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HOUSE CALENDAR

NOTICE

House Continuing Education

TOPIC: PERSPECTIVES ON EDUCATION REFORM AND MEETING THE DEMANDS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Rooms 210-211, LOB

Morning: Presentation by Dr. Marc Tucker, President of the National Center on Education and the Economy; Panel Discussion on NH's Career and College Ready Standards.

Afternoon: Update from the National Conference of State Legislatures on reforms in other states; Work Sessions on Assessment and Reform Activities.

Lunch will be provided.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

The **2011 House Permanent Journals** have arrived. **House Members** who ordered a 2011 Journal may pick it up in the Clerk's office.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

NOTICE

The House Calendar will be published every week. Please note Calendar **will close on Wednesdays at noon.**

CLOSES NOON *WEDNESDAY*:	AVAILABLE *FRIDAY:*
October 16	October 18
October 23	October 25
October 30	November 1

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

HOUSE DEADLINES

Friday, November 15, 2013	Last day to sign off LSRs (4:00 p.m.)
Friday, November 22, 2013	Last day to report retained Bills
Wednesday, January 8, 2014	Last day to introduce House Legislation

1ST NOTICE
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

Advisory Opinion 2013-3

Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion
from Representative Susan W. Almy
(October 2, 2013)

Pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I (c), Representative Susan Almy has requested an Advisory Opinion whether, consistent with applicable statutes and the Ethics Guidelines, she may accept a complimentary invitation from the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA) to attend its Annual Dinner.

Facts

According to information provided to the Committee by Rep. Almy, she and certain other members of the General Court have received such invitations to the Dinner, to be held October 23, 2013. Her Request states that "such invitations have been extended to chairs, vice chairs and senior minority members of key committees related to the BIA's work." Her Request further states that the "Commerce and Ways & Means committees in both houses regularly deal with [BIA], that it holds an annual meeting with considerable networking and with what I would consider celebratory goals in that it honors key people, business and other, around the state, this year being the NH Charitable Foundation, Donna Sytek, and a rural industry in my county."

Further information about the event has been furnished on BIA's behalf, in response to the Committee's request. BIA's response states that tickets to the event are regularly priced at $125.00. BIA describes itself as classified under the federal Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c) (6) organization. BIA also states that it

> "routinely invites all members of the New Hampshire Senate to the annual dinner, in their official capacities and regardless of party or position on issues. It also invites the chairs of various House committees and leadership, regardless of party or position on issues, in their official capacities. Due to the size of the dinner location, and the size of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, it is impossible to invite the entire House membership."

BIA further states that the Dinner

> "has evolved from one that mixed business with pleasure, to a celebration of business accomplishments in New Hampshire, especially recognizing a business leader each year with the BIA's Lifetime Achievement Award,"

that the Dinner has also recognized distinguished members of the bar, governmental, community, and not-for-profit leaders, and that the New Hampshire Advantage Award is presented annually at the Dinner, "recognizing organizations that have added to the strength of New Hampshire."

Relevant Provisions of Applicable Law:

RSA 15-B:3, RSA 15-B:2, V(a), and (b) (9) and (10) (see text attached).

Analysis

Under RSA 15-B:3, "Gifts" to legislators are generally prohibited, unless specifically exempted by law. Transfers by third persons to legislators of non-monetary items of value are prohibited, unless the item is worth less than $25.00, or otherwise qualifies for a specific statutory exemption from the definition of "gift." Since BIA has confirmed that the value of Annual Dinner tickets is $125.00, the question becomes whether its complimentary invitations somehow qualify for a specific exemption.

BIA claims that its complimentary invitations to the Dinner should qualify for the following specific exemptions:

(1) RSA 15-B:2,V(b)(l0)(A), meals associated with attendance at ceremonial or celebratory event, public, open to any member of the public purchasing a ticket, and if by invitation, planned to have an attendance of more than 50 people;

(2) RSA l5-B:2,V(b)(l0)(B), meals associated with attendance by legislators invited in their official capacities, as representatives of the state or legislative bodies;

(3) RSA 15-B:2,V(b)(9), free admission to a qualifying "ceremonial event."

However, on the facts presented, the statutory requirements for exemptions (2) and (3) are not met.

RSA l5-B:2,V(b)(l0)(B) specifies that legislative invitees be "attending in an official capacity, **representing the state and/or the senate [or] house**…." (emphasis added). In the context of direct invitations to the BIA Annual Dinner, we have presumed that the Senate President is representing the Senate when attending the event in an official capacity. (AO 2011-3). The same presumption would apply to the Speaker of the House. However, merely because other legislators might be invited to attend in their official capacity does not satisfy the additional requirement that in attending, they be "representing" the body they belong to, unless they have been granted specific authority to do so.

As to RSA 15-B:2,V(b)(9), while the exemption applies to a "ceremonial" event, there are additional requirements:

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

(B) The event is sponsored by a charitable organization that is registered with the division of charitable trusts, department of justice, or which is a charitable organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code; or

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

None of these additional requirements appear to be satisfied. In particular, the proceeds of the Dinner are not subject to RSA 664, BIA is not a charitable organization that is registered with the division of charitable trusts, nor a 501(c)(3) organization; nor is the Dinner published as an event open for attendance by any member of the general court in the calendar of the Senate or the House.

The remaining question is whether the invitation would qualify for exemption under RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(l0)(A). The issue here is whether the "primary significance" of the BIA Annual Dinner is "ceremonial or celebratory." These terms are not defined in the statute, and we have not previously interpreted or applied them in specific situations.

"Ceremonial" In common usage, the adjective "ceremonial" has been defined as "relating to or used for formal events of a religious or public nature." (See *Oxford Dictionary of American English*, On-line Edition). Since the BIA dinner is not a religious event, is sponsored by a private organization, and is open only to ticket purchasers and special invitees, we conclude that it is not a "ceremonial" event within the meaning of the statute.

"Celebratory" In common usage, among other definitions, the adjective "celebratory" relates to an event which "honors or praises publicly." (See definition of "celebrate" in *Oxford Dictionary of American English*, On-line Edition). This is a very broad definition which should be interpreted in light of the purpose of RSA 15-B, as stated in RSA 15-B:1: "to ensure that the performance of official duties does not give rise to a conflict of interest, by prohibiting certain gifts…." To apply the term "celebratory" to any event which "honors or praises publicly," so long as it is open to the public or more than 50 invitees, would not serve that purpose, but would permit any sponsoring person or organization to claim the exemption, regardless of who is being honored or praised, or how closely the event relates to influencing the performance of legislative duties in the sponsor's favor.

BIA makes no secret that it is a preeminent lobbying organization. It employs full time personnel whose task is to monitor and influence legislation of interest to the organization and its members. It provides weekly status reports to its members about such legislation. Any effective lobbying effort includes cultivating cordial relationships with legislators. There is little doubt that its Annual Dinner invitations to legislators are part of that effort. If BIA had no interest in legislation, there would be no point in offering free admission to legislators. Clearly, one of the purposes of the Dinner and the free invitations is to advance BIA's legislative agenda.

But the "celebratory" exception does not necessarily exclude such events. It merely requires that the "primary significance" of such events be "celebratory." To give that provision proper effect requires that the event primarily celebrate someone or something other than the organization itself, or its members, or its own accomplishments, or sitting legislators, legislative officers or legislative staff.

On the facts presented in Rep. Almy's request and BIA's response, this criterion appears to be met. No BIA business is conducted at the dinner. The program appears to include no discussion of BIA's own legislative positions or accomplishments, but more generally seeks to be "a celebration of business accomplishments in New Hampshire," publicly honoring not only leaders of business, but other community leaders and organizations as well.

Accordingly, as long as this remains the primary focus of BIA's Annual Dinner, we advise that the event can reasonably be characterized as "primarily celebratory," that as such, complimentary invitations to the event extended directly by BIA to legislators qualify for the exemption in RSA 15-B:2, V(b)(l0)(A), and that therefore, such invitations are not gifts prohibited by RSA 15-B: 3.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Martin L. Gross, Chairman
Representative Janet G. Wall, Vice Chairman
Representative Jordan G. Ulery
Senator Jim Rausch
Senator Martha Fuller Clark (not participating)
Attorney Wilfred L. Sanders, Jr.
Mr. David A. Welch

For the Committee,
Martin L. Gross
Chairman

[Vote: 6-0]

AO 2013-3—Applicable Law

15-B:1 Purpose. – The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that the performance of official duties does not give rise to a conflict of interest, by prohibiting certain gifts and by requiring certain persons to file with the secretary of state a report of any honorariums or expense reimbursements received. This chapter shall be liberally construed to effect this purpose

15-B:2 Definitions. – For the purposes of this chapter: ***

V. (a) "Gift" means: ***

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

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

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

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

(B) The event is sponsored by a charitable organization that is registered with the division of charitable trusts, department of justice, or which is a charitable organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code; or

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

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

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

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

15-B:3 Prohibition on Gifts. –

I. It shall be unlawful to knowingly give any gift as defined in this chapter, directly or indirectly, to any elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or legislative employee.

II. It shall be unlawful to knowingly give any gift as defined in this chapter, directly or indirectly, to any family member, as defined in this chapter, of any elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or legislative employee, with a purpose of influencing or affecting the official conduct of such official or employee.

III. No elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or legislative employee shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in this chapter.

LAID ON TABLE

HB 116, relative to the powers of an executor or administrator to take control of a decedent's social networking websites. (Pending question: adoption of the Majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 344-FN-L, relative to aid to school districts for the cost of special education. (Pending question: adoption of the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 420, establishing orange, red, and yellow as the state colors. (Pending question: adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.)

HB 576, establishing Franklin Pierce Day. (Pending question: adoption of the committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 615-FN-A, relative to the New Hampshire national guard recruitment and retention scholarship fund and making an appropriation therefor. (Pending question: adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 619-FN, prohibiting images of a person's residence to be taken from the air. (Pending question: adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.)

HB 638, recognizing the original Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. (Pending question: adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 678-FN-A-L, relative to games of chance and establishing a gaming oversight authority and video lottery gaming. (Pending question: adoption of the report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HB 683-FN, relative to the retirement system status of the director and assistant director of the division of homeland security and emergency management. (Pending question: adoption of the report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HCR 3, affirming States' powers based on the Constitution for the United States and the Constitution of New Hampshire. (Pending question: Ought to Pass.)

HR 6, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court decision and affirming support for its holding and principles.

HR 7, urging the New Hampshire congressional delegation to sponsor and support a constitutional amendment to re-establish the authority of the states and Congress to regulate campaign spending by entities created by law. (Pending question: adoption of the Majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.)

HR 8, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015. (Pending question: adoption of Ought to Pass.)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

COMMISSION TO STUDY AND UPDATE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:11), Room 104, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (RSA 99-E), Room 101, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K), NHTI Community College Room SC225, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 592-FN,*** regulating the use of electronic tracking devices.

9:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 562,*** relative to the interest rate on title loans. ***Please note Room 301, LOB***

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***SB 169,*** relative to non-covered services under dental insurance plans.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 222,*** relative to business names registered with the secretary of state.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 565,*** relative to actions under the consumer protection law. ***Please note Room 301, LOB***

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 585,*** relative to insurance parity for optometrists.

COMMISSION ON HOUSING POLICY AND REGULATION, (RSA 19-N), Rooms 201-203, LOB

1:15 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY EXPANSION OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY (RSA 126-A:66), Rooms 210-211, LOB

11:00 a.m. Work session.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR MITIGATION OF DAMAGES ASSOCIATED WITH HIGHWAY NOISE (HB 391, Chapter 122:1, Laws of 2013), Room 204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY A PROGRAM TO ADDRESS CHILDREN IN NEED (HB 418, Chapter 44:1, Laws of 2013), Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE AND MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES (SB 71, Chapter 161, Laws of 2013), Room 100, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIONS TO IMPROVE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT (RSA 206:1-a), Room 305, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 392-FN,*** relative to political contributions and expenditures and relative to reporting by political committees.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 608,*** relative to the slaughter of poultry and rabbits.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 660-FN,*** requiring the labeling of genetically engineered foods and agricultural commodities.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 646-FN,*** relative to New Hampshire correctional industries.

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

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 461-FN,*** relative to long-term care services.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 582,*** repealing early offers for medical injury claims.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 249-FN,*** requiring employers to verify an employee's eligibility to work in the United States.

11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 439-FN,*** relative to weekly workers' compensation payments.

11:15 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 203,*** (New Title) relative to workers' compensation coverage for contractors on state projects and state land timber sales.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 166,*** requiring the public utilities commission to make specific findings as to the public need for proposed transmission lines, ***HB 569,*** relative to the placement of all new electric transmission lines in New Hampshire, ***HB 568,*** requiring new electric transmission lines in New Hampshire to be buried.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 286,*** relative to broadband infrastructure.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS (SB 117, Chapter 182, Laws of 2013), Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUNDING (SB 60, Chapter 245:1, Laws of 2009, extended by HB 588, Laws of 2013), Room 202, LOB

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5), Room 304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MEDICAID ENHANCEMENT TAX STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 84-A:13), Rooms 210-211, LOB

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 586,*** establishing a one-year moratorium on applications for certificates for electric transmission facilities, ***HB 449,*** relative to the application process for a certificate for an energy facility, ***HB 580,*** establishing moratoriums on wind turbine plants and electric transmission line projects, ***HB 484-FN-L,*** requiring public approval prior to issuance of certain site evaluation certificates.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 305-307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY PALLIATIVE CARE AND ASSOCIATED QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES (RSA 126-W), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE APPORTIONMENT FORMULA FOR COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TOWNS WITH ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES (HB 305, Chapter 103:1, Laws of 2013), Room 301, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-P:51), Incident Management and Operations Center, 110 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 462-FN,*** relative to an independent review process under the medical assistance program.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Child and Family Services subcommittee, focusing on quality and affordable early childhood learning.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 532,*** relative to energy efficiency and clean energy districts.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

COASTAL RISK AND HAZARDS COMMISSION (RSA 483-E), Great Bay Discovery Center, in the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, 89 Depot Rd., Greenland.

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular business.

GUARDIANS AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1), Room 101, LOB

11:00 a.m. Non-Public session of the Complaint Review Committee.

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND SPECIES (RSA 487:30), Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 572,*** establishing a commission to study public-private partnerships for the treatment of abused and neglected children.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session retained ***HB 343-FN,*** relative to laws regarding pawnbrokers.

9:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 149,*** relative to the information on fuel invoices.

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 430,*** requiring insurance companies sending out solicitations for marketing purposes to include their insurance license number on such solicitations.

10:30 a.m. Executive session on retained ***HB 120,*** relative to hours of sales by off-premises liquor licensees, ***HB 149,*** relative to the information on fuel invoices, ***HB 175,*** relative to New Hampshire domestic liquor and wines, ***HB 222,*** relative to business names registered with the secretary of state, ***HB 226,*** establishing a committee to study the promotion of New Hampshire wines, ***HB 227,*** relative to property and casualty insurance, ***HB 331-FN,*** relative to wine manufacturers, ***HB 343-FN,*** relative to laws regarding pawnbrokers, ***HB 430,*** requiring insurance companies sending out solicitations for marketing purposes to include their insurance license number on such solicitations, ***HB 456-FN,*** relative to liquor manufacturers, ***HB 529,*** relative to the regulation of health clubs, ***HB 544,*** repealing the prohibition on a state-based health exchange, ***HB 562,*** relative to the interest rate on title loans, ***HB 565,*** relative to actions under the consumer protection law, ***HB 566,*** regulating guaranteed price plans and prepaid contracts for heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas, ***HB 585,*** relative to insurance parity for optometrists, ***HB 592-FN,*** regulating the use of electronic tracking devices, ***HB 682-FN,*** relative to credit card fees, ***SB 92,*** prohibiting multiple prescription drug failures, ***SB 169,*** relative to non-covered services under dental insurance plans, ***SB 180-FN-A,*** (2nd New Title) establishing a recovery fund for victims of the Financial Resources Mortgage (FRM) fraud and continually appropriating a special fund.

COMMISSION TO STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIONS TO IMPROVE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT (RSA 206:1-a), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Ad Hoc subcommittee on retirement plans.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 326-FN,*** relative to licensure of polysomnographers by the board of respiratory care practitioners.

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

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 461-FN,*** relative to long-term care services.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained ***HB 582,*** repealing early offers for medical injury claims, ***HB 590,*** relative to the unauthorized practice of law, ***HB 685,*** relative to state agency communications under the right-to-know law.

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

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE TRANSPARENCY WEBSITE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 9-F:2), Room 208, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on revenue estimates.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

COMMISSION TO STUDY GENERAL COURT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RSA 19-M), Room 209, LOB

10:30 a.m. Rescheduled organizational meeting.

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE HEARINGS OFFICER'S REPORT WITH REGARD TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER (HB 283, Chapter 208, Laws of 2013), Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS (SB 117, Chapter 182, Laws of 2013), Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUNDING (SB 60, Chapter 245:1, Laws of 2009, extended by HB 588, Laws of 2013), Room 202, LOB

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 469,*** relative to time limits for regulatory boards and commissions to hold disciplinary proceedings.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***SB 3-FN,*** (New Title) eliminating certain ramp tolls on the Everett turnpike in the town of Merrimack.

10:30 a.m. Continued executive session on retained ***SB 29,*** relative to the motorist service signing program.

11:00 a.m. Continued executive session on retained ***HB 437-FN-A,*** relative to the road toll, ***HB 534,*** establishing a commission to study the sale of naming rights for certain structures, ***HB 674-FN-L,*** relative to state highway aid, ***HB 684,*** relative to bridge replacement and bridge aid funds, ***SB 3-FN,*** (New Title) eliminating certain ramp tolls on the Everett turnpike in the town of Merrimack, ***SB 15,*** naming a portion of route 101 after the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on revenue estimates.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 654-FN,*** relative to licensure and renewal fees.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

COMMISSION TO STUDY PALLIATIVE CARE AND ASSOCIATED QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES (RSA 126-W), Room 303, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RESOLUTION BARRIERS IN THE USE OF TELEHEALTH TECHNOLOGY IN NH (HB 556, Chapter 112:1, Laws of 2013), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-X:9), Rooms 205-207, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

COMMISSION TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLE OF SHOALS 400TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL (HB 25, Chapter 195:45, Laws of 2013), 296 Harbor Rd., Rye, home of Rep. Sherman

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting and site visit.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25), Room 307, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

COMMISSION TO STUDY GENERAL COURT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RSA 19-M), Room 209, LOB

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIONS TO IMPROVE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT (RSA 206:1-a), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 658-FN,*** relative to registration for medical technicians.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***SB 190-FN,*** relative to admission fees for certain persons at state parks and historical sites.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained ***HB 263,*** establishing a committee to study examination of elderly drivers, ***HB 495-FN,*** relative to titles for motor vehicles, ***HB 587,*** relative to medical examination requirements for commercial drivers' licenses, ***HB 650-FN-A,*** making an appropriation to start a bus service between Claremont and Lebanon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

COMMISSION TO STUDY PERMANENT OPTIONS FOR FUNDING THE VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY (RSA 436:92-a), Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUNDING (SB 60, Chapter 245:1, Laws of 2009, extended by HB 588, Laws of 2013), Room 202, LOB

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained ***HB 125,*** requiring the reporting of certain felony offenses by postsecondary educational institutions, ***HB 217,*** imposing an extended term of imprisonment for assault against a health care provider, ***HB 336-FN,*** prohibiting the retail sale of certain fireworks devices, ***HB 404-FN,*** relative to earned time credits for inmates participating in rehabilitative programming, ***HB 480-FN,*** relative to solitary confinement, ***HB 492-FN-L,*** relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana, ***HB 496-FN,*** relative to driving privileges for certain first-time DWI offenders, ***HB 498,*** permitting the use of firearms by military or veterans groups in the compact part of a town for military or veterans events, or national holidays, ***HB 618,*** relative to disclosure of annulled criminal records, ***HB 645-FN,*** relative to an extended term of imprisonment for persons with 2 prior convictions, ***HB 649-FN,*** relative to earned time credits for certain prisoners participating in educational and rehabilitative programming, ***HB 653-FN-A,*** relative to funding law enforcement prosecution of Internet crimes against children, ***HB 666-FN,*** relative to penalties for speeding offenses, ***HB 675-FN,*** authorizing and regulating the use of license plate scanning devices.

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5), Room 304, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB
10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained ***HB 329-FN,*** requiring purchasers of medical equipment to be notified of the actual cost of such equipment at time of sale, ***HB 461-FN,*** relative to long-term care services, ***HB 462-FN,*** relative to an independent review process under the medical assistance program, ***HB 476,*** relative to medical care price disclosure and transparency, ***HB 494,*** relative to the administration of glucagon injections for pupils, ***HB 584,*** relative to covered prescription drugs, ***HB 597-FN,*** relative to mandatory drug testing for certain health care workers, ***HB 677-FN,*** relative to the certificate of need board.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATION NUMBER PLATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (RSA 261:97-d), Room 207, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T:1), NH Medical Society, 7 North State St., Concord
2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY PALLIATIVE CARE AND ASSOCIATED QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES (RSA 126-W), Room 303, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE HEARINGS OFFICER'S REPORT WITH REGARD TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER (HB 283, Chapter 208, Laws of 2013), Room 302, LOB
10:00 a.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205, LOB
10:00 a.m. Long Term Care subcommittee.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PANEL AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 519-B:13), Room 208, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 233-A:2, I), Department of Fish and Game Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7), Department of Health and Human Services, Brown Building, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PANEL AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 519-B:13), Room 208, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 186-C:3-b), NH Department of Education, Londergan Hall Room 15, 101 Pleasant St., Concord
4:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 305-307, LOB
9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained ***HB 243,*** relative to the board of trustees of a chartered public school, ***HB 424-FN,*** relative to review of chartered public school applications by the state board of education, ***HB 435-FN,*** relative to funding for chartered public school pupils, ***HB 474,*** relative to eligibility for in-state tuition rates at the university system of New Hampshire, ***HB 533,*** relative to the mathematics requirement for high school graduation, ***SB 82,*** establishing a commission to identify strategies needed for developing and implementing a competency-based public education system.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (RSA 99-E), Room 101, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PANEL AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 519-B:13), Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

SHORELAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 483-B:21), Department of Environmental Services, Room 214, 29 Hazen Dr., Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 305-307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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. Amy S. Perkins, 49 Washington Street, Seabrook, New Hampshire 03874-4640
Rep. Susan Emerson, c/o Navy Lodge, Room 509, 8901 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20889
Colleagues who so desire may send cards and greetings to the address listed above.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Hillsborough** County Executive Committee will be meeting on Friday, **October 18th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Goffstown, NH.

Rep. Mariellen McKay Clerk
Hillsborough Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the **Merrimack** County Delegation will meet on Monday, **October 21st** in the lower level conference room at 9:00 a.m. of the McDonnell Building, 4 Court Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is as follows: 1. Review/Approve 2nd & 3rd Quarter Financial Report. 2. Any other Business.

Rep. Stephen Shurtleff, Chairman
Merrimack County Executive Committee

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet for a third quarter budget review on Friday, **October 25th** at 9:30 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood.

Rep. Kevin K. Waterhouse, Clerk
Rockingham County Executive Committee

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following Bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 404, HB 424, HB 480, HB 469, HB 492, HB 645, HB 649, HB 653, HB 666, HB 671, HB 682, HB 624, SB 180 and SB 196.

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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

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The annual ceremony of the New Hampshire Firefighters Memorial will take place on the grounds of the Fire Academy (110 Smokey Bear Boulevard, Concord) on **Sunday, October 13th** at 2:00 p.m. State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan welcomes all legislators to attend this special tribute honoring New Hampshire's firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

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All legislators are welcome to attend The Red Mass on Tuesday, **October 15th** at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester, 5:15 p.m. This is a celebration of The Mass offered for those engaged in making law, enforcing law, administering law or judging according to the law. Legislators of any faith are welcome to attend the services and pray for guidance in these troubling times. Fellowship and dinner in honor of the 2013 St. Thomas More Award Recipient Martha E. O'Neill, Esq. at 6:30 p.m., Fratello's Italian Grille, 155 Dow St., Manchester. Tickets for the dinner are $30. Please RSVP by Sept. 30 to Finance Office, Diocese of Manchester, Box 310, Manchester, NH 03105-0310.

Reps. Stephen Shurtleff and Jordan Ulery

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The Vesta Roy Excellence in Public Service Series is a political leadership training program for New Hampshire Republican women who have an interest in politics and public service. The Vesta Roy Series Program will be holding a fundraiser on Thursday **October 17th** starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Offices of Hinckley, Allen, and Snyder, 11 S. Main St., Suite 400 in Concord. The new President of the Senate, Senator Chuck Morse will be speaking as well as Dan Inness. A suggested donation of $10 is requested.

Rep. Regina Birdsell

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The New Hampshire Auto Dealers Association is pleased to offer two tickets per legislator to attend this year's NH Auto Show to be held **October 18-20th** at the NH Sportsplex in Bedford, NH (68 Technology Drive). Tickets (valued at $5 each) must be picked up at the NHADA offices at 507 South Street in Bow, NH. Tickets for the **October 17th** Charity Preview night ($75) are also available for purchase. Charity night proceeds benefit CASA, Veteran's Count and the NH Auto Education Foundation.

Reps. Stephen Shurtleff and Gene Chandler

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All legislators are invited to special briefings on the Northern Pass transmission project. A briefing and tour will be **Oct. 18th** in Bethlehem, Oct. 21 in Concord, and Oct. 23 in Portsmouth. The briefings are hosted by the Appalachian Mountain Club, Conservation Law Foundation, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and The Nature Conservancy. For more information please contact Rita Carroll at the Forest Society at **rcarroll@forestsociety.org** or 224-9945 ext. 331.

Rep. Rebecca A. Brown

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On Tuesday, **October 22nd,** the Environment & Agriculture Committee and the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food (DAMF) are co-hosting the 100th Anniversary of the creation of the department - an event to celebrate not only the history of the department, but also the history and contributions of agriculture to our state. The day will start with a talk by former Commissioner and current NH Humanities Council speaker Steve Taylor on the progressive era of New Hampshire government that gave birth to the Department of Agriculture, the state highway system, Extension Service (now UNH Cooperative Extension) and other important milestones of education, economy and culture. The talk will be in LOB Room 301-303.

The Department and partner agencies and organizations will have exhibits in front of the State House, and DAMF offices in the Annex Building will have on display historical artifacts and a timeline of important events in the 100 years of serving NH agriculture. The Governor will welcome guests to the open house and present her proclamation from the steps of the State House at 11:00 am. All representatives are warmly invited to join us for any and all of the 10:00 a.m. -2:00 a.m. festivities.

Reps. Tara Sad and Bob Haefner

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All legislators are invited to attend a Forum entitled "Perspectives on Education Reform and Meeting the Demands of the 21st Century" with Dr. Marc Tucker, President of the National Center on Education and the Economy, (NCEE). Dr. Tucker also established the National Institute for School Leadership, America's Choice, Inc. and the Commission on Skills of the American Workforce. The Forum will be held on **Tuesday, October 29th,** 2013 in Room 210/211 in the Legislative Offices Building (LOB) beginning at 9:00 AM. Dr. Tucker's presentation will be followed by a panel of professionals representing NH education and business who will discuss the strengths and challenges of implementing NH's Career and College ready Standards (NHCCRS). In the afternoon, consultants from the National Conference for State Legislatures (NCSL) will provide an update on what states across the nation are doing, to be followed by work sessions on assessment and reform activities from a teacher and parent perspective. This is an opportunity to be fully informed of the status of changes and new programs in NH education.

Rep. Mary Gile

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The Legislative Youth Advisory Council has three openings, one secondary and two post secondary students. We need representation from Sullivan, Coos and Carroll Counties. Please contact Rep. Carolyn Gargasz, 465-7463 or **cgargasz@cs.com** if you know of any interested students.

Rep. Carolyn Gargasz

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 **2013**. 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 school year and subject to changes. Note that large groups are divided into smaller groups for tours.

Please contact the Visitor 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
Deborah Rivers, Public Information Administrator

DATE	*TIME*	*GROUP*	*Group#/Grade*
Oct. 11	9:30	Mount Lebanon School – Lebanon	45/4
Oct. 11	10:30	Hopkinton High School – French Exchange	31/HS
Oct. 15	10:30/11:45 SH/HM	Hampstead Central School	72/4
Oct. 15	1:30	Concord High School – German Exchange students	45/HS
Oct. 16	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	North Londonderry Elementary School	83/4
Oct. 17	9:00	Zimbabwe Ministries	18
Oct. 17	10:30	Hampstead Central School	45/4
Oct. 18	9:45	Thornton's Ferry School – Merrimack	45/4
Oct. 21	10:00	Warren Village School	7/3
Oct. 21	10:15	Canaan School	40/4
Oct. 21	12:00	Matthew Thornton School – Londonderry	45/4
Oct. 22	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	South Londonderry School	80/4

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Oct. 23	9:30	Bartlett Elementary School – Goffstown	46/4
Oct. 23	11:00	Lisbon Regional School	34/4
Oct. 24	10:00	South Londonderry School	45/4
Oct. 24	12:00	Edward Jones Financial Group	30
Oct. 25	9:45/11:00 SH/SC	Thornton's Ferry School – Merrimack	75/4
Oct. 28	10:15/12:00 SH/SC	Matthew Thornton School – Londonderry	75/4
Oct. 29	9:00/10:30 SH/HM	Kearsarge Regional Middle School – North Sutton	80/7
Oct. 30	10:15/11:45 SH/HM	New Searles School – Nashua	63/4
Oct. 31	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Newmarket Elementary School	95/4
Nov. 1	9:00	Manchester West High School	20/HS
Nov. 1	11:00	Chichester Central School	24/4
Nov. 1	12:30	Freedom Elementary School	10/4
Nov. 4	10:00	Reed's Ferry School – Merrimack	40/4
Nov. 4	11:30	Pleasant St. School – Laconia	46/4
Nov. 5	9:00/10:30 SH/HM	Kearsarge Middle School – Sutton	