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### HOUSE CALENDAR

#### NOTICE

Candidates for Speaker, Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms should contact the respective House caucus leaders to provide notice of their candidacy for these offices.

The Democratic Caucus will be held on Saturday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall.

The Republican Caucus will be held on Monday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Representatives Hall.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

#### NOTICE

The House Calendar is now being published weekly. Members and staff who need to schedule meetings should make arrangements with the Clerk's Office for room availability/assignment and publication of meeting notices. Please note Calendar **will close on Wednesdays.**

**CLOSES NOON WEDNESDAY:**

November 12

November 19

**TO BE MAILED THURSDAY:**

November 13

November 20

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

### HOUSE DEADLINES

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| Wednesday, November 12, 2008 | First day for all Representatives-elect to file LSRs for 2009 Session.<br>10 day sign-off period begins [House Rule 38(b)] |
| Wednesday, November 26, 2008 | Last day to file LSRs for 2009 Session                                                                                     |
| Friday, January 9, 2009      | Last day to sign-off House LSRs (noon)                                                                                     |
| Wednesday, January 21, 2009  | Last day to introduce House Bills                                                                                          |

## 2008 INTERIM STUDY STATEMENTS

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

**HB 1188**, relative to grounds for modification of parental rights and responsibilities. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee is opposed to the basic concept of allowing a review of parental rights and responsibilities every three years without substantial change of circumstances. This could lead to further litigation and not focus on the best interests of the child. It could also lead to increased cost and court backlog. Current law allows five provisions for modification of parental rights and responsibilities. Some consideration should be given to substantial change of circumstances including a change in child's age and development and pre 2005 divorce being able to request a parental plan. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Caroline Gargas

**HB 1217**, relative to violations of conditional release by delinquent children. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This particular bill was not recommended for future legislation as it was too flawed. The committee work and discussions that ensued did bring to light many issues that warrant further development. Use of the risk assessment tool and efforts in the direction of juvenile detention alternative initiative work should help shape future work in this area. **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Eileen C. Flockhart

**HB 1323**, relative to certification of out-of-state placements in juvenile proceedings. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee recommends against further legislation. This bill arose from a single rare instance where there was no bed available in a state-approved facility and the judge wanted to place the child in an out-of-state facility. The facility was not on the health and human services approved list. The committee decided that it was not possible to "fix" this rare problem without causing systemic harmful unintended consequences. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Mary Beth Walz

**HB 1490**, adopting the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill is intended to update the uniform child custody jurisdiction act (UCCJA) which New Hampshire adopted years ago. Uniform laws are inherently generic in language and this bill would need language to reflect New Hampshire law ie. family courts, civil unions in child custody disputes, CHINS applications. Also there would have to be adequate times for training court personnel. With these in mind the committee recommended this bill for future legislation. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Edward P. Moran

### COMMERCE

**HB 116**, limiting access to certain business records. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Prior to this session, this bill has been introduced 5 times, retained in committee, and referred to interim study. Having this legislation available to legislators puts our sister states on notice that they should not be overzealous in seeking business records without proper and timely notification. **Vote 9-2.**

Rep. Joel F. Winters

**HB 442-FN**, prohibiting unconscionable prices for essential commodities during a declared state of emergency. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Emergencies may cause price increases in essential commodities. Now the question is, should certain price increases be declared unconscionable and prohibited? Reaching a definition of what exactly constitutes an unconscionable price has proven to be an insurmountable obstacle - setting an exact definition leaves a loophole for increases just under the threshold. Yet leaving

unconscionable undefined makes it impossible for entrepreneurs to know if they are committing a criminal act by selling their products. **Vote 8-3.**

Rep. Joel F. Winters

**HB 894-FN**, requiring insurance coverage for bariatric surgery for diabetics. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Another bill covering this legislation passed and is now law. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

**HB 1198**, limiting the annual interest that may be charged on small loans. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Another bill became law that included the provisions of this legislation. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Stephen T. DeStefano

**HB 1337**, relative to private actions under the consumer protection act. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

There seems to be no compelling reason to pursue this bill which aims to weaken the consumer protection act. There are many ways consumers may suffer damages and no one is served by limiting the scope of any financial loss. **Vote 9-2.**

Rep. Susi Nord

**HB 1356-FN**, prohibiting the use of certain information to underwrite motor vehicle insurance coverage. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

While well intended, this legislation would not accomplish its intended purpose. **Vote 10-1**

Rep. Paul McEachern

**HB 1540-FN**, relative to coverage for clinical trials under the children's health insurance program and the state Medicaid program. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Coverage of experimental drugs and clinical trials is prohibited under medicaid coverage. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

**HB 1571-FN-LOCAL**, relative to inspection of construction or alteration of publicly accessible buildings for compliance with accessibility standards, and making an appropriation therefor.

**RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill reinforces existing law and creates a certification and enforcement process that will make it possible to require and inspect renovation and new construction to publicly accessible buildings for handicap accessibility. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Edward A. Butler

**HB 1605-FN**, making certain technical changes in the insurance laws. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This legislation contains several important clarifications of definitions including continuing care retirement communities and some provisions erroneously deleted regarding incapacitated dependents. **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

**SB 369**, relative to the towing and storage of motor vehicles. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The subcommittee reviewed the towing and storage issues raised in the bill, and did not believe they would be addressed by this legislation. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Tara G. Reardon

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HB 214**, relative to discovery in criminal matters. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

A subcommittee of the supreme court rules committee which included a representative of the attorney general's office, a member of the defense bar and a judge came to the same conclusion that the problem is not wide spread and therefore is not recommended for future legislation. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr.

**HB 260-FN**, relative to bail agents and recovery agents. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The bill changes registration to licensure and puts all licenses for bail recovery agents and private detectives in one location rather than registration with the secretary of state and licensed with the department of safety. **Vote 12-0.**

Rep. John E. Tholl, Jr.

**HB 842**, establishing safety requirements and procedures for firefighters. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The fire chiefs, firefighters and government center could not resolve all of the issues that this bill would cause. If adopted it would possibly require additional personnel to be employed therefore raising the issue of violating, Part I, Article 28-a of the NH Constitution. This is a safety issue and could best be resolved in contract negotiations. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Everett A. Weare

**HB 1238**, relative to "course of conduct" in the stalking statute. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This should be put in RSA 644:11 criminal defamation. **Vote 12-0.**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos

**HB 1379**, relative to the authority of state agencies to prohibit state employees from lawfully carrying a firearm. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The issue is the ability to carry a firearm in a state owned vehicle. The state policy denies that right regardless of circumstances where an employee may be in fear for his/her life. The committee felt the state policy should allow such employee to exercise that right under certain circumstances and allow an appeal process. A draft proposal was produced but the commissioner of administrative services would not support the idea. **Vote 8-4.**

Rep. David A. Welch

**HB 1383**, adopting the uniform child abduction prevention act. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act is designed to provide courts in all states with the same guidelines to determine whether a threat of child abduction exists and to take appropriate judicial measures to prevent such abductions. The proposed law also provides parent or other interested party to an actual or potential child custody determination with the guidelines for filing an abduction prevention petition with the appropriate court.

Two amendments were suggested to the initial, amended bill: The first seals confidential information about the physical address of a party who appears to be the victim of domestic abuse. The second requires the court to investigate allegations of domestic abuse before granting a petition against a respondent who may have filed with the children in order to protect them and prevents the court from granting the petition, if there is evidence that the respondent or the children will be endangered if the petition is granted. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that the proposed bill, with the suggested amendments, be considered for further legislation. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Lee M. Hammond

**HB 1407**, relative to permission to discharge a firearm in the compact part of a town or city. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee had little input from law enforcement as to the usefulness of RSA 644:13. Attempts to create language to clarify the statute proved ineffectual. **Vote 9-3.**

Rep. David A. Welch

**HB 1528-FN**, relative to suspension of a driver's license for gasoline theft. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee felt that there was no information about an increase in such activity and whether or not many stations leave pumps open without deposits in hand. Theft of service is the current charge and sufficient in our opinion. **Vote 12-0**

Rep. David A. Welch

**HB 1609-FN**, relative to misrepresentation as an owner of a service dog. **NOT**

## **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee cannot recommend further legislation until federal legislation is passed that would allow people to ask for a card to prove their disability. **Vote 12-0.**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos

## **EDUCATION**

**HB 1164**, relative to the counting of charter school pupils in the definition of average daily membership in residence. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

To properly implement charter school legislation, charter school pupils should be counted in the average daily membership of their district of residence. The counting of charter school pupils for funding purposes can be handled separately in funding statutes. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. James M. O'Neil

**HB 1489**, prohibiting the start of public school until after Labor Day. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Because needs vary from district to district, the committee does not recommend further legislation on this issue at this time. **Vote 10-1**

Rep. Barbara E. Shaw

**HB 1639-FN-A-LOCAL**, relative to charter school funding and enabling charter schools to receive school building aid. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Future legislation will propose amending RSA 198:15-HH to allow charter schools to be added to the list of public schools eligible for annual grants for leased space only, with a start date of 2011 or 2012 in recognition of current fiscal constraints. **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Kimberly S. Casey

## **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

**HB 1401-FN**, adopting the uniform environmental covenants act. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The Uniform Environmental Covenants Act is one of several legislative initiatives brought on behalf of the Uniform Law Commission to standardize environmental laws. Currently twenty-four states have adopted the UECA. During the interim study subcommittee meetings, the Department of Environmental Services (DES) reported that, although they have attended several presentations on the proposed legislation, they have no position on the matter, and agreed to consult with the attorney general, the NH municipal association and the Uniform Law Committee to determine whether adoption of the UECA is in New Hampshire's best interest. The committee recommended no further legislation pending results of these discussions. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Tara A. Sad

**SB 518-FN**, relative to agricultural restricted covenants. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill enabled agricultural restricted covenants for farmland between a landowner and the department of agriculture, markets and food (DAMF) for a specific time period. In exchange for such covenant some level of financial and or technical assistance would be provided. Any covenant agreement granted would have been administered by the department under RSA 432, soil conservation and farm preservation. The committee unanimously supports the concept of the bill and recommends that similar legislation be introduced next session. **Vote 13-0.**

Rep. Timothy D. O'Connell

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 776-FN**, establishing the licensure and regulation of private investigators.

**RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee recognizes that there is genuine support and some opposition in the potentially regulated community to the adoption of legislation establishing this licensure. In consideration of the position of all stakeholders, this proposal can and should be reviewed by a future legislature. **Vote 11-1.**

Rep. Maurice L. Pilotte

**HB 908-FN**, relative to the licensure and regulation of massage therapists and registration of somatic and bodywork practitioners. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill is recommended for future legislation as revisions to the massage therapy practice act. At the same time it is recommended that separate legislation be submitted for the licensure of reflexology, Asian body works and structural integration. **Vote 13-0.**

Rep. Alida I. Millham

**HB 1459-FN-A**, relative to modular building standards and fees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee does not recommend this for future action. There are two other initiatives currently working on 2009 legislation concerning house construction and modular house manufacture. **Vote 12-0.**

Rep. Alida I. Millham

**HB 1462-FN**, establishing the office of personal financial education in the treasury.

**RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee recommends this bill for future legislation. Committee members continue to be concerned about the need to have state sponsored resource center/clearing house for programs that relate to financial literacy especially in worsening economic times. The treasury is not asking for a new position or new funding. They are requesting the authority to establish the office of financial literacy and plan to reorganize their department to meet this need. The committee commented that if this office could assist people in getting information about financial disasters (ie. college student credit card debt) that are now occurring in crisis proportion, the state might recognize savings later on. The treasurer will work with the secretary of state's office to address concerns. **Vote 8-7.**

Rep. A. Laurie Harding

**HB 1548-FN**, relative to benefits for state employees who serve with a national guard unit or army reserve unit in Iraq or Afghanistan. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee believes this bill has merit but that additional theatres/arenas of service should be considered and that the determination be based upon an important distinction such as the award of an expeditionary medal and/or other combat designation when a member of a national guard unit wishes to receive the benefit. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Daniel J. Sullivan

**HB 1552-FN**, relative to establishing a single liquor commissioner. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The thought of eliminating two liquor commissioners makes good fiscal sense. However, the bill provided no transitional structure nor did it provide a final composition of the commission. The subcommittee hearing no input from either the sponsor or the commission therefore, a recommendation to consider the bill for future legislation was killed. **Vote 14-2.**

Rep. James F. Headd

**SB 251**, allowing the board of medicine to issue licenses for physicians to engage in a correctional institution medical practice. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill is no longer necessary. The state corrections system has hired a company that provides medical staffing for corrections facilities around the country. The use of this company has brought health care providers that specialize in corrections medicine to New Hampshire. All interested parties have been satisfied and reassured by this arrangement. **Vote 18-0.**

Rep. A. Laurie Harding

**SB 300-FN-A**, relative to death benefits for corrections officers killed in the line of duty.

**RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee supports the concept that corrections officers who are Group II public employee members receive the same \$100,000 death benefit awarded by the State of NH as other Group II members who are currently eligible. **Vote 16-2.**

Rep. Daniel J. Sullivan

**SB 316-FN**, expanding a death benefit for police officers and firefighters to emergency medical technicians. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill was not recommended for future legislation. Those opposed wondered why the legislature

is negotiating and awarding wage and benefit changes to employee groups. The negotiation of wages and benefits is the proper function of the executive. It should not be the practice for the legislature to be the second place that employee groups approach for changes to wages and benefits. **Vote 11-6.**

Rep. John Reagan

## FINANCE

**HB 265-FN-A**, relative to the waiting list for services to persons with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders and making an appropriation therefor. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The issues addressed in this bill have been addressed in the FY '08-'09 Budget and therefore this bill is no longer needed. The committee voted unanimously not to recommend further action on this bill. **Vote 19-0.**

Rep. Thomas L. Buco

**HB 502-FN-A**, extending Medicaid coverage through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee recommended future legislation to perhaps find a way to come up with a waiver or funding for these students. With the fiscal situation the state is in now, there are no funds for this. Also there may be a way to create a scholarship fund. **Vote 19-0**

Rep. Beverly T. Rodeschin

**HB 584-FN**, including 17-year olds in the juvenile justice system. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

On January 2, 2008 the House voted to support the policy of including 17 year olds in the juvenile justice system. The committee held a number of hearings on the matter and received much testimony both pro and con in both the areas of policy and financing this proposed change in the criminal justice system. Several conflicting fiscal notes made it impossible for the committee to make an informed decision. Added to the present financial uncertainty the committee voted not to recommend for future legislation. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Larry A. Emerton

**HB 1549-FN**, relative to the duration of the disability requirement for aid to the permanently and totally disabled. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The bill has considerable potential to save lives, generate efficiencies, reduce overall costs and paperwork and better serve our citizens with disabilities by bringing the NH standard for disability in line with the federal social security definition. The department of health and human services has contracted for an independent study of the disability determination system and has agreed to provide ongoing reports on their progress to this committee and other stakeholders. More work on the bill to clarify impacts and implementation is ongoing and will be considered when new legislation is presented. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Martha McLeod

## FISH AND GAME

**HB 527-FN-A**, establishing a recreational saltwater license for fishing of marine species in coastal and estuarine waters. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Although support for the saltwater license bill was lacking throughout the biennium because the sportspersons of our state were interested in paying for a new license, that should change. The national oceanic atmosphere administration (NOAA) has created a marine registry information program (MRIP) that will require all recreational saltwater anglers to register in 2009 and will begin to charge for this registry in 2011. If states create a license or registry that meets the federal requirements they will be exempt from the MRIP program and the state can collect that money instead of sending it south. Therefore this bill is recommended for further legislation and someone will have the opportunity to create a new license fee. **Vote 12-0.**

Rep. Dennis F. Abbott

## HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

**HB 1418**, extending Medicaid to prevent gaps in coverage under the New Hampshire healthy kids program. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The purpose of the bill was to close a gap in the coverage, which could be as long as a month, when a child moves from healthy kids gold to healthy kids silver. The bill was sent to interim study to determine the best way to close the gap, since either extending gold or advancing silver could have unintended consequences. The committee welcomed a proposal by the department of health and human services for a “transitional silver program,” which could target eligibility narrowly to cover the gap and would receive a 65/35 match. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Suzanne Butcher

**HB 1586-FN**, relative to housing assistance for recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee recommends future legislative action. Legislation would provide a supplemental rent voucher to the neediest of the TANF families. This would assure access to rental housing in the bottom 20 percent of the rental market in the four most populous counties where the majority of TANF families live. The existing TANF grant will no longer cover the cost of the cheapest rental housing in the southern sector of the state. Without the supplement, some TANF children will be subject to homelessness with all of its traumatic ramifications. The supplemental voucher recommendation is subject to availability of funds. This legislation would be consistent with the recommendation of the TANF Task Force. **Vote 16-1.**

Rep. James R. MacKay

**HB 1587-FN**, relative to patient health care information. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The bill addresses a range of issues regarding privacy and electronic medical records. The committee confirmed that the bill produces no constitutional issues. With the help of the department of labor, we found language that will avoid any conflict with the statute governing workers compensation claims. Recognizing that legislators might favor action on some issues in the bill, but not others, drafts of independent amendments were prepared dealing with three major divisions of the original bill: 1. actions an individual could take to assure the privacy of their records; 2. prohibition of unauthorized use of electronic medical records for marketing; fundraising, or by business associates of medical providers; and 3. requirements on future utilities (health information exchanges) that will permit access to records stored in distant sites. **Votes 17-0.**

Rep. Robert G. Bridgham

**HB 1611-FN**, relative to physical restraints used for involuntary commitments. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The purpose of this bill was to establish a standard procedure for safely transporting involuntary patients for possible psychiatric commitment. It was discovered that the use of restraints is often required by county insurance underwriters. In addition, physicians pointed out the difficulty of predicting dangerousness. Therefore, it is recommended that the emphasis be on law enforcement personnel. **Vote 16-0.**

Rep. Kathleen T. Russell

**SB 425**, relative to the data collection practices of health care providers and relative to the development of a comprehensive uninsured health care database. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee recommends further legislation relative to this bill. Given constrained resources, it is apparent that cost containment and more prudent use of the resources that will be available in health care are critically important. The data that will be collected through this project will be most important to assist policy analysts and others to have a better grasp of the uninsured use of health care, its costs, and the effect on the commercial insurance market.

The bill was not without issues that definitely have to be resolved. First, it is imperative that the majority of providers be involved in the compilation of the necessary data. Secondly, there will need to be a mechanism to bring funding to certain providers who may not be hooked in to the necessary electronic system, and their reporting tools. Especially important will be to bring the

community health center providers into the project, for they, more than anyone, serve such a high percentage of the uninsured, and they are also the least able to afford any additional costs. **Vote 13-4.**

Rep. Thomas E. Donavan

**SB 541**, relative to an expedited process for certificate of need review and membership of the health services planning and review board. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

We recommend this bill for future legislation. It has been a long time since the certificate of need process has been examined. The process as a whole is due for review by the legislature to ensure it is serving the needs of the people of New Hampshire. The department of health and human services agreed that a legislative review of the statute is timely and appropriate. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. Jennifer Daler

## JUDICIARY

**HB 455**, repealing the law relative to screening panels for medical injury claims.

**RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee, while recognizing the desire of many to give the current statute time to work to see if it accomplishes its goals, recommends this bill for future legislation in the belief that some changes to the current law may be necessary. **Vote 10-2.**

Rep. Bette R. Lasky

**HB 1176**, relative to jury duty. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The bill would require that each person whose name is on a master jury list serve or be excused from serving as a juror before a person who has previously served or excused is again called to serve. Under current practice, the court has discretion to excuse jurors who have recently served as jurors. The bill would unnecessarily complicate impaneling a jury and result in stale jury lists. The committee unanimously voted not to recommend future legislation. **Vote 12-0.**

Rep. Gary B. Richardson

**HB 1322**, relative to hearings for incapacitated persons admitted to state institutions by their guardians. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee unanimously supported future legislation to ensure protection for persons admitted to the state hospital. More work is needed to ensure timely review for the incapacitated person, while putting the least possible burden on the probate courts, particularly those in rural counties. One consideration would be to allow, by statute, for these cases to be heard in Merrimack regardless of county of origin of the case, to promote judicial efficiency. In addition, thought should be given to the issue of admission to private facilities, which is currently given no review at all. **Vote 12-0.**

Rep. Lucy McV Weber

**HB 1531**, relative to allowing a cause of action for identity theft. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee felt some serious questions were raised by this bill. The safeguarding of individual privacy is a very important concern. However, this bill was somewhat ambiguous. It raised concerns that employers would be greatly encumbered by this legislation. **Vote 9-2.**

Rep. Stephen J. Shurtleff

**HB 1534**, relative to the misuse of social security numbers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee felt this bill raised issues that needed further study. However, this bill holds an employer to a higher standard of accountability in verifying social security numbers, causing an undue burden. **Vote 9-2.**

Rep. Stephen J. Shurtleff

**HB 1624-FN**, relative to a one day/one trial jury duty pilot program. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill would create a pilot program in one county to try a one day, one trial system for jury service. A majority of the committee felt that the pilot program had merit and should be subject of

future legislation. **Vote 11-1.**

Rep. Gary B. Richardson

**SB 460**, relative to the definition of surviving issue. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

There was significant support on the committee for further legislation. There was, however, no consensus on what form future legislation should take. The bill as clarified raised more issues than it solved. The committee recommends that, in drafting future legislation, the following issues or positions, many of them conflicting, be considered: Whether to establish time limits for claims; whether to limit benefits to after conceived children born to the decedent and the decedent's spouse at the time of death, or whether to extend these benefits to children of persons not married; how to ensure the orderly administration of estates; equal treatment of all persons involved in the process and all children however conceived; whether all after conceived children should be barred from taking under intestacy, and their rights in a testate estate limited to specific provisions in the testators will or trust; the existence of written intent on the part of the decedent to support or care for the child, and issues of surrogacy if the gametes are those of a final decedent. **Vote 10-3.**

Rep. Lucy McV Weber

## **LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**

**HB 1364-FN**, relative to public employee collective bargaining negotiations under the public employee labor relations act. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill will be refiled by the sponsor. The committee feels that further study is warranted. **Vote 9-1.**

Rep. John K. Knowles

**HB 1469**, relative to public employee terms of employment, bargaining units, and dispute resolution. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee feels further study is warranted. **Vote 8-2.**

Rep. John K. Knowles

## **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1464**, relative to the availability of proposed amendments to bills and resolutions. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee believes that the added transparency of the legislative process sought by the sponsor can be more appropriately addressed through "rules." The committee urges the sponsor to discuss adding proposed amendments to the legislative public website with the Rules Committee. **Vote 9-0.**

Rep. Karen K. Hutchinson

## **MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**HB 335**, defining "unnecessary hardship" for purposes of zoning variances. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The bill attempted to codify the simpler court case decision, but the committee had concerns about the descriptive term "economically viable." If the term can be clarified, the intent of the bill is positive. There is the possibility that the municipal association will work on a bill that would solve the problems. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Suzanne Laliberte.

**HB 445-FN-LOCAL**, relative to the assessment of open space land. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill was well intended due to the disproportionate assessing that was occurring in New Hampshire. But since the property values statewide are getting close to 100% of market value, the need to equalize or not to equalize the current use values is moot. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl

**HB 617-FN-LOCAL**, establishing a property tax relief program and fund and making an appropriation therefor. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

It was the conclusion of the subcommittee that there is a need for a detailed review of the state

property tax relief program, the present use and utility, and the goals, standards and funding source of any changes or expansion. The subcommittee recommends that the town of Hollis property tax equity committee study, "The Cost of Growth," be generally read by the House. Overall the committee concluded that the approach of this bill is potentially viable and voted it as recommended for future legislation. [A draft bill prepared by the subcommittee will be found in the file.] **Vote 13-1.**

Rep. Larry Brown

**HB 1283-LOCAL**, relative to temporary deferrals of property tax based on income. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

If it were to become law, this bill would enable municipalities to engage in extremely risky borrowing that could, in a very short period of time, create unsustainable levels of debt that would rapidly rise to catastrophic levels. Such a situation would inevitably lead to correspondingly extremely high tax rates and the genuine risk of municipal bankruptcy. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Laurie J. Boyce.

**SB 199**, relative to the assessment of property subject to a housing subsidy restriction. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill was rolled into HB 1442 so there is no need for future legislation. **Vote 14-0.**

Rep. Eric G. Stohl

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**HB 1365-FN**, relative to changes in the rates of highway tolls. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The majority of the committee opposed rolling back the recent toll increases, because the additional revenue is critical to the long-term maintenance and expansion of the state's turnpike system. The committee also opposes the legislature setting the toll rates (that power currently resides with the Governor and Council) at this time. **Vote 14-2.**

Rep. David B. Campbell

**HB 1428**, naming a portion of the Franconia Notch Parkway after Corporal Bruce McKay. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee unanimously supports that when the local communities feel that the time is right, an appropriate section of state highway should be dedicated to the fallen police officer, Corporal Bruce McKay. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. Dale R. Sprague

**HB 1626-FN**, relative to a new bridge over the Merrimack River. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee does not recommend further legislation. This bill, as originally drafted, enabled a private, public partnership to build a third Merrimack River bridge in Nashua, but also specifically located the site and alignment of the bridge. The committee unanimously joined in opposition to the specific location of the bridge in the legislation, but took the opportunity to study the overall concept of private public partnerships (aka P3) in interim study.

Private public partnerships represent a relatively new and innovative form of financing public works and highway projects. Some 23 states have formed some sort of P3 to build prisons, bridges, stadiums and entire turnpike systems. The committee had several hearings and heard testimony from the department of transportation (DOT), the treasurer and others. There is potential for future P3 projects in NH that could possibly help to build exit ramps, bridges, court house complexes, welcome centers, parking garages, etc. However, the concept is very complex, and the committee felt that the legislature should continue to educate itself on the subject and consider the P3 funding option on a project by project basis in the future, if appropriate. **Vote 13-2.**

Rep. David B. Campbell

**SB 396**, relative to the establishment of a statewide transportation policy. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This is the second bill that the committee dealt with on the topic of modifying the procedures for development of the 10-year highway plan. The other bill (SB 84) passed both the House and the

Senate but died in committee of conference. The members of the committee intend to reintroduce the contents of SB 84 for consideration by the next legislature. With this in mind, the committee unanimously voted not to recommend SB 396 for further legislation. **Vote 15-0.**

Rep. John A. Graham

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

**SB 412**, establishing the office of technology development and telecommunications planning and the position of director of telecommunications in the department of resources and economic development. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Legislation to accomplish the goals of this bill should follow recommendations of the "Implementation of a State Broadband Action Plan;" a report from the department of resources and economic development (DRED). **Vote 8-3.**

Rep. Suzanne Harvey

## **STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1431-FN**, establishing a permanent state defense force. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

As our national guard troops are deployed overseas, we must ensure that our state still has the resources and manpower to respond to emergencies here at home and we as a committee feel that it should be recommended for further legislation. **Vote 9-1.**

Rep. Alfred P. Baldasaro

**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. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

On December 31, 2008 the current bills in the US Senate will die. It is highly likely that new bills will be submitted which give the sponsors a new opportunity to submit federal legislation. **Vote 10-0.**

Rep. Kris E. Roberts

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1358-FN**, relative to custom vehicles. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee is interested in this subject matter. However, future drafting of the legislation will require a more complete definition of "custom vehicle." **Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Sherman A. Packard

**HB 1461**, relative to penalties for vehicle overload. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Because of the present cost of fuel and uncertainty of the transportation industry, the decision of the committee was that it was inappropriate to recommend for future legislation at this time.

**Vote 11-0.**

Rep. Howard N. Cunningham

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 886-FN-A**, relative to funding an adequate education. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This recommendation is based upon 16 months' work conducted by a subcommittee, which then evolved into an interim study committee on the general concept of casino gambling. These committees considered voluminous amounts of information from testimony, documentation and a survey of regulators and legislators in other states which already have enacted casino gambling legislation. Factors that weighed on the subcommittee's 5-1 decision to support filing future legislation included: the extent of gambling dollars (\$692 million excluding significant illegal gambling) already spent by New Hampshire residents; the existence of casino gambling in 37 states; the comparison between the prevalence of pathological and problem gamblers (1-2% of the population) versus 3.6% for drug abuse and 9.7% for alcohol abuse; the significant level of occurrence among these addictions and the possibility of using gambling revenues to establish

otherwise non-existent treatment programs; the revenue estimate for 7,000 video lottery terminals distributed among four sites, primarily bordering Massachusetts, of between \$250 and \$319 million to the state and its beneficiaries; and New Hampshire's considerable need for an additional revenue source. The committee recommended that any future legislation should include provisions for careful planning and oversight of the regulatory and licensing process as well as initiatives to minimize compulsive gambling along with a significant allocation of funds to address addictive behaviors. The minority had serious questions about the revenue estimates, particularly about the effects of the proximity (100 miles) to the mega-casinos of Connecticut and of the likelihood of Massachusetts responding by legalizing casinos near our border. They also felt the social and other costs which the state, counties, towns and citizens would have to bear are too high to make this a good deal for New Hampshire. **Vote 9-8.**

Rep. Christine C. Hamm

***HB 912-FN-A-LOCAL***, establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

The committee does not recommend this bill for future legislation but does recommend the sponsor resubmit the bill in 2009 if he can address the issues discussed during the interim study period. These issues are: rate of the education property tax; amount of the equalized homestead exemption; clarification of what is included as a homestead exemption; what type of property receives a homestead exemption; who receives a homestead exemption; impact of the homestead exemption on business, renters, second homes, elderly; enhanced circuit breaker that applies to all low income owners; interrelationship of the various credits and exemptions applied to the tax bill; administrative issues (float, cost of administering, software and equipment costs). **Vote 10-7.**

Rep. Norman L. Major

***HB 1308-FN-A***, relative to the business profits tax deduction for reasonable compensation. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill changes the standards for the business profits tax deduction for reasonable compensation for owners of sole proprietorships, partnerships, and limited liability companies. At the first meeting, the CPA's and other interested parties asked if they could meet and come back with a consensus for what the standards should be and the committee agreed. The interested parties met several times and though they reported much progress, agreement could not be reached. In turn, the committee had a unanimous vote that no further action be taken on this bill. **Vote 17-0.**

Rep. William A. Hatch

***HB 1372-FN***, relative to allowing driveway construction permit fees. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Testimony before the committee as a whole and before the interim study subcommittee generally accepted the concept of fees to cover substantial development reviews carried out by the department of transportation. This actually was the policy that had been developed by the Public Works and Transportation Committee. Concerns developed in testimony over the open-ended nature of the fees proposed in the bill and probably the fee rates as well. Fees might be imposed arbitrarily by the DOT without justification of the review work. There was some consensus by the subcommittee that a simple fee structure could be established to cover this work using fee structures similar in concept at least to those used by other departments. Such fees could be appropriate in most situations; if a project would require an unusual amount of work by the DOT, these could be negotiated in advance. Since neither the prime sponsor nor DOT staff attended the subcommittee work session it was not possible to pursue this concept without further input from DOT. The DOT needs to provide more detailed cost history information on these projects. This should not be difficult to do since only about 30 such projects are reviewed each year. The DOT should present a suggested fee structure and specific criteria as to when fees should be charged. The committee recommends that further legislation should be considered. **Vote 13-4.**

Rep. Gilman C. Shattuck

***HB 1510-FN-A***, redefining tobacco products and increasing the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

This bill would change the tax structure for "other tobacco products" (OTPs) i.e. non-cigarette

products. Until 6 years ago, the tax on OTPs was tied to the tax on cigarettes. This tie was cut because of the complexity of calculating the tax, and since then the tax on OTPs has not changed. The committee heard testimony on the dangers of OTPs and the amount of revenue that could be raised. The committee also learned that the current tax, which is based on the wholesale price of the products, may in some instances give an unfair advantage to low-cost products. The committee believes that a number of changes in the current tax on OTPs would be reasonable and recommends further legislation. **Vote 12-5.**

Rep. Michael G. Marsh

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**COMMISSION TO STUDY REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFE AND SECURE LANDFILLS (HB 672, Chapter 252:1, Laws of 2007), Room 304, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PUBLIC FUNDING OF STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS (HB 794, Chapter 55:1, Laws of 2008), Room 104, LOB**

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CREATION OF AN ANIMAL CARE WORKER CLASSIFICATION (SB 318, Chapter 194:1, Laws of 2008), Room 307, LOB**

12:00 p.m. Final meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

**INTERAGENCY RECYCLING AND PRODUCT PURCHASE COMMITTEE( RSA 9-C:4), Rooms 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (SB 539, Chapter 173:13, Laws of 2008), Room 103, State House**

1:00 p.m. Public hearing.

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

**STATE PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 216-A:3-k), New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**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.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC WASTE (HB 1584, Chapter 33:1, Laws of 2008), Room 304, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION JOINT WITH RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Rooms 305-307, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Public hearing on the Performance Audit of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, performed in response to Chapter 359:3, Laws of 2007. Presentations will be made by the Legislative Budget Assistant Office and the Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development and staff.

**RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT JOINT WITH EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Rooms 305-307, LOB**

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**TASK FORCE TO STUDY EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION (SB 500, Chapter 378:7, Laws of 2008), Room 307, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 206-208, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Work session to discuss proposed amendments to RSA 541-A.

**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a JOINT WITH EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Radisson Hotel, Armory Room, 700 Elm Street, Manchester**

3:30 p.m. LGC/NHMA Conference.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY AIR QUALITY ISSUES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS (HB 1171, Chapter 242:1, Laws of 2008), Room 207, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ACQUIRED BRAIN DISORDER WAITLIST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 171-A:1-c), Room 205, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON FISCAL CAPACITY, TRANSITION AID AND DISECONOMIES OF SCALE (SB 539, Chapter 173:14, Laws of 2008), Room 103, State House**

10:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PUBLIC FUNDING OF STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS (HB 794, Chapter 55:1, Laws of 2008), Room 104, LOB**

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE SCOPE OF CRIMINAL STREET GANG VIOLENCE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AND METHODS OF ADDRESSING SUCH VIOLENCE (SB 507, Chapter 379:4, Laws of 2008), Room 204, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K), New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**COMMISSION ON MOTOR VEHICLE FINES (RSA 262:45), Room 203, LOB**

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

**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 (HB 1335, Chapter 257:1, Laws of 2008), Room 301, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**COMMISSION TO STUDY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND THE EFFECTS OF LAND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN UPLAND AREAS THAT MAY AFFECT WETLANDS AND SURFACE WATER OF THE STATE (HB 1579, Chapter 294:1, Laws of 2008), Office of Energy and Planning, 4 Chenell Drive, Concord**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 103, State House**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**WINNIPESAUKEE WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (RSA 483-D), Room 102, LOB**

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue**

**Administration Training Room, 57 Regional Drive, Concord**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF AUTHORIZING, AND THE DEPLETION SCHEDULES FOR, FUTURE COLAS TO BE USED AT DIFFERENT RATES TO OR WITHIN EACH SUBGROUP WITHIN THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT (HB 1645, Chapter 300:21, Laws of 2008), Room 103, State House**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INDIVIDUALS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS SERVICING RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS WITH A FOCUS ON PRIMARY CARE (HB 1615, Chapter 367:3, Laws of 2008), Room 205, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PUBLIC FUNDING OF STATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS (HB 794, Chapter 55:1, Laws of 2008), Room 104, LOB**

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

**JUDICIAL RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (RSA 100-C:11), NH Retirement System, 54 Regional Drive, Concord**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE EXPANSION OF TRANSMISSION CAPACITY IN THE NORTH COUNTRY (SB 383, Chapter 348:2, Laws of 2008), Public Utilities Commission, Suite 10, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**COMMISSION TO STUDY RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC WASTE (HB 1584, Chapter 33:1, Laws of 2008), Room 304, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Pursuant to RSA 326-B:10-a,IV, the Joint Health Council will meet at the NH Board of Nursing Office, Walker Building, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, on Monday, **December 1**, at 6:00 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

### MEMBERS' NOTICES

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

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The US Marine Corps will celebrate its 233<sup>rd</sup> birthday on **November 10**. This birthday will be noted with a gathering on the State House Plaza at 8:00 a.m. that day and a flag raising ceremony over the State House.

Rep. John H. Thomas

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The members of the former Commission to Examine Driving While Impaired (DWI) Education and Intervention Programs, along with any interested members of the general public, are invited to participate in a meeting to continue discussion of DWI programs within New Hampshire, along with legislation that may be necessary and/or appropriate to improve the effectiveness of those programs. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 12**, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Legislative Office Building.

Rep. William Butynski

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The Legislative Youth Advisory Council will meet Sunday **November 16**, 1:00 p.m. at the New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord. They will be discussing issues of concern to youth and will be reviewing LSRs. Legislators are invited to meet with the council to discuss with them any proposed legislation or issues. For further information contact Representative Carolyn Gargas.

Rep. Carolyn Gargas

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The Executive Planning Commission, established by HB 661, Chapter 328, Laws of 2007, is seeking public comment through **November 20**, 2008 on its proposed recommendations. A public comment session has been scheduled for **November 6** in Room 15 at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The proposed recommendations are viewable on their website at <http://HB661.unh.edu> with directions for written comment.

Rep. Nancy F. Stiles

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## STATE HOUSE VISITATION SCHEDULE

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in **November 2008**. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year and subject to changes. **Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information.** Legislators planning to meet with students should notify the Visitor Center. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew, Director

Caitlin A. Daniuk, Public Information Administrator

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u>          | <u>GROUP</u>                                    | <u>Group#/Grade</u> |
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| Nov. 7      | 9:00/10:30<br>SH/HM  | Rye Elementary School                           | 60/4                |
| Nov. 7      | 10:00/11:30<br>SH/SC | Sandown Central School                          | 92/4                |
| Nov. 10     | 10:00                | John H. Fuller School – Keene                   | 33/4                |
| Nov. 10     | 12:00                | Wilkins Elementary School – Amherst             | 50/4                |
| Nov. 12     | 9:45/11:00<br>SH/HM  | Danville Elementary School                      | 80/4                |
| Nov. 12     | 1:00                 | Home Educators                                  | 20                  |
| Nov. 12     | 1:00                 | Lakes Region Home School Group                  | 20                  |
| Nov. 13     | 10:00/11:30<br>SH/HM | Barrington Elementary School                    | 120/4               |
| Nov. 13     | 1:00                 | Kearsarge Regional School – Bradford            | 38/5                |
| Nov. 14     | 9:30/10:30<br>SH/SC  | Lincoln Street School – Exeter                  | 80/4                |
| Nov. 17     | 9:45/11:00<br>SH/HM  | South Londonderry Elementary School             | 65/4                |
| Nov. 18     | 9:45/11:00<br>SH/HM  | South Londonderry Elementary School             | 65/4                |
| Nov. 18     | 10:30                | Goshen-Lempster School                          | 21/4                |
| Nov. 19     | 9:30/11:00<br>SH/HM  | Reed's Ferry Elementary School –<br>Merrimack   | 100/4               |
| Nov. 19     | 10:00                | Broad Street Elementary School – Nashua         | 50/4                |
| Nov. 20     | 9:30/11:00<br>SH/HM  | Parker Varney Elementary School –<br>Manchester | 80/4                |
| Nov. 21     | 9:30/11:00<br>SH/SC  | New Boston Elementary School                    | 86/4                |
| Nov. 21     | 11:30                | South Merrimack Christian School                | 24/4                |
| Nov. 21     | 11:30                | Freedom Elementary School                       | 18/4                |
| Nov. 24     | 10:30/11:45          | Winchester Middle School                        | 130/6,7&8           |
| Nov. 25     | 10:00/11:30<br>SH/HM | Gilford Elementary School                       | 100/4               |