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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The Governor and Council have called a special session of the Legislature from November 7 to November 21 for the purpose of enacting a New Hampshire plan to expand Medicaid eligibility. **The House will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2013** to vote on rules for the special session and to introduce legislation. On Tuesday, November 12, there will be a joint House and Senate committee hearing on the proposed legislation with work and executive sessions held later that week. Committee recommendations will be made by Friday, November 15.

The full House will meet again on Thursday, November 21, 2013 to vote on the proposed legislation and to adjourn the special session.

I strongly recommend that prior to the special session House members read the final report of the Commission to Study the Expansion of Medicaid Eligibility. The Commission worked diligently to explore this issue and has developed a set of proposals known as the *New Hampshire Access to Health Program*. The full report and recommendations can be accessed at: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/sme/documents/report-commission-10152013.pdf>. We anticipate proposed legislation being available by October 31.

In accordance with Part II, Article 15 of the NH Constitution, members will receive their regular mileage payments for legislative work during the special session and will receive an additional \$3 compensation for each session day. These payments will be included in your regular bi-weekly mileage reimbursement checks. If you have any additional questions regarding mileage or special session compensation, please contact Legislative Accounting at 271-3162.

In closing, I hope you will consider donating non-perishable food items to the NH Food Bank by dropping them off in the Speaker's Office reception area, Room 312 of the State House, during the special session period. The recent federal government shutdown has significantly increased the demands on our non-profit organizations. Any support you can provide will be greatly appreciated by the Food Bank and our New Hampshire citizens in need.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

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.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on Tuesday, **October 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in Rooms 305-307, LOB.**
Rep. Gene G. Chandler, Republican Leader

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:

October 16

October 23

November 6

AVAILABLE FRIDAY:

October 18

October 25

November 8

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

HOUSE DEADLINES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Friday, November 22, 2013

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Last day to sign off LSRs (4:00 p.m.)

Last day to report retained Bills

Last day to introduce House

Legislation

2nd 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)(10)(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 15-B:2,V(b)(10)(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 15-B:2,V(b)(10)(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)(10) (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)(10)(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 18

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant St., Concord

9:00 a.m. Equalization Subcommittee Meeting.

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

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 682-FN**, relative to credit card fees. ***Please note Room 305, LOB***
- 8:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 529**, relative to the regulation of health clubs. ***Please note Room 305, LOB***
- 9:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 562**, relative to the interest rate on title loans.
- 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.
- 9:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 227**, relative to property and casualty insurance. ***Please note Room 305, LOB***
- 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.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 1:00 p.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. Ad Hoc subcommittee on retirement plans.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **SB 116-FN**, relative to the licensure of liquefied propane installation and service technicians.
- 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.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **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.

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

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 525-FN**, raising the age of minority for juvenile delinquency proceedings from 17 to 18 years of age.

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

1:00 p.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.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 663-FN**, relative to appeals within the department of environmental services.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 203, LOB

1:00 p.m. Ad Hoc subcommittee on Pilot Program / State-wide Veterans Medical ID card.

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 LAWS RELATING TO CONDO AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS (RSA 356-B:70), Room 202, LOB

1:30 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.

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.

GAMING REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (RSA 284-A:1), Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session **HB 297**, relative to the management of trust funds and capital reserve funds.

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.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant St., Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular Board meeting.

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

9:00 a.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.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 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

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

10:15 a.m. Full committee work session on retained **HB 495-FN**, relative to titles for motor vehicles, **HB 650-FN-A**, making an appropriation to start a bus service between Claremont and Lebanon, **HB 587**, relative to medical examination requirements for commercial drivers' licenses, **HB 263**, establishing a committee to study examination of elderly drivers.

- 11:30 a.m. Rescheduled 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. *Please note time change.*

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 THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO GOVERNOR JOHN GILBERT WINANT ON STATE PROPERTY OTHER THAN STATE HOUSE GROUNDS (HB 262, Chapter 120:1, Laws of 2013), St. Paul's School, Rector's Conference Room, 325 Pleasant St., Concord

- 1:00 p.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.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

9:00 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.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (188-E:21), Room 100, State House**

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 366-FN**, relative to showing a ballot.

11:00 a.m. Executive session on retained **CACR 5**, Relating to bribery and corruption. Providing that no person incarcerated for a crime, under a conditional release from incarceration, completing an order of restitution for a crime, nor any person who has been convicted of intentional murder shall hold any office of trust in the New Hampshire government, **HB 150**, relative to inspectors of election at town and school district meetings, **HB 151**, relative to duties of inspectors of election, **HB 250-FN-A**, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures, **HB 294**, relative to voter database information provided for preparation of jury lists, **HB 351**, relative to appointment of inspectors of election, **HB 366-FN**, relative to showing a ballot, **HB 392-FN**, relative to political contributions and expenditures and relative to reporting by political committees, **HB 466-FN**, relative to determining qualifications of voters, **HB 600-FN**, relative to voter registration, **SB 196-FN**, relative to the definition of push-polling.

GAMING REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (RSA 284-A:1), Room 202, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained **HB 439-FN**, relative to weekly workers' compensation payments, **HB 255-FN**, relative to the workers' compensation law.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**OBD II TESTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 266:59-b, VII (a)), Room 203, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 308, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on retained **HB 158**, relative to the issuance of waivers for lot loading or setback distances in condominium conversion, **HB 292-FN-A**, requiring milfoil decals on private vessels registered in other states or countries and operating on the inland waters of

New Hampshire, **HB 338-FN-L**, relative to the state contribution for water pollution control, **HB 397**, relative to state aid for wastewater and public water supply projects, **HB 523-FN**, relative to voluntary certification for road salt applicators, **HB 545**, relative to rafting of boats, **HB 663-FN**, relative to appeals within the department of environmental services, **SB 190-FN**, relative to admission fees for certain persons at state parks and historical sites.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on retained **HB 173**, repealing the authority for supplemental allowances under the judicial retirement plan, **HB 312**, restricting the collection of biometric data by state agencies, municipalities, and political subdivisions, **HB 326-FN**, relative to licensure of polysomnographers by the board of respiratory care practitioners, **HB 419-FN**, establishing a deferred retirement option in the judicial retirement plan, **HB 421**, relative to regulation of real estate brokerage and sales by the real estate commission, **HB 469**, relative to time limits for regulatory boards and commissions to hold disciplinary proceedings, **HB 473-FN**, relative to retirement system status for members of the university system police force, **HB 627-FN**, requiring unused vacation and sick leave to be converted to service time for purposes of calculating retirement system benefits, **HB 646-FN**, relative to New Hampshire correctional industries, **HB 658-FN**, relative to registration for medical technicians, **SB 116-FN**, relative to the licensure of liquefied propane installation and service technicians.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on retained **HB 114**, relative to abutter access over subdivided land, **HB 297**, relative to the management of trust funds and capital reserve funds, **HB 422**, relative to the adoption, revision, and amendment of municipal charters, **HB 532**, relative to energy efficiency and clean energy districts, **HB 672-FN**, relative to the property tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, 172 Pembroke Rd., Concord

10:00 a.m. Field trip.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

11:00 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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

GAMING REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY (RSA 284-A:1), Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation, 4 Barrell Court, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

3:00 p.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.

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.

Reps. Stephen Shurtleff and Gene Chandler

All legislators are invited to special briefings on the Northern Pass transmission project. A briefing and tour will be **Oct. 18th** in Bethlehem, **Oct. 21st** in Concord, and **Oct. 23rd** 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

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

All legislators are invited to attend **one** in a series of manufacturing plant tours hosted by the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA). These events are designed to familiarize legislators with the leading role that manufacturing plays in New Hampshire's economy. Legislators will have the opportunity to discuss economic issues with some of our state's top employers and receive current information on the state and national economy from noted economist, Dennis Delay of the NH Center for Public Policy Studies.

Nov. 8th, 9:00 a.m.-11:30a.m.: Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc., 411 Sunapee St., Newport

Nov. 13th, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Globe Manufacturing, 37 Loudon Rd., Pittsfield

Nov. 14th, 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: Lindt & Sprüngli (USA) Inc., 1 Fine Chocolate Pl., Stratham

Nov. 15th, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Anheuser-Busch, 221 DW Highway, Merrimack

There is no cost to attend a Legislative Plant Tour, but advance registration is requested. Please register through the BIA's online registration system www.BIAofNH.com, click on events, go to the calendar and click on the date of the plant tour you wish to attend, or call 224-5388, ext. 100. Light refreshments will be served.

Reps. Steve Shurtleff and Gene Chandler

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 Gargas, 465-7463 or cgargas@cs.com if you know of any interested students.

Rep. Carolyn Gargas

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. 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

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Oct. 21	12:00	Matthew Thornton School – Londonderry	45/4
Oct. 22	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	South Londonderry School	80/4
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. 29	2:00	Dunbarton Home School	10
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	80/4
Nov. 6	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Rye Elementary School	60/4
Nov. 6	10:30	NHTI @ Concord's Community College	18/col
Nov. 7	9:45	Birches Academy – Salem	48/3&4
Nov. 7	10:30/12:00	Bicentennial Elementary School – Nashua	95/4
Nov. 8	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Woodland Heights School – Laconia	58/4
Nov. 12	9:30/11:30	Hollis Brookline High School	90/HS
Nov. 13	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Reed's Ferry School – Merrimack	66/4
Nov. 14	9:45	Chesterfield Academy	42/4
Nov. 14	11:00	The Well School – Peterborough	13/4
Nov. 14	3:30	National Grange	
Nov. 15	9:00	Sunapee Middle School	12/8
Nov. 15	10:00/11:15 SH/SC	East Derry Memorial School	80/4
Nov. 18	9:45	New Durham Elementary School	24/4
Nov. 18	11:30	Kearsarge Regional Elementary School – Bradford	29/5
Nov. 19	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Parker Varney School – Manchester	75/4
Nov. 20	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Gilford Elementary School	80/4
Nov. 21	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Barrington Elementary School	106/4
Nov. 22	9:15/10:45 SH/SC	Ernest Barka School – Derry	110/4