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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The 2014 Interim Study reports are included in this Calendar, so please take a few moments to read the committee recommendations on these bills.

Also, please take note of the following dates:

The Republican Caucus will be held on Tuesday, November 18th, at 1:30 p.m. in Representatives Hall.

On November 19th and 20th, the Orientation Program for new legislators will take place in the State House and Legislative Office Building.

State offices will be closed November 27th and 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The General Court will formally organize on Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

The opening day of the new legislative session will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.

Terie Norelli, Speaker

NOTICE

The House Calendar **closes at 12:00 p.m. NOON on Thursdays for ALL scheduling and notices** and will be published **every week**. Please be sure to do your scheduling in order to meet that deadline.

CLOSES NOON THURSDAY:

November 20

AVAILABLE FRIDAY:

November 21

Karen O. Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

2014 HOUSE DEADLINES

Friday, December 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Last day to file LSRs with complete information.

Friday, January 9, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Last day to sign-off on all LSRs.

Friday, February 6, 2015

Last day to introduce House Bills.

Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote.

2014 INTERIM STUDY STATEMENTS

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 149, relative to the information on fuel invoices. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**
Last term, the requirement to include the unit price on a fuel delivery ticket was removed from the statute. This was done because many consumers are on pay plans that adjust the invoiced unit price. The committee learned that increasingly companies have the technology in their trucks to provide contract-specific pricing on fuel delivery tickets. The discrepancies in statutes regarding oil vs. propane requirements and ticket vs. invoice citations were of concern to the committee. These should be addressed by the department of agriculture prior to any consideration by the legislature. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Donna Schlachman

HB 682-FN, relative to credit card fees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would make it an unfair and deceptive consumer practice to impose a surcharge upon a consumer who elects to pay for goods or services with a credit card. In view of the fact that a lawsuit brought by retail merchants against Visa and Master Card over price fixing of credit card interchange fees is still not completed and questions remain about the constitutionality of such a law, the committee does not recommend this bill for future legislation. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Donald Flanders

HB 1158-FN-LOCAL, relative to insurance incentives to lower costs of health care. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee believes that that this bill meddles with the ability of insurance companies to determine the parameters of their policies. It intends to provide incentives for consumers to choose a lower price health care procedure by offering a financial incentive to do so. Anthem already provides such programs for certain procedures and is determining if the program can be broadened. **Vote 13-1**

Rep. Ed Butler

HB 1166-FN, relative to fines imposed on corporations for criminal activity. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would increase the maximum fines allowed against corporations and associations convicted of criminal acts. These rates have not been increased since the 1990s. Higher fines would make it less likely that a corporation would benefit from criminal acts. The committee felt it did not have enough information to judge the merits of the bill or to make changes to it. Significant input from the judicial system and the business community would be necessary before a decision could be made as to the specific parameters that should change in the law, including maximum fine amounts and when they could be levied. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Kermit Williams

HB 1215, relative to the rights of franchisees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Franchisees often have grievances with their corporate entities and this bill would have regulated the sale and operation of franchises so that franchisees would have additional rights. A majority of the committee believes that the majority of grievances are addressed by the 2009 federal franchise bill. Therefore, most of the problems have been solved. **Vote 12-2**

Rep. Laura Jones

HB 1233, allowing a claimant to take possession of his or her lost or stolen property under certain circumstances. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The bill is well intentioned, but lacks needed clarity. There is no law enforcement involvement, and there is insufficient consideration of the requirements to hold certain property for longer periods as evidence. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Fred Rice

HB 1278, relative to ownership and operation of liquor licensees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The intent of the bill was to repeal the three tier system. The bill was retained by the committee to see if there was a way to narrow the bill. At this point, any attempt to change the prohibition of ownership in multiple tiers opens more cans of worms than the benefits of repealing the prohibition. **Vote 13-1**

Rep. John Hunt

HB 1328-FN, relative to licensure of insurance exchange navigators. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

In 2012, the legislature made it illegal for the State of New Hampshire to operate a state based healthcare marketplace exchange under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In doing that, the legislature made a deliberate decision to accept the federally administered healthcare marketplace exchange. Navigators were established under the ACA to provide guidance and assistance to the people who are eligible to purchase healthcare through an exchange. Navigators serve as consumer educators; it is not their role to sell insurance or collect personal information for applications. Federal law provides that states with a state-based exchange not only have the right but the duty to oversee and regulate the navigators who are assisting citizens in their state who enroll in their state-based exchange. However, those laws are also clear that the federal government has the responsibility to regulate navigators assisting people who are enrolling in the federally-facilitated exchange and limits the role of states in regulating navigators in federal exchanges. A federal court considering a challenge to a Missouri navigator law, in fact, held that states with federally-facilitated exchanges cannot impose any additional rules on navigators. As long as New Hampshire does not choose to create a state-based healthcare marketplace, it has no responsibility or authority to regulate navigators. **Vote 12-2**

Rep. Jill Shaffer Hammond

HB 1363-LOCAL, relative to insurance pools. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The sponsor requested that the bill not go forward. Any attempt to use municipal insurance pools for anyone other than employees was just not going to work. **Vote 13-1**

Rep. John Hunt

HB 1612, relative to health insurance cost-reduction incentives. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill intends to control costs for self-pay consumers of healthcare services. It also directs the dissolution of consolidation of physician and other healthcare provider practices from hospital systems. The committee believes that this bill interferes too broadly with the contractual relationships between healthcare provider businesses as well as the rights of providers to set rates **Vote 14-0**.

Rep. Ed Butler

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 645-FN, relative to an extended term of imprisonment for persons with 2 prior convictions. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee held this bill for study pending the outcome of the case of *State v. Fischer* before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The Court's subsequent decision makes this bill unnecessary. **Vote 12-0**

Rep. Laura Pantelakos

HB 1204-FN, relative to perjury by a law enforcement officer. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill as written is not recommended for future legislation because a member of the committee has submitted legislation to address this issue with a different approach in the next session. **Vote 12-1**

Rep. Dennis Fields

HB 1485-FN, relative to vulnerable users of highways. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee unanimously recommends this concept regarding the safety of vulnerable users of our highways. It is the sense of the committee that any future legislation regarding this subject should include educating the public on the rights and obligations of both drivers and other users of our roads and highways. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. Larry Gagne

HB 1550, permitting the audio and video recording of a public official while in the course of his or her official duties. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill as written extends audio/video recording of any public employee in the course of their duties. Such a broad application of recordings poses potential invasions of privacy and might unjustifiably intimidate public officials while on the job. Such unintended consequences make this bill unworkable. **Vote 12-1**

Rep. Geoffrey Hirsch

HB 1566-FN, relative to warrant requirements. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

At the request of the bill's sponsor, this bill is not recommended for future legislation. Any future bill on this subject should address the many concerns related to issues of "expectation of privacy" and the multiple forms of new technology that may be used to "extend the human senses." **Vote 12-1**

Rep. Brenda Grady

HB 1575-FN-A, requiring state police to wear a camera when interacting with the public. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee believes this is a good bill because cameras are increasingly in use by police officers in New Hampshire and across the country. This is a "win-win" bill because it protects the public against police misconduct and unprofessionalism while at the same time protecting the police against false accusations. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathwright

HB 1580-FN, repealing mandatory minimum sentences. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee believes that it is time to reexamine "truth in sentencing" and mandatory minimum sentences and the effect that both have on the criminal justice system. The committee suggests that any future legislation take a simpler approach to the issue than the one contained in this bill. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. Laura Pantelakos

HB 1607-FN, relative to limited driving privileges after revocation for certain financial obligations. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee believes that the current law which revokes driver's licenses and other professional licenses for non-payment of child support is counterproductive because it takes away the person's means to support themselves and their family. The committee believes that any future legislation should examine the underlying statute (RSA 161-B:11) to address the problem. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. Robbie Parsons

EDUCATION

HB 1262, relative to student assessment data privacy. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee felt student data privacy protection was accomplished with the enacting into state law of House Bill 1587 (Ch. 68, Laws of 2014). **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Anne Grassie

HB 1432, delaying implementation of certain statewide assessments and studying the effects of delaying implementation of certain curriculum changes in the public schools. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill which would delay implementation of certain statewide assessments is not recommended for future legislation; however, the committee recognizes the educational value and need for the department of education (DOE) to develop and communicate certain findings relative to RSA 193:C to the education oversight committee. To expedite this process, the committee has requested the oversight committee to seek a detailed response from DOE. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Rick Ladd

HB 1433, authorizing the community college system to waive tuition and fees for employees and employees' dependents. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee finds that legislation along these lines is not financially feasible and is also beyond the scope of the committee, since it involves labor issues that the committee is not practiced in determining. It is hoped that similar legislation in the future, should it arise, would be assigned to the Labor committee and not to Education. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. June Frazer

HB 1463, relative to the definitions of "priority school" and "focus school." **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee decision was not to recommend HB 1463. The definitions of "priority" or "focus" schools are used to determine which schools qualify for the department of education (DOE) assistance in applying available federal funds for improving school performance. These definitions do not identify the academic performance of such schools compared to all other schools in New Hampshire. A remedy could be to provide actual, statewide rankings along with the designation of "priority" or "focus." **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Jim Grenier

HB 1496, relative to the objectivity and validity of student assessment materials. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee had several parties testify regarding the essence of the proposed legislation. From the testimony, the committee was satisfied that the process for the beta testing of the new student assessment process would have validity by the time the exam would be administered in the Spring, of 2015. Further, the bill focused on the privacy of student test data. The committee felt that previous legislation protected the privacy of individual student test results. Consequently, the committee unanimously recommends that no further action be taken on HB 1496. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Mel Myler

HB 1586-FN, relative to student and teacher information protection and privacy. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill was concerned with both student and teacher privacy. The committee concluded that issues of student privacy had been sufficiently covered in HB 1587, which passed the committee, House, and Senate, and which the Governor has signed into law. However, the committee does believe that the important issue of teacher privacy does need future legislation, and so the substance of the teacher privacy portion of HB 1586 is recommended for future legislation. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. June Frazer

ELECTION LAW

HB 151, relative to duties of inspectors of election. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill addressed changes in the duties of inspectors of elections. There were three bills regarding inspectors of elections in the 2014 session. The committee feels that the whole issue of inspectors of elections needs to be consolidated and reviewed for future legislation. **Vote 10-2**

Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel

HB 250-FN-A, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill moved out of interim study subcommittee recommending future legislation following presentation of three topical videos and public testimony. After review of prior testimony and discussion on the merits of this bill, the majority agreed this bill or a bill with similar intent is worthy of future legislation. **Vote 10-2**

Rep. Bob Perry

HB 392-FN, relative to political contributions and expenditures and relative to reporting by political committees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

HB 392 and SB 120, each so-called "financial disclosure" bills, evolved from a single draft, and each was amended on multiple occasions over many months. Ultimately, HB 392 was moved to interim study, and SB 120 was signed into law on July 28, 2014. Although to date it is unclear how the Attorney General's office will interpret and enforce that law, any changes discovered to be necessary to comply with the intent of the law can be made through modification of existing law by a future legislature. Accordingly, the committee voted to not recommend future legislation on this bill. **Vote 12-0**

Rep. Bob Perry

HB 600-FN, relative to voter registration. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

HB 600, relative to voter registration, would modify forms and procedures for voter registration. On August 26, 2012, SB 318 was signed into law changing the wording of the standard voter registration form as follows: "In declaring New Hampshire as my domicile, I am subject to the laws of the state of New Hampshire which apply to all residents, including laws requiring a driver to register a motor vehicle and apply for a New Hampshire's driver's license within 60 days of becoming a resident." On September 24, 2012, as modified October 5, 2012, the NH Superior Court issued a temporary injunction ordering the removal of the above language from the voter registration form. This bill was committed to Interim Study on September 11, 2013, awaiting resolution by trial on the merits. On July 24, 2014, the NH Superior Court made permanent its prior temporary injunction. In its conclusion, it said "... the court finds as a matter of law that the subject language of RSA 654:7, V violates Part I, Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution." The state has appealed the ruling, which may take a year or more to resolve in the state's high court. Meanwhile, the current court ruling is law; thus, when the study committee met October 21, 2014, following discussion of the status of the court case, the committee recommended future legislation. **Vote 8-4**

Rep. Bob Perry

HB 1337, relative to authority for removal of political advertising. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee determined that existing legislation was adequate to deal with issues related to sign/political advertisement placement. The proposed legislation would have opened this authority to remove advertising to a wide variety of people that the committee believed was unnecessary. **Vote 12-0**

Rep. Mary Till

HB 1364-FN, relative to political expenditure and contribution reporting requirements and relative to political expenditure limitations for state representative and county office candidates. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The purpose of the bill was to make campaigning easier for new candidates, and to relieve the secretary of state's office of some of its administrative burden. However, members of the committee expressed concern about the effects of raising the trigger amounts for reporting campaign expenditures, particularly as applied to political committees. The vote was in favor of disclosure to the public. **Vote 9-3**

Rep. Shawn Jasper

HB 1461, relative to prohibited coercion of political contributions. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Present law prohibits coercion of political contributions by classified state employees. The intent was to expand the prohibition to all state employees. There is no statutory definition of classified employee nor state classified employee. Therefore, the committee feels it is necessary to clarify those issues before proceeding with this legislation. **Vote 10-2**

Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel

HB 1605-FN, relative to audit recounts. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee determined that this bill has merit and deserves further consideration. The committee also recommended that future legislation be guided by "Best Practices for Post-Election Audits" endorsed by a coalition of ten organizations that have been studying this issue for over a decade. The "Best Practices" can be found at "electionaudits.org". **Vote 10-2**

Rep. Mary Till

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**HB 1344**, relative to the disposal of sharps waste by retail establishments. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

It was the consensus of the committee that there is not a need for additional legislation at this time. The legitimate sellers and users of medical sharps appear to be generally disposing of the devices in the manner recommended by current state waste management policy. The two "spills" of such devices in the state, the only reports found in recent years, appear to have been accidents and not an ongoing hazard. First-responders report that they have locally established methods of collecting and disposing of improperly discarded "sharps" when found. While there may be an increase in improper disposal of "sharps" due to illegal drug use, such scofflaws are not likely to comply with new legislation. However, the committee believes that the stakeholders involved in the use, collection, and disposal of household and otherwise generated medical sharps, must continue efforts to implement the findings and recommendations of the 2012 Final Report of the Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, Medical Sharps Subcommittee (NHRSA 126-A:13). **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Wayne Moynihan

HB 1382, defining “farm stand.” **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would have modified the definition of “farm stand” to allow for the farm stand to be off-site, and would allow the rental of space to multiple farms. Particularly in rural areas, where traffic passing farms is sparse and people need to drive substantial distances, the creation of a centrally located group farm stand could benefit both farmers and consumers. The committee recognizes the potential value of the off-site farm stand model presented in HB 1382 but feels that simply modifying existing statutes creates problems that are not easily resolved under the current regulatory structure. The committee further recognizes that expanding opportunities for direct to consumer farm sales is consistent with New Hampshire’s Farm to Plate policy. At issue is offering categories of food now restricted to direct to consumer sales. Future legislation, which may draw on elements of existing laws governing farm stands, farmers markets, and retail markets, should include requirements for food safety, health and sanitation practices and liability coverage. **Vote 9-2**

Rep. Peter Bixby

HB 1464-FN, Exempting New Hampshire agricultural products produced, sold, and consumed in New Hampshire from the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

With the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) the FDA has issued extensive rules for the production and processing of food in the USA. Unfortunately these rules are as yet unclear, and are as yet not finalized at the federal level. The committee agreed that, under the present state of affairs, NH agricultural commerce and its generally small farm operations could be at significant risk from the impact of the final rules. The committee recommends that future legislation be considered to protect, as necessary, the NH food system from these federal mandates. **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Wayne Moynihan

HB 1578-FN, relative to record keeping for sold or transferred animals. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee supports legislation to provide for the identification and tracking of individual animals transferred to or through shelter and rescue organizations in New Hampshire. Legislation should address concerns about public health, and the health and safety of New Hampshire animals. **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Peter Bixby

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**HB 326-FN**, relative to licensure of polysomnographers by the board of respiratory care practitioners. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Following extensive public testimony on this bill over several hearings during the regular session, a consensus emerged among the stakeholders--both polysomnographers and respiratory care providers (whose board has had jurisdiction over polysomnographers to date)--on two points: (1) polysomnographers should be licensed, in order to allow them to set responsibly high standards for their own growing profession, and to protect the public from untrained or careless practitioners holding themselves out as qualified polysomnographers, and (2) polysomnographers should have their own board under the auspices of the Allied Health Professions Board, rather than having minority representation on the board of respiratory care practitioners. A three-member interim study subcommittee heard more extensive testimony on June 24, and voted to recommend further legislation. In executive session on October 21, the full committee voted to recommend further legislation. **Vote 8-7**

Rep. Howard Moffett

HB 473-FN, relative to retirement system status for members of the university system police force. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The intent of the bill was to move the university system police officers from their current retirement package which included paying social security, into the Group 2 state retirement system and opting them out of social security. This would have put them in the same system as the rest of the police officers in the state. But the committee received a letter from the social security administration indicating the university system police officer positions would not be able to opt out of social security if they became members of the group 2 retirement system. This would have increased costs for both the University System and its police officers by having to pay into 2 systems, which was not the intent of the legislation. There are still ongoing discussions with the social security administration about the possibility of these positions being misclassified. Until there is a change in the social security administration’s ruling of the positions having to stay in social security, there is no need for future legislation. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Jeff Goley

HB 646-FN, relative to New Hampshire correctional industries. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill sets up prison industries to be operated as a business; however, it was explained that it is not a business and would provide an unfair playing field to private sector businesses attempting to compete with prison industries. The department of corrections plans to introduce, in the next legislative session, a bill that changes the mission of prison industries to a training program. This change of mission is based on a court decision that prison industries should focus on rehabilitation. As written, HB 646 creates a tension between court requirements and the need to be self-sustaining. Therefore, the committee voted not to pursue this bill.

Vote 15-0

Rep. Raymond Gagnon

HB 1148-FN, relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement system annuities at age 65. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would fix a problem that currently affects New Hampshire Retirement System group 1 members. Presently, a group 1 member's pension annuity is reduced by the amount equal to the Social Security benefit they are eligible to receive at age 65, and this bill would change the wording from "age 65" to "the member's full retirement age." The change would reflect the gradual rise in the federal Social Security retirement age. The majority of the committee believes this concept deserves consideration for future legislation. **Vote 9-6**

Rep. Daniel Sullivan

HB 1219, relative to the work schedules of pharmacists. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Both in the full committee and in a working subcommittee, this bill elicited an extraordinary amount of public interest and public testimony during the regular session, with lobbyists for the now-dominant chain pharmacies (which employ almost 90% of working pharmacists in New Hampshire) asserting that legislation is not necessary because their employed pharmacists are treated as professionals and allowed to take breaks when they need or want to, but individual pharmacists represented by the NH Pharmacy Association asserting that pharmacists are professionals and do not punch the clock for breaks, they often work 12-hour shifts filling hundreds of prescriptions per day, and are expected to fill prescriptions within 15 minutes of the time the orders hit their computers, and if they complain about not getting reasonable breaks, they feel their jobs could be in jeopardy. Several pharmacists testified that their working conditions are such that they are often under extreme pressure for hours on end without breaks in a manner that ultimately puts patients at risk because they are trying to fill prescriptions in a hurry while fatigued and under stress. The committee took note of two "anonymous" letters, one from the husband of a working pharmacist and one from a working pharmacist himself, suggesting that it is only a matter of time before there may be a serious error in a prescription that could affect someone's health or even their life. It is not yet clear whether future legislation should take the form of a statute mandating breaks and other working conditions, or whether the better way to address the problem would be to give the NH Board of Pharmacy clear authority to tailor its administrative rules to address these problems in a more nuanced way--but it is clear to a majority of the committee that future legislation is necessary in order to protect both individual pharmacists and members of the public. **Vote 8-6**

Rep. Howard Moffett

HB 1563-FN, Granting group II retirement system status to certain positions in the department of corrections. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This legislation would have moved 44 positions within the department of corrections from Group I to Group II. A number of the positions were changed years ago from Group II status to Group I. Similar legislation has been submitted in the past. Testimony was that the change has made it difficult to recruit new hires. While the committee believes some of the positions should be added as Group II status, a further review of job descriptions and qualifications needs to be done to determine which ones. Once those positions are identified further legislation would need to be brought forward giving the positions Group II status. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Jeff Goley

HB 1603, relative to renewal of emergency medical technician-intermediate licenses. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would have grandfathered EMT-I at the current level of certification and relieved them of the need to qualify as Advanced EMT. However, since the qualification levels are set by the federal registry, it would have necessitated setting up a parallel licensing system, and some EMTs were concerned that the education for EMT-I is too far out of date for patient safety. Since the bill was considered, the EMS Bureau has begun a substantial training and upgrading program, on both the different areas covered by the A-EMT qualification and test taking (the qualification test is computerized and covers material from basic to advanced.) As of October, 803 students have taken 118 technical transition courses, and 591 have taken the exam preparation course. Over 75% of NH EMT-I taking the A-EMT test have passed, which is an impressive performance. Since the transition and upgrade classes are planned to continue through 2017, when EMT-I will no longer be supported by the federal registry, the remaining 700 will have the opportunity to upgrade their skills and attain the advanced level. The EMS Bureau is committed to a smooth and effective transition, so no further legislation is required. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Carol McGuire

SB 186-FN, relative to training of certain board officers of nonprofit corporations. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee decided not to recommend this specific bill for further legislation because it recognized that four hours of training were 1) unnecessary for the large numbers of non-profits receiving state funds which are already effectively training their board members; 2) too few for a large non-profit with an inadequately trained or underperforming board; and 3) potentially useful for small local nonprofits, but those were not the subject of the bill nor were they included in it. However, the committee recognized that non-profit accountability for and transparency in the use of public funds is an important goal. We need a way to tailor any training requirements to the specific situations of the diverse organizations providing services at state expense. One suggestion was to address this issue on a case-by-case basis during the procurement process, an idea which is already being explored by a separate study committee on procurement. Another suggestion was additional resources for oversight by the charitable trust division of the NH department of justice. **Vote 12-2**

Rep. Lucy Weber

SB 315-FN, establishing the board of building officials. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee has recommended that the original bill, as amended by the Senate, not go forward because of many concerns regarding costly mandates to smaller communities. While the committee understands the need for code compliance for the safety of our constituents, and members met several times with many of the stakeholders, no consensus had been reached among them by the time the committee had to issue this report. It is noted that the proponents of this bill plan to continue meeting with those who have objections to various provisions in the bill in hopes that new language can be crafted to address the concerns expressed. Several members of the committee agreed that they would be interested in looking at a new bill in the next session. **Vote 10-4**

Rep. Dianne Schuett

FINANCE

HB 435-FN, relative to funding for chartered public school pupils. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill provides that funding for chartered public school pupils shall be based on 50 percent of the most recent average cost per pupil for public school pupils. The committee considered this bill and met with 10 charter schools and 1 magnet school to review the funding issues that the charter schools currently face. While some schools have adequate funding from a variety of sources, others are having a difficult time. While HB435-FN is not recommended for further legislation in 2015, Division II has a much better understanding of the NH public schools and will take this information into account when developing the 2016-2017 department of education budget. **Vote 12-10**

Rep. Susan Ford

HB 1594-FN, requiring licensure of community association property managers. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

HB 1594-FN is the work product of a bi-partisan, multi-year, condominium study committee. The majority of ED&A, on an 11-7 vote, recommended it for interim study. The bill requires licensure of community association property managers who meet certain prerequisites to be eligible for a license. The Finance Committee, Division I, received the bill for interim study late in June 2014. Division I held two work sessions at which we heard testimony from the sponsors of the bill and members of associations that described the complexities of the current situation and how some condominium owners were being harmed by actions of their association's property manager's lack of training, skills, and professionalism. Their testimony demonstrated the need for licensure in order to achieve greater competence and accountability. There was no testimony against licensure. The majority of Division I recognized the need for licensure but also the many shortcomings in the bill as presented. Division I understands that a license, in any profession, does not guarantee high performance by the license holder, only that chances of it are improved because of the education needed to obtain the license. The ED&A majority report contains important policy concerns needed to be addressed in future legislation. To that end the majority of Finance, Division I recommends that any future legislation build upon HB1594 to clarify, resolve, and/or include the following:

1. The definition of "property manager" should clarify who is required to have a license; an individual and/or a company. The Division believes that the person, actually doing the work for the association, should be licensed.
2. Specialized knowledge of property managers should include basic construction and maintenance techniques including snowplowing and landscaping.
3. Bonding of managers who handle money should be considered in relation to the amounts of money handled and the requirements of the association's insurance policy. The cost of any such bond should be paid by the association.

4. "Grandfathering" of managers currently certified by a professional organization should be considered. Their experience, if demonstrated, should substitute for additional education in the licensing process.
 5. Community Association Institute (CAI) standards should be evaluated and those deemed appropriate for NH should be incorporated into any future legislation.
 6. Applicants should be required to pass, as an example, the CMCA Examination administered by the National Board of Certification for Community Association Managers (CAMICB). Using an existing national test for which educational materials are available will be more efficient and less costly than developing a New Hampshire specific test.
 7. Legislation should include Standards of Professional and Ethical Conduct and Disciplinary Authority. Such standards can be similar to appropriate sections of the "Code of Ethics for New Hampshire Home Inspectors".
 8. The Division proposes that the 7 person Board of Property Managers should consist of 4 property managers and 3 members of community associations.
 9. Managers of associations of fewer than 5 units should be exempt from licensing regulations.
 10. The Board of Property Managers, for efficiency, should be under the purview of the Joint Board of Licensure and Certification. The Executive Director testified that one additional part-time license clerk would be required to administer the new Board. Licensing fees will minimize any fiscal impact and would be established under RSA 541-A. The fees, which will produce revenues equal to 125 percent of the direct operating expense of the Board, should cover the additional costs of the Department of Justice in providing counsel to the Board of Building Managers.
- The majority of the finance committee recommends that legislation requiring licensure of property managers be submitted for future legislation. **Vote 14-9**

Rep. William Hatch

HB 1595-FN, establishing a condominium dispute resolution board. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee held hearings for HB 1595 which would establish a condominium dispute resolution board and after a hearing and work sessions voted to submit the bill for Interim Study. In consideration of possible fiscal impact the bill was submitted to Finance for the study. Division I held a work session and recommended to the full committee that future legislation be considered for this bill. The recommendation was based on facts learned during the work session. The Division heard testimony from condominium association members that they had many serious issues with their associations and were unable to get resolution without a great deal of expense and time under the current law and system. Another consideration in the recommendation was the owners are concerned with protecting their investment. A condominium association is often the body responsible for infrastructure maintenance and upkeep, i.e. water systems, access roads, and roofs and if and when they are not doing so, it does and can affect one's ability to get a mortgage for a home. Under the current system, it is difficult for owners to get resolution if management is not doing upkeep, thus decreasing their home's value. Also it was learned this is wide spread and does affect a lot of our citizens. It was reported that one in seven home area owners are part of a condominium/town house association. A condominium dispute resolution board would be effective in protecting members' investment and could be established and maintained at a very low cost. It was suggested and proposed by the Division that the additional costs be paid by the condominium association by imposing a user fee based on the number of units in the association. The executive director of the joint board of licensure and certification testified that the board could be placed under its purview as a 125% agency with the addition of one paralegal position costing about \$67,000 per year. The user fee to cover this cost would be extremely low due to the large number of condominium units in the state. **Vote 18-5**

Rep. William Hatch

SB 415-FN, Transferring surplus revenues to the revenue stabilization reserve account. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The majority of the committee believes that SB 415 represents bad policy and sets a precedent that negatively impacts future budget discussion by inserting another 'wild card' into the process. SB 415 would have mandated the transfer of \$15 million in the middle of the biennium to the Rainy Day Fund rather than at the close of the biennium as dictated by RSA. Additionally, the majority believes that putting money in reserve when the state faces revenue shortfalls is just bad policy and would preclude the application of funds, if needed, to offset the unexpected revenue shortfall. Finally, given that SB 415 proposed a specific dollar amount, for a one time mid-biennium transfer to the Rainy Day Fund, follow on legislation of such limited scope, would serve no purpose. Therefore the majority of finance believes that SB 415 not be recommended for future legislation. **Vote 13-10**

Rep. Steve Spratt

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

SB 407*, relative to wolf hybrids. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION*

After considerable debate and conversation the committee has decided that further legislation is needed. Members of the committee have agreed to work with all interested parties in the coming months and develop language that will work for both the department of agriculture and the fish and game department. **Vote 11-0**
Rep. Benjamin Lefebvre

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 476*, relative to medical care price disclosure and transparency. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION*

The committee learned in multiple hearings about the challenge of developing access to real time information on the cost of medical procedures in our state. Furthermore, it was difficult to identify specific data on the total cost of procedures and out of pocket expenses required for the insured as well as uninsured. It became apparent that by encouraging the further development of the NH Health Cost website, this challenge could be met. In order to ensure its continued timely development, the committee unanimously recommended a bill be filed to establish an Oversight Commission for Medical Cost Transparency. The intent is to monitor and motivate the evolution of the site in order to ensure that NHHC web site meets the specific intent of enhanced transparency. The ultimate goal is, to improve and enhance access to medical service costs in order to assist all New Hampshire Citizens in making informed healthcare decisions. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Charles McMahon

HB 1213-FN*, prohibiting the purchase of alcohol or tobacco products with electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION*

The committee agreed that additional measures to the new federal rules for EBT benefits started in January of 2014 were required to address the occurrence of inappropriate use of EBT cards. To address this concern, it was recommended that legislation be introduced to add specific locations where the EBT card could not be used as well as reduce the locations where ATM machines would accept EBT cards. Finally, it was agreed that additional methods of educating the beneficiaries about EBT benefits would be necessary. The education would focus on what is allowed for EBT purchases and what is not allowed as a strategy to improve the integrity of the program. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Charles McMahon

HB 1391*, relative to blood drawn from patients with hemochromatosis. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION*

We appreciate the sponsor and constituent's point that the current system requires disposal of blood that is appropriate for use in other patients. However, it is a federal issue with the FDA, and change at the state level could have the unintended consequence of shutting down blood banks in New Hampshire. We have contacted members of our federal delegation who are willing to work on the issue with the FDA. **Vote 13-0**
Rep. Thomas Sherman

HB 1396*, relative to the smoking policy at the New Hampshire veterans' home. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION*

The committee met to review the need for this legislation. All stakeholders and sponsors were represented. There was general agreement that smoking status should not be a criteria either for denying admission or continued residence at the Veterans Home, but that the decision to maintain a smoke free campus should remain in the hand of residents and administration. The committee asked for and was assured of the commitment of administration to reflect this in the written policy. With the reassurance, the committee voted to not recommend future legislation. **Vote 14-1**

Rep. Thomas Sherman

HB 1446*, relative to synthetic marijuana. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION*

The committee voted to not recommend future legislation on HB 1446 because legislative action on synthetic marijuana is being considered in the Joint Legislative Committee to study, regulate and control synthetic drugs in New Hampshire. This committee will recommend the future legislation. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Lisa DiMartino

HB 1490-FN*, relative to fees paid to providers who transport patients under the Medicaid managed care program. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION*

Transportation to medical appointments is vitally important to managed Medicaid patients. For transportation providers to continue to provide these essential services, they must be adequately compensated. Therefore, HB 1490 proposed an amendment to the Title XIX Medicaid state plan that would request a fee increase. However, the fees are actually set through negotiated contracts between the managed care organizations and the transportation providers. The concerns addressed by this bill can be addressed through that process.

The bill also proposed an amendment establishing a penalty provision which may be imposed on persons who either miss the transportation ride or choose not to take the transportation ride after the provider has arrived at the person's residence. This is not allowed under federal law. Any change would have to be addressed on the federal level. **Vote 15-1**

Rep. Mary Heath

HB 1491-FN, Relative to certain transportation companies under the Medicaid managed care program. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

An attempt to increase compensation to providers of transportation for Medicaid patients would require a state plan amendment to be submitted to the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. It would reduce the number of miles included in the base rate, increasing the number of miles compensated on a per mile basis. However, these rates are actually set through negotiated contracts between the managed care organizations and the transportation providers. The concerns addressed by this bill are better addressed through that process. The bill also seeks to exclude all transportation companies which have been in business for five years or longer from the Medicaid managed care program requirements. **Vote 16-1**

Rep. Mary Heath

HB 1502-FN, relative to induced termination of pregnancy statistics. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee voted in favor of future legislation that is focused on meaningful, confidential collection of abortion statistics only for the purpose of public health analysis and intervention. The data would be summarized and made public in an aggregated form. The committee supported the motion to recommend future legislation only if the data collection is guaranteed to protect the anonymity of the provider and patient and the appropriate resources are available. **Vote 16-1**

Rep. Laurie Harding

HB 1574-FN, relative to the cap on total billings to counties for nursing home care costs. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill establishes a formula for calculating the cap on the state's total billings to counties of nursing home care costs for each state fiscal year of subsequent bienniums. The committee believes that such a formula at this time is unwise considering the unknowns associated with the implementation of step two of managed care which may affect the way in which county homes are reimbursed. **Vote 17-0**

Rep. Laurie Harding

HB 1616-FN, making changes to the therapeutic cannabis laws. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Medical marijuana legislation is complex and requires considerable administrative rule making. As the work progresses on the development of the medical marijuana program, certain legislative actions are needed. For example, there are at least three other health conditions that should be considered to be added to the qualifying conditions. Other issues can arise that could also require legislation. **Vote 15-1**

Rep. James R. MacKay

SB 203, relative to permissible uses of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee agreed that additional measures to the new federal rules for EBT benefits started in January of 2014 were required to address the occurrence of inappropriate use of EBT cards. To address this concern, it was recommended that legislation be introduced to add specific locations where the EBT card could not be used as well as reduce the locations where ATM machines would accept EBT cards. Finally, it was agreed that additional methods of educating the beneficiaries about EBT benefits would be necessary. The education would focus on what is allowed for EBT purchases and what is not allowed as a strategy to improve the integrity of the program. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Charles McMahon

JUDICIARY

CACR 17, relating to natural rights. Providing that discrimination based on sexual orientation is prohibited. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

As indicated by the significant attention paid to this CACR on both sides of the issue by the committee and the public, the issue is an important one. However the committee concluded that CACR 17 as it came to the House raised more questions than it resolved. The format was poorly executed. In addition, groups that one might have expected to be included were excluded from the CACR. Issues of gender identity, expression and transgender were ignored. Moving on from the specific language of the CACR to its underlying intent, the committee noted that equal protection is already in the constitution, but the constitution does not provide specific language, language that might result in limitation rather than expansion. The committee did not want to raise definitional questions, particularly when specific language belongs more appropriately in statute. **Vote 14-3**

Rep. Marjorie Smith

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 1189, relative to temporary worker rights. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee agrees that there is substantial merit in requiring temporary staffing agencies to provide temporary workers information about their work assignments and rights. Prior to the end of the filing period for new legislation for the first year of the next biennium, a group of interested individuals will meet and consider “best practices” for temporary, staffing companies. We recognize that HB 1189 included many important principles, but also may have placed some overly high burdens on temporary agencies. The purpose for a new bill is that this rapidly growing segment of New Hampshire’s changing employment profile needs support in statute as well as depending on voluntary “best practices”. **Vote 12-2**

Rep. Charles Weed

HB 1355-FN, relative to unemployment compensation for self-employed individuals. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

In conjunction with working with the department of environmental services (DES) the committee believed this bill as written, has unintended consequences. Depending on how a business defines itself, S-Corp vs. LLC, it could avoid the payment of unemployment taxes which was the intention of this bill. **Vote 14-0**

Rep. Kevin St. James

HB 1599, relative to employment protection for victims of domestic violence. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Another bill, passed into law (Ch. 208, Laws of 2014) prohibits employers from refusing to hire or discharging, demoting or otherwise punishing an individual because they are a victim of domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault or stalking. The same bill created a committee working with the New Hampshire Human Rights Commission to add this to their purview. **Vote 12-2**

Rep. Jan Schmidt

HB 1592-FN, relative to requiring prevailing wages on state-funded public works projects. **NO RECOMMENDATION** **Vote 7-7**

Rep. Sally Kelly

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 1440-FN, including the writing, promoting, or distributing of model legislation to elected officials as lobbying and requiring disclosure of scholarship funds, money, or other financial support received from such lobbyists by elected officials. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would expand the definition of lobbyist to include out of state organizations that promote model legislation directly or indirectly to NH legislators. The committee questioned whether we had the authority to require entities that had no presence in the state, and indeed may never have come in direct contact with a legislator, to register as a lobbyist. There also were concerns about how to enforce such a requirement. After discussions with the sponsors, no resolution to these issues could be found. The committee appreciated the stated desire of the sponsors to make it easier for the public to gain knowledge into sources that a legislator uses to draft a bill; however the committee did not see how simply having an organization register as a lobbyist would achieve this. The committee recommends that this bill not be considered for future legislation. **Vote 9-0**

Rep. Paul Henle

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1458, authorizing towns and cities to establish special assessment districts. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill offers an additional mechanism to towns and cities for the recovery of costs benefitting a group of taxpayers. The committee believes the concept has merit but needs some clarifications and enhancements. A revised bill is in progress and will be submitted in the next legislative session. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. Clyde Carson

HB 1610-FN, relative to the excavation tax. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill provided a definition of the term “natural repose” to determine the liability for the excavation tax. The committee recommends that a revised bill place the change in the current use statutes and incorporate definitions already existing elsewhere. The committee also recommends that “natural repose” not be defined in statute, but rather point to civil engineering code. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. James Verschueren

SB 228, (New Title) relative to notice of changes to zoning districts. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The substance of this bill was tacked onto HB 1210 and passed on to the Governor who signed it into law (Ch. 161, Laws of 2014). Therefore SB 228 is moot. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. Bruce Tatro

SB 286, relative to abatements for prior years' property taxes. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would have allowed municipalities to abate prior years' taxes on properties the municipality has chosen not to assume for back taxes. The substance of this bill was attached to HB 1196, which has become law (Ch. 17, Laws of 2014). SB 286 is not longer needed. **Vote 13-0**

Rep. Marjorie Porter

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**HB 1164**, designating Interstate 293 as the John Durkin Highway. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Interstate 293 has already been named for the late Manchester Mayor Charles 'Dick' Stanton, so this bill was referred to interim study. No one came forth offering another state-owned facility as an alternative to honor New Hampshire's late U.S. Senator John Durkin. It has been suggested that some suitable City of Manchester facility be renamed. However, that process would be under the jurisdiction of Manchester's Mayor and Board of Alderman. **Vote 15-2**

Rep. Peter Ramsey

HB 1202, establishing a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of the state's highways and bridges. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The increasing use of hybrid, electric and natural gas vehicles, as well as the greater fuel efficiency of gas-powered vehicles means that the road toll will produce less revenue for New Hampshire's Highway Fund as each year passes. Furthermore, this situation is unfair to the road and bridge users of vehicles solely powered by petroleum-based fuels. There is a need to study more equitable revenue collection and new technological methods of charging motorists for the use of our state's roads and bridges. This bill has passed before but always in the second year of the biennium. The majority of the committee believes that a study commission of at least one year is warranted to thoroughly study future revenue alternatives to the current road toll structure. **Vote 14-2**

Rep. John Cloutier

HB 1205-FN, relative to reconstruction or rehabilitation of the Vilas Bridge between Walpole, New Hampshire and Bellows Falls, Vermont. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee does not recommend this bill for future legislation at this time. Instead, we urge Walpole, New Hampshire and Bellows Falls, Vermont to work together and with their states' respective departments of transportation. In New Hampshire's case, this issue is best addressed in the 2016 10-Year Transportation Plan process. The committee also believes that going forward, the cost of all bridge reconstruction, rehabilitation and replacement over the Connecticut River, which is currently borne approximately 90% by New Hampshire and 10 % by Vermont is not equitable, is unworkable; and ultimately needs to be addressed by the two states. **Vote 16-0**

Rep. John Cloutier

HB 1374, repealing the priority status of the widening of I-93 from Manchester to the Massachusetts border in the state of New Hampshire 10 year transportation improvement plan. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This past session this committee, the House, the Senate and the Governor endorsed legislation that recognized the importance of the widening of Interstate 93 to NH's economy and fully funded the completion of this project before 2020. Therefore, this bill is no longer relevant. **Vote 17-0**

Rep. David Campbell

SB 29, relative to the motorist service signing program. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill expands the locations where motorist service signs are allowed on limited-access highways. This past session, SB 321 dealt with the same subject matter and was enacted into law. (Ch. 320, Laws of 2014) That legislation expressed the majority consensus of the 2014 General Court concerning the appropriate policy for motorist service signs. Therefore, SB 29 is not recommended for further legislation at this time. **Vote 14-2**

Rep. Virginia Irwin

SB 404-FN, relative to the acquisition of real property for state government purposes. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill dealt with the purchase and use of state real estate, with emphasis on the purchase of land for the construction of court facilities. It has been a long standing practice of the General Court to require that new court facilities be built on land that has been provided to the state at no cost. There is no written rule or law that land be provided at no cost. It also does not prohibit the cost of the land from being included in the total capital costs of a project. After review the committee feels that keeping the current unwritten policy in place makes sense in most cases and that no legislation is required at this time. **Vote 12-4**

Rep. John Graham

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 663-FN, relative to appeals within the department of environmental services. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

Although HB 663 addressed an issue of some concern to the committee to the extent that consensus was to retain for further study, no additional information from either the Department of Environmental Services (DES) or developers came forward during the period of retention. Therefore it was the unanimous opinion of those present for the executive session that in its present form HB 663 could not be recommended for future legislation, and that the appropriate course of action would be to encourage concerned parties to work together towards a solution executed internally by developing policies and rules within DES rather than pursue a legislative alternative. **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Leigh Webb

HB 1271, establishing a committee to study the powers and duties of conservation commissions. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee agreed that the concerns which prompted the introduction of this legislation can be properly and fully addressed by the committee formed by SB388, Ch. 148, Laws of 2014 which is a study of voluntary land conservation in New Hampshire and includes the benefits of conserving land to protect water quality, wildlife habitat and open space among others. The committee is also studying how lands are put into conservation easements and by what entities, state, municipal or other and how those processes are working. The committee representative to the study committee has been asked to insure that the issues raised by this bill be addressed by the study committee. **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Suzanne Smith

HB 1286, relative to youth safety regarding mooring and rafting of boats at or near youth camps. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

After an interim study and a committee work session brought together legislators, the camp director and Marine Patrol, the issue that prompted this bill has found resolution without the need of legislation. Therefore the committee unanimously agrees that this bill not be recommended for legislation. **Vote 11-0**

Rep. Stephen Holmes

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 465, repealing New Hampshire's atomic energy policy. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill, which would have repealed the 1955 New Hampshire Atomic Energy Act after consideration through interim study, was voted to be appropriate as the basis for future legislation. The committee agreed that the Act was outdated and serves no present purpose. All current users of atomic energy, from the Seabrook reactor to practitioners of nuclear medicine, would be unaffected by repeal, and the Act's goal of promoting the use of atomic energy to the "maximum extent" practical is inconsistent with New Hampshire's energy goals as laid out in the newly released New Hampshire State Energy Strategy. **Vote 10-2**

Rep. Robert Backus

HB 1265, relative to coordinating and funding broadband infrastructure information by the enhanced 911 system. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill allows the bureau of emergency communications to acquire and utilize information on broadband infrastructure in coordination with the NH Broadband Mapping and Planning Program (done through Granit at UNH) for the purposes of the E911 system. In interim study the committee asked the parties to discuss ways the information could be shared statewide. They came up with a short-term process and are still negotiating a long-term solution. The matter is worthy of further study and future legislation. **Vote 13-1**

Rep. Marge Shepardson

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1103-FN-A, authorizing optional enhanced drivers' licenses and optional enhanced nondrivers' picture identification cards. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill would have amended RSA 260:10-b,II, and 260:21,V to authorize an optional enhanced non-drivers photo ID card. These would serve both as ordinary drivers licenses and ID cards, as well as a cross-border travel document between the U.S. and Canada, and any other border into and out of the country by land and sea. Federal law allows for such a document, under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. This bill would have been a great convenience to many of our of NH residents who live on or near, or visit the Canadian border in our north country. However the legislature in the past has voted not to participate in the Real ID program, and any attempt to adopt provisions of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative would be in conflict with prior legislative mandates. Therefore the committee did not recommend for future legislation. **Vote 16-0**

Rep. Michael O'Brien

WAYS AND MEANS

CACR 19, relating to dedicated funds. Providing that dedicated funds shall be used solely for the purpose of the fund. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

The committee feels that the issue of dedicated funds is a serious issue and should be so treated by the legislature, but a CACR may cause more problems than it solves. Since it only takes a majority vote to establish a dedicated fund, the committee is opposed to requiring a 2/3 vote of a future legislature to make changes. **Vote 12-3**

Rep. Patricia Lovejoy

HB 1596-FN-A, allowing for an adjustment to business enterprise taxes for business funds acquired by loan from a financial institution. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION**

This bill attempted to shield from BET any interest expense of a business that was used to fund compensation. The interest that a business incurs is not directly traceable to its use, therefore one could not identify the portion of a businesses' interest expense that is used to fund compensation. **Vote 15-0**

Rep. Patricia Lovejoy

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COASTAL RISK AND HAZARDS COMMISSION (RSA 483-E), NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office, 122 International Dr., Suite 175, Portsmouth

10:00 a.m. State/Legislative Workgroup.

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, D), Room 101, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

COMMISSION TO STUDY SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (RSA 189:69), Room 101, 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.

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4), NH Fish and Game Headquarters, 11 Hazen Dr., Concord

9:00 a.m. Grant selection meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), Albany Town Hall, 1972-A NH Route 16, Albany

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

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

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

10:30 a.m. Non-public session of the Complaint Review Committee.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D), Rooms 201-203, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T), NH Medical Society, 7 N. State St., Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy., North Haverhill

6:00 p.m. Public forum.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO FUND MEDICAL CARE FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (RSA 169-C:39-j), Room 206, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R)

10:00 a.m. Tour of the State House. Please meet at the Visitor Center.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24**CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), Dept. of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant St., Concord**

9:30 a.m. Public forum followed by a regular board meeting.

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2), Rooms 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1), Room 101, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular quarterly meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**COMMITTEE TO STUDY LAWS RELATING TO CONDO AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS (RSA 356-B:70), Room 202, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STUDY COMMISSION ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-a), Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1**COMMISSION TO STUDY SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (RSA 189:69), Room 101, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), Walker Building 3rd Floor Room 330, 21 South Fruit St., Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7,I), DHHS, Brown Bldg., 129 Pleasant St., 2nd Floor Room 232, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2**STUDY COMMISSION ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-a), Room 101, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

COMMISSION TO STUDY PATHWAYS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 317-A:21-f), Room 101, LOB

2:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN/STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (RSA 186-C:3-b), NHDOE, Londergan Hall, Room 15, Pleasant St., Concord

4:30 p.m. Regular meeting. *Snow date December 10th.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, D), Room 101, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D), Rooms 201-203, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1), Rooms 205-207, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES**COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

The **Coos** County Delegation will hold an organizational meeting to elect officers on **Monday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the state offices in Lancaster.

Rep. Robert L. Theberge, Chairman
Coos County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Coos** County Delegation will meet **Friday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m.** to review the 2015 budget request as proposed by the county commissioners. The meeting will be held at the Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown.

Rep. Robert L. Theberge, Chairman
Coos County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Grafton** County Delegation will hold its organizational meeting on **Monday, December 8th at 8:00 a.m.** at the county complex.

Rep. Andrew White, Chairman
Grafton County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to update the members on the status of the agreement between the Delegation Officers and the Board of Commissioners.

Rep. Kevin Waterhouse, Chairman
Rockingham County Executive Committee

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.

Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group will be hosting the annual Welcome Back Reception for all House and Senate members and staff on Organization Day, **Wednesday, December 3rd** at Tandy's Top Shelf Restaurant (One Eagle Square, directly across the street from the State House), following the close of session or 3:00 p.m. should the session end early.

Reps. Gene Chandler and Stephen Shurtleff

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 **2014**. 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.

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>Group#/Grade</i>
Nov. 14	9:00	Alvirne High School	12
Nov. 14	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Barrington Elementary School	100/4
Nov. 17	10:00/11:30	Windham Center School	75/4
Nov. 18	10:00/11:30	Windham Center School	75/4
Nov. 19	10:00	Windham Center School	40/4
Nov. 19	2:30	New England College – Henniker	26/col
Nov. 20	9:00	St. Katheryn's Homeschool – Hudson	25
Nov. 20	10:00	Broad St. Elementary School – Nashua	55/4
Nov. 20	12:30	Concord Christian Academy – Concord	19/
Nov. 21	9:00	Sunapee Middle School	12/8
Nov. 21	10:00/11:30 SH/SC	East Derry Memorial School	80/4
Nov. 24	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Ernest P. Barka School – Derry	110/4
Nov. 25	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Gilford Elementary School	60/4
Dec. 2	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Elm St. School – Laconia	60/4
Dec. 4	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Griffin Memorial School – Litchfield	105/4
Dec.5	10:00	Pleasant St. School – Laconia	22/4
Dec. 5	11:15	Kearsarge Regional School – Bradford	29/5
Dec. 9	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Parker Varney School – Manchester	75/4
Dec. 10	10:00	Boscawen Elementary School	45/4
Dec. 10	12:30	Wilkins Elementary School – Amherst	50/4
Dec. 11	12:30	Wilkins Elementary School – Amherst	50/4
Dec. 12	10:00/11:15 SH/SC	Woodland Heights School – Laconia	60/4
Dec. 12	12:30	Wilkins Elementary School – Amherst	50/4
Dec. 15	10:00/11:30 SH/SC	Hollis Upper Elementary School	100/4
Dec. 16	9:30	Home School from Chester	20
Dec. 19	9:00/10:30 SH/SC	Memorial School – Bedford	75/4

NOTICE

The House Clerk's Office is now accepting orders for the **2014** hardcover Permanent House Journals. Orders will be accepted until **Friday, November 28, 2014**.

Anyone who was a **member of the Legislature in 2014** and all state agencies are entitled to one Journal at no charge, **upon request**. All others interested in obtaining a Journal, as well as any Legislator or state agency requesting additional copies, will be charged for that copy. We estimate the cost for paid volumes to be approximately \$55 each. In addition, if the volume is to be mailed, there will be a \$5.00 shipping & handling charge. Those who order paid copies will be notified *and billed* when the Journals are ready for distribution. **DO NOT** send any money now.

In an effort to contain costs, the number of Journals printed will be determined by the number of advance orders received. Extra copies will not be ordered.

To place an order, please clip and return the form below or go to <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/housejournalrequest/> and order on-line (an e-mail address is required to place an order on-line).

Please clip this form and return it in person or via mail to: **Teresa Preston, Journal Clerk**
Room 317, State House
107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

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