

# State of New Hampshire

# HOUSE RECORD

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### HOUSE CALENDAR

#### MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

I hope members are enjoying the break from legislative activity and will return to the State House ready to work as we approach the April 9<sup>th</sup> Crossover.

The House will meet at 10:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Should we not finish acting on all early bills, it would be necessary to return on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, which is the deadline to act on early bills. The House will meet again on **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

### NOTICE

The House Finance Committee will be holding regional hearings on the state budget and members are encouraged to attend. The hearing schedule is as follows:

**SALEM**, Monday, **March 9** at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Salem High School, 44 Geremonty Drive.

**CLAREMONT**, Thursday, **March 12** at 6:00 p.m. at the River Valley Community College, One College Drive.

**WHITEFIELD**, Monday, **March 16** at 6:00 p.m. at White Mountains Regional High School Auditorium, 127 Regional Road.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen on Tuesday, **March 3**, at 8:30 a.m. in Rooms 301-303, LOB.

Terie Norelli Speaker

### NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on Wednesday, **March 4** at **9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.  
Rep. Mary Jane Wallner, Majority Leader

## NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Tuesday, **March 3 at 3:30 p.m.** in Representatives Hall and on Wednesday, **March 4 at 8:45 a.m.** in Rooms 305-307, LOB.

Rep. Sherman A. Packard, Republican Leader

## NOTICE

**The Calendar closes at 3:00 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

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

**HB 330**, relative to life, accident, and health insurance. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Edward A Butler for Commerce and Consumer Affairs: This bill, as amended, corrects an unintended deletion created when the legislature raised the age of medical coverage in some situations for young adults up to age 26 years old. This bill clarifies the definition of dependent and puts back in statute needed language to protect those who are mentally or physically incapacitated. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 610-FN**, relative to consumer protection from certain practices of mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, and mortgage loan originators and implementing the S.A.F.E. mortgage licensing act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Stephen T DeStefano for Commerce and Consumer Affairs: In response to the economic and mortgage crisis in this country, last July 30th the President of the United States signed Public Law 110-289. Title V of that law is titled the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 otherwise know as the S.A.F.E. Act. The main thrust of the law is to provide accountability and to ensure that each mortgage loan originator is qualified on the basis of knowledge and education and that he or she does not have a criminal record. Each originator will be assigned a unique number. Every mortgage loan written in the United States will bear the unique number of the individual who originated the loan. The purpose of House Bill 610-FN is to implement these federal requirements in New Hampshire law. Failure of any state to implement S.A.F.E. will result in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) stepping in and licensing that state's mortgage loan originators itself. The licensing, testing, education, criminal records checks and credit reports for each individual originator will be processed through a national licensing system mandated by S.A.F.E. where consumers will be able to look up the person with whom they are doing business. This transparency will be especially useful to regulate the loan originators as their licensing history and any problems will be monitored by the system. The language in HB 610-FN is largely model state law language that HUD has opined will meet the minimum requirements of S.A.F.E. Passage of HB 610-FN will ensure that the individuals who originate mortgage loans on New Hampshire property will be licensed and regulated by the State of New Hampshire and not by HUD. **Vote 15-1.**

**HB 616**, relative to banking overdraft fees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tara G Reardon for Commerce and Consumer Affairs: This bill would require lenders to deny purchases or charges made by consumers with their bank cards if there were not adequate funds in their accounts. Some consumers contract with their lenders for "overdraft" accounts which would

be rendered useless if this provision was enacted. Federal regulations are currently pending to establish an “opt-in” or “opt-out” procedure for consumers to choose whether to have purchases or charges paid in the absence of sufficient funds. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 636-FN**, relative to direct shipment of alcoholic beverages. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Edward A Butler for Commerce and Consumer Affairs: A bill with content similar to this bill has been introduced in the Senate. The prime sponsor of this bill requested that this one be voted ITL. **Vote 15-0.**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HB 37**, relative to the penalty for using a gun in commission of a felony. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stanley E Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill created an expansion of the crime of capital murder by adding causing the death of another “by the use of a firearm, while engaged in the commission of a felony.” New Hampshire has a very narrowly drawn law which limits capital punishment to six specific actions. The committee felt that adding any felony was too broad an expansion. On the issue of execution by firing squad for the above cited new section, New Hampshire several years ago changed the method of execution from hanging to lethal injection. This change was enacted to be consistent with a number of other states who considered lethal injection a less onerous method than hanging, electrocution or gas. **Vote 19-1.**

**HB 110**, relative to annulments for certain sexual assault convictions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David A Welch for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill, if enacted, would allow an annulment for convictions under RSA 632-A:4, sexual assault, after three years if the perpetrator was 21 years of age or younger when the crime was committed. There was testimony against this bill by the mother of an offender who states her child maxed out of prison to the community and put the community at risk. The current limit is 10 years before annulment can be considered. RSA 634-A:4 creates a Class A misdemeanor for sexual crimes against children, including rape, in RSA 634-A:2 the aggravated felonious sexual assault statute. The committee believes that our children should be protected as long as possible as in the current 10 years and cannot set the limit as low as 3 years for crimes against children. Additionally, the committee has retained a bill with similar subject matter that may address issues discussed in this bill. **Vote 19-1.**

**HB 363**, eliminating requirements for additional breath tests for blood alcohol content. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Beth Rodd for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill eliminates the traditional requirement of two breath tests for blood alcohol content levels. The second test, a check on the first, ensures accuracy of alcohol levels which may result in criminal penalties. Although the bill has a provision that allows a suspect to have an additional test at his or her own expense, there is no process for facilitating access to a test. There may also be constitutional issues in omitting the additional test. **Vote 16-3.**

**HB 491**, relative to consumption of alcohol following a motor vehicle accident. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Beth Rodd for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill shifts the burden of proof of insurance to the defendant, which is contrary to established law. There would be a presumption of guilt, rather than innocence, for the suspect. This bill violates due process standards and violates a person’s rights against self-incrimination. **Vote 20-0.**

**HB 555-FN**, decriminalizing possession of one ounce or less of marijuana. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stanley E Stevens for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill would have decriminalized possession of one ounce of marijuana or less. There was a representation by a pro-marijuana advocate that it would be better to find this bill inexpedient to legislate to reduce confusion between this bill and a bill addressing marijuana. This was one of the factors considered by the committee. Other issues were the kind of message decriminalization creates in young

people and how they may inadvertently find themselves in violation of other laws. **Vote 15-5.**  
**HB 611-FN**, relative to suspension of a driver's license for gasoline theft. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Beth Rodd for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee, while sensitive to the frustration of gasoline theft, particularly in these economic times, agreed that the penalties suggested in this legislation were too harsh. Enforcing these consequences could result in joblessness, economic hardship and financial penalties that exceed the severity of the crime **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 637-FN**, relative to bail agents and recovery agents. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Larry G Gagne for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: Currently, the law as it is does the following: these individuals are registered with the secretary of state. Other than posting a bond, there is little regulation or control over what they do. This bill, however, requires any person doing business as a bail recovery agent to be licensed by the department of safety and to provide proof of such license to the secretary of state every two years. The bill prohibits bail recovery agents from possessing or using police or police-like badges that could cause people to mistake them for bona fide state, federal, local or county police officers and forbids their wearing any police-like insignia. If these individuals carry firearms they will be required to qualify with them at least once a year under the supervision of a firearms instructor certified by the N.H. Police Standards and Training Council. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 647-FN**, relative to motor vehicle fines and violations. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Robert F Willette for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: This bill was requested by the Department of Safety to put into effect the recommendations arrived at by a legislative study this past summer. It is also to make it possible for the offender to plead guilty or nolo without appearing and losing a day's pay/work. In addition, a police officer would not have to appear at court. This bill is the result of that study. **Vote 18-1.**

**HB 653-FN**, relative to service animals. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laura C Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The committee had this bill last session. We understand how the owners of service animals feel. We are unable to address this because the Americans with Disability Act does not allow anyone to ask a person if they are disabled. There is no universal vest. Asking cities and towns to provide these tags is a Constitutional issue Part First, Article 28-a. **Vote 17-2.**

## **ELECTION LAW**

**HB 389**, relative to distributing campaign materials at polling places. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kathleen M Hoelzel for Election Law: The present law addresses this issue. Depending on the location of the polling place, differences could occur. Moderators are aware of the needs of their polling places. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 390**, authorizing access to the criminal justice information system for the purpose of enforcing election laws. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Claudia A Chase for Election Law: The committee believes that this bill allows for a "fishing expedition" by allowing the attorney general to have access to the criminal justice system in order to determine if a person is qualified to vote or seek elected office. The committee feels laws are in place already for these purposes and questions the time and personnel in the attorney general's office to pursue these types of "investigations." **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 394-FN**, relative to disclosure by candidates of criminal convictions and professional license suspensions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Claudia A Chase for Election Law: If passed into law, this could unfairly affect the outcome of an election if a candidate is innocent of a criminal act but can not prove it until after the election. Additionally, the ethics committee was not contacted before this bill was submitted and believes it does not have the resources to deal with the inevitable increase in work load. It would also serve to discourage people from running for office. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 404**, relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO**

## **LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kevin D Hodges for Election Law: The committee fully supports the ideal of allowing every candidate an equal opportunity to be listed first on the ballot and recognizes that the current system, although improved, is not yet perfect. While this bill would improve the situation, we feel another bill scheduled to come to the committee may improve it more because it would require the secretary of state to determine and use a system that gives every candidate an equal opportunity to be listed first. The system outlined here could be used by the secretary of state, but it would not be the required system by statute, as the other bill does. **Vote 15-2.**

**HB 470-FN**, relative to the order of names on ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Timothy P Comerford for Election Law: Upon reviewing relevant detailed data and testimony, the committee determined that this bill does not achieve the objective of ensuring that every candidate has an equal chance to be listed first on the ballot. Because this bill fails it's primary purpose, the committee recommends the bill be inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 506**, authorizing absentee voting by election officers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. June M Caron for Election Law: This bill authorizes absentee voting by election officials. One of the reasons to vote by absentee ballot is because a voter would not be in his/her city or town during the hours that polls are open. Since all election officials are at the polls for 12 to 14 hours, there is no reason for an election official to not be able to spend the five or ten minutes it takes to cast his/her ballot during that time. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 513**, relative to the prohibition on voting in more than one state. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David M Pierce for Election Law: RSA 659:34-a makes it a felony to vote twice in two different states in the same election. The current statute does, however, exonerate the defendant if he offers testimony or other evidence that he "legitimately moved his or her domicile to or from the other state or territory between the dates when the elections were held." This bill would shift the burden of proof on that point to the prosecution. No defendant charged with a violation of this statute should be forced to surrender the presumption of innocence and be forced to testify to defend himself. The job of proving the crime should always rest with the prosecution. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 541**, relative to placement and removal of political advertising. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Timothy Horrigan for Election Law: This bill would have prevented citizens from placing signs on portions of their property which are officially within a state-owned right of way. This is an unnecessary restriction. Signs which pose a safety risk are already prohibited. Also, most highway rights of way are in fact owned by the state or by municipalities and signs are not allowed there already. **Vote 15-1.**

**HB 548-FN-L**, requiring municipalities to have dedicated post office boxes for receipt of absentee ballots. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Timothy Horrigan for Election Law: This bill is an unfunded mandate because it requires every town or city to rent a post office box to collect absentee ballots. This would cost a town or city at least \$52.00 per year (usually more than that). There would also be additional costs associated with requiring town clerks traveling to the post office on a regular basis. This bill is also overly restrictive as to how the post office and the election officials handle the incoming ballots. Finally, the sponsors could not point to one example where an absentee ballot has been lost or that a required post office box would prevent one from being lost. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 573-FN**, relative to absentee voting. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard N Komi for Election Law: This bill would permit absentee voting without condition. The committee believes that absentee voting should be reserved for those voters who are absent from the district on election day. This committee also believes that passing this bill would negate the idea of a civic responsibility that allows the people to come together on a single day and set the direction for the country's political path. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 622**, amending the hearing dates of the ballot law commission. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Kathleen M Hoelzel for Election Law: This is a housekeeping bill that allows the ballot law commission to meet following the presidential primary, if necessary. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 623**, making various changes to the election laws. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert J Perry for Election Law: This bill was drafted on behalf of the secretary of state's office and its intent is to update various aspects of election law to reflect changing technology, the need for additional filing information and to provide clarity. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 667-FN**, relative to misrepresenting the origin of a campaign call. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Kevin D Hodges for Election Law: Current law does not prohibit, and therefore implicitly permits, a political campaign to make campaign calls in the name of another, perhaps competing, political campaign. This has resulted in some political campaigns making deceptive and mean spirited calls to unsuspecting voters. The committee believes elections should be won by a competition of ideas, not dirty tricks. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 669-FN**, relative to registering to vote. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dino A Scala for Election Law: This bill would eliminate our election day voter registration by installing the national voter registration act into New Hampshire. The majority feels this runs contrary to our same day voting, and although not perfect, we feel our system is superior to the "motor-voter" act. Also, the secretary of state's office noted a change over would be a large cost to the taxpayers of our state. **Vote 15-1.**

## **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

**HB 42-FN**, allowing the state veterinarian to employ a meat inspection services administrator. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jane E Beaulieu for Environment and Agriculture: This bill as amended allows the state veterinarian to hire a meat inspection services administrator. This administrator, a non-classified position, may be a contracted employee or an intern. This bill does not contain an appropriation at this time. This program will become effective once the USDA writes rules which may take up to 12 months to complete. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 337-FN-L**, permitting the issue of temporary licenses for certain sellers of animals. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tara A Sad for Environment and Agriculture: This bill would have required those selling more than one cat or dog per year to obtain a temporary license from the department of agriculture. This license would be valid for only 90 days. Any advertisements announcing the availability of a dog or cat for sale or exchange would have to include the temporary license number. The intent of the bill was to identify potential "puppy mill" operations. The committee concluded that since there is no evidence of a "puppy mill" problem in the state, this bill is not necessary. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 423-FN-A-L**, relative to solid waste permits. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Warren J Groen for Environment and Agriculture: This bill encourages recycling of electronic waste by means of an education and outreach program to be operated by the department of environmental services (DES). The bill adds CRTs, LCDs, and various other electronic products to the list of items to be recycled instead of entering the regular waste stream. This will encourage citizens to participate in the voluntary recycling program run by electronic manufacturers and retailers. **Vote 17-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 256**, relative to the New Hampshire accountancy act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John M Reagan for Executive Departments and Administration: A study commission report suggested this legislation to ease the practice for accountants across state lines. The national trend is to permit accountants to practice across state lines. To date, 33 states have passed similar statutes to permit this practice. It is expected nearly all other states will consider this legislation within two years. This bill is endorsed by the New Hampshire board of accountancy and supported by the American institute of CPA's and the national association of state boards of accountancy. **Vote 18-0.**

**HB 316**, relative to expenditures by boards and commissions for costs of examinations of applicants. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Don Petterson for Executive Departments and Administration: In addition to requiring applicants for licensure to have taken a national examination, some New Hampshire state boards also administer a state examination. This bill merely changes the language of RSA 332-G:2 to clarify that the charges for both types of examination be expended as spelled out in the language of the statute. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 335**, relative to the state retiree health plan commission. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Laurie Harding for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill adds a second House member and a second Senate member to the state retirement health plan commission. Membership also includes a member appointed by the governor, the state treasurer and the commissioner of the department of administrative services. In addition, HB 335 requires the commission to study future costs of post-employment benefits along with its other duties which currently include determining the actuarial assumptions to be used in the actuarial valuation of liabilities in relationship to the state retiree health benefits. **Vote 16-1.**

**HB 339**, ratifying changes to the state building code adopted by the state building code review board and revising the definition of the state building code. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John M Reagan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill ratifies changes to the state building code adopted by the state building code review board which includes all stakeholders. This bill will allow uniformity and predictability in the design and review requirements for designers and builders. It further streamlines the inspection and review of plans and actual on site building inspection. This bill may help reduce costs for construction projects in our state. **Vote 16-1.**

**HB 632-FN**, relative to including fully certified police officers of the New Hampshire hospital campus force in group II of the retirement system. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ken Hawkins for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill would move the campus police at the state hospital from group I to group II in the New Hampshire retirement system. Since January 1, 2005, only certified police officers have been hired for the hospital campus police force. As time progresses, the remaining group I officers will be replaced by certified group II members. The state has been paying for the certification of officers and then losing them to other police forces where they can become group II members. This will help the department of safety to retain employees. **Vote 18-1.**

**HB 633-FN**, relative to eligibility for medical benefits payment by the retirement system for certain group I teacher and political subdivision employee members. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Patricia M McMahon for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill clarifies the eligibility for medical benefits payment for early retiring group I teachers and political subdivision employee members if they were eligible to retire on or before July 1, 2008 prior to age 60 (with 20 years creditable service) and subsequently attained the age of 60 on or before July 1, 2009 or for those members who prior to age 55 (with 30 years creditable service) and subsequently attained the age of 55 and retired on or before July 1, 2009. This will apply to group I teachers and political subdivision employee members retroactive to May 21, 2008. **Vote 18-0.**

**HB 685-FN**, relative to medical benefits payment by the retirement system for certain vested deferred group I members. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Patricia M McMahon for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill clarifies and corrects HB 1643, Chapter 86 (2008) re the eligibility for medical benefits payments for those group I members (teachers and employees of political subdivisions) who were eligible to retire as of July 1, 2008 and retired before July 1, 2009 with a vested deferred retirement allowance. **Vote 17-1.**

## **FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES**

**HB 526**, changing certain references in fish and game laws to river herring. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joseph A Russell for Fish and Game and Marine Resources: The intent of this bill is to combine the species name alewife and blue back herring to river herring. This reference is more commonly used in fishing management. This change will aid in enforcement of laws regarding netting of river herring. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 559**, relative to the composition and duties of, and appointment to, the fish and game commission. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Margaret E Porter for Fish and Game and Marine Resources: This bill was a response to the fish and game performance audit. Overwhelming opposition from the sporting community and wildlife groups resulted in a well-attended public hearing in Representatives Hall. The committee unanimously opposed the legislation as written. The committee, the commission, and the fish and game department are committed to addressing the audit findings collaboratively. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 612**, relative to the effect of a suspension or revocation of a fish and game license from another jurisdiction. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Seth C Marshall for Fish and Game and Marine Resources: The intent of this bill is to bring New Hampshire into reciprocity with our New England neighbors with regard to the renovation and suspension of lobster and crab fishing licenses. It prevents individuals under suspension in other jurisdictions from purchasing licenses or permits to lobster and crab fish but allows the executive director discretion regarding licensing of those individuals. **Vote 16-0.**

## **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**HB 126-FN**, relative to the voluntary certification of health officers by a health officer credentialing board. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Thomas E Donovan for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill would have established a voluntary health officer credentialing board within the department of health and human services to administer a voluntary program for credentialing local health officers. The committee feels that establishing a credentialing board for health officers at this time would have negative effects in recruiting and retaining these volunteer positions especially when it is so difficult filling these positions now. We also feel that public health in New Hampshire is overdue in creating a new infrastructure and the bill presents a concept that could be considered in the total picture but one that is premature today. There is also a commission in place now that could be looking at this issue. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 226-FN**, relative to the lead paint poisoning law. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Suzanne S Butcher for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: In 2007, Chapter 293, SB 176 reduced to 10 micrograms/deciliter the threshold blood lead level that triggers investigation of lead exposure hazards in a child's environment. It also created a commission, including legislators, health officials, landlords, and other interested parties, to consider strategies to further prevention of lead poisoning in New Hampshire. Pursuant to the commission's recommendations, this bill clarifies who is to receive copies of notices and orders and removes the 2-year limitation on use of interim controls as an acceptable alternative to abatement so long as annual interim control certification is maintained, thus protecting the child while providing greater flexibility to property owners. It also specifies that case management for the child will begin at 10 mcg/dl, provides that the commissioner may obtain an administrative inspection warrant if the property owner denies consent for inspection, and provides for expedited, consolidated hearings if it is necessary to bring a civil action to enforce an abatement order. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 251**, relative to the state registry of founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Trinka T Russell for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill amends and makes technical changes to RSA 161-F:49. The terms "perpetrator" and "volunteer" are defined. In the current version of the statute these terms were left undefined. The bill also includes additional protections for incapacitated adults. Guardians and agents acting under powers of attorney will be added to the registry if there is a founded report of abuse, neglect or exploitation made against the guardian or agent. Current employers will be permitted to check the names of current employees against the registry. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 495**, requiring physicians to disclose to their patients that they do not make regular hospital visits. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John W Cebrowski for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill seeks to have

general practitioners inform their patients that they use hospitalists (physicians who work solely in hospitals) for follow-up patient visits rather than visiting the hospital themselves. The existence of hospitalists is a widespread and growing phenomenon. There is no current AMA ethical guideline responsibility to inform patients in such cases. The consensus was that this basic patient courtesy is a training and education issue that can be amply encouraged and communicated through various communication vehicles and forums, schools, and associations available to the medical profession. **Vote 18-0.**

**HB 565-FN**, relative to the pertussis vaccine for newborns. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Kate W Miller for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: While the committee recognizes the health risks posed by the exposure of newborns to pertussis, the committee heard testimony from the public health service that leads us to believe that adequate education and information about this risk is already provided to pregnant women and new mothers. We believe that the brochures shared by the public health service already meet the goals outlined by this legislation. **Vote 14-0.**

## **JUDICIARY**

**HB 65**, establishing a commission to study the application of criminal law in landlord-tenant matters. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gary B Richardson for Judiciary: This bill would establish a commission to study the application of criminal law in landlord tenant matters. The committee believes that the existing criminal statutes are adequate if they are enforced, and the committee has no authority to enforce criminal statutes. **Vote 20-0.**

**HB 70**, relative to taking stones from stone walls. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Gary B Richardson for Judiciary: This bill, as amended, would provide for treble damages, including costs of restorations, for the illegal removal of stone walls and other materials plus attorney's fees. Current law is not adequate to protect landowners from theft of stonewalls that may have little intrinsic value, but may have great aesthetic value. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 89**, exempting certain information relating to suicides from the right-to-know law.

**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gary B Richardson for Judiciary: The sponsor's motives in introducing this bill are excellent and the committee is sensitive to the difficult emotional issues experienced by families who have lost a family member to suicide. However, the public has legitimate reasons for access to information about suicide such as insurance companies and lawyers investigating claims. Also, the public has a right to have information about incidents that reflect on our social fabric. **Vote 20-0.**

**HB 118**, relative to periodic payments of judgments. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert H Rowe for Judiciary: This bill relates to the situation when a civil judgment is entered and the judge finds that the defendant cannot pay the judgment in full and the judge establishes a time payment plan. The current law states that if the defendant fails to make a payment the judge shall find the defendant in civil contempt. The original bill changed the "shall" to "may." The committee felt that the word "may" would be unfair to the prevailing party as judgments are often difficult to collect. The mandated "shall" resulting in an automatic civil contempt is too excessive. The word "shall" does not take into consideration that the failure-to-pay may be justified. To be fair to all parties the committee retained the word "shall" and incorporated conditions requiring the judge to make further inquiry as to the reasons for the default. The amendment, it is felt, is equitable to both parties in the dispute. **Vote 19-1.**

**HB 145**, repealing the law allowing assignment of superior court justices to hear cases in the district court. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David L Nixon for Judiciary: This bill was intended to prevent superior court justices from sitting in district courts due to temporary, unanticipated vacancies. However, testimony by court officials was persuasive that there was a genuine need, although on rare occasions, for court system flexibility as provided for in existing law (RSA 411:3-a). **Vote 20-0.**

**HB 157**, relative to library patron records. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Brendon S Browne for Judiciary: This bill adds materials that have been viewed in electronic form to the list of materials that a library shall keep confidential. This brings electronic records in line with other records maintained by libraries. **Vote 20-0.**

**HB 206**, relative to retention of governmental records under the right-to-know law. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Lucy M Weber for Judiciary: This bill resolves a potential ambiguity in the electronic records provision of the right-to-know law passed last year. The bill pertains only to electronic records which have been maintained for longer than the period of time required by the statute. The body is under no obligation to maintain these records, but if the records are maintained, the records must be available and accessible to the public, and access cannot be denied because the time for required maintenance has elapsed. **Vote 20-0.**

**HB 217**, relative to gender neutral references in court documents. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frances D Potter for Judiciary: Notwithstanding support of gender-neutral language in many settings, the committee finds that in court documents it would entail great expense and (as in the case of family courts) confusion in references to, for example, husband or wife. **Vote 20-0.**

**HB 263-FN-L**, eliminating the charge against the state for sheriffs' service of process for indigent plaintiffs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frances D Potter for Judiciary: No plea is valid until service of process. The service is vital. If indigent plaintiffs are unable to cover this cost, it could possibly be downshifted to counties. These bodies refuse to accept such change, and there is a Constitutional issue Part First, Article 28-a. Since legal aid doesn't handle money cases and lawyers for indigent clients are volunteers, there might be no one to serve the process. The statute, which permits waiver of filing fees for these plaintiffs, must not eliminate coverage of serving process. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 275-FN**, increasing the state reimbursement amounts for payment of bailiffs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Philip Preston for Judiciary: The state currently reimburses counties for hiring bailiffs at a rate of \$65 a day and \$45 a half day, and this bill would raise those amounts to \$80 and \$45. Since the judicial branch estimated the cost to the general fund would be in excess of \$500,000, and considering the state's current budgetary crisis, the committee concluded that it could not support the increases at this time. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 285-FN**, authorizing the supreme court to establish a fee to be imposed when a court extends the time for payment of a fine. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David L Nixon for Judiciary: This bill would authorize the supreme court to establish by rule an "equitable fee" to be added to court imposed fines whenever a court extends the time to pay such fines. Although the goal of increasing funds for the judicial system's needs is a good one, it was felt that persons who cannot afford to pay fines when imposed should not be compelled to bear an unfair share of the financial burden. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 310-FN**, relative to reimbursement of mileage for judges and marital masters. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Paul L Hackel for Judiciary: This bill establishes that judges and marital masters will be reimbursed for mileage from their residences to their assigned courts only if the mileage is in excess of 50 mile each way. Currently reimbursement is for in excess of 25 miles. The bill was supported by the judiciary as a way to decrease state expenditures by approximately \$24,000 and supported by the committee for the same reason. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 563-FN-A**, establishing a fund to provide loans to allow low and moderate income plaintiffs to retain expert witnesses in civil cases and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gary B Richardson for Judiciary: This bill would establish a fund to provide loans to allow low and moderate income plaintiffs to retain expert witnesses in civil cases. Unfortunately there is no funding available in the current fiscal climate. There are also a number of logistical problems with the bill, such as determining how much money and which of several qualified plaintiffs could be entitled to funds. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 609-FN-A**, establishing a judicial branch information technology fund. **OUGHT TO PASS.**  
Rep. Janet G Wall for Judiciary: This bill establishes a judicial branch information technology fund which will be funded from a percentage of court entry fees, as well as through an increase in penalty assessments on court fines. Because much of the hardware is 8-11 years old and software is even older, and because there is limited ability to handle viruses in the computer system, inefficiencies cause losses of hundreds of hours of productivity. Improvements in functions such as scheduling and electronic filing will provide benefits for the court system and those who use it. The bill passed the committee with bipartisan support, as the committee recognized the importance of bringing the technology into the 21st century. This bill was requested by the supreme court. **Vote 16-1.**

## **LOCAL AND REGULATED REVENUES**

**HB 212**, relative to the assessment of certain impact fees by municipalities. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Andrew R Peterson for Local and Regulated Revenues: This bill which established a new category applying to local impact fees was found to have several problems that the committee could not resolve to its satisfaction. It was also found that the current system for applying impact fees is generally working well and that this bill was likely to create more problems than it would solve.

**Vote 18-0.**

**HB 397-FN-A-L**, establishing a property tax relief program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Melissa L.B. Lyons for Local and Regulated Revenues: This bill establishes a property tax relief program whereby a taxpayer can apply for a loan for property tax relief if the applicant meets income guidelines. The fiscal note indicates the bill may increase state and county expenditures by an indeterminable amount, not to exceed \$10 million. The committee unanimously agrees that this bill would cost the state an excessive amount of money while offering the state little risk protection. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 588-FN**, relative to lowering the legal drinking age. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kathleen N Taylor for Local and Regulated Revenues: This bill, which would reduce the legal drinking age from 21 to 18, was opposed by a wide range of entities involved with health and safety of youth including the departments of safety and health and human services, the liquor commission, the highway traffic safety agency, the association of chiefs of police, the NH public health association, the NH medical society and New Futures. The committee received testimony that underage alcohol use has profound consequences for youth including increased likelihood of developing alcohol dependency, injuries from motor vehicle or other accidents, risky sexual behavior and violence. The committee also received research demonstrating that lower drinking ages in European countries do not promote responsible drinking, in fact the great majority of European countries have higher intoxication rates among young people than the United States.

**Vote 17-0.**

**HB 654-FN**, relative to the dam maintenance revolving fund and tax abatements for dam owners. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Eric G Stohl for Local and Regulated Revenues: This bill simply describes the revenues which are to be deposited in the dam maintenance revolving fund. It does not appropriate any funds at all. Last year, legislature passed SB 519-FN, Chapter 272 which among other things created a fund for revolving loans to fund the maintenance, repair, or reconstruction of privately owned dams. The problem with that bill was that it did not provide a mechanism for the revolving fund to accept revenue. HB 654-FN identifies those acceptable sources of funds. **Vote 19-0.**

## **MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**HB 152**, relative to storage of architectural blueprints by municipalities. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Betsey L Patten for Municipal and County Government: The intent of this legislation was to allow for the non-retention of architectural blueprints that were for private, commercial or industrial buildings. Currently RSA 33-A:3-a lists all the exemptions to the disposition of municipal records. If a record is not listed in this RSA then the record has to be kept permanently.

When a architectural blueprint is reviewed by the building inspector or the fire department at the local level that blueprint becomes a “governmental record” according to RSA 5:29. Therefore the result of the proposed change would be that those governmental records reviewed would have to be kept forever. RSA 33-A:3-a, XI currently requires that those architectural blueprints to be kept for the life of the building. After understanding the record retention schedule the committee determined that the change would cause all those blueprints to be kept and stored forever and it was best not to change the statute. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 183**, relative to removing supervisors of the checklist. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Franklin W Sterling for Municipal and County Government: The intent of this bill was to allow for the removal of a supervisor of the checklist who was unable to carry out the duties of the office. RSA 41:12 is an unused and unconstitutional statute which allows the governing body unfettered discretion to remove various elected officials that “in their judgment had become insane or otherwise incapacitated to discharge the duties of the office.” The attorney general’s office offered that this statute is anachronistic and should be deleted. The committee learned that there are already other statutes that allow for removal of elected officials including supervisors of the checklist and for filling vacancies, RSA 652:12. The amendment deletes RSA 41:12. **Vote 18-0.**

**HB 257**, relative to warrant articles at official ballot meetings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ronald R Boisvert for Municipal and County Government: The committee noted that an appropriation may not always carry a tax increase, that a tax increase estimate is, by definition, subject to error when calculated and may be wrong again when a final dollar amount is printed. It was also noted that municipalities regularly provide a voter guides which provide this information. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 306**, allowing towns to apply for certification of local building codes for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ronald R Boisvert for Municipal and County Government: This is a bill of good intent. However every state building code must be in compliance with the requirements of American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Local building codes are trumped by ADA. This bill is not needed. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 308**, allowing a town budget committee to establish an alternative date for its public hearing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert D Lewis for Municipal and County Government: The setting of alternative dates for public hearings in case of inclement weather is already allowed. The bill is unnecessary. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 326**, relative to certain municipal revolving funds. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Deborah Wheeler for Municipal and County Government: The sponsor asked for this bill to be inexpedient to legislate, after discussing the matter with the attorney general, and determining that there is a better way to solve the problem. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 361**, relative to the default budget in certain towns. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nancy L Carlson for Municipal and County Government: This bill added a category to the calculation of the default budget. It would have allowed reductions made by the governing body to the proposed operating budget to reduce the default budget. The committee believes that you cannot define the default budget by the proposed operating budget. It would allow mixing the past year budget with the current year budget and that would be inappropriate. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 362**, relative to zoning districts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Elaine M Lauterborn for Municipal and County Government: This bill would amend RSA 674:20 which regulates the use of buildings or land within zoning districts. The intent was to prevent a local legislative body from prohibiting residential uses in any district. This thwarts what is intended by current law and is unnecessary legislation since an appeal to the ZBA for a variance is always available. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 388**, relative to permitting village district commissioners to apply for certain bridge aid. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Betsey L Patten for Municipal and County Government: This bill would have permitted village districts organized for road maintenance to become eligible for state highway aid apportionment. There are 91 village districts in the state of New Hampshire. Though not all have been organized for road maintenance there was no information at the hearing on how many districts have been organized for that purpose. Currently only the town has the authority to accept and maintain roads within the towns and to apply for state highway aid. If there is a problem with a local road that cannot be fixed by a village district the solution would be to go the town and ask for assistance or ask to have the road be taken as a town road. The state highway aid has adequate numbers of towns asking and receiving aid and to add village districts to the mix would lessen the financial help the department of transportation could give to the towns and cities. The committee agrees with the Public Works committee that has voted this request inexpedient to legislate at least three times in the past. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 468-FN-L**, relative to caps on total billings by the state to the counties for nursing home care. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Suzanne S Laliberte for Municipal and County Government: This bill extends the caps on total billings by the state to the counties for medicaid costs for nursing homes. The caps were set up in HB 2, Chapter 263, 2007 and have been in place for two years. That chapter also allowed future legislation to extend the caps for subsequent years. This bill continues the hold harmless provision between the counties and the state until the original bill sunsets. The caps protect the counties from cost shifting down from the state. **Vote 19-0.**

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**HB 450**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David B Campbell for Public Works and Highways: This bill was, for the second session, voted out of Public Works and Highways on a unanimous vote. Last session it passed the House on a voice vote, but was killed in the Senate. HB 450 mandates several changes to the 10 year transportation plan process, including: 1.) allowing for a procedure to cull out unfeasible projects in the plan to avoid the 10 year plan from becoming a 30 year plan again; 2.) factoring an inflation factor into the plan to make it more realistic; 3.) requiring that proposed plans consider safety, multimodalism, land use, infrastructure preservation and overall corridor improvement, and; 4.) that the 10 year plan be financially constrained ((i.e. the funding is realistic). The amendment changes the requirement that the governor's advisory council on intermodal transportation (GACIT) meet semi-annually instead of quarterly, which is now the custom. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 581-FN-A-L**, increasing the road toll and designating the increase for the highway and bridge betterment account. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter E Ramsey for Public Works and Highways: The committee felt that while this bill was well intentioned, other major legislation (HB 644) endorsed after lengthy testimony and passed by the committee would accomplish the same intent. **Vote 17-0.**

## **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 176**, relative to the Monadnock advisory commission. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Henry A. L. Parkhurst for Resources, Recreation and Development: The sponsors, after consultation with the attorney general's office, realized this legislation is unnecessary and asked to have it deemed inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 14-0.**

**HB 355-FN-A**, relative to oil fund disbursement board authority and fees for oil discharge cleanup. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Chris Christensen for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill, submitted at the request of the department of environmental services and the oil fund disbursement board, addresses the reduced ability of the fund to meet pending obligations to clean up petroleum products that are leaking into groundwater. It raises the import fee on oil by one-quarter of a cent, to \$0.0175 per gallon. The fund is capped at \$5 million, at which point the fees are suspended. The board can also make rules to reduce clean-up reimbursements, such as through co-payments. It

has been 13 years since the fee was last adjusted and clean-ups are being delayed due to a lack of funds. This fund is an environmental protection fund, and not related to road tolls that are designated for the highway fund. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 469-FN-A-L**, relative to acquisition by the state of 2 parcels of land in Peterborough and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Pamela J Hubbard for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill would have appropriated general fund money for conserving land in Peterborough. The sponsor requested that it be Inexpedient to legislate because of current economic circumstances. Lack of funding makes the purchase of the two land parcels impossible at this time but the sponsor hopes to be able to fund the project through other means. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 473-FN**, relative to water treatment plants and penalties for safe drinking water violations. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Chris Christensen for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill is at the request of the department of environmental services and the department of justice. It clarifies the duties of the department of environmental services and adds that the water council shall handle appeals from administrative actions. Purposely polluting a surface water public drinking water supply, such as a lake, is made a class B felony. The vast majority of cases are handled administratively, since the department's primary goal is to restore water quality. Criminal cases are infrequent, so the fiscal note did not predict any revenues or costs. **Vote 12-3.**

**HB 490-FN-A-L**, establishing a shorefront maintenance fee. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Judith T Spang for Resources, Recreation and Development: This policy committee's judgment is that there is a growing imperative for the state to adequately fund the maintenance and repair of the dams it owns. The amendment to HB 490 replaces the shorefront property owners' fee with a recommendation that the needed funding come from either bequests or a dedicated fund to be established by the Ways and Means Committee. A legislative study has examined alternatives and made recommendations to assist with these deliberations. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 503-FN**, relative to the state's authority to lease submerged land. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Pamela J Hubbard for Resources, Recreation and Development: The sponsor testified that this bill should be voted ITL because it did not correctly identify which waters were to be affected and which structures were to be subject to leasing. The bill was intended to deal only with submerged lands in tidal areas, not lakes and rivers. It was also intended for facilities such as underwater cables, not docks and marinas. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 537-FN**, relative to penalties for oil spills. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jayne E Spaulding for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill addresses penalties for oil spills. Specifically, the bill clarifies that criminal penalties could attach to actions that are taken recklessly (i.e., without regard to consequences), and penalties for actions that are taken knowingly (i.e., with knowledge of the potential consequences). This bill was filed at the request of the department of environmental services (DES) and the attorney general's office. **Vote 16-1.**

**HB 538-FN**, relative to penalties for water pollution. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Chris Christensen for Resources, Recreation and Development: This bill amends RSA 485-A:14 by establishing penalties for the contamination of state waters. The penalty for failing to remove vehicles or petroleum containing containers from a water body that is not a public drinking water supply would become a violation. The penalty for knowingly failing to remove such objects from a domestic water supply is a class B felony. It also amends RSA 485-A-15, with penalties for placing or dumping waste in waters or on the ice of state waters ranging from a violation for negligence to a class B felony for purposely or knowingly placing waste. **Vote 16-1.**

**HB 566-FN**, relative to the regulation of backflow protection technicians. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Chris Christensen for Resources, Recreation and Development: Backflow devices are used to prevent impure water from returning into a clean water system and contaminating it. The committee learned that a well-regarded waterworks association certification program exists that

includes backflow training, and the plumber's board also felt they could run such a program. The bill provided no funds for the department of environmental services to undertake this new responsibility. **Vote 17-0.**

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

**HB 55**, relative to the definition of "bulk power supply facilities." **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Naida L Kaen for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill, as introduced, intended to correct a technical error in a bill passed last session. The amendment actually requires an entire section of the law and thereby clarifies definitions and facilitates the site evaluation process for new electric generation and transmission facilities. The language was proposed by the public utilities commission and was reviewed in its final version, without objection, by affected utilities. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 117**, repealing the gas utility restructuring oversight committee. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jacqueline A Cali-Pitts for Science, Technology and Energy: This is a housekeeping bill to repeal the defunct gas utility restructuring oversight committee. This bill passed unanimously after a discussion of gas pipeline safety issues which was one of the charges given to the committee. **Vote 16-0.**

**HB 229**, clarifying the eligibility requirements for class IV renewable energy generating facilities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Suzanne Harvey for Science, Technology and Energy: Sponsors of New Hampshire's renewable portfolio standard (RPS), passed in 2007, brought clarification of the statute's language regarding eligibility for Class IV (existing small hydroelectric) renewable energy certificates (RECs). The committee agreed that amending the language would ensure that only those facilities meeting the requirements would be eligible for NH RECs. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 269-FN**, requiring measurement of carbon dioxide produced and sequestered in this state. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne Harvey for Science, Technology and Energy: The sponsor of this bill requested that it be voted ITL. The study requested in the bill has already been conducted. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 354**, establishing a committee to study local government eligibility for certain funding for energy efficiency improvements. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert F Matheson for Science, Technology and Energy: An existing committee, the energy, efficiency and sustainability board which was established under the regional green House Gas Initiative, has agreed to address this concern. **Vote 14-0.**

**HB 375**, establishing a committee to study whether renters should be eligible for weatherization programs administered by the office of energy and planning. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert F Matheson for Science, Technology and Energy: This concern will be addressed by the existing energy efficiency and sustainability energy board which was established under the regional green house gas initiative. **Vote 14-1.**

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

**HB 90-FN**, relative to the employment of veterans on Veterans' Day. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Patrick F Garrity for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee felt that with overwhelming bi-partisan support that it is overdue and just that our veterans of 135,000 strong in our State of New Hampshire to be recognized for their service to our nation and state. What is Veterans' Day without our veterans? **Vote 17-1.**

**HB 295**, relative to mental health treatment for members of the armed forces and veterans convicted of crimes. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Alfred P Baldasaro for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The committee feels this bill has overwhelming support. We will work with the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee to ensure a good bill comes out to protect veterans with PTSD/TBI which will ensure proper decisions are made and treatment is ensured at the judicial level. **Vote 18-0.**

**HCR 4**, supporting the Basel Convention on the international shipment of hazardous waste.

## **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alfred P Baldasaro for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: There is no control of other countries of trans boundary movements of hazardous waste and its disposal. We have no control over other countries' hazardous waste programs and feel that there are good reasons why the Basel Convention was never ratified by our US Senate. Even though we are set with a system of controls that may be environmentally sound does not mean other countries have a management program in place for handling hazardous waste. **Vote 18-0.**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 528-FN**, establishing a restricted driver's license for work-related transportation.

### **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jennifer M Brown for Transportation: This bill, to establish a restricted driver's license for the purpose of going to work, was almost identical to another bill, HB 571-FN. The committee felt we could work more easily on HB 571-FN and we will do that. **Vote 15-0.**

**HB 546-FN**, relative to authorizing temporary registrations of off-highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles for nonresidents and increasing the agent fee. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Paul H Ingersoll for Transportation: This bill authorizes temporary 3-day registration of off-highway recreational vehicles of non-residents. This bill allows for a 3-day registration for anyone who comes to New Hampshire to ride off-highway recreational vehicles. This allows the non-resident to experience the many trail systems that the state has and it also increases the fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00 to the agent of the state making out the registration. This allows more people to experience our state trail system. **Vote 14-1.**

**HB 629-FN-A**, revising certain motor vehicle laws. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Karen C Umberger for Transportation: The department of safety requested changes. The habitual offenders; offenses were changed to include continuing to drive, drugs and negligent driving statutes were included. Directs that uniform carriers registration fees go to the highway fund and establishes penalties for failure to register their vehicle. Adds three self propelled implements of husbandry, sprayer, soil amendment spreader, or forage mower, to those vehicles that can be driven on the highways, excluding being driven on toll roads or the interstate highway system. The self propelled implements of husbandry will be required to have an identifying plate or decal costing \$25 for implements 15,000 or less and \$50 for implements weighing 15,001 or more. Additionally requires farmers to exercise reasonable care to prevent hazardous spillage. Adds vehicles of the department of transportation when engaged in pavement marking and line striping operations as authorized to use alternate flashing of headlamps. **Vote 14-0.**

**HB 683-FN-A-L**, relative to disposition of motor vehicle fines, relative to fines for speed limit violations, and requiring the department of safety to inform drivers of changes to the motor vehicle laws. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Karen C Umberger for Transportation: This bill would require that 20% of each motor vehicle fine be forwarded to the municipality in which the offense occurs, increases speed limit fines and requires fines be adjusted using the CPI for all urban consumers and requires the department of safety to inform applicants for driver license renewals of changes to motor vehicle laws. The committee agrees that revenue sharing between state and municipalities was not a good idea and would result in loss of money for the highway fund. There was no support for increasing fines for speed limit violations or for the department of safety to inform drivers renewing their licenses of motor vehicle law changes. **Vote 13-0.**

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 85-FN-A**, establishing the women, infants and children program fund. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Dennis P Vachon for Ways and Means: Although the committee is reluctant to create yet another dedicated fund, it recognizes the need for federally assisted programs to comply with federal law. The dedicated fund established would enable rebates from infant formula and food companies to be non-lapsing and continually available to supplement USDA federal food funds under New Hampshire's women, infants and children (WIC) program **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 562-FN-A**, establishing a job creation tax credit for the town of Greenville. **INEXPEDIENT**

#### **TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gilman Shattuck for Ways and Means: The committee agrees that job creation tax credits are a good concept but must be used cautiously. Last year, the committee recommended a similar bill to apply to Coos county. The entire area of this county has widespread, long term and extensive economic problems. That bill is now law providing a modest benefit to the area. HB 562 would benefit only a very limited area and population – just one town. Job opportunities are available with reasonable commuting distances to nearby towns – something not true in Coos county. Because this bill would benefit just one town, the bill raises a major constitutional issue. **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 583-FN-A-L**, establishing an income tax to adequately fund public education and relative to employment of teachers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ron J Mack for Ways and Means: This bill establishes an income tax at the rate of 5% to adequately fund public education. The bill also requires public school teachers in this state to become state employees beginning in fiscal year 2012. The bill also requires applicants for state licenses and registration to be current with the state income taxes, and finally, the bill repeals the interest and dividends tax. The committee discussed thoroughly the department of revenue administration's testimony that they could not administer the bill as written. The committee concluded unanimously that the bill as drafted would be difficult to administer **Vote 19-0.**

**HB 600-FN**, relative to dedicated funds maintained by the state treasurer. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. William A Hatch for Ways and Means: This bill further defines accounting and reporting requirements for various dedicated funds. It is a concern of the sponsors and others that there is not an adequate method to review and assure that certain dedicated funds were expended responsibly for the intended purpose. The committee agreed by a unanimous vote. This bill in part addresses that concern with its reporting requirements. **Vote 19-0.**

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

### **REGULAR CALENDAR – PART I**

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

**HB 345-FN**, allowing physical therapists to practice on animals. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Leigh A Webb for the **Majority** of Environment and Agriculture: The purpose of this bill is to provide additional treatment options for owners whose ailing animals would benefit from physical therapy by certified therapists as determined and referred by a licensed veterinarian. The amendment was worded so as not to exclude other alternative therapies which might also be beneficial, yet would not necessarily be sanctioned by a licensed vet, or be covered under the term "physical therapy" as defined by this bill. **Vote 11-5.**

Rep. Laura J Gandia for the **Minority** of Environment and Agriculture: This bill as written imposes too many restrictions and constraints on physical therapists and veterinarians relative to deadlines and procedures that may be viewed as unduly onerous.

**HB 399-FN-A**, relative to industrial hemp and establishing an industrial hemp special program fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert H Haefner for Environment and Agriculture: The majority of the committee noted several reasons to oppose the hemp bill. There is no law today in NH that prohibits a farmer from growing hemp. The prohibition is federal. We struggle with passing a bill to allow growing of hemp when it is already okay under state law and then putting restrictions on it. Some members had trouble with the number of restrictions on the farmer and mandated inspections required along with a licensing fee. Several members noted that the prohibition is federal and the wrong level of government is being lobbied. While hemp supporters are trying to send a message to

Washington, the majority thinks it is better to do that by resolution than an unnecessary law. Some members of the majority also had an issue with passing a law in NH that is against federal law. If this bill were to pass, no one could grow hemp until federal law is changed. There was also concern of growing hemp over the objections of law enforcement. No one provided good data to show demand for hemp products. We were told that there is demand, but no data. **Vote 9-8.**

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 174-FN**, establishing a performance measurement system for state agencies. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Laurie Harding for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill requires that state agencies work towards using a measurement system which would provide policy makers, members of the executive branch and New Hampshire citizens with meaningful data as to the outcome of specific agencies and programs funded by our state dollars. The amendment creates a pilot program in the department of health and human services using a process already established by the department of health and human services. This pilot program will become a model for other agencies as they, too, move forward with an outcome measurement system. The department of health and human services will work with designated staff members in other departments. An interim and final report is required to inform the legislature of agency progress. **Vote 16-1.**

**HB 420-FN**, relative to the determination of gainful occupation for a group II member receiving an accidental disability retirement allowance from the retirement system. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John M Reagan for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill removes the application of the gainful occupation reductions to retirement allowances of group II accidental disability beneficiaries who have a total of 20 years combined service plus years of accidental disability retirement. Currently, earned income while receiving a disability benefit plus the pension amount may not be greater than \$1,000 more than "current comparable compensation" or be subject to an offsetting reduction. Current comparable compensation is the amount the person would earn if he/she were holding the former position (taking into account current average overtime, holiday and special duty pay). Eliminating the restriction allows the beneficiary to keep their earnings while receiving their accidental disability allowance. **Vote 14-2.**

**HB 590-FN**, relative to the retirement age for group II members. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John M Reagan for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration: This bill requires new hires to work 25 years to qualify for a pension from the New Hampshire retirement system. Currently, employed group II members in New Hampshire join only Arizona in allowing 20 year eligibility for retirement. The union term for two groups receiving dissimilar benefits is "split benefit". At different times and under different conditions, employers hire new employees under the influence of current economic realities. There is no reason for the New Hampshire state and local governments to be forced to continue a practice of early retirements at great expense to their constituents when employees are willing to work with retirement benefit starting after 25 years of service. Increased life spans have placed a burden on the retirement system fund. The ability to amortize the fund for five additional years will greatly reduce the contribution rate for both employee and employer. **Vote 15-4.**

Rep. Daniel J Sullivan for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration: This bill asks those police officers, firefighters and corrections officers who are hired after July 1 to work an additional five years to receive the same benefit as those received by his or her co-workers, who are doing the same job, but were hired the day before. The minority believes this unjust "split benefit" will be counterproductive, causing resentment between workers in the workplace and will also hurt recruitment. Our retirement system offers some of the best benefits in the nation, attracting some of the highest quality workers from all over. Changing the benefits will effectively have 50+ year old men and women chasing down criminals on the beat, carrying people down ladders, and wrestling with the most dangerous inmates in our prisons, clearly young persons' jobs if ever there was one. Also, statistics show that after forty years of age, workers compensation claims rise dramatically, costing our cities and towns, and in effect, taxpayers, untold additional dollars, while at the same time putting lives and property at risk.

**HB 598-FN**, relative to the regulation of auctioneers by the state board of auctioneers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Charlotte Houde-Quimby for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill makes some appropriate changes and updates to the law governing auctioneers in the state of New Hampshire. The committee recognizes and appreciates the intent of the board of auctioneers to protect the public in the care and sale of personal property. However, the committee drew a distinction between the sale of significant property or personal estates and the competitive bidding sale of personal property on the internet on behalf of oneself or another, including the acceptance of a fee, providing the person doing such selling does not promote themselves in any way as an auctioneer. **Vote 10-9.**

**HB 651-FN**, relative to regulation of private investigative agencies and security services. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter B Schmidt for Executive Departments and Administration: This bill is the product of several years of study and effort by legislators and state agencies. It requires regulation of private investigative agencies, security guard agencies and bail enforcement agencies by the commissioner of safety. The amendment expands the list of currently lawful activities of numerous other tangential entities from regulation by the commissioner. **Vote 11-0.**

## **FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES**

**HB 481-FN-A**, establishing a recreational saltwater license for taking finfish in coastal and estuarine waters. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dennis F Abbott for the **Majority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources: This bill serves two purposes. First, it will provide a necessary database of saltwater anglers to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that will enable the NMFS to gather information needed to determine catch and effort. This will result in greatly improved data for managing fish stocks. Second, it will provide needed revenue for the fish and game department to continue a history of outstanding service for our sportspersons here in New Hampshire. The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2011 which is when the federal government will begin charging anglers a fee for enrolling in the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) if their state does not have their own program. That fee is expected to be \$10 more than our licensing proposal. States having a licensing program and meeting the federal requirements will be exempt from MRIP and therefore will not have to pay for the federal registry but able to keep the revenue themselves. The bill offers reciprocity to Maine and Massachusetts. Presently all states south of New Jersey and extending to the state of Washington have saltwater licenses. The remaining six, including New Hampshire, are preparing legislation that will keep revenue in their states. **Vote 15-1.**

Rep. Gary S Hopper for the **Minority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources: Although we agree with the intent of the bill, we find its implementation too onerous. The federal government needs a database that it can use to ascertain the types and quantities of fish taken in New Hampshire waters. They have threatened to charge our citizens \$25 for a Federal Salt Water Fishing license if we don't license them first. Article 10 of the Bill of Rights would prevent them from following through with their threat. To achieve the database that we and the federal government would like to have in place could be accomplished on a volunteer basis. This would keep the folks in New Hampshire from incurring an unnecessary fee.

## **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**HB 400-FN-A**, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for personal care attendants and personal care services providers and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert G Bridgham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill would raise the reimbursement rate for personal care workers by \$3/hour. It was noted, however, that the \$3 increase would go to the service agency and only a part of the increase would be passed along to the individual worker. The bill posed difficulties for all committee members who agreed that personal care workers do essential work and are not adequately compensated. The majority of the

committee gave greater weight to arguments that the bill would distort the workplace by rewarding only one group when a similarly persuasive case could be made for home health aides, homemakers, companions, and other direct care workers, and that the time was not right for such an increase when other health and social services face the prospect of reductions. We look forward to improved economic times when the wages of all direct care workers can be better aligned with their value. **Vote 14-6.**

**HB 422-FN**, relative to retail health clinics. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frank G Case for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill was intended to pass legislation for the licensure and operation of retail health clinics, also known as convenient clinics. The department's licensing bureau chief testified that these retail health clinics would be licensed under RSA 151:9 and He-P 806 rules. He also stated that these could be licensed at the present time under these laws and rules. **Vote 17-1.**

**HB 486-FN**, prohibiting the department of health and human services from entering into a contract with Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. or any organization that provides abortion services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Rich T DiPentima for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill would prevent a number of health care providers throughout the state from providing basic preventive health care services to poor and uninsured men and women. The federal Title X funds used for this purpose expressly prevent any of these funds from being used for abortions or abortion services. These funds do provide for family planning, immunizations, cancer screening and examinations, HIV testing and counseling, and sexually transmitted disease diagnosis and treatment. If unused, these funds cannot be used for other purposes and must be returned to the federal government. In the absence of these programs, many men and women would not have access to such services, resulting in increased unintended pregnancies, delayed diagnosis of potential life threatening diseases such as cervical and breast cancer, as well as potential consequences from untreated sexually transmitted diseases. Therefore, the majority feels this bill is inexpedient to legislate as it would create increased public health concerns. **Vote 14-4.**

**HB 589-FN**, relative to regulating the resomation of human remains. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.**

## **JUDICIARY**

**HB 281-FN**, increasing the maximum amount of debt or damages for small claims actions and requiring mediation for small claims actions exceeding \$5,000 and establishing a fee for the cost of such mediation. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gary B Richardson for the **Majority** of Judiciary: This bill increases the maximum jurisdictional limit of damages for small claims court to \$10,000 and requires mediation for small claims exceeding \$5,000. The advantage of increasing the limit is to enable more people who cannot afford an attorney to represent themselves and get the benefit of mediation which has proven highly effective in settling cases. The minority correctly points out that \$10,000 is a lot of money and is worried that creditors will take advantage of debtors. The majority believes that the court supervised mediation called for in the bill will actually improve the protection of low income defendants who would not be able to hire an attorney regardless of whether the case was heard in small claims court or district court. **Vote 12-6.**

Rep. Robert H Rowe for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The minority objects to this bill in that the doubling of small claims limits will result in judgments that will create a burden on the lower income citizens and elderly. The low cost of entry fee, inexpensive first class mail service in small claims actions, the informal nature of the trial and speed of the process will encourage increased numbers of suits. The doubling of limits from \$5,000 to \$10,000 will benefit collection agencies, banks and credit card companies at a time when many New Hampshire citizens are unemployed, laid-off or under a threat of or experiencing reduced income. The small claims trial process usually consists of a 5 to 10 minute bench discussion with a judge and with the defendant citizen not having the opportunity prior to trial to discover the evidence to be presented against them such as witnesses, documents and exhibits. Small claims actions can, and do promote ambushes by the

experienced plaintiffs. Further the law provides that a small claims judgment can be used as a basis to attach assets including real estate, personal property, wages and bank accounts. Only a small minority of our 50 states have a \$10,000 limit in small claims court. Now is not the time for a doubling of small claims limits.

**HB 344-FN**, establishing the number of associate justices of the superior court. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David L Nixon for the **Majority** of Judiciary: This bill would provide that the NH superior court, the trial court of general jurisdiction, shall consist of a chief justice and 23 associate justices. At present there are only about 19 such justices. Although the funds to implement this bill may be difficult to find it was felt that the need of NH citizens for access to our courts, as guaranteed by the constitution, is great enough to support the legislation **Vote 12-8.**

Rep. Lawrence B Perkins for the **Minority** of Judiciary: This bill is estimated to increase states expenses for 2010/2011 by \$741,660.00. In the current economic climate it is difficult to justify increasing the number of justices, especially after deferring jury trials to reduce judicial expense.

**HB 682-FN**, relative to court security and court security officers. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David L Nixon for the **Majority** of Judiciary: This bill constitutes a comprehensive modification of NH's court security system, including and involving (1) improved protection for the public, court personnel, and officers of the court, (2) place the principal burden of the court safety upon county sheriffs, under the supervision of the supreme court and (3) provide for training of court officers at standards set by the police standards and training council. The bill was strongly supported by the judicial branch, the police standards and training council and the sheriff's association. **Vote 12-8.**

Rep. William L O'Brien for the **Minority** of Judiciary: While there do exist substantial security measures that currently protect our courts, additional training, standards and personnel would enhance those measures in positive ways. Unfortunately, the enhancements proposed in this bill would cost at least \$10 million over the first two years of implementation alone, an expenditure that the minority of the committee determined is unwarranted when there do not exist sufficient funds to hire judges for all the open judicial positions and weeks go by without funds for civil jury trials.

This is a bill the state cannot afford and we need not refer it to a second committee to have it make that determination which is obvious now.

## **LOCAL AND REGULATED REVENUES**

**HB 461-FN-A**, establishing a state-owned casino to provide funds for public education.

**MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Mary Beth Walz for the **Majority** of Local and Regulated Revenues: This bill proposes establishing two state-owned casinos at least 100 miles apart. Both the committee and the sponsor agree that this bill is not ready for passage. There was no support for this bill. **Vote 15-4.**

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt for the **Minority** of Local and Regulated Revenues: Sponsors of this bill, which would allow for one (or two) state-run casinos in New Hampshire, acknowledged that it really represents an attempt to promote some type of gambling but is in fact not fully ready for passage as currently configured. Both the majority and minority of the committee agrees, and there was no support for passing this bill as presented. However, in meeting our obligation to seriously look at the issue of gambling, the committee agreed to broaden the scope and consider numerous proposals which are out there, including facsimiles of two bills which are pending in the Senate and may or may not come to us later. The committee spent several days hearing from "expert" proponents and opponents of gambling, and some members went on the road to Rockingham Park and Seabrook Park, two of the proposed sites for expanded gambling, sites which also currently operate charitable "casinos". In deciding whether to move forward with gambling for New Hampshire, pros and cons must be weighed. The committee attempted to do this by delving into various revenue estimates as well as into estimates for costs, both social and tax costs. In considering possible revenues, three factors come into play: the number of machines

installed; the estimated take per machine per day; and the state's take on revenue. Estimates are all over the map, as little as \$148 per machine per day in one Senate plan to \$350 per day in the proposal put forward by Millennium for Rockingham Park. Number of machines ranges from 5500 at six locations in one plan to 17,000-19,000 in other plans. (For comparison purposes, note that both Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, the world's largest casinos, currently have approximately 7000 machines). The state's take would range from 50 percent to 64 percent in the two most widely discussed proposals. That is comparable to Rhode Island but is considered on the high side when compared to all states which currently allow casinos or racinos. Social costs are even harder to quantify. It is generally agreed that the number of pathological and problem gamblers, currently in the one to two percent range, would increase with the addition of these facilities, perhaps double. Then, we would have to assign specific dollar costs per person. The committee is unable to do this with any degree of certainty and is not confident that study will produce a firm handle on this number with any degree of certainty. However, given the complexity of the issue and the possible need for revenues as we proceed through the session, the minority deems it wise to retain this bill. We note that the governor has presented a balanced budget with additional taxes, fees, and one-time revenue sources and with significant cuts in services but without using gambling as a source revenue. However, he did not completely rule out expanded gambling and only by amending this bill (or House Bill 593) to allow further study would the House have necessary wiggle room when push comes to shove as it inevitably will. An ITL motion is both short-sighted and irresponsible with so many questions remaining unanswered. Another factor we considered was a the "likely" expansion of gambling in Massachusetts. Estimates range from a 15 to 50 percent decrease in revenues from gambling here should Massachusetts establish two or more racinos in the eastern portion of the state. Should Massachusetts establish such facilities, New Hampshire and Vermont would be the only states in the Northeast (including Quebec and Ontario in Canada) without them.

**HB 593-FN-A**, authorizing the licensing and construction of destination resorts with gaming facilities including table gaming and video lottery machines, and authorizing gaming facilities at existing pari-mutuel licensees, including table gaming and video machines. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mary Beth Walz for the **Majority** of Local and Regulated Revenues: This bill proposes to authorize casinos and video lottery terminals (slots) at the racetracks. These facilities would be privately owned and managed.

The committee examined the projected revenues and the projected costs from these facilities. The committee was unable to determine reliable numbers for either revenues or costs. However through facts presented in the testimony of both the proponents and the opponents, the committee was able to draw some conclusions.

The revenue projections appear to be unrealistically high. The number of proposed slot machines exceeds everywhere in the northeast except Atlantic City. The committee did not believe that the projected number of machines was a credible number. The committee also believes any revenue projections must include an assumption that Massachusetts will legalize slot machines at their race tracks, two of which would draw visitors from the same area as facilities in southern New Hampshire. Studies predict that the presence of slots in Massachusetts will decrease revenues in New Hampshire by at least 20% and as much as 50%. Finally, revenue projections need to reflect the significant drop in gambling revenues due to the current recession.

The proponents would have us believe that revenue could be generated quickly. Yet other states have taken from a year and a half to three or more years to realize revenues after authorizing an expansion of gambling. The NH attorney general has stated that it would take a year just to pass rules.

The expansion of gambling will also diminish some existing revenue sources for the state. There is a limited amount of discretionary entertainment dollars available in the state. It is expected that the presence of slots will diminish the sales of lottery tickets, and existing hotels and restaurants are expected to lose business to casinos.

The committee learned that there is no connection between having casinos and maintaining a low

tax burden within a state. Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Maine all have slots and all are in the top ten states of tax burden per capita. Atlantic City, home of eleven casinos, continues to have a high property tax rate.

The committee found it difficult to quantify the costs to the state. The attorney general testified that there is an increase in crime, problem and pathological gamblers, bankruptcies, and suicides within a fifty-mile radius of gambling establishments. Various studies given to the committee support each of her assertions. Since statistically we are now the safest state in the nation, she questioned why we would want to bring in an industry that would adversely impact our own safety and quality of life. This was reinforced by the chiefs of police, who just voted 53-0 to oppose expanded gambling.

The committee recognizes that once the state allows expanded gambling, there will be no going back. Every state with expanded gambling has become dependent on the revenues. The committee concluded that whatever benefits may flow to the state do not seem to be worth the long term costs to the state in the diminution of the quality of life and the diminution of the image of the state as a great place to visit and live.

Finally, the committee knows it can continue to study this issue and make recommendations. The committee has collected the past studies of the body as well as the boxes of outside studies used to look at the impact on New Hampshire. Whether a bill arrives from the Senate or not, the study will continue. **Vote 12-8.**

Rep. Robert L Theberge for the **Minority** of Local and Regulated Revenues: A minority of the committee believed this bill was not ready to be voted out of committee, either OTP or ITL for two reasons: 1) that although the committee has heard hours of testimony and has discussed members personal perspectives on the general subject of gambling in New Hampshire, it has not spent any time whatsoever scrutinizing the salient points and implications of this particular bill, and 2) that by voting to ITL all bills relating to gambling, at the same time expressing an interest in further studying the issue, most particularly its economic benefits versus its social costs, the committee has lost a vehicle through which to recommend the implementation of such findings.

**HB 666-FN**, relative to unlawful gambling. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Liz H Merry for Local and Regulated Revenues: This bill forbids gambling not specifically authorized by the racing or charitable commission, the lottery commission or the General Court. The committee recommends ITL as this bill is “redundant”, its content being adequately covered by RSA 647:2 and other law. Further, the FN indicates there will be fiscal impacts on the court system relating to prosecution and judicial activity. **Vote 17-3.**

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**HB 125-FN-A**, increasing the rate of the gas tax and dedicating the increased revenues to development and improvement of highway-related transit systems serving New Hampshire residents. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John A Graham for Public Works and Highways: This bill would have raised the road toll (gas tax) by a penny for use by mass transit systems. However, Part II, Art. 6-a of the state’s constitution specifically prohibits the use of the road toll for purposes such as this. Therefore, the committee recommends that the bill be found ITL. **Vote 16-1.**

**HB 391**, authorizing the department of transportation to convey a portion of interstate highways to the bureau of turnpikes, to redefine the eastern New Hampshire turnpike, and to increase the aggregate amount of bonds the state may issue. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David B Campbell for Public Works and Highways: This bill as amended authorizes NH department of transportation, acting on behalf of the state, to convey to the NH bureau of turnpikes a portion of I-95 (1.6 miles from the Portsmouth Traffic Circle to the Maine border) for \$120 million, paying the highway trust fund an anticipated \$15 million per year for the first two years then \$7.5 million per year for 18 years. This legislation also authorizes the building of open road tolling on I-95 Hampton north and south toll and improvements and construction to the Blue Star Memorial Highway and Spaulding Turnpike, repair and improve bridge on Route 107 over I-95 in Seabrook, construction of the Newington-Dover Little Bay Bridge project and increases the aggregate amount of bonds the state may issue. The amendment clarifies the intent of the bill to

include installation of open road tolling for the Hampton toll on I-95 and corrects figures in the original bill. **Vote 17-0.**

**HB 644-FN-A-L**, increasing the rate of the road toll, establishing the New Hampshire road and bridge account, and limiting the uses of road toll revenues. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David B Campbell for Public Works and Highways: The House Public Works and Highways Committee, in its recommendation of HB 644 as amended, is attempting to fix one part of a broken system. The NH highway trust fund and the NH DOT are responsible for over 4,300 miles of state maintained highway, and over 2,000 state bridges (137 are “red” listed – meaning 1 or more structural defects – and 267 are “pink” listed meaning they are on their way to needing major work). Ideally, it is structurally necessary to repave roads on an 8 to 10 year cycle. However, our state’s current repaving program is severely under-funded. Historically, the DOT paved over 500 miles per year, a number which has been steadily declining since 1996, to where that number will be reduced to only 260 miles in 2009. This translates to a 16 year repaving cycle. In this time frame, many roads will need to be rebuilt, not just repaved, at a much greater cost. Even after the \$21 million in cuts proposed by the governor, DOT is projected to have a cumulative operating and capital deficit by 2018 in excess of \$1 billion (assuming 2% revenue growth and 3% expense growth). Additionally, there will still be a \$300 million deficit for the I-93 widening, and 50 of the state red listed bridges and all the pink listed bridges will not be addressed over the next 10 years. The major reasons for this infrastructure crisis are many, including; a) An aging system; most was built between the 1930’s and 1970’s; b) Hyper-inflation in the construction industry (almost 60% over the last 4 years alone); and c) Revenue Stagnation – The road toll/gas tax (currently at 18 cents) has not been raised since 1991.

After several years of studies by Joint House/Senate commissions, and the Public Works & Highways Committee, HB 644 has been designed to fix the most critical road and bridge needs and DOT’s financial crisis, not just for the biennium, but for the next ten years. HB 644 as amended proposes the following: 1) To raise the gas tax 5 cents per gallon per year for 3 consecutive years: 7/1/2009, 4/1/2010 and 4/1/2011; 2) It establishes the “NH Road and Bridge Account,” which requires that 12¢ of the 15 ¢ per gallon goes to the “construction, reconstruction and maintenance of state and municipal roads and bridges;” 3) The other 3 cents (one cent per year) goes to the existing betterment program and divides road and bridge money among the six DOT Districts for road and bridge projects under \$1 million. Every cent of the increased gas tax goes to improving state and municipal roads and bridges; 4) No exceptions or diversions are permitted from the increased gas tax under this bill; 5) The diesel portion of the gas tax increase (5 cents per year) is spread out every other year: 7/1/2009, 7/1/2011 and 7/1/2013; 6) 12 percent of the gas tax increase goes directly to cities and towns and increases municipal block grant aid by \$5 million per year per nickel increase. In 3 years, municipal block grant aid will have increased by 50% from \$30 million to \$45 million; 7) This bill also raises approximately \$111 million per year (\$37 million per nickel increase) for the state’s roads and bridges; and 8) Finally, there is collection language in the bill and it establishes a commission to study future sustainable revenue growth for funding improvements to state and municipal highways and bridges with the advent of alternative fuel vehicles.

The committee also considered the governor’s proposed program for DOT and the majority chose to institute certain portions of the proposal in other legislation. The bipartisan majority of the committee believes that this legislation to raise the road toll/gas tax is the fairest, least painful, most complete and beneficial mechanism to fix NH’s long term infrastructure problem.

If this bill is enacted, it will accomplish the following: 1) eliminates the projected ten year funding shortfall, and results in a projected \$300 million surplus in 2018, without turnpike-wide toll increases; 2) doubles the betterment account, which spreads money to all six NH DOT districts; 3) doubles the amount of paving done on state roads from 260 to over 500 miles per year, putting the state back on an 8 to 10 year repaving schedule; 4) increases municipal aid by over \$15 million resulting in the first true property tax relief enjoyed by municipalities from the state in many years; 5) brings about a net increase of 1,100 jobs in the state of NH; and, 6) allows the state to pay

its share of federal funding match in cash, rather than with turnpike toll credits, resulting in over \$200 million more construction work over the next 10 years.

The impact to a driver who drives 10,000 miles a year and gets 20 MPG would be \$25 per year, per nickel increase spread out over the year, assuming all of the tax revenue is directly passed through to the customer. A committee member, who owns a gas station, related that gas prices in Maine (where the gas tax is 10¢ higher) are often equal to or less than NH stations, demonstrating that market forces, not gas taxes, more determine the price of gasoline.

Some believe that the DOT funding gap can be closed by reclaiming monies from the highway fund that are used by the Dept. of Safety. These monies are constitutionally permitted under Part II, Article 6-a of the NH Constitution, and have been approved under successive legislatures and governors. The state cannot simply transfer these funds from non-highway to highway purposes, without creating a hole of equal amount in the general fund. However, last session the General Court passed RSA 9:9-b, limiting the further growth of non-highway/bridge expenditures from the highway fund. It requires, that of current gas tax monies, at least 74% of all highway funds go to the DOT and limits to 24% the amount of highway funds to the Department of Safety.

Additionally, this bill mandates that 100% of the 15 cent gas tax increase goes exclusively to state and municipal roads and bridges. Others have questioned the productivity and efficiency of DOT. It should be pointed out that DOT takes care of more lanes of highway with fewer employees than it had 20 years ago. Further the governor and the DOT commissioner have proposed over \$20 million in cost cuts and efficiencies. Lastly, others will argue falsely that the stimulus package will cure our problems. Without this proposed gas tax increase, but with the stimulus package of \$129 million of road and bridge work, the DOT operating and capital budgets will still be over \$1 billion in the red 10 years from now.

The many groups supporting raising the gas tax range from the NH Municipal Association and the NH Planners Association, to AAA and the entire construction industry. The trucking and logging industries were opposed to the bill in spite of the concession made to diesel vehicles in stretching out the period of the tax increase. The majority of the committee felt that the trucking industries also rely on roads and bridges in good condition, contribute to their wear and tear, and will still benefit from an overall diesel tax that will be at or below the national state average.

Massachusetts, for example, is already 3 cents higher than NH, and is proposing to raise its gas tax 19 cents this year.

The consequences of not fixing the problem and insufficiently funding or deferring action are very grave. Inflation will continue to erode future budgets, just as time will continue to erode our roads and bridges. The time delay raises the costs of fixing the problem geometrically, not arithmetically, which will mean more and more severe deterioration of our infrastructure and greater and greater expense for future generations. **Vote 14-3.**

**HB 670-FN**, relative to the discount rate used in the electronic toll collection for frequent users. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dale R Sprague for the **Majority** of Public Works and Highways: The amendment changes the original form of this bill pertaining to the E-Z Pass discounts. This bill as amended reduces the E-Z Pass discount from 30% to 15% for passenger vehicles and motorcycles. It also caps the E-Z Pass billing to 33 transactions per month per transponder with no charge for toll trips thereafter in the State of New Hampshire. It would also keep the commercial discount at 10% with no transaction cap. In these tough economic times, after testimony, review, and following up on the governor's proposal, the majority of the committee voted to institute a cap on the commuting costs of working people. When the E-Z Pass discount was established and during several years of proposed legislation asking for toll relief, a commitment was made by DOT and the Public Works and Highways Committee to look at a "revenue neutral" restructuring of the discount to benefit commuters and residents who live near one or more toll booths. This proposal is a fair and equitable way of tolling our current turnpike system while keeping its financial impact revenue neutral. Although other models were brought forward that would have created up to \$4.4 million in additional revenue, it was judged unfair, by the committee majority, because it instituted a \$30

cap, NO discount and made no adjustment for tolls of different rates around the state. Because all toll rates in the state are not uniform, this billing method is more fairly based on transactions and not on a specific dollar amount. This legislation will give considerable financial relief to 41,000 working commuters throughout New Hampshire and fulfills the commitment made to frequent NH toll users and communities near toll booths. **Vote 10-7.**

Rep. Gene G Chandler for the **Minority** of Public Works and Highways: This bill, as amended, caps the number of E-Z Pass transactions at 33 per month and reduces the discount for EZ Pass users from 30% to 15%. Our toll system is set up as a user pay type system, but this bill severely reduces the amount frequent users of the turnpike system will be paying to support the system. The most important reason to oppose this legislation is the legislature going back on its promise made when we instituted the E-Z Pass system. We told New Hampshire turnpike users that we would stop the use of the 50% discount for tokens and go to an E-Z Pass system that would have a discount by touting the ease of using an E-Z Pass. Now only a few short years later, we are telling our constituents – whoops; we didn’t really mean it and we are now going to take away another 15% of your discount. This bill is pretty much revenue neutral so we are contributing nothing extra to the management of the system, only costing a number of our constituents more money in order to save frequent users from paying what could be considered their fair share.

**HB 671-FN**, amending the motorist service signing program to allow the department of transportation to charge a fee for attraction signs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David B Campbell for Public Works and Highways: The bill as amended allows a fifth category of the blue directional signs with company logos that precede exits on turnpikes and interstate highways. This bill adds “attractions,” within 20 miles of the exit, to the existing categories of “fuel,” “lodging,” “camping” and “food.” The costs of these signs are fully paid for on a pro-rata basis by the advertisers. The majority of the committee supports the DOT’s recommendation that these signs promote business and tourism by informing and directing motorists to the listed destinations. **Vote 15-2.**

## **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 205-FN-A**, relative to certain boating fees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Suzanne H Gottling for Resources, Recreation and Development: Boat registration fees have not increased since 1988. Marine patrol’s responsibilities have grown considerably and require more funding, as has the need to expand the water bodies receiving prevention and treatment for invasive aquatic weeds. This bill will also raise the payments to agents registering boats. These new rates will sunset in 2015 to allow for an opportunity to reconsider the amount and allocation of boat registration fees. **Vote 15-2.**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HB 601-FN**, relative to claims for compensation from the victims' assistance fund. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Shannon E Chandley for Criminal Justice and Public Safety: The victims’ assistance compensation fund, administered by the attorney general’s office, provides financial aid to victims of violent crimes under certain circumstances. This legislation clarifies the definition of victim and his or her immediate family. Further, it expands the definition of reimbursable expenses to include participation in post-conviction proceedings and restorative justice programs. In addition, this legislation lengthens the time limit on filing claims and increases the ceiling on reimbursement from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Finally, this legislation authorizes the attorney general to expend additional funds for awards to victims of crime. The majority of the committee believes that these measures are reasonable and necessary to insure that victims of violent crimes receive assistance in recovering from the impact of the crime. **Vote 12-8.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

## REGULAR CALENDAR – PART II

### HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

**HB 81**, prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of playgrounds. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Charles E McMahon for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill would prohibit smoking in and around all playgrounds in New Hampshire. Further, a violation of this measure would result in a fine. The majority, while understanding the intent and in agreement that smoking is harmful, found the bill problematic for several reasons: the obvious and numerous variables associated with an outdoors environment, the virtual impossibility of reasonable enforcement, the indeterminate cost of site control and signage, and the demographics of typical playground users. Finally, the management of public facilities such as playgrounds and the application of rules regarding their use are best addressed by the local city or town authority having jurisdiction. Therefore, upon careful consideration, the majority of the committee supported the recommendation of inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Trinka T Russell for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill as amended prohibits smoking within public playgrounds that have play equipment installed, specifically designed for children.

The American Lung Association states that 23 states including all of the New England states have passed strong laws prohibiting smoking in nearly every public place and workplace including restaurants and bars. They also state that children who breathe in second hand smoke are more likely to suffer from pneumonia and bronchitis. Cigarette smoke may cause thousands of children each year to develop asthma and children who have asthma are far more likely have asthma attacks. Children are the most vulnerable to the effects of secondhand smoke. This is a simple common sense approach to protect the health of our children.

### JUDICIARY

**HB 171**, establishing a commission to evaluate mental health courts and establish standards for the operation of mental health courts. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert B Thompson for the **Majority** of Judiciary: Presently we have four (4) mental health courts established in New Hampshire. Proponents of these courts believe they are both an effective way of addressing certain mental health issues and cost-effective as well. The commission will review the operation of these courts with a goal of evaluating their effectiveness and ensuing uniformity of standards and operation. **Vote 11-8.**

Rep. William L O'Brien for the **Minority** of Judiciary: The minority of the committee was persuaded that both instituting a commission to study health courts and the goal of establishing health courts are unwarranted. The commission would divert scarce fiscal and state employee resources from more pressing needs at a time when, as the governor noted, the number of commissions should be reduced. Instituting health courts is a proposed solution to a problem that current court resources and procedures adequately solve now by using probation and parole departments and community resources. Either as trial alternative arrangements in criminal cases or as sentencing conditions imposed following a trial, courts already may order all of the treatment and substitutes for incarceration that is anticipated could be provided through mental health courts. Moreover, state court resources are as limited as are the resources available to meet other pressing government functions and with the current drug courts, family courts, business courts, small claims sessions, and the general civil and criminal courts, those resources likely will be inadequate to now handle mental health courts.

### LOCAL AND REGULATED REVENUES

**HB 155**, allowing municipalities to adopt a non-wartime veterans' property tax credit. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert L Theberge for Local and Regulated Revenues: This legislation would double the

amount of tax credits for veterans statewide from \$1.4 billion to \$2.8 billion resulting in an enormous tax shift and burden on other tax payers which includes the elderly on fixed-income and young families struggling to make ends meet. This shift is greatly exacerbated given the current economic recession. The committee agrees that a local control option would obligate voters not to vote against a veterans tax credit because at town meetings voice votes are public. **Vote 16-3.**

**HB 624-FN-A**, establishing a waiver option for live-racing tracks. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt for Local and Regulated Revenues: Like a bill defeated last year, HB624 would allow dog tracks to continue to simulcast and accept bets on horse and dog races from other tracks but would allow the tracks to opt out of the current requirement that they hold 50 sessions of live racing. Members had different reasons for voting against this bill. Some believed that they should ban dog racing completely; some believed that if tracks do not have live racing, they should not be allowed the simulcast privilege which in fact amounts to 98 percent of the betting at Belmont and Seabrook; and some believed the state should not be involved in regulations at all. Two other problems surfaced. This bill includes a complicated section rewriting “breakage” regulations. The committee believes that, if anything, this should be handled separately with further study. Also, the bill establishes a study committee, and the committee is cognizant of and sympathizes with the governor’s call for a reduction in unnecessary study committees. **Vote 19-0.**

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**SB 76**, naming a bridge in the town of Barrington the Sp. Jesse Scott Conger Memorial Bridge. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John A Graham for Public Works and Highways: This bill names a bridge in the town of Barrington in honor of Specialist Jesse Scott Conger. Specialist Conger perished while engaged in combat training in 2002. The committee heard testimony that the town was in support of this action. **Vote 16-0.**

**SB 96**, naming a bridge in Webster in honor of William Tracy. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Walter Kolodziej for Public Works and Highways: This bill honors the memory of Sgt. William J. Tracy, who gave his life in defense of his country, by naming the bridge which spans the Blackwater River on Rt. 127 in Webster the Sgt. William J. Tracy Memorial Bridge. The cost of construction and signage shall not be a charge to the state. The amendment adds his rank and full name. **Vote 16-0.**

## **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 150-FN**, relative to removing invasive aquatic growth. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marcia G Moody for Resources, Recreation and Development: The bill was submitted in protest over the denial of a permit to remove native aquatic weeds from Powwow Pond. The majority believes that the department of environmental services and department of agriculture acted properly, swiftly and with adequate communications with town residents. The bill blurred the line between species that are invasive exotic weeds and native species.

While the minority maintains that the process was cumbersome and unfair, the majority praised the agencies involved for their ability to work smoothly together on complex issues. **Vote 9-8.**

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

**HCR 1**, urging congress to withdraw the United States from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Dennis H Fields for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The majority of the committee appreciates the sponsor’s intent; however at this time we do not wish to alienate our allies in North America by hindering trade or dissolving international treaties. **Vote 13-5.**

Rep. Alfred P Baldasaro for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The stated purpose of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) is to increase security and

enhance prosperity through greater cooperation among Canada, Mexico and the United States. The ultimate result will be to abandon our national borders in return for the external borders of the three countries. A report by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) called for foreign investments in Mexico's petroleum sector, common external tariffs, access to the resources of the three countries, and greater labor mobility. The consequence of these policies will be to siphon investments in energy from within the U.S. and divert them to locations where they can earn the greatest profit for multinational companies; permanently remove tariffs on Canadian and Mexican imports, thus forcing U.S. workers to compete with low wage labor in Mexico; and to exploit natural resources in any of the three countries for the benefit of multinational companies. At risk will be labor and environmental agreements which will have to be harmonized with those of Mexico; cross-border security which will have to be relaxed to facilitate the movement of people, goods and products; and efforts to control the flow of illegal drugs due to the disregard for clearly identifiable national borders. The SPP was launched at a meeting of President George W. Bush, Vicente Fox of Mexico and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin. It was further developed during 2006 and 2007 in an informal meeting of heads of state in Cancun, a ministerial meeting in Canada, and a secret meeting of high level military and business people in Banff. In conclusion, the SPP is leading to the formation of a North American Union being negotiated outside the U.S. Constitution and the purview of the U.S. Congress. It is to be supported by a common currency as called for by the CFR. The SPP is the key to the formation of a regional government and will result in the loss of our national and state sovereignty.

**HCR 3**, recommending a statement of principles on international trade. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alfred P Baldasaro for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: We feel that the U.S. Constitution gives authority to the U.S. Senate to satisfy all treaties and agreements on international trade. Our two senators and two congress people have a voice on all international trade agreements and look out for the best interests of New Hampshire. **Vote 14-4.**

**HCR 5**, urging Congress to enact a system of voluntary public funding for all federal elections. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Cynthia P Sweeney for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: While we appreciate the idea of federal funding for elections, this economic climate is not conducive at this time. **Vote 17-1.**

**HCR 6**, affirming States' rights based on Jeffersonian principles. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Michael S Rollo for the **Majority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: HCR 6 seeks to reaffirm states' rights based on the principles set forth in the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798. These resolutions were originally drafted to counter the Alien and Sedition Acts. HCR 6 stems not from that act, but instead an opinion that Part I, Article 18 of the US Constitution prohibits congress from enacting any law not specifically mentioned in that section. However, when one reads the entire section, congress is authorized to provide for the "public welfare" and to enact laws to carry out the charge of caring for the public welfare.

Oddly enough, this is not the first time that the New Hampshire General Court has taken up this matter. On June 14, 1799 the New Hampshire House and Senate debated and passed a resolution rejecting these very principles considering them a threat to the Union.

"The Legislature of New Hampshire having taken into consideration certain resolutions of the General Assembly of Virginia, dated December 21, 1798; also certain resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky, of the 10th of November, 1798:

Resolved, That the Legislature of New Hampshire unequivocally express a firm resolution to maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this state, against every aggression, either foreign or domestic, and that they will support the government of the United States in all measures warranted by the former.

That the state legislatures are not the proper tribunals to determine the constitutionality of the laws of the general government, that the duty of such decision is properly and exclusively confided to the judicial department.

That if the Legislature of New Hampshire, for mere speculative purposes, were to express an opinion on the acts of the general government, commonly called "the alien and sedition-bills," that opinion would unreservedly be, that those acts are constitutional, and in the present critical situation of our country, highly expedient.

That the constitutionality and expediency of the acts aforesaid, have been very ably advocated and clearly demonstrated by many citizens of the United States, more especially by the minority of the General Assembly of Virginia. The Legislature of New Hampshire, therefore, deem it unnecessary, by any train of arguments, to attempt further illustration of the propositions, the truth of which, it is confidently believed, at this day, is very generally seen and acknowledged.

Which report being read and considered, was unanimously received and accepted, one hundred and thirty-seven members being present. Sent up for concurrence."

It is the opinion of the majority of the committee that the General Court of 1799 did indeed act in the best interest of our State and our Union. New Hampshire has a long and proud tradition of defending our national union, as evidenced in our 18 volunteer regiments raised to defend the Union from 1861 to 1865. It is the majority opinion that we do a disservice to the honor and memory of those brave men that gave up their lives to defend our union by enacting a resolution that puts New Hampshire on record as calling for the nullification of the US Constitution and the possible secession of our great state from the Union. **Vote 11-7.**

Rep. Alfred P Baldasaro for the **Minority** of State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: HCR 6 expresses the relationship between the States and the Federal Government expressed in our Constitution Article 7, Part the First, in the ninth and tenth amendments to the Constitution for the United States of America, and the Kentucky Resolutions drafted by Thomas Jefferson and presented by him to Kentucky and James Madison to Virginia. This resolution states our intent to retain our sovereignty and defend the liberty of our constituents from unconstitutional acts by the United States.

## WAYS AND MEANS

**HB 533-FN-A**, reducing the rates of the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax.

**MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Ron J Mack for the **Majority** of Ways and Means: This bill reduces the business profits tax (BPT) from 8.5% to 7.65% and the business enterprise tax from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one percent (.75%) to  $\frac{27}{40}$  of one percent (.675%). If enacted this bill would reduce the education trust fund revenues by \$61,384,600. The majority of the committee felt that this is not the time to reduce any significant revenue streams without a lucrative revenue to replace the reduction. The minority's contention that the revenues lost would be immediately made up by economic expansion is not borne out by history or economic theory. **Vote 15-4.**

Rep. David J Bettencourt for the **Minority** of Ways and Means: There has been a great deal of discussion recently about what are the best strategies and policies to stimulate our economy. History has clearly established that the most effective way to stimulate a sagging business environment is to lower the demands that government places on them. This is accomplished by reducing business taxes. This legislation attempts to do just that. It is important to note that the fiscal note, which the majority has cited as their primary motivation for dismissing this policy, is inaccurate. Information from the LBAO suggested a marked correlation between a reduction in the BPT and an increase in revenues in subsequent business cycles. Greater money and freedom for business to do business is the best and most lasting way to stimulate the economy, create jobs, and boost state revenues.

**HB 679-FN-A**, establishing an exemption from the interest and dividends tax for individuals who are 62 years of age or older. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Robert M Walsh for the **Majority** of Ways and Means: There have not been changes to the exemption allowed for the interest and dividends tax in many years. Also there is no provision for the effects for inflation. However, this bill would decrease state revenues by some \$13,000,000 when it becomes effective and by larger amounts in later years. This loss of revenue is not appropriate at this time, with serious reductions in many state revenue areas. At a future time,

when state revenues improve, consideration of changes to the interest and dividends tax exemptions would be appropriate. **Vote 16-3.**

Rep. Jordan G Ulery for the **Minority** of Ways and Means: This so-called interest and dividends tax is, by statute, an income tax. This is an income tax on elderly who have paid taxes and fees their entire life. This income tax affects most harshly those who, too often, suffer the most in their waning years. This income tax hurts those who are often least able to pay property taxes and the myriad of other fees afflicting residents. Our tax base is diverse and has many components to single out one, small group of senior citizens to pay the insult of the only personal income tax is grossly unfair. While the fiscal note suggests the loss of \$13M, returning real money to our citizens only stimulates the economy and generates more revenue to operate the state.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HB 127**, relative to the treatment of pregnant inmates. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

## **ELECTION LAW**

**HB 417**, relative to electoral college electors. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Shawn N Jasper for Election Law: This bill would have New Hampshire enter into an interstate agreement, which would go into effect when states whose combined electoral college votes equal 270 adopt this agreement. At that time those states would cast their electoral college votes based on the national popular vote. Under our federal system of government we are a sovereign state. It should not matter to us how other states vote. It is unlikely that the Union would have been formed if small states had been forced to have all decisions made by their proportional population. This is a slippery slope, what would be next? Would we be asked that the membership of U.S. Senate be based on population? Would we then be asked to have amendments to the U.S. Constitution adopted based on population? The theory is the same in all three cases; it is not fair that our say in national affairs is disproportional to our population. The majority of the committee believes that we should preserve the principles upon which the Union was created.

**Vote 16-2.**

**HB 439**, requiring that the question relative to the necessity for a convention to revise the New Hampshire constitution be presented to the voters in the November 2010 general election.

**MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard B Drisko for the **Majority** of Election Law This bill is intended to advance the date of the next constitutional convention from 2012 to 2010. It has to go on the ballot in 2010, so the majority felt why not sooner than later. **Vote 10-7.**

Rep. Robert J. Perry for the **Minority** of Election Law: The question of whether to call for a constitutional convention is already scheduled to be on the 2012 general election ballot. This bill would require the question be moved up two years to be on the 2010 general election ballot. The minority believes that a question as momentous as whether to hold a constitutional convention should be considered by the greatest number of voters rather than fewer. Because more voters participate in a general election in a presidential election year, this question should be left to the 2012 general election ballot.

**HB 614**, relative to domicile of students for voting purposes. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David M Pierce for the **Majority** of Election Law: The current domicile statute and federal constitutional law make clear that students, active duty military personnel, homeless persons and others who do not have a fixed intention to remain at their New Hampshire domicile nonetheless have a fundamental right to vote in New Hampshire. This bill does nothing more than to affirm this right. The committee believed that the determination of fundamental rights should not be left solely to the courts and that the legislature should be the first line of defense of the fundamental right to vote. **Vote 11-7.**

Rep. Shawn N Jasper for the **Minority** of Election Law: While the minority concedes that the amendment improves the bill, we believe that the bill is unnecessary, as the secretary of state's representative testified that the perceived problems which the bill attempts to address have been dealt with through training sessions, held for local election officials. The minority is concerned that

we are heading down a path with our registration process that will lead to disaster for certain communities and possibly entire counties. While everyone domiciled in New Hampshire has a right to vote, the legislature has the duty to set the qualifications to meet the domicile test, within certain parameters. It is not an unreasonable restriction to require that a voter hold a New Hampshire drivers license and car registration, for the purpose of domicile, rather than allowing them to continue to maintain out of state licenses and registrations, but that is no longer a requirement. It is not a stretch of ones imagination to envision that in a college town students could take over the governments and budgets of those towns, if they were so motivated. In fact, we have seen it happen on a limited basis in one county. Students in dorms have none of the rights afforded tenants under our laws, yet we consider them domiciled here for voting purposes. If they are domiciled here shouldn't they be protected equally under the laws of our state?

**HB 620**, disqualifying certain persons from performing duties as an election official.

#### **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard B Drisko for Election Law: The intent of this bill is to prevent a person whose name appears on the ballot as a candidate from performing official duties as an election official in that election. A temporary replacement shall be appointed as provided in RSA 658:19. This has not been a problem at most polling places. Statewide, there is a serious problem recruiting poll workers. **Vote 13-3.**

## **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

**HB 148**, relative to the sale and vaccination of animals. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Leigh A Webb for Environment and Agriculture: This bill came to the committee from the state veterinarian, with the intent to change all words in the existing statute meaning "sale" to the word "transfer" which is now defined in statute as "change of ownership." Further, this bill clarifies that any business being licensed by the state must also conform to local zoning ordinances, and further defines a health certificate as evidence of a transfer of an animal. All these changes were necessary to facilitate legal action in a court of law should that action be required for enforcement. **Vote 15-2.**

## **HOUSE DEADLINES**

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| Thursday, March 5, 2009  | Last day to act on House bills going to a second committee                                        |
| Thursday, March 19, 2009 | Last day to report all House bills not in a second committee, except budgets                      |
| Thursday, March 26, 2009 | Last day to act on all House bills not in a second committee, except budgets                      |
| Thursday, April 2, 2009  | Last day to report all remaining House bills<br>Last day to report list of retained House bills   |
| Thursday, April 9, 2009  | Last day to act on House bills: CROSSOVER                                                         |
| Thursday, April 30, 2009 | Last day to report Senate bills going to a second committee                                       |
| Thursday, May 7, 2009    | Last day to act on Senate bills going to a second committee                                       |
| Thursday, May 28, 2009   | Last day to report all remaining Senate bills<br>Last day to report list of retained Senate bills |
| Thursday, June 4, 2009   | Last day to act on Senate bills                                                                   |
| Wednesday, June 10, 2009 | Last day to form Committees of Conference                                                         |
| Thursday, June 18, 2009  | Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports                                                  |

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

#### **COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY (HB 1422, Chapter 219:1, Laws of 2008), Room 207, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

#### **COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (HB 1295, Chapter 71:1, Laws of 2008), Room 305, LOB**

11:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

#### **FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

12:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on Outpatient Physician Billing.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

#### **CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Continued subcommittee work session on **HB 139**, relative to the determination of parental rights and responsibilities.

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 207**, relative to modification of parental rights and responsibilities, **HB 209**, relative to enforcement of parenting plans, **HB 66**, relative to the legal age for blood donations, **HB 165**, relative to the number of children in a licensed foster home, **HB 313-FN**, relative to the assignment of right of child support enforcement.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 504**, relative to the termination of guardianship of a minor.

#### **COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 680**, making technical changes in the insurance

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 376**, relative to condominium governance.

10:00 a.m. **HB 373**, relative to insurance reimbursement for acupuncturists.

10:30 a.m. **HB 499**, relative to insurance payments for ambulance services.

11:00 a.m. **HB 561-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for persons having deafness and hearing loss.

1:30 p.m. **HB 100**, relative to homeowner's insurance.

2:00 p.m. **HB 331**, relative to advertisements of property and casualty insurance.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 198**, permitting an insured person injured in a motor vehicle accident to obtain damages under his or her own uninsured motorist coverage when the insured's damages exceed the motorist insurance coverage of the person at fault for the accident, **HB 199**, requiring motor vehicle insurers to pay benefits to insured persons under their underinsured or uninsured motorist insurance coverage in cases of bodily injury or death cause by uninsured or underinsured negligent motorists, except under certain circumstances, **HB 200**, permitting the stacking of medical payments coverage under motor vehicle liability

policies purchased by members of the same household, **HB 202**, relative to provisions in insurance policies limiting payment of full benefits.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 474-FN**, prohibiting the trafficking in persons for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation.
- 11:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 370**, relative to equality of treatment of victims of crime.
- 11:30 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 430-FN**, removing the statute of limitations on certain crimes committed in furtherance of murder.
- 1:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 459**, relative to access to restorative justice programs by victims of crime.
- 2:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 587-FN**, establishing an information and analysis center within the department of safety.
- 2:30 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 690-FN**, establishing a cold case homicide unit.
- 3:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 322**, allowing members of the armed forces between the ages of 18 and 21 to purchase fireworks.

**EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 143**, relative to procedures for requesting a change of school for a child.

**ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 308, LOB**

- 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 83**, relative to ownership of milk.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 356**, relative to required training for chiropractors performing spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 255**, relative to the filing of statements of financial interest.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 673-FN**, relative to withdrawal of political subdivisions from the New Hampshire retirement system.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 381**, prohibiting preferences in recruiting, hiring, promotion, or admission by state agencies, the university system, the community college system, and the postsecondary education commission.
- 2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 39-FN**, relative to the authority of the state board for the licensing and regulation of plumbers, **HB 121-FN**, relative to regulating residential building and remodeling contractors and subcontractors, **HB 149**, relative to benefit eligibility of certain members of the city of Manchester employees' contributory retirement system, **HB 233**, relative to the membership of the board of medicine, **HB 252**, relative to state agency rulemaking concerning expiring administrative rules, **HB 297**, relative to the adoption of agency forms and other rules under the administrative procedures act, **HB 519**, relative to supervision of state employees who are related by birth or marriage, **HB 464-FN**, relative to certain duties of the department of administrative services and relative to credit card contracts for state agencies, **HB 510**, relative to the position of director of vital records administration, **HB 514**, establishing a New Hampshire other post-employment benefits (OPEB) trust and enabling political subdivisions to create or participate in OPEB trusts, **HB 488**, establishing a commission to study the efficiency and responsiveness of state government, **HB 52-FN**, relative to the regulation of massage therapists.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

- 9:30 a.m. Judicial Branch
- 11:00 a.m. Judicial Council
- 1:00 p.m. Corrections

2:30 p.m. Governor's Commission on Disability

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. Department of Education

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. Department of Health and Human Services.

10:30 a.m. Office of the Commissioner

11:00 a.m. Office of Medicaid and Business Policy

1:30 p.m. Division of Family Assistance

2:30 p.m. New Hampshire Hospital

3:00 p.m. Division of Public Health Services

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

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 414**, establishing a commission to study preventing dental disease among New Hampshire's children, **HB 301**, establishing a task force to study access to dental care.

10:00 a.m. **HB 458-FN**, relative to the estates of persons with long-term care policies.

10:15 a.m. **HB 577-FN**, relative to recovery of public assistance and third party liability.

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 402**, relative to transporting medical records, **HB 479-FN**, relative to time limits on eligibility for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), **HB 483**, establishing the developmental services quality council, **HB 497**, relative to the automated external defibrillator advisory commission, **HB 505**, waiving medical records fees for persons applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), **HB 536**, relative to smoking in and around health care facilities, **HB 542**, relative to a health information exchange, **HB 544**, relative to data collected by health care facilities, **HB 594-FN**, relative to the medicaid pharmacy benefits management program, **HB 64-FN**, relative to responsibility for public medical assistance.

2:45 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 592-FN**, relative to "adverse events" in hospitals.

3:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 619**, relative to medical records and patient information.

**JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 50**, repealing the law relative to screening panels for medical injury claims, **HB 572-FN**, making pretrial screening panels optional for parties to a medical injury action, **HB 203**, eliminating the requirement that the trial judge present unanimous findings of the screening panel to the jury in medical injury actions, **HB 438**, relative to admission into evidence of certain medical bills, reports, and records.

11:00 a.m. **HB 73**, relative to the solemnization of marriage.

11:30 a.m. **HB 396**, relative to the solemnization of marriage.

1:00 p.m. **HB 634**, authorizing civil unions between one man and one woman.

1:30 p.m. **HB 684**, allowing persons of the opposite sex to enter civil unions, eliminating certain prohibitions on same-sex civil unions, and clarifying that no person shall be a party to both a civil union and a marriage, unless the parties to the marriage are legally separated.

2:00 p.m. **HB 686**, relative to complaint procedures in cases before the commission for human rights.

**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB**

3:30 p.m. **HB 650-FN**, relative to providing downloadable audio files of legislative and other documents.

- 4:00 p.m. **HB 349**, relative to legislator email records.  
 4:30 p.m. **HJR 3**, recognizing the historic milestone represented by the New Hampshire senate being the first legislative body in the United States with women as the majority of its members.

**LOCAL AND REGULATED REVENUES, Room 307, LOB (Please note room change.)**

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 487**, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax exemption for compliance with green building standards.  
 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 484**, relative to the definition of charitable organizations for raffles and games of chance.

**MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Rooms 301-303, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 43**, relative to subdivision and site plan regulation waivers.  
 1:00 p.m. **SB 39-FN-L**, relative to municipal deposits and special meetings for considering an appropriate response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.  
 1:30 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 445-FN-L**, relative to local control of the siting of detoxification and methadone maintenance program facilities.  
 2:30 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 320-L**, relative to agreements between central business service districts and municipalities for infrastructure improvements.

**MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT JOINT WITH RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Rooms 301-303, LOB**

- 11:00 a.m. Informational meeting on fluvial erosion hazardous zoning.

**RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 452**, designating segments of the Ammonoosuc River into the rivers management and protection program.  
 1:15 p.m. **HB 384**, creating urbanization and timber harvesting exemptions for prime wetlands.

**RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT JOINT WITH MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Rooms 301-303, LOB**

- 11:00 a.m. Informational meeting on fluvial erosion hazardous zoning.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 585-FN**, relative to outdoor lighting efficiency.  
 11:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 352**, banning corn-based ethanol as an additive to gasoline sold in New Hampshire and continued executive session on **HB 61**, relative to a definition of "sustainable energy."  
 1:00 p.m. Information session from the Department of Environmental Services (DES re: history of mercury reduction efforts at the coal-fired electric plant.

**STATE VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), NH National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters Readiness Center, Concord**

- 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 485**, establishing a committee to study enforcement of walking disability placard violations.  
 10:30 a.m. **HB 179**, requiring automobile insurance to register a vehicle.  
 11:00 a.m. **HB 272**, relative to operation of OHRVs on state highways in Coos county.  
 11:30 a.m. **HB 578-FN-L**, relative to testimony by video teleconference.  
 1:00 p.m. **HB 579-FN**, establishing motor vehicle learners' permits and relative to youth operators' licenses.  
 1:30 p.m. **HB 613**, establishing a committee to study the advantages and disadvantages of state acquisition of the remaining rail corridors.

- 2:00 p.m. **HB 639-FN**, relative to mandatory motor vehicle liability insurance.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 525**, prohibiting smoking in vehicles when child passenger restraints are required.
- 3:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 186**, relative to rulemaking concerning rafts on public waters, **HB 228**, relative to roadside memorials, **HB 224**, relative to safety provisions for swimming in lakes, **HB 273**, relative to submission of electronic data by municipal and county inspection stations.

**WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on Revenue Estimates.
- 1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on Revenue Estimates.

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

**EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 186-C:3-b), Department of Education, Londergan Hall, Room 15, 101 Pleasant St., Concord**

- 4:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 366**, relative to retail vehicle dealers.
- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 605**, relative to employment of minors by liquor licensees.
- 10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HB 181**, relative to disclosure of contaminants prior to the sale of real property.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 187-FN**, relative to manufactured housing.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 692**, relative to emergency generators in manufactured housing parks.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 31-FN**, requiring insurance coverage for certain preventative testing, **HB 100**, relative to homeowner's insurance, **HB 109**, relative to consumer choice in health insurance, **HB 151**, prohibiting an insurer from canceling health care coverage based on the insured's terminal condition, **HB 161**, repealing protection of uncopyrighted compositions in state law, **HB 198**, permitting an insured person injured in a motor vehicle accident to obtain damages under his or her own uninsured motorist coverage when the insured's damages exceed the motorist insurance coverage of the person at fault for the accident, **HB 199**, requiring motor vehicle insurers to pay benefits to insured persons under their underinsured or uninsured motorist insurance coverage in cases of bodily injury or death cause by uninsured or underinsured negligent motorists, except under certain circumstances, **HB 200**, permitting the stacking of medical payments coverage under motor vehicle liability policies purchased by members of the same household, **HB 202**, relative to provisions in insurance policies limiting payment of full benefits, **HB 237**, relative to accident and health insurance short-term policies, **HB 238**, relative to market conduct and enforcement, **HB 286-FN**, relative to life insurance form disapproval, **HB 329**, relative to insurance and civil unions, **HB 346**, relative to real estate developers creating space for drying laundry without electricity or gas, **HB 350**, prohibiting the sale and distribution of household cleaning products containing phosphorus, **HB 482**, relative to mold assessment, testing, and remediation, **HB 492**, requiring certification for persons performing radon tests,

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB**

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 471-FN**, relative to organized retail crime in New Hampshire.

- 9:00 a.m. Rachel Rouillard, the Executive Director of the NH Women's Policy Institute, will speak to the committee. She will talk about the WPI study of women incarcerated in NH's prison and jails and how it impacts them and their families.
- 10:00 a.m. ***HB 665-FN***, relative to driving under the influence of drugs.
- 10:30 a.m. ***HB 449-FN***, increasing the penalty for unlawful possession or release of criminal records.
- 11:00 a.m. ***HB 398***, relative to the unauthorized use of firearms in the compact part of a city or town.
- 1:30 p.m. Executive session on ***HB 78***, relative to the interbranch criminal and juvenile justice council, ***HB 138***, revising certain provisions of the sexually violent predators statute, ***HB160***, relative to physical force in defense of a person, ***HB 214***, establishing a commission to study health care services in correctional facilities and relative to regulation of prescription medication interruptions by corrections staff and access to inmates by medical, mental health, and social services providers, ***HB 220***, relative to civil proceedings for forfeiture of animals, ***HB 312***, permitting a person to record a law enforcement officer in the course of such officer's official duties, ***HB 322***, allowing members of the armed forces between the ages of 18 and 21 to purchase fireworks, ***HB 348***, relative to criminal penalties and alternatives to incarceration, ***HB 370***, relative to equality of treatment of victims of crime, ***HB 430-FN***, removing the statute of limitations on certain crimes committed in furtherance of murder, ***HB 279-FN***, relative to certain missing persons, ***HB 459***, relative to access to restorative justice programs by victims of crime, ***HB 474-FN***, prohibiting the trafficking in persons for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, ***HB 575-FN***, prohibiting driving with any amount of certain controlled drugs or metabolites in the blood or urine, ***HB 586-FN***, relative to the presence of a law enforcement officer at an administrative license suspension hearing, ***HB 587-FN***, establishing an information and analysis center within the department of safety, ***HB 621***, relative to court procedures for persons with mental illness charged with crimes, ***HB 645-FN***, requiring police officers to complete certain mental health training and requiring the police standards and training council to develop and implement an advanced training curriculum for specialized crisis intervention teams.

#### **EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on ***HCR 7***, in support of teen dating violence education, ***HB 123***, requiring a financial literacy component within the high school economics course, ***HB 136-FN***, relative to the procedure for withdrawing from a cooperative school district, ***HB 143***, relative to procedures for requesting a change of school for a child, ***HB 154***, relative to truancy, ***HB 317***, relative to conditional approval of nonpublic schools, residency requirements for grants under the New Hampshire incentive program, and scholarships for orphans of veterans, ***HB 332***, establishing a commission to study school discipline, ***HB 367***, relative to procedures for evaluation of home schooled students, ***HB 368***, relative to annual goals in a home education program, ***HB 509***, requiring parental consent for psychological evaluations by school districts, ***HB 527***, repealing the coordinated school health committee and relative to health education in kindergarten through grade 12, ***HB 560***, relative to the use of state education funds for extended learning opportunities for certain pupils, ***HB 615***, relative to withdrawal from a school administrative unit.

#### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD (RSA 125-O:5-a), Room 304, LOB**

- 8:30 a.m. Meeting of the public sector work group.

#### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 408-FN**, relative to the regulation of physicians and physician assistants by the board of medicine.
- 10:15 a.m. Committee education forum.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 475-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.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 405**, relative to authority for administrative fines by the electricians' board and relative to appeals from decisions of the electricians' board and the plumbers' board.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 410**, relative to the licensing of alcohol and drug counselors.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

- 9:30 a.m. Judicial Branch
- 11:00 a.m. Corrections
- 1:00 p.m. Human Rights Commission
- 2:00 p.m. Community Development Finance Authority
- 2:30 p.m. Department of Environmental Services

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

- 10:00 a.m. Department of Education
- 1:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 282-FN-A**, relative to compensation for the medical/vision advisory board and making an appropriation therefor.
- 1:30 p.m. Work session on **HB 599-FN**, relative to reclassification of the position of forensic toxicologist in the department of safety.
- 2:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 689-FN-A-L**, directing aid to isolated small schools.
- 2:30 p.m. Work session on **HB 140-FN**, making charter schools eligible for grants for leased space.
- 3:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 688**, relative to the chartered public school approval process and relative to open enrollment schools.
- 3:30 p.m. Work session on **HB 403**, clarifying the intent of a transfer of general funds to the highway fund.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

- 9:00 a.m. Division of Community Based Care Services
- 9:30 a.m. Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services
- 11:00 a.m. Bureau of Behavioral Health
- 12:00 p.m. Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services
- 1:30 p.m. Bureau of Homeless and Housing Services
- 2:00 p.m. Bureau of Developmental Services
- 3:30 p.m. Division for Juvenile Justice Services

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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 595-FN-L**, relative to eligibility for long-term care.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 580-FN**, relative to health information and patient rights.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 501**, relative to recovery of assistance by the department of health and human services.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 371**, establishing a commission to study the issue of a registry for joint replacement devices.
- 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 250**, relative to access to information in the abuse and neglect of adults registry and relative to persons providing child care or child placing services who are charged with a crime.

#### **JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 196**, establishing a penalty for destruction or frustration of an easement of access.
- 11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 677-FN**, allowing part-time district court justices and probate court judges to sit as senior active status judges upon retirement, **HB 196**, establishing a penalty for destruction or frustration of an easement of access, **HB 325**, establishing standards for adequate service of process, **HB 333**, relative to fences as private nuisances, **HB 655-FN**, extending senior active status to judges over 70 years of age, **HB 201**, requiring the agreement of 10 jurors on issues of liability or damages for jury verdicts in trials of civil actions, **HB 236**, permitting access to homeowner's property from adjoining property for the purpose of repair or renovation, **HB 291-FN**, relative to a one day/one trial jury duty pilot program, **HB 177**, relative to loss of consortium, **HB 191**, relative to liability of a landowner giving permission to ride bicycles on his or her property, **HB 197**, relative to apportionment of damages in civil actions, **HB 447-FN**, requiring the continuation of the appointment of marital masters by election and requiring marital masters to be New Hampshire residents, **HB 104**, repealing the law authorizing the supreme court to establish a business and commercial dispute docket in the superior court, **HB 163**, allowing firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, and other public safety officers to recover damages or benefits for negligently-caused injuries, **HB 358-FN**, relative to the district court assignment for the towns of Greenville and Temple, **HB 625-FN**, relative to court security screening procedures, **CACR 7**, relating to judges. Providing that judges be elected for a specified term.
- 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 379**, exempting certain meetings concerning collective bargaining from the right-to-know law, **HB 328**, establishing a committee to study the right-to-know law relative to certain nonprofit corporations, **HB 135**, relative to remedies for violation of the state right-to-know law, **HB 53**, relative to the definition of "public body" under the right-to-know law.
- 3:30 p.m. Or after the executive session, subcommittee work session on **HB 62**, requiring young women under 15 years of age to provide proof of counseling prior to obtaining an abortion, **HB 274-FN**, requiring parental notification before abortions may be performed on unemancipated minors, **HB 531-FN**, relative to parental notification prior to abortions being performed on minors.

#### **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 245**, extending study committees and commissions, **HB 280-FN**, requiring documents offered or disseminated by lobbyists to show the employer's written authorization, **HB 360**, relative to members of the general court participating in the state group health insurance plan, **HB650-FN**, relative to providing downloadable audio files of legislative and other document, **HJR 3**, recognizing the historic milestone represented by the New Hampshire senate being the first legislative body in the United States with women as the majority of its members.

#### **MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 33**, amending the Concord school district charter, **HB 319**, revising the charter of the union school district of Concord.
- 11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 43**, relative to subdivision and site plan regulation waivers.
- 11:45 a.m. Executive session on **SB 39-FN-L**, relative to municipal deposits and special meetings for considering an appropriate response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- 1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 445-FN-L**, relative to local control of the siting

- of detoxification and methadone maintenance program facilities.
- 2:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 320-L**, relative to agreements between central business service districts and municipalities for infrastructure improvements.

#### **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB**

- 10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 452**, designating segments of the Ammonoosuc River into the rivers management and protection program, **HB 498**, relative to membership on the wetlands council, **HB 674-FN-A**, relative to eliminating the water resources council, relative to dams, and authorizing the Connecticut lakes headwaters citizens committee to advise the department of environmental services on the management of Lake Francis and associated property, **HB 300-FN-A**, requiring the construction of a fire tower on Copple Crown Mountain and creating a position to operate the fire tower.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 314-L**, relative to municipalities contracting for impact studies for large groundwater withdrawals.
- 2:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 307**, allowing the construction of grey water systems on private property.

#### **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 303-FN**, relative to motor vehicle emissions and motor vehicle idling.

#### **Representatives Hall**

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 496**, establishing a limit on the amount of cost recovery for the emissions reduction equipment installed at the Merrimack Station.

#### **STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 203, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 517**, relative to the definition of "armed forces."
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 550**, encouraging the Museum of New Hampshire History to fly the state flag.
- 10:00 a.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HJR 1**, requesting that Congress appropriate funds to revitalize public facilities for access to the ocean and seashore.
- 1:00 p.m. **HCR 8**, urging the President and Secretary of Defense to withdraw all New Hampshire national guard troops from Iraq in the absence of a valid and subsisting Congressional mandate for such service, and withholding the consent of the governor and New Hampshire state legislature from any further deployment of the New Hampshire national guard to Iraq in the absence of such mandate.
- 3:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HCR 10**, urging the federal government to withdraw the United States from the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- 4:00 p.m. Rescheduled public hearing on **HJR 2**, urging Congress to modify Medicare payments to enhance the compensation of primary care providers.

#### **TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB**

- 9:30 a.m. Or one half hour after session, executive session on **HB 315**, clarifying a law relative to junkyards within industrial areas, **HB 372**, relative to drivers' licenses for persons with certain neurological disorders, **HB 419-FN**, relative to operating restrictions on youth operators, **HB 357**, relative to retention of special number plates for veterans by surviving spouses, **HB 406**, relative to contemporary motor vehicle plates, **HB 515**, establishing a commission to study electric vehicles.

#### **WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB**

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 664-FN-A**, relative to taxation of capital gains under the interest and dividends tax.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 476-FN**, relative to modifying the quorum requirement and filing fees for the board of tax and land appeals.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 232**, permitting the pesticide control board to establish pesticide fees.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 166-FN-A**, increasing the beer tax.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 584-FN-A**, establishing an income tax for the purpose of paying college tuition

- for emergency first responders, law enforcement officers, and dependents of emergency first responders and law enforcement officers.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 642-FN-A-L**, establishing a flat rate education income tax and relative to the statewide enhanced education tax and certain other taxes.
- 2:30 p.m. **CACR 1**, relating to taxes. Providing that all revenues raised by a state income tax shall be dedicated to funding public education.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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

9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

### FINANCE – (DIVISION I)

9:00 a.m. Tour of the Courts

10:30 a.m. Tour of the Department of Environmental Services

1:00 p.m. Tour of State Prison, Concord

### FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. Department of Education

### FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB

Work session on Governor's Budget:

9:00 a.m. Division for Children, Youth and Family

10:00 a.m. Division of Child Support Services

10:20 a.m. Office of Operations Support

10:40 a.m. Office of Improvement and Integrity

11:00 a.m. Veteran's Council

11:30 a.m. Veterans Home

12:45 p.m. Open work session on budget.

### WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 567-FN-A**, redefining tobacco products, increasing the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes, and dedicating the increase to a tobacco use prevention and cessation program fund.

10:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 568-FN-A**, relative to the taxation of tobacco products other than cigarettes.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

### COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 659-FN**, relative to insurance fraud.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 416**, relative to insurance examinations.

10:00 a.m. **HB 529-FN**, relative to the healthy kids program.

10:30 a.m. **HB 158**, relative to the membership on the healthy kids board.

11:00 a.m. **HB 336**, establishing a committee to study the law regarding insurance coverage for dependent children.

11:30 a.m. **HB 569-FN**, requiring insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

1:30 p.m. *HB 478-FN*, relative to remotely readable devices and relative to the illegal use of a payment card scanning device or reencoder.

**COMMISSION TO PROPOSE A RETIREE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FUNDING MODEL (HB 1645, Chapter 300:13, Laws of 2008), Room 306, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**COUNCIL TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 125-P), Room 207, LOB**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session, as needed, from March 5.

Executive session on *HB 204*, relative to discovery in driving while intoxicated cases, *HB 471-FN*, relative to organized retail crime in New Hampshire, *HB 575-FN*, prohibiting driving with any amount of certain controlled drugs or metabolites in the blood or urine, *HB 645-FN*, requiring police officers to complete certain mental health training and requiring the police standards and training council to develop and implement an advanced training curriculum for specialized crisis intervention teams, *HB 665-FN*, relative to driving under the influence of drugs, *HB 398*, relative to the unauthorized use of firearms in the compact part of a city or town.

**ELECTRONIC BALLOT COUNTING DEVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HB 285, Chapter 134:1, Laws of 2008), HAVA Conference Room Archives and Records Management Building, 71 South Fruit Street, Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**FINANCE JOINT WITH WAYS AND MEANS, Media Center, Salem High School, 44 Geremonty Drive, Salem**

6:00 p.m. Public hearing on Governor's budget.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

9:30 a.m. Retirement

11:00 a.m. Department of State

11:30 a.m. Department of Agriculture

1:00 p.m. Department of Administrative Services

3:00 p.m. Employment Security

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

9:00 a.m. Office of Medicaid and Business Policy

11:00 a.m. Division of Family Assistance

1:00 p.m. Division of Public Health Services

2:30 p.m. Division for Juvenile Justice Services

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

10:00 a.m. *HB 648-FN*, relative to the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

**WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB**

9:30 a.m. *HB696-FN-L*, relative to fees for registration of criminal offenders.

10:00 a.m. *HB 296-FN-A*, relative to fees for fuel oil discharge prevention and cleanup.

10:30 a.m. *HB 672-FN-A*, relative to the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund.

11:00 a.m. *HB 383*, relative to passenger restraints.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

9:30 a.m. Department of Environmental Services  
11:00 a.m. Liquor Commission  
1:00 p.m. Plumbers Board  
1:30 p.m. Executive Branch  
2:00 p.m. Pease Development Authority  
3:00 p.m. Office of Information Technology

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget

10:00 a.m. Department of Fish and Game  
1:00 p.m. Department of Safety

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. Bureau of Behavioral Health  
1:00 p.m. Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services  
3:00 p.m. Bureau of Developmental Services

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

**ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 188-E:21),  
Room 100, State House**

3:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 75**, prohibiting the use of information concerning education level to underwrite insurance coverage, **HB 101**, prohibiting the use of credit reports for certain insurance purposes, **HB 120-FN-L**, relative to the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in single and multi-family dwellings, **HB 158**, relative to the membership on the healthy kids board, **HB 181**, relative to disclosure of contaminants prior to the sale of real property, **HB 187-FN**, relative to manufactured housing, **HB 244**, relative to automobile insurance premiums, **HB 299**, prohibiting banks from requiring blood samples, fingerprints, and DNA samples in order to complete a banking transaction, **HB 331**, relative to advertisements of property and casualty insurance, **HB 336**, establishing a committee to study the law regarding insurance coverage for dependent children, **HB 366**, relative to retail vehicle dealers, **HB 373**, relative to insurance reimbursement for acupuncturists, **HB 376**, relative to condominium governance, **HB 416**, relative to insurance examinations, **HB 442**, relative to the review and amendment of condominium bylaws, **HB 499**, relative to insurance payments for ambulance services, **HB 535**, requiring dwelling units to have functioning smoke detectors upon their sale or transfer, **HB 561-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for persons having deafness and hearing loss.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 512**, establishing a temporary moratorium on executions and establishing a commission to study the death penalty in New Hampshire, **HB 520**, establishing a commission to study the death penalty in New Hampshire, **HB 556-FN**, repealing the death penalty, **HB 557**, requiring the attorney general to request a life sentence instead of the death penalty in certain circumstances, **HB 582-FN**, relative to DNA testing of sexual offenders, **HB 523-FN**, requiring DNA testing of all persons convicted of a felony.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB**

10:00 a.m. **HB 302**, relative to making various changes to the New Hampshire practice act.

**FINANCE JOINT WITH WAYS AND MEANS, River Valley Community College, One College Drive, Claremont**

6:00 p.m. Public hearing on Governor's budget.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

9:30 a.m. Bank Commission  
10:00 a.m. Public Employees Labor Relations Board (PELRB)  
10:30 a.m. Board of Manufactured Housing  
11:00 a.m. Pari-mutuel  
1:00 p.m. Highway Safety Agency  
1:30 p.m. Insurance Department  
2:00 p.m. Department of Labor  
2:30 p.m. Public Utilities Commission

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. Department of Safety

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

Work session on Governor's budget:

9:00 a.m. Department of Health and Human Services, Administratively Attached Boards, Jean Barnes presenting.  
10:00 a.m. Work session on **HB113**, extending the moratorium on nursing home beds and rehabilitation beds.

**FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord**

9:00 a.m. Joint meeting with Fish and Game Commission.

**JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session, as needed, from March 5.  
12:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 260**, relative to quieting title in certain trust circumstances, **HB 261**, relative to the conveyance of real property to or from trusts.

**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 128**, relative to the enrollment of bills and their presentation by the secretary of state, **HB 349**, relative to legislator email records.

**MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 290**, authorizing fluvial erosion hazard zoning.  
11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 33**, amending the Concord school district charter and **HB 319**, revising the charter of the union school district of Concord.  
1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 393-L**, authorizing municipalities to publish electronic legal notices, **HB 445-FN-L**, relative to local control of the siting of detoxification and methadone maintenance program facilities, **HB 156-L**, authorizing planning boards to require third party review and inspection, **HB 43**, relative to subdivision and site plan regulation waivers.

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 395**, requiring electric utilities to offer a renewable default energy service option.  
10:00 a.m. **HB 697**, relative to the penalty against public utilities.

**STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 203, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 517**, relative to the definition of "armed forces", **HB 550**, encouraging the Museum of New Hampshire History to fly the state flag, **HJR 1**, requesting that Congress appropriate funds to revitalize public facilities for access to the ocean and seashore, **HCR 8**, urging the President and Secretary of Defense to withdraw all New Hampshire national guard troops from Iraq in the absence of a valid and subsisting Congressional mandate for such service, and withholding the consent of the governor and New Hampshire state legislature from any further deployment of the New Hampshire national guard to Iraq in the absence of such mandate, **HCR 10**, urging the federal government to withdraw the United States from the North American Free Trade Agreement, **HJR 2**, urging Congress to modify Medicare payments to enhance the compensation of primary care providers.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 524-FN**, establishing a permanent state defense force.
- 1:00 p.m. **HCR 9**, urging the United States Senate to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

#### **TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB**

- 9:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 179**, requiring automobile insurance to register a vehicle, **HB 485**, establishing a committee to study enforcement of walking disability placard violations, **HB 579-FN**, establishing motor vehicle learners' permits and relative to youth operators' licenses, **HB 639-FN**, relative to mandatory motor vehicle liability insurance, **HB 525**, prohibiting smoking in vehicles when child passenger restraints are required, **HB 272**, relative to operation of OHRVs on state highways in Coos county, **HB 578-FN-L**, relative to testimony by video teleconference, **HB 613**, establishing a committee to study the advantages and disadvantages of state acquisition of the remaining rail corridors, **HB 34**, relative to rules of the road, **HB 518**, relative to driver's license application forms.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

#### **FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Stimulus briefing with Bud Fitch, Office of Economic Stimulus, Governor's Office.
- 9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 433-FN-A**, making an appropriation to fund the reporting of hospital infections by the department of health and human services and **HB 649-FN**, relative to the governor's authority to expend funds for heating assistance.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 433-FN-A**, making an appropriation to fund the reporting of hospital infections by the department of health and human services and **HB 649-FN**, relative to the governor's authority to expend funds for heating assistance, **HB 113**, extending the moratorium on nursing home beds and rehabilitation beds, **HB 140-FN**, making charter schools eligible for grants for leased space, **HB 282-FN-A**, relative to compensation for the medical/vision advisory board and making an appropriation therefor, **HB 403**, clarifying the intent of a transfer of general funds to the highway fund, **HB 599-FN**, relative to reclassification of the position of forensic toxicologist in the department of safety, **HB 688**, relative to the chartered public school approval process and relative to open enrollment schools, **HB 689-FN-A-L**, directing aid to isolated small schools.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

### **MONDAY, MARCH 16**

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

**EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c), Department of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant Street (Medical and Surgical Building), Concord**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

**FINANCE JOINT WITH WAYS AND MEANS, White Mountains Regional High School Auditorium, 127 Regional Road, Whitefield**

6:00 p.m. Public hearing on Governor's budget.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

Work session on the Governor's budget:

9:30 a.m. Real Estate Commission  
10:00 a.m. Real Estate Appraisers Board  
10:30 a.m. Commission on the Status of Women  
11:00 a.m. Board of Accounting  
11:30 a.m. Joint Board of Licensure and Certification  
12:00 p.m. Boxing and Wrestling Commission  
1:00 p.m. Developmental Disabilities Council

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Governor's Budget

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E), Administrative Office of the Court Conference Room, Two Charles Doe Drive, Concord**

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4), CDFA Board Room 14 Dixon Avenue, Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

10:00 a.m. **HCR 2**, endorsing the National Health Insurance Act.

10:30 a.m. **HJR 4**, requesting the Macquarie Bank to withdraw its rate hike request relating to the Aquarion Water Company in Hampton, North Hampton, and Rye.

11:00 a.m. **HB 678-FN**, relative to establishing a minimum medical loss ratio.

11:30 a.m. **HB 434-FN**, relative to a health insurance access program.

12:00 p.m. **HB 359**, requiring health care provider bills to state the portion of payment covering costs of the uninsured.

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 334-FN**, relative to consumer credit, **HB 478-FN**, relative to remotely readable devices and relative to the illegal use of a payment card scanning device or reencoder, **HB 529-FN**, relative to the healthy kids program, **HB 530-FN**, relative to inspection of public buildings for compliance with access standards, **HB 569-FN**, requiring insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment

of autism spectrum disorders, **HB 605**, relative to employment of minors by liquor licensees, **HB 607-FN**, relative to residential pharmaceutical waste, **HB 616**, relative to banking overdraft fees, **HB 659-FN**, relative to insurance fraud, **HB 660-FN**, relative to the life settlements act, **HB 668-FN**, relative to a life settlements model act, **HB 680**, making technical changes in the insurance laws, **HB 692**, relative to emergency generators in manufactured housing parks.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

9:30 a.m. Department of Resources and Economic Development  
11:00 a.m. LCHIP  
11:30 a.m. Board of Tax and Land Appeals  
1:00 p.m. Department of Revenue Administration  
2:00 p.m. Treasury

**Rooms 202-204, LOB**

4:00 p.m. Governor's budget

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. Department of Fish and Game  
1:00 p.m. Department of Transportation

**Rooms 205-207, LOB**

4:00 p.m. Governor's budget

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Governor's Budget

**Rooms 210-211, LOB**

4:00 p.m. Governor's budget

**MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 33**, amending the Concord school district charter, **HB 319**, revising the charter of the union school district of Concord, **HB 290**, authorizing fluvial erosion hazard zoning, **HB 320-L**, relative to agreements between central business service districts and municipalities for infrastructure improvements, **HB 377**, relative to extending certain dates for town budget preparation.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB**

10:15 a.m. Continued executive session on **HB 437**, relative to the operation of the Chesterfield welcome and information center.

**STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 104, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HCR 9**, urging the United States Senate to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, **HB 524-FN**, establishing a permanent state defense force.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 359**, requiring health care provider bills to state the portion of payment covering costs of the uninsured, **HB 434-FN**, relative to a health insurance access program, **HB 678-FN**, relative to establishing a minimum medical loss ratio, **HCR 2**, endorsing the National Health Insurance Act, **HJR 4**, requesting the Macquarie Bank to withdraw its rate hike request relating to the Aquarion Water Company in Hampton, North Hampton, and Rye.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:  
10:00 a.m. Department of Cultural Resources  
11:00 a.m. Department of Agriculture  
1:00 p.m. Adjutant General  
2:00 p.m. Office of Energy and Planning

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:  
10:00 a.m. Department of Transportation

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

9:30 a.m. Governor's Budget

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:  
1:00 p.m. Department of Transportation  
Fish and Game Department

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

9:30 a.m. Governor's Budget

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

9:00 a.m. Regular business.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 238-A:2),  
Rooms 201-203, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

## **MONDAY, MARCH 23**

**COMMISSION TO PROPOSE A RETIREE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FUNDING MODEL  
(HB 1645, Chapter 300:13, Laws of 2008), Room 306, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY AIR QUALITY ISSUES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS (HB  
1171, Chapter 242:1, Laws of 2008), Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street,  
Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 100, State House**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:  
10:00 a.m. University System, NH  
11:00 a.m. Community College System of NH  
2:00 p.m. Planetarium

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. University System of NH  
Community College System of NH  
Planetarium  
1:00 p.m. Lottery Commission  
2:00 p.m. Police Standards and Training Council  
3:00 p.m. Postsecondary Education Commission

**FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 209, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Governor's Budget

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

3:00 p.m. Regular business.

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

**FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Work session on Governor's Budget:

10:00 a.m. Lottery Commission  
Postsecondary Education Commission  
Police Standards and Training Council

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue  
Administration, 109 Pleasant Street (Medical and Surgical Building), Concord**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint hearing.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

### **COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

**Belknap** County Executive Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, **March 2** at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Belknap County Complex in the Commissioner's Office, 34 County Drive, Laconia, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to authorize Tax Anticipation Notes and other business as necessary.

Rep. Beth Arsenault, Clerk  
Belknap County Executive Committee

### **COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

**Carroll** County Delegation will meet in executive session on **March 2** at 9:00 a.m. in the Carroll County Administration Building to work on the 2009 County Budget.

Rep. Karen Umberger, Clerk  
Carroll County Delegation

### **COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

**Merrimack** County Executive Committee will meet on Monday, **March 9** at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is as follows: 1. 2009 Budget Review as follows: a. Corrections. b. Administration and Others. c. Human Services and Others. d. County Attorney/Med. Referee/Pre-Trial/Adult

Diversion/Sheriff Dispatch. e. Nursing Home. 2. Any other business.  
Rep. Jessie Osborne, Chairman  
Merrimack County Executive Committee

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### REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following House Bill has revised fiscal notes: HBs 30, 31, 56, 64, 166, 216, 223, 282, 348, 392, 419, 423, 426, 441, 468, 564, 582, 583, 584, 586, 587, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 602, 608, 627, 628, 629, 630, 632, 633, 639, 640, 643, 650, 651, 652, 653, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 663, 664, 666, 670, 672, 674, 675, 677, 678, 696, SB 25.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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Pursuant to RSA 326-B:10-a,IV, the Joint Health Council will meet at the NH Board of Nursing Office, Walker Building, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord, on Monday, **March 9** at 6:00 p.m.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

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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. Anne K. Priestly, 4 Bluff Street, Salem, New Hampshire 03079-1501.

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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### 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 components of the NH Dental Society will be inviting legislators to events in their area in order to educate legislators regarding oral health issues in New Hampshire. Events are being scheduled for the month of March. Please watch for invitations in the mail.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Sherman A. Packard

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Anyone interested in participating in a legislative ski day this year please contact Rep. Frank Sapareto (894-7083) or Bruce Berke.

Rep. Frank V. Sapareto

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The Legislative Youth Advisory Council will be conducting three public forums to discuss and

gather more information about bills of interest to young people. They will be held Saturday, **February 28**, 3:30 p.m. at the MUB, Rooms 334/336 at UNH in Durham and Thursday, **March 5**, 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center in Plymouth, Wednesday, **March 11** at 7:00 p.m. at Manchester City Hall. The Council invites legislators to attend these forums. The regular meeting of the Council will be Sunday, **March 8**, 1:00 p.m. at the NH Technical Institute in Concord. All meetings are open to the public. Please contact Rep. Carolyn Gargasz for further information.

Rep. Carolyn Gargasz

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All members of the New Hampshire Legislature are cordially invited to attend a legislative breakfast with the New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association (NHWPCA). A delicious breakfast will be served and will bring together wastewater professionals and state legislators to provide an informative setting for learning about wastewater challenges facing NH communities. The focus this year will be on the aging WWTF infrastructure and funding needs, and biosolids and septage issues. The event will take place at The Holiday Inn, Main Street, Concord from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, **March 4**. Space is limited. Please RSVP by Friday, February 27 to nhwpca@yahoo.com or telephone 603-474-2484.

Rep. Burton W. Williams

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The members of the NH Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA-NH) cordially invite all House members and staff to a reception at the Barley House on Wednesday, **March 4** from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Look forward to seeing you there.

Reps. Tara G. Reardon and John B. Hunt

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The Concord delegation will meet on **March 5** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 301, LOB to discuss bills relating to the Concord school district charter.

Rep. Jessie L. Osborne

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All legislators and staff are invited to a luncheon featuring the release of "Community Needs, Community Benefits: Hospitals and Health Systems in New Hampshire" on Thursday, **March 5** from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. The report, developed by the New Hampshire Hospital Association and the Foundation for Healthy Communities, describes how the State's community benefits law works and how health needs are addressed by hospitals in cities and towns across New Hampshire. Please RSVP to the NHHA and FHC at 225-0900 or email at aalley@NHHA.org.

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

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Legislators are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony for the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center on Friday, **March 6** at 2:00 p.m. at the former Christa McAuliffe Planetarium on the NHTI campus in Concord. Governor John Lynch will be participating in the celebration and ribbon cutting.

Rep. Jessie L. Osborne

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All legislators and staff are invited to the 8th Annual NH Capital St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and Roast with Governor John Lynch and the legislative leadership to benefit Children's Hospital at Dartmouth on Thursday, **March 12** at 7:00 a.m. at the Courtyard Marriott-Grappone Center in Concord. To obtain your complimentary ticket, please RSVP [james.demers@thedemersgroup.com](mailto:james.demers@thedemersgroup.com)  
Rep. Mary Jane Wallner

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The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Legislative Orientation has been **rescheduled for Thursday March 12th** at St. Paul's Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come to learn more about the Department and its many programs and services that benefit the citizens of New Hampshire. Lunch will be provided, prepared by the New Hampshire Hospital Food and Nutritional Services, but donations will be gladly accepted to the hospital's Resident Benefit Fund. Please RSVP to John Williams, DHHS Legislative Coordinator, at [jwilliam@dhhs.state.nh.us](mailto:jwilliam@dhhs.state.nh.us) or 271-0552.

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

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The Department of Transportation will hold the following meetings:

**March 19** – Hooksett Municipal Building, 35 Main Street, Hooksett, 7:00 p.m. – Public hearing commission meeting – Hooksett, reconstruction and widening of US 3/NH 28 with drainage improvements.

**March 25** – McKelvie Middle School, 108 Liberty Hill Road, Bedford, 7:00 p.m. Public hearing special meeting. Bedford, US Route 3 bridge replacement over FE Everett Turnpike.

Rep. Candace CW Bouchard, Chairman  
Public Works and Highways Committee

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The University of New Hampshire President, Mark W. Huddleston and the UNH Alumni Association are pleased to invite members of the New Hampshire General Court and Staff to the annual UNH Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, **March 25<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord.

Rep. Marjorie K. Smith

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The House Republican Alliance will meet every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Upham Walker House, Park Street, Concord.

Rep. Nancy J. Elliott

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The Main Street Republicans will meet every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in Room 212, LOB. All Republicans are welcome.

Rep. Cynthia J. Dokmo

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NH OWLS will meet the third Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. at the Upham Walker House. Guest Speakers will be announced. If you know a non-traditional student who would like to apply for an OWL Scholarship, applications are available on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the LOB. Applications must be returned by April 15, 2009.

## 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 **March 2009**. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year and **subject to change**. **Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information.** Legislators planning to meet with students should notify the Visitor Center. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

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

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u>          | <u>GROUP</u>                                   | <u>Size/Grade</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mar. 2      | 10:15                | Pelham Elementary School                       | 50/4              |
| Mar. 3      | 9:00                 | Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord      | 40/4              |
| Mar. 3      | 10:00/11:15<br>SH/HM | East Derry Memorial School                     | 86/4              |
| Mar. 4      | 9:00                 | Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord      | 40/4              |
| Mar. 4      | 10:30/12:00<br>SH/HM | Heron Pond Elementary School – Milford         | 75/4              |
| Mar. 4      | 1:15                 | Kimball School – Concord                       | 24/4              |
| Mar. 5      | 9:00                 | Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord      | 40/4              |
| Mar. 5      | 10:00                | Windham Central School                         | 115/4             |
| Mar. 5      | 1:15                 | Kimball School – Concord                       | 24/4              |
| Mar. 6      | 8:00                 | WACNH-Visitors from Estonia                    | 6                 |
| Mar. 6      | 9:30/10:30<br>SH/SC  | Lincoln Street School – Exeter                 | 80/4              |
| Mar. 6      | 11:30                | St. Joseph's School – Keene                    | 7/4               |
| Mar. 6      | 1:15                 | Kimball School – Concord                       | 24/4              |
| Mar. 9      | 10:15                | Pelham Elementary School                       | 50/4              |
| Mar. 9      | 2:00                 | Sacred Heart Church Home School Group- Concord | 30                |
| Mar. 10     | 8:45                 | Oyster River HS-Russian Students               | 10/HS             |
| Mar. 10     | 10:00/11:30<br>SH/HM | Horne Street School – Dover                    | 80/4              |
| Mar. 11     | 9:30                 | Village Coop Home School-Goffstown             | 16/4              |
| Mar 11      | 10:00/11:30<br>SH/HM | Marston Elementary School – Hampton            | 65/4              |
| Mar. 11     | 1:00                 | Concord Leadership                             | 28/Adult          |
| Mar. 12     | 10:00/11:15<br>SH/HM | Derry Village School                           | 80/4              |
| Mar. 13     | 9:30/11:00<br>SH/SC  | Symonds School – Keene                         | 60/4              |
| Mar. 13     | 10:30                | Moultonborough Central School                  | 50/4              |
| Mar. 13     | 1:30                 | Taylor Community                               | 22/Adult          |
| Mar. 13     | 2:15                 | Antrim Senior Center                           | 15/Adult          |
| Mar. 16     | 9:00                 | Bow Elementary School                          | 40/4              |
| Mar. 16     | 10:15                | Pelham Elementary School                       | 50/4              |



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| Laconia           | Police Station | 524-5252 |
| Keene             | Police Station | 352-2222 |
| Lebanon           | Police Station | 448-1212 |
| Manchester        | Police Station | 668-8711 |
| Nashua            | Police Station | 594-3500 |
| Concord           | Police Station | 225-8600 |
| Rockingham County | County Sheriff | 679-2225 |
| Portsmouth        | Police Station | 427-1500 |
| Dover             | Police Station | 742-4646 |
| Claremont         | Police Station | 542-9538 |
| Newport           | Police Station | 863-3232 |
| Merrimack         | Police Station | 424-2222 |
| Salem             | Police Station | 893-1911 |
| Ossipee           | County Sheriff | 539-2284 |
| Derry             | Police Station | 432-6111 |

In addition to the above listed numbers you can also call the numbers listed below nearest you.

#### **State Police Headquarters**

Department of Safety  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03305  
Tel: 271-3636

#### **Rockingham & Strafford Counties**

Troop - A  
Route 125  
Epping, NH 03042  
Tel: 679-3333

#### **Cheshire & Sullivan Counties**

Troop - C  
Box 272  
Keene, NH 03431  
Tel: 358-3333

#### **Belknap & Carroll Counties**

Troop - E

#### **Hillsborough County**

Troop - B  
4 Meadowbrook Drive  
Milford, NH 03055  
Tel: 672-3333

#### **Merrimack County**

Department of Safety  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03305  
Tel: 271-3636

#### **Coos & Grafton Counties**

Troop - F

Box 235  
W. Ossipee, NH 03890  
Tel: 323-3333

Box 440  
Twin Mountain, NH 03595  
Tel: 846-3333

Also in the event members wish to obtain road or weather conditions during periods of inclement weather they should call the nearest Troop Station to their residence or Headquarters Communications in Concord. When calling Headquarters Communications, they should ask to speak with the Communications Supervisor. When calling a Troop Station, inquiries will be handled by the Communications Specialist on duty at the time.

The caller should specify the information he or she wishes to obtain. This information should be readily available to communications personnel and every effort will be made to accommodate these requests in a timely manner.

Please be advised when calling State Police Headquarters to call **271-3636** and not any of the 800 lines, which are used for emergency purposes only.

A toll-free road conditions on all state roads is available at **511**.