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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Wednesday, **January 23rd** at 10:00 a.m. when Governor Lynch will deliver his State of the State Address before a Joint Convention. The House will then continue to take up bills retained from the 2007 session and placed on the Regular Calendar. Please remember to bring House Calendar 5 containing retained bill amendments which you received last week.

The House will also meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **January 30th** and Wednesday, **February 6th.**

With the high volume of bills to be considered, please arrange to keep your schedule free until 6:00 p.m. on session days.

Chairs and Vice-Chairs will meet on Tuesday, **January 22nd** from 8:30-9:45 a.m. in Rooms 210-211, LOB.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, **January 23** at **9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Wednesday, **January 23** at **9:00 a.m.** in Rooms 305-307, LOB.

Rep. Michael D. Whalley, Republican Leader

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
Required Disclosure Filings

Copies of two financial disclosure forms have recently been mailed to each member of the House. The first form is the annual **"Financial Disclosure Form,"** which all legislators and legislative officers are required to complete and file with the Legislative Ethics Committee. Please return your completed form to Rich Lambert in **Room 112 of the State House no later than January 31, 2008.**

The second form, the **"New Hampshire Statement of Financial Interests," was due on January 18th.** If you have not already filed that form with the **Secretary of State's Office in Room 204 of the State House,** you are encouraged to do so immediately.

Rep. Janet G. Wall, Vice Chairman
Legislative Ethics Committee

NOTICE

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

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

HOUSE DEADLINES

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

LAID ON TABLE

HB 76-FN, creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire. (Pending question is Ought to Pass.)
HB 620-FN, repealing the statutory provisions regarding small loans, title loans, and payday loans and establishing a general statutory usury rate. (Pending question is Recommit.)
HB 799-FN, establishing a criminal usury rate for interest rates. (Pending question is Ought to Pass.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

REGULAR CALENDAR

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 666-FN, establishing a license fee for the sale of animal vaccines. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. Tara A Sad for Environment and Agriculture: In order to adequately support the existing companion animal neutering fund, this bill establishes a license fee for pharmaceutical companies which sell animal vaccines in the State of New Hampshire -- $500 for a permanent license and $200 for a temporary license – resulting in an estimated increase in state restricted revenue of $11,000 in FY 2007 and $22,000 in FY 2008. In addition, the bill eliminates the subsidies currently paid to veterinarians for immunizations not vital to the animals or necessary to public health. Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats will continue to be required. An estimated additional savings of $30,000 per year resulting from this change in policy to no longer require non-essential vaccinations will be realized, which can then be used to fund much needed additional spay/neuter procedures. **Vote 17-0.**
HB 877-FN, relative to the state recycling program. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Rep. Burton W Williams for the **Majority** of Environment and Agriculture: As a legislature, we are keenly aware that state government should be a model for good environmental practices such as recycling. For decades, the RSA's have contained a hodge-podge of recycling statutes including a mandate for state agencies to recycle that has proven unworkable. HB 877, as amended, establishes a state policy on recycling and replaces the unworkable mandate with a collaborative committee of legislators and department heads, among others. The Intra-Agency Recycling and Purchase Committee is charged with addressing various aspects of recycling and has reporting duties. It is co-chaired by the commissioner of environmental services and the commissioner of the department of administrative services or designees. Both agencies worked with the committee to develop this amended version of the bill. This bill retains the recycled materials fund and clarifies its operations. No new positions are funded through this amended bill. This is a sound step in the right direction and long overdue. **Vote 17-1.**
Rep. Steve Vaillancourt for the **Minority** of Environment and Agriculture: While recycling by state agencies is certainly a good idea, the minority believes that this bill represents an attempt by the legislature to micromanage and meddle into areas which should be handled by the state's chief executive. Should this or any governor wish to accomplish the goals of this bill, he or she could do so without this type of legislation. In fact, any governor would be in a much better to accomplish the goals of this bill without the restrictive language it contains. The minority invites you to read the amendment, but the minority is equally convinced that few will want to read it since its six pages of increased regulations which amounts more to a full employment manifest for bureaucrats than a laudable attempt to increase amounts recycled by state agencies. The fiscal note, while initially vague, was

updated to include a price tag in the $450,000 per annum range. New Hampshire's previous governor formed a commission to look into this matter. The present governor has not acted upon that commission's ideas or formed a new commission. The minority suggests action at the executive level would be more proper and effective to solve any problem that may exist in this regard. The minority believes that any governor, desiring to spend $450,000 in such a manner, should include the appropriation in a future budget request and not be forced into such expenditure.

HB 924-FN, relative to the deconstruction of buildings. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Leigh A Webb for the **Majority** of Environment and Agriculture: This bill seeks to put the state into a position of leading by example, mandating the diversion of recyclable and reusable material from the stream, meaning incineration and landfills, and instead encouraging their use in beneficial, constructive, and cost-saving ways. Hazardous material, such as asbestos, and unusable material such as painted wall board (gypsum), would not be included in the 75% formula as defined by the bill. Dealing only with demolition projects funded partially or wholly by the state, this bill only suggests by example that the private sector consider following the state's policy drafted out of concern for limited landfill space, to conserve resources, and to be sensitive to our fragile environment. **Vote 14-3.**

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt for the **Minority** of Environment and Agriculture: Like HB 877, this bill represents an attempt by the legislature to mandate executive department recycling efforts which are best addressed by the state's chief executive, that is to say by the governor. While the minority agrees that it would be beneficial to recycle materials created in demolitions of state property, the minority does not believe a 75 percent stipulation is wise nor does the minority believe the definitions contained in the amendment are wise. Discretion should be left up to the governor and department heads. A potential 28A issue was also raised with the amendment since the language is so broad ("structure funded in whole or in part by state funds") that cities in towns could be caught up in the stipulation. What, for example, about a town removing a school building that was funded to some part by state monies 50 years ago? While recycling 75 percent of the materials might in fact be a good policy, it might be at such a prohibitive cost that the town might decide it is unable to accomplish the goal.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 65, relative to the appointment of the director of the division of ports and harbors. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter B Schmidt for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill addresses structural inconsistencies between the Pease Development Authority (PDA) and the division of ports and harbors which impede optimal economic development of the Port of Portsmouth, as well as the optimal operation and management of both the port and the harbors along the NH seacoast. These differences were either not fully recognized or were left unresolved when the legislature placed the division of ports and harbors under the PDA in 2001. HB 65 removes the governor and council from their current role in the appointment and confirmation of the port director and places the hiring of the division director in the hands of the executive director of the PDA and the board of the PDA. HB 65 also requires a biennial report that addresses the financial status of the port, contracts that were executed in the previous 24 months as well as the status and scope of all ongoing port development projects, a summary of environmental reports, a summary of PDA programs and informational meetings held to encourage communication with the involved communities. Membership on the division advisory council is becomes more specific in HB 65. There continue to be 8 members on the advisory council, 6 of whom are appointed by the governor. Among these 6 appointees should be: 2 individuals from cities and towns not represented on the board, 2 members with maritime industry experience and 1 commercial fisherman. **Vote 14-2.**

HB 174-FN, relative to regulating residential building and remodeling contractors. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration: This bill as amended will require contractors to be registered in the State of New Hampshire. Over the last few years, there have been numerous instances of contractors taking advantage of people by doing bad work or no work at all. Testimony was given by the attorney general's office that there is a problem chasing bad contractors because some of their practices (taking money and doing no work) are not covered under the consumer protection act. By registering the contractors, the attorney general will be able to prosecute using the consumer protection act. The bill also includes a number of items that would trigger the consumer protection act protection. A section was also added requiring written contracts before work begins. This is a difficult topic, but the majority of the committee supports expanded consumer protection. **Vote 8-6.**

Rep. John Reagan for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration: In an effort to provide stronger consumer protection, this bill creates another bureaucracy instead of just strengthening the existing consumer protection law. The attorney general's office had asked for a stronger consumer protection provision, but HB 174 generates a new department at great public expense and a burden that falls hardest on the start up and small contractor.

HB 544, relative to exemptions from auctioneering for Internet sales. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Alida I Millham for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill exempts e-bay, electronic type sellers from being required to have an auctioneer's license. The relationship a person has with someone who acts as person to bring something to the internet for sale is not that of an auctioneer, but more of a consignment seller. While people need to be protected from unscrupulous people, the committee determined that an auctioneer's license is not the right approach. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 818, establishing a committee to study reestablishing the port authority as an independent agency. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James F Headd for Executive Departments and Administration: The issues considered under HB 818 were addressed in HB 65 making the bill moot. **Vote 13-1.**

SB 94, relative to the office of information technology. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for Executive Departments and Administration: Currently, there exists a bureau of information technology within the office of the governor. This bureau was established in the 2003 session of the general court. In response to a request by the governor to remove this bureau from the governor's office and replace it with a department of information technology, this bill was introduced in the Senate. The amendment adopted by the committee makes the process consistent with the requirements of RSA 21-G:6 on the proper set up of a department with the appropriate chain of command, scope of responsibilities, and methodology for ensuring the satisfactory delivery of information technology services. The bill further establishes a legislative oversight committee tasked with constantly reviewing the status of state information technology plans, organizational structure of employees among state agencies and tracking the financial budget as it relates to information technology. **Vote 13-0.**

FINANCE

CACR 6, relating to education funding. Providing that the state may meet its funding obligations under Article 83 by providing aid only to those communities that, in the reasonable judgment of the general court, are in need of such aid. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marjorie K Smith for Finance: Since this CACR was introduced, certain components of the proposed amendment have been enacted into law and the committee concluded that the remaining components did not help to resolve any outstanding issues. **Vote 14-9.**

HB 577-FN, establishing the number of associate justices of the superior court. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. Peter E Franklin for Finance:. As the family courts are being established in New Hampshire the number of superior court justices needed has declined. The reduction has been accomplished by attrition. The superior court backlog has been growing, however, so that there is a need for 2 additional justices. This bill, as amended, provides for one new justice in FY '09, to be paid for from money from judge vacancies in this year's budget. A second justice may be appointed in FY '10. **Vote 14-9.**
HB 752-FN, relative to per pupil funding for charter school pupils. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Rep. Daniel A Eaton for Finance: While well intended, this bill would establish an arbitrary funding figure for students attending public charter schools that would increase expenditures in excess of two million dollars. The committee felt that while there are currently two commissions operating, one studying charter schools overall and the other costing education for all public education, HB 752 would be premature at this time. **Vote 17-6.**
SB 117-FN, relative to fireworks display permits and the position of permissible fireworks inspector. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. Stephen B Stepanek for Finance: Testimony indicated that few inspections are currently being done. The committee agreed with the fire marshal's office and the industry that a full time inspector is needed. The industry was concerned without a full time inspector and regular inspections that some people might not follow the state rules and regulations which could result in a potentially serious accident involving injury or death. We reviewed the various fees being charged for fireworks related inspectors. These fees were adjusted with full support of the industry. We estimate that revenue would total approximately $72,000.00 to $75,000.00 per year; against a cost for the full time inspector of $84,000.00. **Vote 21-1.**

FISH AND GAME

HB 527-FN-A, establishing a recreational saltwater license for fishing of marine species in coastal and estuarine waters. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Rep. Dennis F Abbott for Fish and Game: The committee felt that this bill was not adequately supported in our neighboring states or by the sportsperson's of our state. Maine and Massachusetts are having problems in advancing a licensing system in their states because fishermen have never had to pay for the privilege. Without our neighboring states enacting similar legislation at the same time we place at risk some businesses here in our state because of our short coastline. There are only seven coastal states that have not enacted some form of a licensing system for saltwater anglers. In 2009, the federal government, as part of the Magneson-Steven Reauthorization Act, will require a registry system for all anglers in federal waters and in 2011 will charge for that registry system. The principal reason for a registry system for saltwater anglers is because of the dramatic increase in recreational anglers making it necessary to have an accurate database of anglers in order to capture the necessary information regarding catch and effort that is critical to managers, scientists and biologists in fisheries management. Without good data we further place our fisheries at risk and it is clear to most people that overexploitation of our fisheries has been harmful to the resource and also to those make a living from it. States not having their own licensing system by 2011 will instead be required, and will be charged a fee, for this registration system. That registration fee is anticipated to be greater than that suggested in this legislation. Without the adoption of a licensing system prior to that required by federal requirements, our state will not receive the benefit of that revenue and the Fish and Game Department sorely is in need of revenue. The committee felt that legislation adopting a saltwater fishing license will be introduced and passed when the federal agency adopts its final rule and it becomes clear that we should have our own system and not allow a needed revenue source to go south. The committee voted overwhelming in a

non partisan vote to reject this legislation despite its understanding of the reasons why at some point a saltwater fishing license will be necessary. **Vote 12-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Thomas E Donovan for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: The majority of the committee felt that with the enactment of Senate Bill 138, Chapter 363, 2007, the legislature has put the funding and policies into place to offer high quality services to individuals with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders. The area agencies are reporting a high level of satisfaction within the communities with the funding already received and the services they are able to extend. Also in place now are commissions on work force development and quality assurance that have not yet reported back. The legislature strongly supported the funding and infrastructure improvements contained in SB 138 with a vote of 300-5. While the majority believes that no additional changes to the law are needed now, referring HB 265 for Interim Study will insure that the issue of the waitlist is kept before the legislature through the end of this term. **Vote 11-8.**

HB 630-FN, relative to an electronic controlled drug prescription monitoring program. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James R MacKay for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: Nationally and in New Hampshire there has been a significant increase in deaths from the use of controlled drugs. Testimony indicated that over the past eight years, there has been a 150% increase in deaths due to use of drugs, specifically methadone. Prescription drug abuse is one of the fastest increasing forms of substance abuse. One of the important purposes of the controlled drug prescription monitoring program is to identify individuals who are misusing prescription drugs or prescribers who are impaired and refer them for treatment. As amended, the program monitors only those drugs with the highest potential for abuse. Many states have initiated this type of program. Data on prescriptions are maintained in a database with a very high level of security, accessible only by appropriate licensed health care providers. The program does not encumber general funds but is supported through federal grants. In addition, it provides for a performance audit to assess outcome measures. There is also a sunset provision after several years of operation. The committee added this provision to ensure quantitative positive results for the long term operation of the program. The goal of this program is to improve public health. Individuals who exhibit drug-seeking behavior will be referred to their health care provider for intervention. Providers who may be impaired will be referred to their licensing board. In extreme situations, the advisory council may make a referral to law enforcement for investigation. After much research and discussion, the majority of the committee was convinced of the public health benefit of this program. **Vote 15-3.**

Rep. Frank G Case for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: Law abiding citizens will be included in the data collection, merely because they have some health problems related to pain such as “back pain” or “cancer pain” and thus are using large amounts of pain medication for relief. There is also an assumption that all “prescription drugs” are obtained at a local pharmacy only. This fact has not been established during testimony on this legislation. This fact makes one wonder why hospitals, nursing homes, home health care agencies, and hospices have been excluded from the program.

SB 102-FN, relative to the powers of state government in the event of an incident or outbreak of communicable disease. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Joan H Schulze for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill was requested by the department of health and human services after a public health emergency drill. This is an important bill for the safety of the citizens of this state. During the drill it became evident that no one had authority to take charge of certain necessary actions in

dealing with the disaster. These actions included building closures, event cancellation, medication and equipment rationing / securing. This bill as amended is the collaborative effort of DHHS, the attorney general's office and this committee. It permits a plan of action by the commissioner, with written approval of the governor to carry out necessary measures in an incident or outbreak of communicable disease. The bill also establishes an ethics committee to offer advice to the commissioner relative to ethical issues that may be identified in the course of planning for and responding to outbreaks of communicable diseases that threaten to become epidemic or pandemic. The effective date of the act and establishment of the ethics committee shall be upon passage of this bill. **Vote 20-0.**

JUDICIARY

CACR 2, relating to the definition and constitutionality of judicial and legislative acts. Providing that the supreme court shall determine the constitutionality of judicial acts and the legislature shall determine the constitutionality of legislative acts. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bette R Lasky for the **Majority** of Judiciary: The majority of the committee found this proposed constitutional amendment inexpedient to legislate in the belief that such an amendment would upset the balance of power between the legislature and the judiciary. The protection of the rights of the minority and the give and take of these two branches of government, which has worked for hundreds of years, need not be changed **Vote 15-5.**

Rep. Gregory M Sorg for the **Minority** of Judiciary: CACR 2 would bring the Supreme Court back to constitutional legitimacy by writing into the Constitution the distinction between adjudicatory and legislative acts drawn by Justice Levi Woodbury in the 1818 Supreme Court case Merrill v. Sherburne, the first case to come before the court under the separation of powers provision, Article 37 of Part I. By so doing, it would restore the original understanding of the boundaries of the separation of powers, reflected in that case, whereby the judiciary was constituted the final authority of the constitutionality of adjudicatory acts and the legislature was constituted the final authority on the constitutionality of legislative acts. It has only been in recent times, since its 1983 decision in State v. LaFrance, that the court – bolstered by the recent insertion of Article 72-a into the Constitution, which removed the only effective check upon its ambitions - has laid claim to final, unreviewable authority, binding on the legislature, to refuse to enforce on constitutional grounds acts of a purely legislative character. By reason that the court has an inherent institutional bias in favor of resolution of separation of powers issues that enhance judicial power at the expense of legislative, this sweeping, anti-historical assertion of authority has resulted in judicial intrusions into the legislature's exclusively granted constitutional authority to establish state policy to such an extent that the court acts today as a virtual third chamber of the legislature, with veto power over the other two, exercisable by whichever three persons happen to comprise a majority of the court at any given time. One can only hope that the legislative branch will eventually tire of having its hard fought-for policy choices repeatedly subordinated to those illegitimately imposed by the judicial, and take action to restore the separation of powers and checks and balances between them.

HB 40, relative to living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lucy McV Weber for the **Majority** of Judiciary: Currently, a health care provider may accept and act on either an original or a copy of an advance health care directive. This bill would require the health care provider to wait for the production of the original document before following the wishes contained in an advance directive. The majority is concerned that this would cause delay in acting on the wishes of the principal. It would cause particular difficulty for seniors who move between New Hampshire and warmer weather states. Requiring the production of the original document would also cause unnecessary extra stress to family members during a difficult time. Finally, the committee heard no testimony that would cause concern that copies of these documents are being used improperly. **Vote 15-5.**

Rep. Robert H Rowe for the **Minority** of Judiciary: Under our law, there is only one original copy of a person's will. This is also the law as to a New Hampshire advanced directive (durable power of attorney/living will). Only a single original document has legal validity. This is not the case as to other legal documents, such as contracts where there can be multiple originals; all valid and enforceable. The minority believe it is bad policy to allow a copy, fax or e-mail to be enforceable without further proof that the copy is, in fact, a copy of an existing and enforceable advanced directive and not a copy of a document that has been revoked or amended. The advanced directive form states that the one original executed directive cannot be changed or modified; this revokes the document as does the destruction of the original. It can happen that copies of an obsolete, revoked or changed advanced directive will be copied, faxed or e-mailed and then used as proof of the individual's intent. Since the issue is a person's life, we should err on the side of caution; a mistake in utilizing a copy of an obsolete or revoked cannot be corrected.

HB 57, relative to advance directives for durable powers of attorney and living wills.
MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.
Rep. Lucy McV Weber for the **Majority** of Judiciary: Currently, the statute requires that health care directives be "substantially in the form set forth in RSA 137-J:20." This bill would add the words "or other form desired by the principal." The purpose of the underlying statute was to create a degree of uniformity in the form of these documents. The majority believes that the word "substantially" is sufficient to allow enough latitude to customize the documents to accurately reflect the wishes of the principal, without returning to the confusion created by a complete departure from the current form. **Vote 12-6.**
Rep. Nancy J Elliott for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The bill allows for the individual to have a choice in the wording of their advance directive (end of life document). The ONLY form currently allowed by law has only two very restrictive choices. 1) Life sustaining treatment is not to be started… and 2) Life sustaining treatment is to be given… There is no in between. In NH it is all or nothing. If you want to be kept hydrated in some instances and not in others, it is not allowed on our advanced directive form. Also hydration and nutrition are linked. Some may want to be kept hydrated so they would not suffer an excruciating death but would not want to be fed by a tube. They must check off both or nothing. Consequently, many citizens are hesitant to sign this document. As our law accepts out of state documents, citizens coming from other states have more rights than NH residents. We should give everyone the right to make personal choices for the end of their life.

HB 443, relative to requirements for admission to the New Hampshire bar upon motion.
MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.
Rep. Gail C Morrison for the **Majority** of Judiciary: The intent of this bill is to extend to graduates of the Massachusetts School of Law, admitted and practicing law in other states, the option to file a motion and be admitted to the New Hampshire Bar without being required to take the New Hampshire Bar examination. This bill is no longer necessary as the New Hampshire Supreme Court has corrected the situation so that graduates of Massachusetts School of Law may be admitted to practice in this state on motion. This resolution satisfied our colleague on the committee, the late Donald Buxton, who had sponsored the bill at the request of a constituent. **Vote 15-4.**
Rep. David J Bettencourt for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The minority of the committee believes that what lies at the heart of this issue is fairness and equality. The recent history of this issue is as follows: Prior to the introduction of this legislation, the New Hampshire Supreme Court exercised a strict interpretation of its rule regarding admission to the New Hampshire bar on motion (admitted to the New Hampshire bar without having to take the New Hampshire bar exam). This reading discriminated against attorneys who graduated from law schools (specifically the Massachusetts School of Law and Southern New England School of Law) not approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) from having the opportunity to be "waived in" on motion. This despite that the New Hampshire Supreme Court allows attorneys who graduated from law schools not approved by the ABA in foreign

countries to be admitted on motion. The minority asserted that this was improper and believed that the standards set by the ABA for accreditation (size of library, number of part time versus full time professors, facility size, etc.) were arbitrary and not an accurate reflection of an individual's ability to practice law. Additionally, the minority believed that the supreme court interpretation discriminated against individuals from low-income backgrounds who attend non-ABA accredited law schools because they are generally more affordable. However, as this legislation progressed through the legislative process, the Supreme Court decided to "re-interpret" its rule and decided to allow non-ABA law school graduates to "waive in" as long as they met the criteria that every attorney seeking admission on motion must satisfy (practicing attorney for five years, passed a bar exam in another state, and in good ethical standing). While this new interpretation by the supreme court would appear to make the issue moot, in actuality the substance of the issues remains. Because the supreme court simply "re-interpreted" its rule rather than undertaking a substantive rule change, the matter is still open to re-interpretation by future courts. The minority asserts that court rule interpretation is significantly different from a law or rule change. This legislation would address the issue permanently and ensure that this discrimination never again takes place. Where an individual attends law school should not serve as a discriminant to practice law in New Hampshire, particularly if they have already demonstrated ethical conduct and competency. Finally, the minority believes that this legislation will decrease the number of pro se litigants in our courts.

HB 455, repealing the law relative to screening panels for medical injury claims.
MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Bette R Lasky for the **Majority** of Judiciary: Testimony was received that the screening panels have been difficult to convene, expensive for the parties and may delay the resolution of cases. In addition, testimony indicated there has been no reduction in medical malpractice insurance costs. The majority of the committee thinks because only a year has passed to see the law's (RSA 519-B) results, we should give the statute additional time to work to see if it reduces rates and accomplishes its other goals. **Vote 13-7.**

Rep. Nancy J Elliott for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The minority of the committee feels this bill should be Inexpedient to legislate. While this issue should be watched, interim study is unnecessary as we already have a commission with a committee member participating which is studying this issue. Setting up an additional committee just adds cost to the state and duplicates our effort.

SB 32-FN, increasing the maximum amount of debt or damages for small claims actions.
MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Robert H Rowe for the **Majority** of Judiciary: This bill increases the small claims limit in district court from $5,000 to $10,000. The committee was concerned that a blanket increase to $10,000 had the possibility of causing harm to the elderly and lower income families, allowing our citizens to, possibly, be taken advantage of by less than honorable plaintiffs. A compromise amendment was offered, allowing for the increase in limits but with conditions. The amendment provides that small claims actions above $5,000 first be mediated in district court and then if mediation was not successful, the case would be presented to the court under oath. It was believed that if the parties and witnesses were subject to the penalties of perjury, any harm would be limited. Still the defendants are protected in that they have the option in cases above $1,500 to have the matter tried before a jury and this in a formal setting and allowing for detailed witness and evidence discovery. **Vote 14-6.**

Rep. Anthony R DiFruscia for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The present $5,000 limit in small claims actions has worked well. The facts are that only two states have limits of $10,000 in small claim actions, while 38 states have $5,000 limits or less. Small claims courts have no

rules of discovery. The danger is that a person may be denied the right to fair trial. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 399, relative to variable rates of overtime. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. Stephen A Johnson for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: The committee agrees this bill will solve the outdated issue of variable overtime rates. The bill strengthens already existing law. In addition to conforming to the fair labor standard act, HB 399 has the support of not only state department of labor, but also the US department of labor. **Vote 9-3.**

HB 436, expanding employee freedom of expression to all public employees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. John K Knowles for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: This bill provides a stronger remedy when a public employer punishes or restricts an employee's free-speech rights. It replaces a weak, ineffective, and impractical criminal penalty with civil remedies: either court injunction or possibly civil suit. It applies only to public employees who speak as private individuals about matters of public policy or performance; it does not allow personal attacks. The bill also applies existing state law to other political entities in the state. **Vote 9-3.**

HB 690, relative to job skill training in volunteer work by unemployed individuals. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. Stephen A Johnson for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: The committee overwhelmingly supported this bill. The intent is to provide unemployed individuals with new skills, to aid them in finding gainful employment. It is a pilot project that is approved by the Department of Employment Security. **Vote 10-3.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

CACR 9, relating to: registers of probate. Providing that: the requirement that registers of probate be elected be removed. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. Earle Goodwin for Municipal and County Government: The office of the register of probate was established in 1694. In 1877 the registers of probate were added as elected officials which was motivated by the perception of "inappropriate partisan politics" at the time whereby judges were being removed by both parties of the legislature. This is no longer the case. The testimony in committee indicated that the majority of the registers in the state approve of being appointed by the probate judge, instead of being elected by the voters. In addition testimony was given showing abuses of the system by elected registers. The committee strongly believes that the clerks of probate be an appointed position. The latter would ensure accountability for the public. In addition, standards would be set for the hiring and dismissal of the appointed clerk of probate. This constitutional amendment will be a ballot question in November 2008. A companion bill will ensure that registers of probate elected in November 2008 can fulfill their term. If however, they can no longer continue their duties, the constitutional amendment will allow for a clerk of probate to be appointed. By 2011, all clerks of probate will have been appointed. **Vote 13-1.**

HB 208, relative to the definition of swine as a nuisance. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Rep. Bennett F Moore for Municipal and County Government: The bill as originally submitted would have removed oversight of swine farms by municipal health officers. An amendment passed by the committee met with opposition from the New Hampshire Farm Bureau and the bill was retained to determine if a compromise could be reached to solve both farm and public health concerns. A compromise was not forthcoming and accordingly the committee feels that no change to current law should be made at this time. **Vote 14-1.**

HB 310, allowing municipalities to regulate small wind energy systems. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Jessie L Osborne for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government The bill as amended is designed to encourage development of wind power for single residential use. The bill amends the planning and zoning statutes declaration of purpose to include reference to renewable energy systems and to not limit the facilitation of collection of renewable energy unreasonably by the use of municipal ordinances. **Vote 10-3.**
Rep. Larry Brown for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government: It was the view of the minority that this is not an enabling bill. It is a disabling bill. It strips every municipality of the power to set standards for aural and visual pollution on the community's own terms. No commercial wind farm will accept restrictions that a small energy system need not meet. The argument is made that there is no silver bullet for alternate energy – we must depend on silver buckshot. But this gun ain't loaded. Where is the harm this bill corrects? How many systems are being built or contemplated? Finally, this is in a certain sense of self deceptive or self deceptive or self congratulatory bill. We have run away from a gas tax. We shop in the bright glow of big box mall and few remember the thermostat setting of 1978. Why then such enthusiasm for such a trivial mole hill of energy when major practical steps can be taken to conserve energy at no cost to the integrity of local zoning control?
HB 445-FN-L, relative to the assessment of open space land. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**
Rep. Betsey L Patten for Municipal and County Government: There is a need for Municipal and County Government (M&CG) Committee members to understand better the process of Current Use and how Current Use Land is assessed. M&CG is one of two standing committees in the House, the other being Environment and Agriculture, which deal with both issues, i.e., Current Use and Assessing. The members felt that an informative educational meeting for both committees, regarding the above, would be beneficial. **Vote 12-0.**
HB 717, allowing municipalities to establish local community services and care planning boards. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Rep. Mary R Cooney for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. The shift from nursing facility care to home and community based care has exposed the need for a more comprehensive community based care infrastructure. This bill would provide willing communities with a template for creating a community services and care planning board. The advantage of having a municipal-sanctioned board is to give it authority to inventory all services and make recommendations to the municipality. The inventory could be used to coordinate with other communities for mutually needed services or to learn about successful programs in other towns. This bill is enabling and would be very useful to many communities as out aging population grows. **Vote 7-6.**
Rep. Betsey L Patten for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government: This bill sets up the mechanism to create a community service and care planning board to allow the community to assess the community service needs of all its residents that would enhance the public health, prosperity, quality of life, safety and general welfare of all its citizens. The minority of the community stated that the local communities already have the authorization and process to create a board such as the care planning board. The land use boards look at the quality of life, safety and general welfare of the community by their regulations. The visiting nurse boards and the health officer look at the public health and prosperity of the citizens in a community. If there was a need to inventory surrounding municipalities as to what services are available, all one community has to do is to communicate with its neighbor. The minority of the committee strongly believes that this bill is unnecessary and duplicative.
SB 85, relative to eligibility for the property tax exemption for the disabled. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. Jessie L Osborne for Municipal and County Government: This bill allows municipalities to expand eligibility for the disability exemption to a small number of people

who previously were qualified under the federal social security requirements, but who lost that eligibility and thus their exemption due to a change of circumstances. These disabled people could not meet the work requirement on their own but had had benefits through a parent or guardian's work credit, which they could have lost through marriage. The person still would have to meet the medical disability standard of the Social Security Administration and the means testing of their local municipality. The amendment would require that the local municipalities approve this change even if they have existing disability exemptions. This is enabling legislation. **Vote 11-1.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 592-FN, relative to tolls on the Everett Turnpike. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Reps. David Campbell and Alfred C Lerandeau for Public Works and Highways: This bill was one of six filed in the last session proposing to remove tolls or offer other toll relief at exits 10, 11 and 12 off the F.E. Everett Turnpike in the Town of Merrimack. The committee retained this bill as a vehicle to study this issue in its entirety. The subcommittee met seven times from July to November. A reconstruction of the history of the tolls in Merrimack revealed the following: That in the early 1980's the Merrimack legislative delegation and the Merrimack town council were unified in their support of these three exits being tolled as the way to pay for the considerable turnpike improvements that were requested in Merrimack. The NH turnpike system spent 48 million dollars in the construction of Exits 10, 11 and 12, as well as portions of Industrial Drive and Camp Sergeant Road (from the intersection of Old Camp Sergeant Road south of Exit 10 all the way to Route 101A) which greatly improved east/west travel throughout Merrimack without a toll. These turnpike improvements were instrumental in attracting commercial users (such as Fidelity), industries and residential developments to locate in Merrimack. The NH turnpike system continues to own, operate and maintain (pave, stripe, plow and salt) these sections of roadways at turnpike expense. The bonds to build these roads are far from paid off, yet the Town of Merrimack has received millions of dollars in property taxes as a direct result of these turnpike system improvements. In light of these facts, and because of concerns of precedence and fairness throughout the turnpike system, the committee unanimously voted this bill as inexpedient and agrees with the recent actions of governor and council in rejecting the removal of any toll booths in Merrimack. The executive council voted to keep the tolls the same in Merrimack, when it recently raised the tolls on the turnpike. Additionally, the governor, the committee and the department of transportation are working to investigate the possibility of a scaled toll structure (through EZ-Pass) to offer some relief to all turnpike non-commercial commuters, provided its effect on turnpike revenues is not significant. **Vote 14-0.**
SB 84, establishing procedural requirements to improve implementation of the 10-year highway plan **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**
Rep. John A Graham for Public Works and Highways: The bill as amended by the committee establishes a 6-year planning window for transportation infrastructure versus the current "ten-year" plan. This shortening of the planning horizon will provide some measure of certainty that the projects listed in the biennial transportation plan will actually be done. It also requires the department of transportation (DOT) to submit a plan that takes into account inflation in both revenue and cost, something that has been lacking in our transportation planning to date. Additionally, the bill contains a requirement that the DOT evaluate previously listed projects every two years and submit a list of those projects to be deleted based on one of several factors as outlined in the amendment. The bill, as amended, also changes the composition of the GACIT by adding members of the House and Senate to this body. This will allow early legislative input into planning process. The intent is to ensure that what is in the plan is financially and environmentally achievable. **Vote 14-0.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 441-FN-A, establishing a non-motorized trails grant program and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Chris Christensen for Resources, Recreation and Development: Over the study period the trails bureau and the division of parks developed plans to carry forward the goals of this bill. The parks department has committed to ensuring that non-motorized trails will be an integral part of the strategic plan for parks being developed under SB 74, Chapter 359, 2007. This plan is due in September 2008. A program has been developed that will establish personnel to help manage volunteers under an "adopt-a-trail" effort. Funding to assist the volunteers may come from trail-head fees that the department already has authority to establish if needed. **Vote 9-5.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 295, relative to the definition of biomass and biomass fuel. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James M Garrity for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill as amended tightens the existing definition of what is (and is not) a biomass fuel. This action is important for the following reasons: a) New Hampshire is in the early stages of implementing the requirements of the electric renewable portfolio standard, b) this legislature has gone on record that we, as a state, want to encourage the development, deployment, and use of renewable energy sources (in all sectors of our energy economy: electricity, heating and transportation), and c) In the rush to this renewable energy future, we need to protect against so-called "renewable " fuels that could do more harm than good, especially harm to our air quality. **Vote 11-0.**

HB 855, relative to renewable energy generation incentive payments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael A Kaelin for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill would have created an expedited process for incentive payments for small renewable generation facilities of 5KW or less. As amended, it would have used the alternative compliance payment fund created by the renewable portfolio standard legislation. Because the RPS stakeholders had not had an opportunity to comment on this use of the ACP fund, it was decided to resubmit this legislation as a new bill in order to give the public an opportunity for input. **Vote 10-1.**

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 856, relative to the definition of veteran. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patrick F Garrity for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill attempted to redefine the New Hampshire definition of veterans to mirror the federal definition. The unintended consequences of passing this bill would expand the number of veterans receiving the tax credit, a Constitutional 28-A issue. Secondly the federal status defines service members with bad conduct discharges as veterans eligible for limited federal benefits. Combining New Hampshire veterans who have received honorable discharges with service members who have received a bad conduct discharge, often the result of conviction at a court martial and an extend period of imprisonment, received very limited support at the committee level. **Vote 11-1.**

TRANSPORTATION

SPECIAL ORDER

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 847, relative to general rules for vessels operating on water. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Howard N Cunningham for the **Majority** of Transportation: Over 100 people attended and testified at the public hearing on this bill. Because the issue was so protracted and difficult, the committee decided to retain the bill for further study. During the summer of 2007, marine patrol monitored several test areas on Lake Winnipesaukee and a number of

committee members took an excursion on the big lake for a first hand experience. The marine patrol results were heard by the committee in October. This information, along with ongoing constituent correspondence, led to a compromise amendment which focuses only on Lake Winnipesaukee instead of every body of water in New Hampshire. This amendment sets a 45/25 (day/night) speed limit and is designed to sunset on January 1, 2011. This interval will provide an adequate period of time to make pre/post speed limit comparisons. **Vote 7-6.**

Rep. Sherman A Packard for the **Minority** of Transportation: When passing new laws it should be done for a reason. What is the reason for passing a boat speed limit bill? During July, August and September, the marine patrol conducted speed sampling on 55 days and nights. A total of 3,852 vessels were clocked, 62 of these were after 8 p.m. Of the 3,852, eighty-three (83) were traveling between 41-50 mph, 8 were traveling between 51-60 mph and 3 were traveling between 61-70 mph, with the maximum speed at 62 mph. Of those boats traveling over 40 mph, only 36 were traveling over 45 mph or 0.9%. A far greater percentage of people disobey our speed limits on our roads. Is this just another law that will punish all responsible boat owners because of the irresponsible actions of a very small percentage of boat owners? Do we really believe that by passing this law that this small percentage of inconsiderate and irresponsible people will change their habits?

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 185-FN, extending the duration of the CROP zone tax credits program and expanding the state jobs grant fund. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael G Marsh for Ways and Means: The original version of the bill sought to extend the sunset provision for the community reinvestment and opportunity zones program (CROP) and added the lakes region to the area covered by the jobs grant program. The committee reviewed this and a similar senate bill, SB 137, as well as two R&D tax credit bills, HB 618 and SB 134, seeking to provide the broadest stimulus possible with the limited money available. The committee amended SB 134, Chapter 271, 2007which subsequently passed; amended provisions of SB 137 passed as part of HB 2, Chapter 263, 2007 and retained HB 185. At the request of DRED, HB 185 as amended now makes three minor changes to the bill passed last year: it clarifies that companies may enter into multi-year agreements with DRED where the total credit exceeds the single year credit cap; it states that the tax credit is taken first against the business profits tax rather than the business enterprise tax; and it makes clear that prior agreements made under the CROP program remain in effect. **Vote 15-3.**

HB 886-FN-A-L, relative to funding an adequate education. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Christine C Hamm for the **Majority** of Ways and Means: It is apparent to the majority that a comprehensive examination of the costs versus the benefits surrounding the gaming industry, particularly the introduction of video lottery terminals, is an essential step towards legislative consensus on this complex issue. Several retained gambling and casino bills were studied throughout the summer which produced considerable information. However, emerging developments made it impossible to reach a conclusion without further analysis and research. While the designation of Interim Study in the second year of a session effectively kills this initiative, the committee voted to hold one bill as a vehicle for the purposes of continuing to keep abreast of the subject with the intent of issuing a report by November 1, 2008. **Vote 13-5.**

Rep. Peyton B Hinkle for the **Minority** of Ways and Means: This bill would allow slot machines at race tracks in Coos County. However, there are no race tracks in Coos County. But, it would allow Coos County to have up to three casinos with slot machines, video poker machines, and other lottery machines. Studies have shown that these are the most addictive forms of gambling. With casinos come numerous social problems, including crime, lost productivity on the job as people spend time in the casinos, bankruptcy, suicide, social service costs for therapy treatment and welfare, and divorce and separation with the impact

these have on children. The state will incur a regulatory cost with the commensurate staff and overhead. Social benefits have been claimed in the form of increased employment and business taxes. This is offset by the loss of jobs from existing forms of entertainment and tourist businesses. Discretionary dollars will be siphoned off from New Hampshire residents and taken out of the local economy. Locating casinos in tourist areas will impact the character of the state as a family vacation destination. No professional economic analysis has been presented showing the impact of casinos on the state. However, one preliminary analysis using data provided by the proponents of casinos was presented to the committee showing that casinos located in the most populated area of the state would not generate enough income to cover all the cost, let alone leave revenue left over for education. Other states with casinos continue to expand gambling as they find that the revenue generated is somehow never enough. The committee studied volumes of information and heard hours of testimony. No amount of additional study will change the fundamental problems with casino gambling.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1323,*** relative to certification of out-of-state placements in juvenile proceedings.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1370,*** establishing a pilot program for an integrated juvenile justice information sharing system.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1386,*** relative to a grandparent's rights to access court and case records involving a grandchild.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1388,*** requiring the department of health and human services to gather statistical information relative to medications prescribed to children in court-ordered placements and establishing a commission to study the issue.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1137,*** relative to contracts with illegal aliens.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1459-FN-A,*** relative to modular building standards and fees.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1140,*** relative to insuring personal jewelry.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1244,*** relative to auditable basis policies.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1245,*** relative to insurance department records, investigations, and enforcement.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1246,*** relative to insurance policy denial provisions.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1279,*** relative to the scope of certain insurance laws.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1296,*** relative to health insurance coverage in the event of divorce or legal separation.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 1578-FN,*** relative to insurance fraud.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 1571-FN-L,*** relative to inspection of construction or alteration of publicly accessible buildings for compliance with accessibility standards, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1132,*** creating an exception to the wiretapping statute for a recording device used in conjunction with a TASER or other similar electroshock device.
9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1233,*** relative to the privilege of habeas corpus.
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1567-FN,*** permitting the possession of marijuana in certain quantities.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1559-FN,*** requiring home confinement for certain drug possession crimes.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1623-FN,*** relative to penalties for possession of marijuana.

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 year of high school may be spent at a community college.
1:00 p.m. ***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.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1616-FN,*** relative to financial aid for students losing aid due to registering to vote.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1170-FN,*** requiring that certain contributions be reported to the secretary of state before they may be used by a candidate.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1227,*** clarifying when persons elected may assume certain offices.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1240,*** relative to disqualification of certain election officers and relative to arrangement of polling places.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1255,*** relative to declarations filed by candidates for office.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1397-FN,*** relative to retention of political expenditure receipts.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 104, LOB (Please note room change.)
10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1277,*** relative to the definition of farm.
10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1293,*** relative to eligibility requirements for the state animal population control program.
11:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1430,*** relative to the application of animal cruelty laws to horse and dog race tracks.

Room 305, LOB
1:00 p.m. Public hearing on proposed amendment to ***HB 503-FN,*** relative to establishing a solid waste management fund and assessing a surcharge for the disposal of solid waste. The proposed amendment establishes a solid waste management fund and assessing a beverage container fee. The amendment was printed in House Calendar No.5, pages 133-235.
2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1621-FN,*** relative to requiring a refundable deposit on beverage containers.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1533,*** relative to the office of the state treasurer.
11:15 a.m. ***HB 1462-FN,*** establishing the office of personal financial education in the treasury.
1:45 p.m. ***HB 1320,*** establishing a commission to promote the celebration of Martin

Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Day.

2:45 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1545-FN-A,*** establishing a waiver option for live-racing tracks, ***HB1527,*** relative to charitable organizations and games of chance, ***HB 1546-FN,*** allowing the local chief of police to object to games of chance licenses for charitable organizations., ***HB 1303-FN,*** relative to limiting games of chance, ***HB 1509-FN-A,*** establishing certain fees for operators of games of chance for the purpose of funding the education trust fund, ***HB 1302-FN,*** relative to enforcement of gambling laws, ***HB 1381,*** relative to game operators acting on behalf of charitable organizations, ***HB 1529,*** relative to permitting chambers of commerce to conduct games of chance.

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. Rescheduled 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.

FISH AND GAME, Room 307, LOB

1:00 p.m. Fish and Game Performance Audit informational meeting.

2:00 p.m. Executive session on ***HB 1297,*** relative to licenses for aquaculture issued by the fish and game department, ***HB 1351,*** relative to fish and game license and registration agents and ***HB 1569-FN,*** relative to the use of drugs on wildlife.

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB1418,*** extending Medicaid to prevent gaps in coverage under the New Hampshire healthy kids program.

10:00 a.m. Executive session on ***HB 1167,*** relative to substituting generically equivalent drug products, ***HB 1316,*** establishing a committee to study the use of mercury in childhood vaccines, ***HB 1542-L,*** relative to burials in cemeteries, ***HB 1136,*** relative to automated external defibrillators.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 1201,*** allowing communities to conduct point of dispensing exercises to test emergency management operations plans, allowing certain health professionals to administer actual medications during such exercises, and granting immunity to physicians who prescribe drugs to be administered during such exercises.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1231,*** repealing the advisory panel on cancer and chronic diseases and the tobacco use advisory committee.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1615-FN-A,*** relative to the rural health and primary care program administered by the department of health and human services and making

an appropriation therefor.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1549-FN,*** relative to the duration of the disability requirement for aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

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

3:15 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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, ***HB 1403-FN,*** relative to the performance of an abortion when there is a reasonable expectation of viability and ***HB 1580-FN,*** relative to witness fees and writs for depositions.

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.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1263,*** relative to the protection of existing property uses.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1260-L,*** relative to growth management ordinances.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1168,*** relative to acceptance of property donated to towns and village districts.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1157,*** relative to requirements for approval of village plan alternative subdivisions.

12:00 p.m. Continued executive session on ***HB 1338,*** allowing towns and cities to receive state funding for preventative mosquito control programs on all lands within the municipality and ***HB1283-L,*** relative to temporary deferrals of property tax based on income.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1310,*** relative to information for property tax assessments of commercial and industrial properties.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1223-FN-L,*** relative to exemptions from local ordinances for excavation sites.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1193-L,*** relative to planning and zoning enforcement decisions.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 1306,*** relative to the removal of commercial signs placed on public property.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 1324,*** relative to amending zoning ordinances at official ballot town meetings.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. Executive session on ***HB 1207,*** relative to standards for highway and bridge construction, ***HB 1228,*** relative to sales of motor fuel by the department of transportation to certain nonprofit corporations, ***HB 1355-FN,*** exempting alternative and renewable fuels from the road toll, ***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 and continued executive session on ***HB 1365-FN,*** relative to changes in the rates of highway tolls.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 1601-FN-A,*** relative to funding for certain capital projects of the Pease development authority.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1521-L,*** relative to Franklin Highway in the town of Andover.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1443,*** establishing a commission to study relocating the state library and establishing an executive office building.
1:45 p.m. ***HB 1626-FN,*** relative to a new bridge over the Merrimack River.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB
10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1154,*** establishing a commission to study flooding in the town of Bradford, specifically Lake Massasecum, Lake Todd, and the watershed.
11:00 a.m. Executive session on ***HB 1295,*** establishing a commission to study issues relating to stormwater, ***HB 1440,*** relative to reciprocity with the state of Maine for registration of OHRVs and snowmobiles, ***HB 1629-FN-A-L,*** relative to the evaluation of recycling and energy conversion options for grease trap wastes at the Winnipesaukee river basin program's Franklin wastewater treatment facility and making an appropriation therefor, ***HB 1202,*** relative to monitoring privately owned water distribution programs and ***HB 1151,*** relative to reporting dates for the instream flow pilot program

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB
9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 1544-FN,*** relative to the development of effective energy efficiency measures.
1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 1564-FN,*** relative to the regulation of commercial mobile services by the public utilities commission.
2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1405-FN,*** regulating outdoor wood-fired boilers.
2:30 p.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 1405-FN,*** regulating outdoor wood-fired boilers.

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.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB
9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1618-FN-A,*** relative to motor vehicle fees and motor vehicle violation fines and relative to appropriations from the highway fund.
10:00 a.m. ***HB 781-FN,*** relative to the duties of the department of safety.
10:30 a.m. ***SB 173,*** relative to regulation of private postsecondary career schools.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 432-FN,*** relative to certain on-premises beverage and liquor licenses.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1577-FN-A-L,*** relative to revenue sharing between the state and municipalities of vehicle fines and forfeitures.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1603-FN-A,*** establishing a penalty for payment of a state obligation with an invalid form of payment.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1620-FN-A-L,*** adding a fee to motor vehicle fines for use by law enforcement agencies.
2:30 p.m. ***HB 1596-FN-L,*** relative to fees charged by the motor vehicle division.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1382,*** adopting the uniform prudent management of institutional funds.
10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1532,*** relative to snow and obstruction removal from parking spaces designated for disabled persons.
10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1479-FN,*** relative to sale of tobacco products and the appeals process concerning the seizure of illegal tobacco products and ***HB 1480,*** authorizing the commissioner of revenue administration to deny certain tobacco licenses.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1514-FN-A,*** establishing the New Hampshire state health investment program corporation and continually appropriating a special fund.
1:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on ***HB 1506-FN,*** establishing a restricted mail registry in the department of justice.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1622-FN-A,*** allowing counties to implement a first-time offender alcohol and substance treatment program, requiring the department of justice to administer grants to counties for such programs and making an appropriation therefor.
9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1294,*** establishing the offense of public urination or defecation and ***HB 1234,*** relative to drug trafficking.
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1613-FN,*** making changes to certain statutes relating to crimes against children.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1614-FN,*** relative to illegal immigration.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1390,*** relative to educational improvement and accountability.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1563-FN,*** authorizing public academies to receive public funds for renovation and expansion of regional vocational education programs.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1482-FN-L,*** requiring schools and school libraries to install Internet filters.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1483,*** requiring instruction in Internet safety.
1:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on ***HB 1435,*** requiring certain food programs to comply with Centers for Disease Control/Institute of Medicine standards.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1348,*** relative to the milk producers emergency relief fund.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1314,*** relative to animal cruelty.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1143,*** relative to penalties for failure to provide outdoor dogs with necessary shelter.
1:15 p.m. ***HB 1522,*** relative to care standards for farm animals.
3:15 p.m. ***HB 1635-FN,*** relative to permits for motor vehicle salvage facilities and motor vehicle crushers.

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.

12:45 p.m. ***HB 1630-FN,*** establishing the position of administrator of contract services.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1633-FN,*** relative to the regulation of licensed alcohol and drug use counselors.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB1545-FN-A,*** establishing a waiver option for live-racing tracks., ***HB1527,*** relative to charitable organizations and games of chance, ***HB1546-FN,*** allowing the local chief of police to object to games of chance licenses for charitable organizations, ***HB1303-FN,*** relative to limiting games of chance, ***HB1509-FN-A,*** establishing certain fees for operators of games of chance for the purpose of funding the education trust fund, ***HB1302-FN,*** relative to enforcement of gambling laws, ***HB1381,*** relative to game operators acting on behalf of charitable organizations, ***HB1529,*** relative to permitting chambers of commerce to conduct games of chance.

FINANCE JOINT WITH SENATE FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

2:30 p.m. Joint House and Senate Finance ERP discussion.

FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work session on ***HB 584-FN,*** including 17-year olds in the juvenile justice system.

1:00 p.m. Work session on ***HB 502-FN-A-L,*** extending Medicaid coverage through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.

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.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1232,*** relative to the regulation by the fish and game department of baiting of game birds.

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

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1138,*** relative to on-line patient information.

10:45 a.m. ***HB 1611-FN,*** relative to physical restraints used for involuntary commitments.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1487,*** establishing a commission to study the creation of an advanced dental hygiene practitioner to increase access to oral health care.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1380,*** relative to the procedure for amending a birth record.

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.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1589-FN,*** prohibiting the lethal injection of any substance as part of the abortion process.

2:30 p.m. ***HB 1624-FN,*** relative to a one day/one trial jury duty pilot program.

3:00 p.m. ***HB 1359-FN,*** relative to fees for public records.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

9:30 a.m. ***HB 1312,*** establishing a committee to study allowing municipalities to enforce ordinances by citation.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1420,*** relative to the applicability of zoning ordinances to auto salvage yards.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1491,*** establishing a committee to study the ownership and disposition of rangeways.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1259,*** authorizing communities to establish municipal housing commissions.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1269,*** authorizing local governing bodies to place certain properties on a conservation priority list and requiring owners of land designated as conservation priority land to notify the municipality before offering the land for sale.

1:30 p.m. ***HB 1452-FN-L,*** relative to the impact fee for development affecting state highways.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1472,*** relative to workforce housing.

2:30 p.m. ***HCR 11-L,*** urging municipalities to establish an annual free tire collection day.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:30 a.m. Executive session on ***HB 1606-FN-A,*** relative to the rate of highway tolls, ***HB 1592-FN-A,*** requiring road toll revenues to be spent on highways and bridges and ***HB 1445-FN-A-L,*** increasing the road toll and designating the increase for the highway and bridge betterment account.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1590-FN,*** establishing a DWI fatality memorial sign program.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1471,*** relative to time limits for excavating and dredging permits.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 1499-FN-A,*** replacing the electricity consumption tax with an electricity generation tax.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1632,*** relative to continuing the commission to study the production and distribution of biodiesel in New Hampshire.

2:00 p.m. ***HB 1628,*** relative to renewable energy generation incentive programs.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1524-FN,*** relative to speed limits and keeping right except to pass and ***HB 1461,*** relative to penalties for vehicle overload.

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.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Full committee work session ***HB 1308-FN-A,*** relative to the business profits tax deduction for reasonable compensation.

9:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***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.

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1510-FN-A,*** redefining tobacco products and increasing the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes.

10:30 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.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1574-FN-A,*** increasing the beer tax.
1:30 p.m. ***HB 1547-FN-L,*** repealing a fee charged by the registry of deeds.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB
9:00 a.m. Rescheduled 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 EMPLOYMENT ISSUES AFFECTING VETERANS (SB 237, Chapter 316:2, Laws of 2007), Room 207, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 238-A:4), Rooms 305-307, LOB
12:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 305, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K), NH Technical Institute, Concord
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25), Room 201, LOB
1:00 p.m. Rescheduled complaint hearing.

COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN (HB 648, Chapter 179:1, Laws of 2007), Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Smokey Bear Boulevard, Concord
1:00 p.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 29

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1477,*** relative to cellular phone and satellite television records for child support enforcement.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1490,*** adopting the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act.

1:15 p.m. ***HB 1213,*** establishing a commission to study the juvenile justice system.

2:00 p.m. Executive session on ***HB 1383,*** adopting the uniform child abduction prevention act, ***HB 1387,*** relative to reimbursement rates for foster care respite providers.

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1532,*** relative to snow and obstruction removal from parking spaces designated for disabled persons.

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1376,*** relative to insurance penalties and ***HB 1378,*** relative to insurance taxes and fees.

1:00 p.m. Executive session on ***HB 1286-FN,*** relative to the licensing of mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, and mortgage originators, ***HB 1376,*** relative to insurance penalties, ***HB 1378,*** relative to insurance taxes and fees, ***HB 1479-FN,*** relative to sale of tobacco products and the appeals process concerning the seizure of illegal tobacco products, ***HB 1480,*** authorizing the commissioner of revenue administration to deny certain tobacco licenses, ***HB 1506-FN,*** establishing a restricted mail registry in the department of justice, ***HB 1514-FN-A,*** establishing the New Hampshire state health investment program corporation and continually appropriating a special fund, ***HB 1532,*** relative to snow and obstruction removal from parking spaces designated for disabled persons, ***HB 1571-FN-L,*** relative to inspection of construction or alteration of publicly accessible buildings for compliance with accessibility standards, and making an appropriation therefor, ***HB 1578-FN,*** relative to insurance fraud.

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 ***HB 1298-FN,*** making changes to the veterinary/medical/optometric education program, ***HB 1446,*** relative to changes to the school building aid statutes and to the schoolhouses statutes, ***HB 1504-FN-L,*** directing New Hampshire to withdraw from the No Child Left Behind Act, ***HB 1161,*** relative to the definition of truancy, ***HB 1164,*** relative to the counting of charter school pupils in the definition of average daily membership in residence, ***HB 1166,*** relative to rate setting for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing, ***HB 1169,*** relative to parental approval of a student's participation in human sexuality instruction in public schools, ***HB 1171,*** establishing a commission to study air quality issues in public school buildings, ***HB 1211,*** relative to postsecondary career courses approved by the postsecondary education commission, ***HB 1212,*** prohibiting sexual harassment in private postsecondary career schools, ***HB 1256,*** relative to safety training for certain public school extracurricular activities, ***HB 1261,*** establishing a commission to investigate a program in which senior year of high school may be spent at a community college and ***HB 1563-FN,*** authorizing public academies to receive public funds for renovation and expansion of regional vocational education programs.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1398-FN,*** requiring that certain political contributions be made in cash.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1399-FN,*** relative to the limit for political contributions.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1554-FN,*** relative to challenges of voters.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1204,*** relative to the number of write-in votes required to receive a party's nomination.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1454,*** relative to electoral college electors.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB
10:00 a.m. Update on the work of the Retirement Commission.
11:30 a.m. ***HB 1340,*** relative to the special account of the judicial retirement system.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1313,*** relative to voting by the chairman of the retirement system board of trustees.
1:45 p.m. Executive session on ***HB 1303-FN,*** relative to limiting games of chance, ***HB 1462-FN,*** establishing the office of personal financial education in the treasury, ***HB 1509-FN-A,*** establishing certain fees for operators of games of chance for the purpose of funding the education trust fund., ***HB 1545-FN-A,*** establishing a waiver option for live-racing tracks, ***HB 1598-FN,*** relative to the salary ranges for unclassified state officers,

FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB
10:15 a.m. Work session on ***HB 1612-FN-L,*** relative to county and state obligations for costs for nursing care and services, and for court orders for children services.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB
10:00 a.m. Executive session on ***HB 1393-FN,*** requiring hepatitis C cases to be reported to the department of health and human services, ***HB 1418,*** extending Medicaid to prevent gaps in coverage under the New Hampshire healthy kids program, ***HB 1549-FN,*** relative to the duration of the disability requirement for aid to the permanently and totally disabled and ***HB 1586-FN,*** relative to housing assistance for recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).
11:15 a.m. ***HB 1582-FN,*** relative to eligibility decisions under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1447-FN,*** relative to Medicaid for employed adults with disabilities.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB
10:15 a.m. Executive session on ***HB 1352,*** relative to biennial reporting on the comprehensive state development plan, ***HB 1438,*** relative to a capital appropriation for the construction of the Hampton-Exeter district courthouse, ***HB 1626-FN,*** relative to a new bridge over the Merrimack River, ***HB 1412,*** establishing a commission to study appointing or contracting with a fleet manager for state-owned motor vehicles and ***HB 1601-FN-A,*** relative to

funding for certain capital projects of the Pease development authority.

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, ***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.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1604-FN,*** relative to the electronic toll collection system.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1595-FN,*** relative to driver's license renewals by persons engaged in overseas government service.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1631-FN,*** relative to the state purchase of biodiesel fuels.

11:30 a.m. ***HB 1610-FN,*** relative to motor carriers.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1369-FN-A-L,*** relative to the amount of meals and rooms taxes retained by operators collecting the tax.

1:30 p.m. Executive session on ***CACR 24,*** relating to prohibiting any new tax on personal income. Providing that no new tax on personal income shall be levied by the state of New Hampshire, ***HB 1373-FN-A-L,*** establishing an income tax, ***HB 1593-FN-A-L,*** establishing a flat rate education income tax and relative to the statewide enhanced education tax and certain other taxes, ***HB 1596-FN-L,*** relative to fees charged by the motor vehicle division, ***HB 1618-FN-A,*** relative to motor vehicle fees and motor vehicle violation fines and relative to appropriations from the highway fund, ***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, ***HB 1309-FN-A,*** relative to the definition of "cigarette", ***HB 1510-FN-A,*** redefining tobacco products and increasing the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes, ***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, ***HB 1414-FN,*** increasing the fee for bail commissioners, ***HB 1547-FN-L,*** repealing a fee charged by the registry of deeds.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1257,*** relative to license suspensions for persons driving a vehicle while possessing drugs.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1258,*** relative to vehicle impoundment

following an arrest for DWI or refusing consent to a blood alcohol test and ***HB 1311,*** relative to impaired driver intervention programs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation, if needed.

10:30 a.m. ***HB 1520-FN,*** allowing service in the Peace Corps to be purchased as creditable service in the retirement system.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1519-FN,*** relative to the determination of gainful occupation for a group II member receiving a disability retirement allowance from the retirement system.

11:45 a.m. ***HB 1548-FN,*** relative to benefits for state employees who serve with a national guard unit or army reserve unit in Iraq or Afghanistan.

FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Department of Health and Human Services with Commissioner Toumpas.

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

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1422,*** establishing a commission on the prevention of childhood obesity.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1423-L,*** establishing a commission on larviciding.

1:00 p.m. ***HB 1505-FN,*** establishing the New Hampshire birth conditions program.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. ***HB 1597-FN,*** relative to workers' compensation compliance.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1607-FN,*** relative to compensation and annual leave for firefighters.

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

8:30 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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (RSA 282-A:128), NH Employment Security Building, 32 South Main Street, Concord
9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN (HB 648, Chapter 179:1, Laws of 2007), Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Smokey Bear Boulevard, Concord
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS ACROSS BORDERS FOR SEXUAL AND LABOR EXPLOITATION (SB 194, Chapter 122:1, Laws of 2007), Room 304, LOB
2:00 p.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 103, State House
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

COMMERCE, Room 302, LOB
9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1274,*** relative to certain securities professional designations and securities administration.
9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***HB 1152-FN,*** relative to annual reports filed by business corporations.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***CACR 29,*** relating to education. Providing that the recognition of local control of education in the New Hampshire constitution is reestablished.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1281,*** prohibiting public schools from requiring health insurance as a condition of enrollment.
11:15 a.m. ***HB 1282,*** amending the pre-engineering technology curriculum.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1285,*** relative to organization of or withdrawal from a school administrative unit.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1299,*** establishing a commission to study the feasibility of creating a preschool incentive fund program.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1146,*** relative to immunity for school personnel using necessary force to protect pupils.
11:00 a.m. ***HB 1252,*** limiting civil liability of liquified petroleum gas providers under certain circumstances.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1265,*** establishing a duty for owners of businesses and institutions to provide protection to customers and employees and liability for failure to provide protection.
2:00 p.m. ***HB 1543-FN,*** relative to the citizen's petition for redress of grievances by the legislature.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1364-FN,*** relative to public employee collective bargaining negotiations under the public employee labor relations act.

11:00 a.m. ***HB 1436,*** relative to requiring inclusion of an automatic continuation clause in collectively bargained agreements with public employees.
1:00 p.m. ***HB 1469,*** relative to public employee terms of employment, bargaining units, and dispute resolution.

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.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB
10:00 a.m. ***HB 1426-FN-A,*** relative to motor fuel import fees.
10:15 a.m. ***HB 1427-FN-A,*** relative to the fuel oil import fee.
10:30 a.m. ***HB 1512-FN-L,*** relative to disposition of motor vehicle fines.
1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on ***HB1511-FN-A,*** relative to fees for laboratory services and establishing a laboratory services fund and ***SB173,*** relative to regulation of private postsecondary career schools.

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.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WAITLIST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 171-A:1-c), Room 103, State House
11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-P:51), Room 307, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATE MENTAL HEALTH PLAN (HB 691-FN-L, Chapter 175:15, Laws of 2005), Room 202, LOB
10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on corrections.

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

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Belknap County Delegation will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, **February 19** beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Belknap County Complex in the multi-purpose room, 34 County Drive, Laconia. 1. The purpose of this meeting is to approve and pass the year 2008 Belknap County Budget. We urge you to attend. 2. Other County business as necessary.

Rep. Stephen H. Nedeau, Chairman
Belknap County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Hillsborough County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, **January 25** at 9:00 a.m. at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Goffstown. If you cannot attend please call the office at 627-5631.

Rep. David Essex, Chairman
Hillsborough County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County 2008 Budget schedule:
Rockingham County Delegation will hold a public hearing on the Commissioners' Proposed 2008 Budget (RSA 24:23) and review of Jail Union Contract Cost Items on Thursday, **January 24** at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, RCNH, Brentwood. Executive Committee meeting to follow.
Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet on Friday, **February 8** at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, RCNH, Brentwood for the Subcommittee Chairs to report budget recommendations and for the Executive Committee to vote on the budget to be presented to the full Delegation.
Rockingham County Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, **February 19** at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, RCNH, Brentwood, to finalize unfinished business prior to the Delegation Meeting.
Rockingham County Delegation (RSA 24:21-b) will meet on Tuesday, **February 19** at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Auditorium, RCNH, Brentwood, to adopt the County Budget for 2008. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be provided. Thursday, February 21 will be the storm date.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Delegation

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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.
Rep. Edgar H. Mears, 243 East Mason Street, Berlin, New Hampshire 03570.
Colleagues who so desire may send cards and greetings to the address listed above.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following HBs have revised fiscal notes: HBs. 211, 415, 432, 584, 692, 754, 765, 1580, 1598, 1599, 1602, 1603, 1607, 1608, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1619, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1626, 1635.

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 Reproductive Rights Caucus invites pro choice legislators to a 2008 legislative update and lunch to be held on Tuesday, **January 22** at St. Paul's Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the Reproductive Rights Coalition.

Reps. Candace C.W. Bouchard, Bonnie Mitchell and Cynthia Dokmo

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

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner

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The New Hampshire Order of Women Legislators (OWLs) will meet on Wednesday, **January 23** at the Upham Walker House during the lunch break from session. Brown bag lunch.

Rep. Jacqueline A. Cali-Pitts

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On Thursday, **January 24** the third annual Public Health and the Granite State: A Non-Partisan Overview for Policymakers will take place. It is organized by the New Hampshire Public Health Association and it will include an overview of public health and public health policy along with a review of the New Hampshire Public Health Association's 2008 public health priorities. It lasts from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church, 21 Center Street, Concord. Registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Rep. James P. Pilliod

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The Legislative Youth Advisory Council will meet Sunday, **January 27**, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the NH Technical Institute in Concord. They will be reviewing current legislation to decide which issues are of interest and concern to them. They are in the process of planning public forums to gather more information from their peers. The meetings are open to the public. For further information or questions contact Rep. Carolyn Gargasz.

Rep. Carolyn Gargasz

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Please join the Granite State Conservation Voters Education Fund and the New Hampshire Conservation community at our Second Annual Legislative Breakfast on **January 29th** at the Holiday Inn on North Main Street in Concord from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. There is no charge for the breakfast and program. This year's theme is "Building Bipartisan Solutions for New Hampshire's Environment" with opening remarks by Governor John Lynch and Honorable Charles Bass. Brief presentations will be made on the important conservation issues that will be discussed this session in five topic areas: Climate and Energy; Water Resources; Land Conservation; Recycling and Solid Waste; and Transportation and Land Use. The breakfast will conclude with a panel discussion outlining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative titled "RGGI 101 – what you need to know." We hope that you are able to join us.

Rep. Naida Kaen

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All legislators and staff are invited to a legislative luncheon and discussion of Electronic Medical Records in the healthcare setting on Tuesday, **January 29** from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. Come hear experts in the field discuss the advances in healthcare technology and what it means for patients, providers and privacy. Sponsored by Elliot Health System and the NH Hospital Association. Lunch to be served at 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Michael D. Whalley

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Mental Health services in New Hampshire. New Hampshire's proud tradition of providing services to its mentally ill has been seriously eroding over the last several years. You are invited to attend a breakfast session to hear the results of a two-year study on the public/private delivery of mental health services in New Hampshire. The NH Mental Health Commission will discuss the report: FULFILLING THE PROMISE: Transforming New Hampshire's Mental Health System. Representative James R. MacKay, Chairman of the Commission will provide an overview. Steve Norton, President of the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy; Lisa Mercado, Co-Chairman of the work team on Consumer and Family Driven Services and Commissioner Nicholas Toumpas of the Department of Health and Human Services will discuss the report and its implementation. There will be a discussion on the development of a legislative caucus. Please attend the meeting from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, **January 31st** at St. Paul's Church, Concord. Breakfast will be served. The meeting is co-sponsored by NAMI-NH. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Dottie McDonnell at dorothy.mcdonnell@leg.state.nh.us or call 271-8300.

Rep. James R. MacKay

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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

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Bi-State Primary Care Association and the NH Community Health Centers invite all legislators to attend the 2008 Legislative Breakfast of Champions on Thursday, **February 7**, from 7:30 a.m. (hot breakfast) to 9:00 a.m. at the Concord Holiday Inn, 172 N. Main St.,

Concord. This year's topic is Barriers to Access: Building Primary Care Capacity in New Hampshire - Workforce, Capital, Coverage. We look forward to seeing you there. Snow date: February 20.

Reps. Martha McLeod and Elizabeth S. Hager

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To all legislators: What is mental health? How interconnected are mental health, physical health and substance use disorders, and what impact do they have on suicide and suicide attempts? You along with your fellow legislators, NAMI NH family leaders board members and leaders from NH's Community Mental Health Centers, are invited to join a discussion about mental health services in NH. At the luncheon you will hear from a survivor of suicide; he will tell his story of the impact of mental illness and death by suicide on a family. This non-partisan event, sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness will be held on **February 12** from noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. Lunch will be provided. For more information please call or email: 225-5359 or info@naminh.org.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Michael D. Whalley

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

Rep. David J. Bettencourt

STATE HOUSE VISITATION SCHEDULE

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in **January 2008.** These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year and subject to changes. **Please note that if your school is closed or has a delay, that their tour will be rescheduled.** Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew. Director Caitlin A. Daniuk, Public Information Administrator

DATE	TIME	GROUP	Grade/Size
Jan 22	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	East Derry Memorial School – Rescheduled	4/100
Jan 23	9:30	St. Benedict Academy – Manchester	4/20
Jan 24	9:00/10:30 SH/HM	Pembroke Hill School	4/100
Jan 25	10:00/11:15 SH/SC	North Hampton Elementary School	5/49
Jan 25	10:00	Phoenix Academy – Dublin	HS/12
Jan 28	10:30/11:45 SH/SC	Newton Memorial School	4/60
Jan 29	9:30	Griffin Memorial School – Litchfield	4/50
Jan 29	11:00	Unity Elementary School – 2 Separate Tours	(4&8)/30
Jan 30	9:30	Griffin Memorial School – Litchfield	4/50
Jan 31	9:30	Griffin Memorial School – Litchfield	4/50
Jan 31	11:00	Dunbarton Elementary School	4/36

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

ADDITIONAL FLOOR AMENDMENT

2008-0104h

Floor Amendment to HB 310
Proposed by Rep. Butterworth

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Subdivision; Small Wind Energy Systems. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 57 the following new subdivision:

Small Wind Energy Systems

674:58 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Small wind energy system" means a wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity consistent with the net metering specifications of RSA 362-A:9 and which will be used primarily for onsite consumption.

II. "System height" means the height above grade of the tower plus the wind generator.

III. "Tower height" means the height above grade of the fixed portion of the tower, excluding the wind generator.

IV. "Wind generator" means blades and associated mechanical and electrical conversion components mounted on top of the tower.

674:59 Municipal Regulations of Small Wind Energy Systems. Ordinances or regulations adopted by municipalities to regulate the installation and operation of small wind energy systems shall not unreasonably limit such installations or unreasonably hinder the performance of such installations. Unreasonable limits or hindrances to performance shall include restricting tower height or system height through application of a generic ordinance or regulation on height that does not specifically address allowable tower height or system height of a small wind energy system.

674:60 Aviation Requirements. Small wind energy systems shall be built to comply with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration requirements, including 14 C.F.R. part 77, subpart B regarding installations close to airports, and the airport zoning regulations adopted under RSA 424:5.

674:61 Abandonment. A small wind energy system that is out-of-service for a continuous 12-month period shall be deemed abandoned. The planning board administrator may issue a notice of abandonment to the owner of an abandoned small wind energy system. The owner shall have the right to respond to the notice of abandonment within 30 days from the receipt date. The planning board shall withdraw the notice of abandonment and notify the owner that the notice has been withdrawn if the owner provides the planning board with information demonstrating the small wind energy system has not been abandoned. If the small wind energy system is determined to be abandoned, the owner of the small wind energy system shall remove the wind generator from the tower at the owner's sole expense within 3 months of receipt of notice of abandonment. If the owner fails to remove the wind generator from the tower, the administrator may pursue a legal action to have the wind generator removed at the owner's expense.

674:62 Regional Notification.

I.(a) Any municipality which receives an application to construct a small wind energy system which will be visible from any other New Hampshire municipality within a 20-mile radius shall provide written notification of such application and pending action to such other municipality within the 20-mile radius.

(b) This notification shall include sending a letter to the planning board and governing body of the municipality within the 20-mile radius detailing the pending action on the application and shall also include publishing a notice in a newspaper customarily used

for legal notices by such municipality within the 20-mile radius, stating the specifics of the application, the pending action, and the date of the next public hearing on the application. Such notice shall be published not less than 7 days nor more than 21 days prior to the public hearing date.

II.(a) Any person, prior to constructing a new small wind energy system in any municipality where no approval is required but which will be visible from any other New Hampshire municipality within a 20-mile radius, shall provide written notification of such planned construction to such other municipality within the 20-mile radius.

(b) This notification shall include sending a letter to the planning board and governing body of the municipality within the 20-mile radius detailing the planned construction and shall also include publishing a notice in a newspaper customarily used for legal notices by such municipality within a 20-mile radius, outlining the planned construction.

III. Municipalities within the 20-mile radius described in paragraphs I or II and their residents shall be allowed to comment at any public hearing related to the application. Regional notification and comments from other municipalities or their residents shall not be construed to imply legal standing to challenge any decision.

2 New Section; Model Ordinance. Amend RSA 4-C by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

4-C:5-a Model Ordinance. The director of the office of energy and planning shall develop a technical bulletin relative to model municipal ordinances for the construction of small wind energy systems. Prior to development, the director shall hold one or more public hearings and solicit comments from interested parties. The office shall provide a copy of the technical bulletin to any New Hampshire municipality that requests it.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect March 1, 2009.