**, relative to the regulation of junk dealers, scrap metal dealers and pawnbrokers, **HB 1407**, relative to permission to discharge a firearm in the compact part of a town or city, **HB 1474-FN**, relative to the construction and operation of shooting ranges and **HB 1476**, relative to shooting ranges.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1186**, reducing the membership of 2 legislative oversight committees.
10:15 a.m. **HB 1268**, establishing a commission to study creating incentives for electricity conservation and efficiency by consumers.
10:45 a.m. **HB 1561**, establishing an energy conservation and efficiency board.
11:45 a.m. **HB 1562**, relative to procedures of the site evaluation committee.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1461**, relative to penalties for vehicle overload.
10:00 a.m. **HB 1572-FN**, establishing cancer research number plates.
10:30 a.m. **HCR 10**, urging communities to conduct handicap parking awareness days.
11:00 a.m. **HB 1551-FN**, relative to fees for special number plates for veterans.
11:30 a.m. **HB 1528-FN**, relative to suspension of a driver's license for gasoline theft.
12:00 p.m. **HB 1524-FN**, relative to speed limits and keeping right except to pass.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work session on Revenue Estimates.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. **CACR 27**, relating to the election of a state auditor. Providing that the state auditor shall be elected to a term of 4 years and shall be responsible for auditing the accounts of the treasurer.

- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1126**, relative to eligibility for the supervisory level certificate for commercial pesticides applicators.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1552-FN**, relative to establishing a single liquor commissioner.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1408-L**, relative to the right-to-know law.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1183**, relative to meeting with legal counsel under the right-to-know law.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1272**, relative to "meetings" under the right-to-know law.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1179**, including certain nonprofit organizations under the right-to-know law.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1342**, relative to travel pay for certain employees.

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.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **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.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1431-FN**, establishing a permanent state defense force.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1526**, relative to the use of the name or image of a protected person.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1570-FN**, relative to one-day temporary plates.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1496-FN**, establishing motor vehicle learners' permits and relative to youth operators' licenses.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1466**, relative to the inventory fund in the department of safety and relative to the costs and production of number plates.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1358-FN**, relative to custom vehicles.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1345**, establishing a commission to study vehicle dealer licenses.
- 12:00 p.m. **HB 1343**, prohibiting the placing on file or masking of convictions incurred by holders of commercial driver licenses.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1360-FN-A**, repealing the court civil filing fee surcharge.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1369-FN-A-L**, relative to the amount of meals and rooms taxes retained by operators collecting the tax.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1512-FN-L**, relative to disposition of motor vehicle fines.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1547-FN-L**, repealing a fee charged by the registry of deeds.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

RIGHT-TO-KNOW OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 91-A:11), Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1211**, relative to postsecondary career courses approved by the postsecondary education commission.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1212**, prohibiting sexual harassment in private postsecondary career schools.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1261**, establishing a commission to investigate a program in which senior

- 1:00 p.m. year of high school may be spent at a community college.
HB 1298-FN, making changes to the veterinary/medical/optometric education program.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1446**, relative to changes to the school building aid statutes and to the schoolhouses statutes.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1504-FN-L**, directing New Hampshire to withdraw from the No Child Left Behind Act.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1533**, relative to the office of the state treasurer.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1320**, establishing a commission to promote the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day.

FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Work session on **HB 1341-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of administrative services for an energy audit and system evaluation of the state house.
- 10:30 a.m. Work session on **HB 1368-FN-A**, establishing a financial benefit for returning New Hampshire national guard and army reserve unit members and make an appropriation therefor.
- 11:00 a.m. Work session on **HB 1419-FN**, relative to voting machine costs.
- 1:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 1366**, establishing a committee to study implementation of a new statewide budget system.
- 2:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 1367**, establishing a committee to study implementation of a new state financial accounting system.

FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Work session on **HB 1155-FN-A**, making an appropriation of certain revenues to the board of nursing.
- 10:30 a.m. Work session on **HB 1485**, relative to state reimbursement under the housing security guarantee program.
- 11:00 a.m. Work session on **HB 1503-FN-A**, making an appropriation to fund the reporting of hospital infections by the department of health and human services.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1531**, relative to allowing a cause of action for identity theft, **HB 1534**, relative to the misuse of social security numbers, **HB 1406**, authorizing a special license and limiting liability for retired physicians, dentists, nurses, and nurse practitioners offering volunteer services, **HB 1347**, establishing a committee to review the Revised Statutes Annotated and recommend revision or removal of obsolete laws or references and **HB 1403-FN**, relative to the performance of an abortion when there is a reasonable expectation of viability.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1156**, relative to workers' compensation insurance premium calculations for certain corporation officers or limited liability company members.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1284**, establishing a commission to consider the feasibility of adopting Atlantic Daylight Savings Time.
- 11:30 a.m. **HCR 14**, urging Congress to establish the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act.
- 1:30 p.m. **HCR 16**, urging Congress to rescind a law allowing the President to exercise federal control over the state national guard without consent of the governor.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1129**, relative to special number plates for municipal police department vehicles.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1141**, establishing a committee to study parking for wheelchair-lift vans.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1162**, relative to supervised driving time by persons completing driver education.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1203**, relative to bicycles.
- 12:00 p.m. **HB 1222**, prohibiting writing a text message while driving.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB**

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1278**, relative to the purchase of computer services and supplies for state agencies.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1465**, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of requiring state government to consider using open source software when acquiring new software.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1276**, relative to the regulation of auctions and auctioneers by the board of auctioneers.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1468**, relative to mosquito control policy for lands managed by the fish and game department.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1539**, relative to the political party representation of members of the fish and game commission.

JUDICIARY, Rooms 206-208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1415**, relative to civil unions and marriages between parties of the same sex contracted outside of New Hampshire.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1192**, repealing the statute on exceptions to the solemnization of marriage.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1235**, relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1236**, relative to motor vehicle laws.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1251**, requiring wrecker operators to make certain reports to the department of transportation.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1318**, relative to temporary plates issued by motor vehicle dealers.
- 12:00 p.m. **HB 1404-FN**, relative to liability insurance for passenger rail service.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue
Administration Training Room, 57 Regional Drive, 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.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 305,
LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

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, JANUARY 29

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1224-FN-L**, relative to the definition of an adequate education.
- 11:00 a.m. **CACR 21**, relating to local public education. Providing that the local political subdivision responsible for public education shall have the power to determine curriculum, set standards, and determine funding, and that the legislature may provide supplemental funding.
- 11:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB1298-FN**, making changes to the veterinary/medical/optometric education program, **HB1446**, relative to changes to the school building aid statutes and to the schoolhouses statutes, and **HB1504-FN-L**, directing New Hampshire to withdraw from the No Child Left Behind Act.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1173**, relative to the definition of a trust.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1270**, relative to limiting rights of reversion in real property.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1536**, relative to periodic payments of judgments.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1361-FN**, requiring the continuation of the appointment of marital masters by election within the judicial district and requiring marital masters to be New Hampshire residents.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1494**, relative to the office of register of probate.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1176**, relative to jury duty.

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

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HR 26**, expressing regret that New Hampshire's United States Senators voted to deny the District of Columbia the right to be represented in the Congress, **HCR 13**, urging Congress to create an Office of the National Nurse, **HCR 15**, commemorating the commissioning of the USS New Hampshire, **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 1431-FN**, establishing a permanent state defense force, **HB 1526**, relative to the use of the name or image of a protected person, **HB 1284**, establishing a commission to consider the feasibility of adopting Atlantic Daylight Savings Time, **HR 21**, urging Congress to oppose any attempt to remove the phrase "In God We Trust" from United States currency, **HCR 14**, urging Congress to establish the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act and **HCR 16**, urging Congress to rescind a law allowing the President to exercise federal control over the state national guard without consent of the governor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1432**, relative to the intent of living wills.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1185**, relative to the preservation of religious freedom.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1322**, relative to hearings for incapacitated persons admitted to state institutions by their guardians.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1333**, relative to post-foreclosure eviction actions.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **CACR 22**, relating to the membership of the senate. Providing that the senate shall consist of 36 members.
- 1:30 p.m. **CACR 26**, relating to the state senate. Providing that state senators shall be 25 years of age or older.
- 1:45 p.m. **CACR 28**, relating to compensation of members of the legislature. Providing that compensation of members of the legislature be increased to \$100 per week.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1433**, relative to the terms general court of New Hampshire and state of New Hampshire in legislation.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 1464**, relative to the availability of proposed amendments to bills and resolutions.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 100, State House

- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1354**, relative to security in the state house and legislative office building.

Room 104, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1371**, extending certain studies.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1392-FN**, relative to prohibited activities of lobbyists.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 1416**, establishing a committee to study methods and procedures for making the general court paperless.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1335**, establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 11:30 a.m. **HR 23**, declaring a supra-national government such as a North American union unconstitutional.
- 1:00 p.m. **CACR 25**, relating to state participation in federal programs. Providing that the state shall not participate in unfunded and partially funded federally mandated programs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**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, FEBRUARY 21

**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, JANUARY 22

**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue
Administration Training Room, 57 Regional Drive, Concord**
9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Belknap County Delegation Economic Development Council Subcommittee will meet **January 11** at 9:00 a.m. at the Belknap County Economic Development Council Office, 2 Airport Road, Gilford.

Rep. John H. Thomas

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Delegation will meet to authorize Rockingham County to pay 2008 expenses on Wednesday, **January 2** following the House Session in Section 5 of the House of Representatives.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

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.
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

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organization sponsoring the event.

Thanksgiving has come and gone. The holiday season is around the corner. Shelves at the New Hampshire Food Bank will be seriously depleted. The NH Food Bank provides assistance to three hundred and fifty agencies in all ten counties. On **January 2nd**, our first day back from recess, please consider bringing canned goods and non-perishables to the bins in the Hall of Flags and Room 122, State House. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, envelopes are available in Room 122, State House (reminder, every \$1 you donate helps provide 4 meals to folks in need). Please mail them directly to the Food Bank.

Rep. Maurice L. Pilotte

All Representatives, Senators and staff are invited to a Welcome Back Reception on Wednesday, **January 2, 2008**. It will be hosted by Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group at The Capitol Grille on North Main Street across from the State House following the close of session (or 3:00 p.m. should the session end early).

Reps. Linda T. Foster and Michael D. Whalley

The New Hampshire Liberty Forum conference will be held **January 3 - 6** at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua. Legislators are offered a 60% registration discount. Activists will hear about the political action methods in NH and will learn more about the Free State Project. Saturday's keynote speaker will be US Senator John Sununu. For more information go to www.freestateproject.org/libertyforum

Rep. Fran Wendelboe

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to attend a "Welcome Back Legislators" reception hosted by Business and Industry Association, New Hampshire's state chamber of commerce. The reception will take place at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, **January 10**. Please RSVP to the BIA at 224-5388, ext. 116.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Michael D. Whalley

George Hagerty, President of Franklin Pierce University, Home of the Division III NCCA Soccer National Champions, cordially invites members and staff of the New Hampshire General Court to a reception at the Concord Grille, Eagle Square, Concord on Tuesday, **January 22**, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner

Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all members of the New Hampshire Legislature, and their staffs, to its Ninth Annual Legislative Reception to be held Tuesday, **February 5** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at its corporate office One Delta Drive in Concord.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Michael D. Whalley

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

Rep. David J. Bettencourt

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DEADLINE for orders of the **2007 Permanent House Journal**
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2008

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.

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