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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The next House session will be Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

The House will meet in joint session with the Senate on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing the Budget Address of Governor Margaret Wood Hassan.

When the presiding officers decide to cancel all legislative activity due to inclement weather or other urgent situations, members will be notified no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day in question. Notification will be posted on the General Court website homepage (www.gencourt.state.nh.us), in addition to media reports and e-mail communication to members. Please assume the Legislature is open for business unless you hear otherwise.

Many members have been noticing delays in receiving their hard copies of the Calendar. We have been informed that the U.S. Postal Service has changed its policy on processing mail, and this has significantly slowed down delivery. We are aware of the resulting inconvenience to members, and we will be following up on how to alleviate the problem. House Calendars and Journals are also accessible on the General Court website above.

Please keep in mind that reimbursement for travel to Concord is limited to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, unless members have received prior approval from the Speaker's Office or if you are a member of a committee that meets on Mondays or Fridays.

Presidents' Day is Monday, February 16th. This is a state holiday, and all legislative offices will be closed. Also, please remember that there will be no legislative activity scheduled during the legislative break the week of February 23rd through the 27th.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of chairs and vice chairs on Tuesday, February 10th, at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

THE HOUSE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM ON "TOOLS EVERY LEGISLATOR NEEDS" PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9TH HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NOTICE

There will be a Republican caucus on Wednesday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives' Hall.
Rep. Jack Flanagan

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic caucus on Wednesday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m. in LOB 305-307.
Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

NOTICE

The House Calendar closes at **3:00 p.m.** on **Wednesdays** for **scheduling and notices**. It will close at **NOON** on **Thursdays** for **Committee Reports**. Please be sure to do your scheduling in order to meet that deadline.

CLOSES NOON on THURSDAY:

February 12
February 19

AVAILABLE FRIDAY:

February 13
February 20

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2015 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, February 12, 2015
Thursday, February 19, 2015
Thursday, March 5, 2015

Thursday, March 12, 2015

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Thursday, April 30, 2015
Thursday, May 7, 2015
Thursday, May 28, 2015

Thursday, June 4, 2015
Thursday, June 11, 2015
Thursday, June 18, 2015
Thursday, June 25, 2015

Last day to report HBs going to a second committee
Last day to act on HBs going to a second committee
Last day to report all HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
Last day to act on HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
Last day to report all HBs, except budget bills
Last day to report list of retained HBs
Last day to report budget bills
Last day to act on all HBs, except budget bills
CROSSOVER Last day to act on budget bills
Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Last day to act on SBs going to a second committee
Last day to report all remaining SBs
Last day to report list of retained SBs
Last day to act on SBs
Last day to form Committees of Conference
Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports
Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 CONSENT CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 118, relative to vehicular assault. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Len DiSesa for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The NH Department of Safety supports this bill, and the bill amends the vehicular assault statute in RSA 265:79-a in response to a ruling of the NH Supreme Court (State v. Rollins-Ercolino, 149 NH 336 (2003)) that the current wording violates Part I, Article 15 of the NH Constitution by shifting the burden of proof to the defendant and removing the evidence-weighting function of the jury regarding an element of the crime. The bill deletes the last line of the statute paragraph: "Evidence that the driver violated any of the rules of the road shall be prima facie evidence that the driver caused or materially contributed to the collision." The intent raised another concern of a potential language problem that the amendment to the bill eliminates: every misdemeanor or felony crime must have a mens rea (a culpable state of mind), and the criminal code itemizes four culpable states of mind, purposely, knowingly, recklessly, and negligently. This statute begins with the statement, "Whoever, without intent. . ." The deptmt believes that the law would not survive a challenge on that portion of it and that police and prosecutors may be reluctant to bring charges under the statute for that reason. Therefore, the amendment removes the words "without intent" from the statute paragraph, and further amends it in this manner: the wording, ". . . where such person's unlawful operation of the propelled vehicle. . ." is changed by removing the word "unlawful" and substituting the word "negligent" to wit: ". . . where such person's negligent operation of the propelled vehicle. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 282, relative to removal or impoundment of a vehicle. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John A. Burt for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The majority of the committee saw some unintended issues with removing line 16 and 17 in RSA 262:32, "and the vehicle will be a menace to traffic if permitted to remain." In that case the officer may tow the car even if parked in a non menace area of the roadway. The owner that was arrested may not want the car towed. The majority feels the owner of the car should have a say and the current law allows that. If the car is parked in a menace area of a roadway the officer under the current law can have the car towed. The current law allows a balance which works well for the officer and person being arrested. **Vote 13-3.**

HB 492, relative to military and historic reenactments and commemorations. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David A. Welch for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill amends RSA 644:13 Unauthorized Use of Firearms and Firecrackers by including in the exceptions the fire department along with the police department in the notification process when organizing an event where cannons, muskets or other firearms are used to celebrate or commemorate an event where such arms use blank cartridges. The state fire code has rules concerning how historical re-enactments or events where veterans participate ought to be organized for the safety of the participants and fire personnel during an incident. The notification of the fire department is to ensure that the participants are aware of the safety requirements contained in the fire code. This bill is a request of the state fire marshal's office. An amendment changes the title by removing references to firecrackers which had been removed from the statute many years ago. The committee agreed that the bill is necessary and voted unanimously. **Vote 16-0.**

ELECTION LAW**HB 133**, relative to recounts on questions. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James P. Gray for Election Law. RSA 40:4-c, I codifies the requirements to request a recount of the ballots cast at an annual or special meeting on any question affecting the town. This bill adds a requirement for the town clerk to provide notification to the first named recount requester. The notification shall provide the time and place of the recount and that it be delivered by registered mail. The amendment retains the notification requirement but eliminates the requirement that it be delivered by registered mail. **Vote 18-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**HB 152**, establishing a state poem. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter B. Schmidt for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, brought at the request of a NH citizen, proposed to adopt his favorite poem as the state poem. While the Committee recognized the heartfelt sentiments contained in the work, penned during WWII by an American serviceman deployed thousands of miles away from his deeply loved native land, we also plainly saw several problems which rendered it unsuitable as the state poem. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 162, transferring authority for explosives and fireworks rules from the director of state police to the commissioner of safety. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John Sytek for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill is a request from the Department of Safety. The bill transfers regulatory (rule making) authority over the purchase, storage and transportation of explosives and fireworks from the Director of the State Police to the Commissioner of Safety. The bill makes no changes in any rule. Future rule making responsibility would rest with the Commissioner. This will not cause any problems since all rules from the State Police already require the approval of the Commissioner. In fact, the motivation for this bill is a result from a study ("the LEAN process") conducted by the Department to improve efficiency and customer service. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 182, establishing a committee to study alternative public employee retirement plans. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter T. Hansen for Executive Departments and Administration. The sponsors requested the Committee vote this bill Inexpedient to Legislate as the subject matter will be studied by the Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 217-FN, relative to fees for reinstatement of licenses, registrations, and certifications established by the pharmacy board. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mark L. Proulx for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill prevents the Pharmacy Board from charging the license renewal fee or any other assessment's for the years the applicants license had lapsed. The board is only allowed to charge a restoration fee and the current year's license fee. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 573-FN, relative to licensure of individuals as private investigators, bail enforcement agents, and security guards, requiring skills training courses for applicants for such licensure and license renewal, and relative to the certification of security officer instructors. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Sytek for Executive Departments and Administration. The sponsor requested that the Committee report this bill as Inexpedient to Legislate. He testified that due to deadline pressure the bill, as drafted, had too many problems for correction by an amendment. The sponsor plans to introduce the substance of the bill in a subsequent session. **Vote 15-0.**

FINANCE

CACR 7, Relating to funding substance abuse treatment. Providing that all moneys received for the substance abuse treatment fund under RSA 172:14 and all the interest received on such moneys shall, after deducting

the necessary costs of administration, be appropriated and used exclusively for the substance abuse treatment fund. Such moneys shall be used exclusively for the purpose of the substance abuse treatment fund and shall not be transferred or diverted to any other purpose. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frank A. Byron for Finance. This constitutional amendment provides that all monies received under RSA 172:14, along with all interest received on such monies would, after deductions for administrative costs, be appropriated and used exclusively for the purpose of the substance abuse treatment fund and shall not be transferred or diverted to any other purpose. This CACR would appear on the 2016 state ballot. It was agreed that this amendment would take away all discretion from the legislature to determine the appropriate funding of the substance abuse program. We believe that the legislature is fully capable of assigning an appropriate funding level. Further, it was not clear to the committee how much money from the gross profits of the liquor commission or the substance abuse funds available through medicaid would be apportioned into the dedicated fund which was the subject of CACR 7. For these reasons, a majority of the committee along with the prime sponsor agreed that inexpedient to legislate was appropriate. **Vote 23-1.**

HB 239-FN-A, establishing a statutory commission to study the creation of a state retirement security program and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. J. Tracy Emerick for Finance. This bill proposes to establish a study commission and fund it with \$100,000. The study commission would study a method to set up retirement savings accounts for workers in NH without a company paid pension and to allow payroll deductions to fund the account, periodic reporting on monies in the account, be self-sustaining, allow employees to port this account from one employer to another, qualify for all federal tax deductions, and be professionally managed. During public hearings the committee learned about a recently established federal program that meets all of the stated criteria. MyRA (My Retirement Account) is a federal program that has regular reporting, payroll deductions to make it easy for employees to save, is professionally managed by the US Treasury, allows portability and allows participants to move balances of \$15,000 or more into a ROTH account, which requires no minimum distribution when a participant reaches 70 and one half. The committee believes this program is not needed at the state level and that employees should begin setting up their accounts, which can be done on-line in about 10 minutes. Employer resources have already been developed for this plan. **Vote 22-0.**

HB 333, establishing a process for review and reporting of dedicated funds. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Karen C. Umberger for Finance. This bill provides a process for review and reporting of dedicated funds. The bill establishes a joint committee to review all dedicated funds over a five year period with specific agencies identified in each of the five years. The joint committee may recommend legislation to modify or repeal certain funds or add newly discovered dedicated funds to RSA 6-12. The joint committee will consult with the standing committee responsible for the fund to determine if the fund or account no longer serves the statutory purpose for which it was created, or the purpose has become obsolete, and submit legislation to repeal or modify the fund. Systematic review of dedicated funds is long overdue and this bill will ensure that all dedicated funds are serving the purpose for which they were created. **Vote 24-1.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 101, relative to prescription refills. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lucy M. Weber for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill would remove schedule III topical androgens from the list of prescriptions that may not be refilled with more than a 34 day supply. The purpose of the bill was to allow purchase of the medications in 90 day quantities, to achieve savings on the deductible paid for the refill. Topical androgens are male hormone replacements applied to the skin. The committee was concerned about the safety of increasing the amounts of a drug that can cause harm to women and children if they come in contact with it. A second concern was the confusion created by micro-managing the treatment of individual drugs within the current categories of controlled drugs. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 117, relative to providers prescribing cannabis for therapeutic purposes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Legislation has been in place to initiate the highly complex process of establishing a medical cannabis treatment program. The department of health and human services has put a high priority on the important service. Considerable progress has been achieved including the development of required administrative rules. The committee felt that the current legislation should be put into place and future legislation should be considered after gaining experience from its evolution. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 129, relative to unused prescription drugs. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Joanne A. Ward for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill seeks to take unused prescription drugs out of medicine cabinets and homes. The bill's intent is to prevent these drugs from misuse or from "hitting the streets." As written, the intent of the bill could not be easily implemented. As a result of that, the substance of the bill will be referred to the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 164, relative to processing applications for the therapeutic use of cannabis. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lucy M. Weber for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill would require the department of health and human services to begin processing applications for registry identification cards no later than July 25, 2015. Committee members were concerned that this requirement would produce inefficiency and extra work for the department, as the cards are to be issued for use at a specific facility, and cards would have to be re-issued when a final decision was made as to facility location. Additionally, there was concern that proponents of the bill believed that possession of the card would allow the possession of marijuana obtained prior to the opening of the NH dispensaries, but that is not the case. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 165, relative to the definition of “qualifying medical condition” for the therapeutic use of cannabis. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The Committee recognized that existing legislation is in place to initiate a medical cannabis treatment program. The department of health and human services is in charge of implementing this complex program. It is recognized that additional legislation may be required after the department has the benefit of learning how the treatment program is initiated. It is recommended that most proposed legislation wait for the programs to be organized and evaluated. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 190, establishing a committee to study the standards for collaborative pharmacy practice. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James R. MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This legislation, as amended, establishes a commission to study standards for collaborative pharmacy practice. A number of protocols have been established on a national level. The commission will give the various pharmaceutical organizations in New Hampshire the opportunity to resolve differences as to how collaborative pharmacy practices can be utilized. The commission is requested to provide legislative and non-legislative solutions. The commission will be repealed immediately after it's reported as submitted on November 1, 2015. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 219-FN, relative to the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Charles E. McMahon for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill is the product of the interim study committee charged in 2014 to address the management and oversight of cash and product benefits provided to qualifying NH citizens using the Electronic Benefits Transfer/EBT card. The EBT card is used for the SNAP (food stamp) benefit program and the four cash assistance programs known as TANF, APTD, OAA & ANB. In order to improve and enhance oversight and tighten management controls, the Committee worked collaboratively with stakeholders and the department to address EBT card restrictions by location, technology enhancements and improved education outreach. The bill reflects the committee consensus to support a cost effective methodology to enhance EBT rule compliance and reduce the incidence of misuse of the cash benefit. We move towards this goal by increasing the management of ATM and point of sale store registers utilizing the department's new merchant category codes tool now in place. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 330, establishing an oversight commission for medical cost transparency. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Charles E. McMahon for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill provides for the establishment of a commission to provide active oversight of the development of the NH Health Cost website. The amendment adds two public members. This resource, when completed, shall provide a cohesive resource for medical cost transparency for NH citizens in search of knowing what a medical procedure will cost, what insurance will cover and what the out-of-pocket expenses will be. The goal of the commission is to ensure a timely completion of this effort as time is of the essence. To motivate a timely completion, the commission shall have strong stakeholder participation as detailed in the bill and a sunset of the commission to motivate timely completion of this important work. **Vote 18-0.**

JUDICIARY

CACR 8, Relating to the nomination and appointment of officers. Providing that judicial officers shall be confirmed by the legislature. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Woodbury for Judiciary. This CACR seeks to increase the participation of the legislative branch in the selection of Judicial officers. Presently, Judicial officers are nominated by the governor and confirmed by the council. Although well-intentioned, this bill presents the specter of dueling nominations between governor and council. It subjects confirmations to the increased partisanship of house and senate and present the problem of dealing with a confirmation occurring while the house and senate are not in session. The present system has worked well over the years and does not require modification. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 246, relative to jury nullification. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Paul S. Berch for Judiciary. This bill would allow a judge to potentially be impeached for maladministration if she or he instructs a jury, according to law, of its right to judge the facts and the application of the

facts to the law, as approved by the New Hampshire Supreme court in the Wentworth case. This bill does not seek to change the law relating to the powers and rights of a jury; it seeks to punish judges who conform their ruling to that required by law, as decided by the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Inasmuch as the committee was informed that trial judges give the "Wentworth instruction" to all criminal cases, the committee, by a 14-1 vote, agreed that to punish judges for doing so would be inappropriate and unwise. **Vote 14-1.**

HB 247, prohibiting the assignment and acceptance of recommendations of unauthorized judicial referees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kurt F. Wuelper for Judiciary. This bill intended to correct deficiencies in the family courts' use of referees. The bill, however, addressed RSA 493-A:1 Judicial Referees and RSA 490-F:15 Referees and so would have no effect on family court referees. **Vote 14-0.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 338, relative to nomination of candidates for United States senator. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Jack B. Flanagan for Legislative Administration. The committee felt the current process of nominating and electing a U S Senator is the appropriate way to select the candidate for office. This bill attempted to nominate the candidates via the New Hampshire House of Representatives and there were concerns that every individual in the state wouldn't have the ability to run for office. **Vote 9-0.**

HR 6, recognizing February 26, 2015, as the 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lucy M. Weber for Legislative Administration. Committee members recognize the horrors of genocide and the tragedy that occurred on February 25 and 26, 1992. That is why, in 2014, we passed a bill now codified as RSA 4:13-t, which recognized the month of April as New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month. The goal of that bill was to ensure ongoing awareness of and education about genocide, both historically and in the present. Committee members believe that is the best way to address this most important and difficult of issues, rather than addressing the subject in separate resolutions. **Vote 8-0.**

HR 8, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Social Security Act of 1965. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Jack B. Flanagan for Legislative Administration. This bill commemorates the Social Security Act of 1965. The majority felt that there was no need to celebrate various Federal Acts in the state legislature. Although this act made changes in the dispensing of medical care it wasn't to be recognized by this resolution. **Vote 9-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 107, relative to the retention of municipal trust fund bank statements. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Ken S. Peterson for Municipal and County Government. This bill, as amended, serves to clarify the types of records that trust funds are required to retain or are permitted to dispose of, and specifies the length of time they must be retained. It codifies the ability to use electronic documents in addition to paper documents. This bill replaces RSA 33-A3-a, CXXXVIII (Disposition of Municipal Records; Disposition and Retention Schedule CXXXVIII. Trust fund minutes, quarterly reports, and bank statements: permanently) with the requirement that Trust Fund minutes and quarterly reports be retained permanently in either paper or electronic format; and bank statements be retained for 6 years after audit in paper or electronic format. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 145, allowing municipalities to dedicate a percentage of timber yield taxes to the conservation fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David A. Bickford for Municipal and County Government. The committee felt the timber yield tax should continue to be deposited into the general fund. There are already two funding mechanisms designed to fund the conservation fund. One is by designating the Current Use Penalty funds into the conservation fund and the other is by appropriations through the Conservation Commission account where any unspent funds is allocated to the conservation fund rather than lapsing like other accounts at the end of the fiscal year. The committee felt funds going through the general fund is subject to better controls and transparency. The governing body is already able to introduce annual warrant articles to direct a portion of the timber taxes to the conservation fund. **Vote 16-4.**

HB 154, relative to the power of towns to adopt bylaws and ordinances. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. James E. Coffey for Municipal and County Government. This legislation seeks to amend RSA 31:39, which lists the powers and duties of the towns to make regulations and bylaws, to add to it all the powers and duties of RSA 47:17, which regulates the power of city councils to enact bylaws and ordinances. During the testimony and in the ensuing discussion the committee found that most of the concerns the bill's supporters had were addressed in numerous other laws. The power to regulate roads was discussed at some length and seemed to be a major concern that could be easily handled by other existing laws. RSA 47:17 is a very old

statute that addresses such things as artificial curiosities, destruction of gaming devices, stables, tanneries, clothing worn by bathers, geese, swine, and countless other items from earlier centuries. While much of this archaic language can be translated into a more modern parlance, it seemed better not to attach RSA 47:17 to RSA 31:39, but to amend RSA 31:39 in the future if necessary. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 155, relative to municipal contracts for police chief. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David A. Bickford for Municipal and County Government. This bill codifies allowing municipalities to designate a police chief by contract for a fixed term. The New Hampshire Supreme Court decided in *Kassotis v. Fitzwilliam* 2014, Aug 28, that failure to renew a public employee contract was not the same as dismissal. Some municipalities would prefer to hire for a fixed period. This bill puts the court decision in statute that will be more visible to hiring communities. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 166-L, relative to records storage by municipalities. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bruce L. Tatro for Municipal and County Government. This bill allows storage of records in other than paper form. Electronic storage and other media format is added to RSA 31:132. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 186, enabling the department of environmental services and the town of New Ipswich to negotiate an agreement regarding the encroachment of the town cemetery on state land. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. James E. Coffey for Municipal and County Government. This bill is no longer required since it has been replaced by HB 275. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 275, relative to the encroachment of a town cemetery on state-owned land. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. James E. Coffey for Municipal and County Government. This bill provides the framework to better facilitate the resolution of a problem caused by a New Ipswich town cemetery boundary being misunderstood by the town which resulted in graves being located on state land managed by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services adjacent to a flood control dam on the West Branch of the Souhegan River. This bill will allow both parties to enter into a lot line adjustment and the town to move those graves that could interfere with maintenance of the flood control dam. It also allows the town to call a special town meeting, if needed. The New Ipswich selectmen and the Commissioner of DES support this legislation and both parties have already started work on resolving the problem. **Vote 15-0**

HB 344, relative to membership on advisory boards for municipal economic development and revitalization districts and relative to the financing plan of such districts. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Franklin W. Sterling for Municipal and County Government. The purpose of this bill is to give the local legislative body the authority to raise or lower the financial plan submitted by the governing body. Currently the statute only allows the legislative body to accept or reject the financial plan as submitted. This bill would allow the legislative body to deliberate the proposal and to increase or decrease the plan. Second, the bill would allow for the appointment of members from the community at large to the advisory committees when the municipality is unable to find enough members from the economic zone. **Vote 16-2.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 201, relative to the acquisition of property rights at Back Lake dam in the town of Pittsburg, Lake Armington dam in the town of Piermont, Cass Pond dam in the town of Epsom, and Chesham Pond dam in the town of Harrisville by the department of environmental services. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John A. Mullen for Resources, Recreation and Development. The bill allows the department of environmental services to acquire easements at the Back Lake dam in Pittsburg, Lake Armington dam in Piermont, Cass Pond dam in Epsom, and Chesham Pond dam in Harrisville, for the purpose of repairing the dams. All four dams are in need of repair and are scheduled to be repaired in the next biennium. However, while the dams are owned by the state agencies they do not own some of the immediate abutting land and require easements to access the dams to conduct the repairs. Therefore, they are seeking the authority to seek an easement. Under RSA 482:44 it requires and act by the legislature to authorize these agencies to be able to seek such easements. The committee felt that this was prudent to allow the acquisition of easements as required by statute to be able to repair the dams and keep them safe. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 254, relative to exceptions to restrictions on boating. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Carolyn L. Matthews for Resources, Recreation and Development. According to RSA 270:75, only state employees are exempt from the prohibition against use of outboard motors or power boats in restricted waters, and only when an emergency or other extraordinary situation occurs. This bill extends that exemption to municipal employees engaged in emergency rescue operations or training. While exempting the restriction on municipal employees engaged in emergency rescue is critical, other public water bodies without restrictions are available for training. The Department of Safety recommended deleting "or training" due to the need to protect sensitive public waters, which the committee agreed to in the amendment. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 259, relative to the reporting date of the economic development strategy and plan. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Carolyn L. Matthews for Resources, Recreation and Development. As requested by the Department of Resources and Economic Development, this bill amends RSA 12-A:66 to allow the department to use results and validation from the previous fiscal year instead of the closing calendar year when updating the department's strategy and plan. The department believes that an economic review at the end of the fiscal year is consistent with the data and will improve the quality and efficiency of the report. The annual report will continue to be due by December 31. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 281, defining "exotic aquatic species of wildlife" and relative to the duties of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Suzanne H. Gottling for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill addresses an additional threat to New Hampshire's water bodies, exotic aquatic animals. The existing Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee has been studying control and eradication of exotic aquatic weeds and plants such as milfoil, but was not charged with study of exotic aquatic animals such as Asian clams, zebra mussels or water fleas. This bill adds exotic aquatic animals to the committee's charge. The bill also includes a definition of these animals and asks the committee to study two additional areas: 1. best management practices in other states and 2. development of an action plan, similar to that for exotic aquatic plants, if an infestation is discovered. The amendment changes the placement of and references to the definition of exotic aquatic animals. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 394-FN, establishing an industrial heritage program within the department of cultural resources. **IN-EXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Eric Johnson for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill establishes an industrial heritage program within the Department of Cultural Resources which shall be responsible for the preservation of the historic grist mill complex in Hampton. While the committee recognizes the value of the Hampton grist mill and recognizes the value of preserving New Hampshire's industrial heritage, this act may not be the most frugal and efficient way to accomplish this goal. Other means are available according to testimony. **Vote 13-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 238, relative to the energy efficiency implementation plan. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Herbert R. Vadney for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would direct the Office of Energy and Planning to consider a variety of additional issues in its energy efficiency planning. The energy efficiency resource standard draft proposal that was released by the Public Utilities Commission on February 3, 2015 covers these topics, making this bill unnecessary. **Vote 21-0.**

HB 291, establishing a committee to study modernization of the energy grid in New Hampshire. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marjorie J. Shepardson for Science, Technology and Energy. The sponsor feels strongly that the State of New Hampshire should implement a goal in the new Ten-Year Energy Strategy which states New Hampshire should modernize the electric grid. This bill would have created a study committee to do that but another bill, HB 614, directs the PUC to open a docket on grid modernization. Since HB 614 would accomplish the same thing more quickly than this bill, the sponsor proposed to ITL HB 291. **Vote 21-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 130, relative to the use of blue lights on emergency vehicles. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael B. O'Brien for Transportation. This is an enabling bill which will allow blue lights on fire, ambulances and rescue vehicles. This bill allows exceptions to current law where only sworn police officers are allowed blue lights to municipal, township or village-owned fire apparatus or ambulances. This bill does not allow blue lights on private vehicles except in accordance with current law for police officers. This bill has the support of the NH Police Chiefs' Association and the NH Fire Chiefs' Association. The intention of the bill is to enhance the safety of all emergency first responders operating in the field. The amendment adds relevant references to existing statutes regarding authorized use of blue lights to ensure compliance with existing laws. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 156, relative to the 70 mile per hour speed limit on a portion of I-93. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Thomas C. Walsh for Transportation. This bill would eliminate the 70 mile per hour speed limit from mile marker 45 to mile marker 58 (north of Tilton) on I-93. In 2013 HB 146, which changed the speed limit to 70 mph, passed the House 292-65, passed the Senate by a voice vote and was signed into law. The committee was not provided any data or incidents related to the speed change. In fact, the Department of Safety testified that it would take three to five years to compile such data. Considering the support HB 146 had, and no evidence to support a change, the majority of the committee voted ITL. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 178, relative to exclusions from seasonal highway weight limit regulations. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Russell Dumais for Transportation. The intent of this bill is to support our maple sugar industry which can be hurt by seasonal weight limits. This bill does not remove department of transportation oversight and approval of granting waivers. **Vote 18-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 314, establishing a commission to study the charitable status of certain nonprofit organizations for purposes of state and local taxation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patrick F. Abrami for Ways and Means. This bill is based on one possibly fraudulent charity said to be operating in New Hampshire, but the sponsor has not yet been able to contact the attorney general's office of charitable trusts, which is responsible for oversight of such cases, to learn whether this case or others present a problem that would be correctable by further legislation. We invite the sponsor to bring forth a later bill on the subject if such inquiry shows a need. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 657-FN-A-L, relative to video lottery. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gary S. Azarian for Ways and Means. This bill authorizes up to 300 slot machines at each location authorized for charitable gaming. The committee feels that such a major expansion is contrary to the intent of the law authorizing low stakes charitable gaming. Public testimony indicated strong opposition, with only card rooms supporting it. **Vote 19-0.**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 168, relative to grounds for divorce for persons with minor children. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Cynthia L. Chase for Children and Family Law. RSA 458:16-a governs the equitable division of the property of a marriage when the marriage ends. Currently, the court is allowed on a case by case basis to decide how to divide property acquired as a gift or inheritance. This bill, if passed, would have forbidden the court from counting such property as joint property. This bill would have caused numerous unintended consequences, and the committee deemed it inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 13-4.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 245, establishing a committee to study state and county departments of corrections. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill calls for a study on county jails and the state department of correction. This bill comes in every session. As representatives we can make our own correction to our county jails. The committee believes this bill is not necessary. If we want changes in our county jails we have the power to make those changes within the counties. **Vote 10-6.**

Rep. John A. Burt for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill simply creates a study committee to examine New Hampshire's system of state and county jails, to determine if this structure is the best way to provide incarceration and rehabilitation at the lowest cost to state and local taxpayers. County jails frequently house persons awaiting trial, or required to be separated from other inmates in the state system, or even temporary overflows. The functions of county jails and state prisons largely overlap after an inmate is discharged, so it is reasonable to look at the post incarceration system as a whole. Vermont, for example, has an integrated prison system that incorporates the opportunities to reduce recidivism. In NH recidivism is 43% at the state level and around 60% for counties. The minority believes that a study committee on this subject has the potential to identify significant opportunities for cost savings without affecting performance.

HB 597-FN, relative to penalties for indecent exposure and lewdness. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laura C. Pantelakos for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill changes the penalty for exposing one's genitals from misdemeanor to a class B felony. This change makes the law the same penalty that it is if you take a picture of your genitals and send it out. The committee felt it should be the same in person as a picture. **Vote 11-5.**

Rep. Ed Comeau for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. It is the minority opinion that the following language within HB 597 will have unintended results when interpreting the following verbiage, section 2. (a) A person is guilty of a class B felony if : (a) Such person purposely fornicates, exposes his or her genitals, or performs any other act of gross lewdness in the presence of a child who is less than 16 years of age. The condition whereby genitals may be exposed may occur during nude sunbathing on ones own private property; attendance to a nudist camp; a family practicing a naturalist lifestyle. Section (a) begins with (a) Such person purposely fornicates, then attempts to list; "exposes his or her genitals." It is the minority opinion that this can be misinterpreted, if the intent was to simply be "purposely naked" without the intent of harm to a child less then 16 years of age.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 119, establishing the John G. Winant Memorial Commission. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Raymond G. Gagnon for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration. Governor John G. Winant was among the most accomplished and respected New Hampshire citizens of the 20th Century, attaining national and international recognition during the 1930s and World War II. This bill establishes a commission to raise private sector funds for the erection and maintenance of a statue, as well as a scholarship fund for New Hampshire students of government. This public/private initiative will be funded solely from non-government sources and will have no fiscal impact on state finances. The intent of the commission is to erect the statue on the grounds of the NH State Library facing the capital and the governor's office. In addition to serving as Governor (1925-27; 1931-35), he was also a member of both the NH House & Senate. A life-long republican, Governor Winant was appointed by President Franklin Roosevelt to be the first head of the Social Security Board in 1935, a position he held until 1937. In 1941, Roosevelt appointed Winant ambassador to Great Britain, a post he remained in until March 1946. In a 2010 book, *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour*, author Lynne Olson described Winant as dramatically changing the U.S. stance in regards to Great Britain.

The establishment of this commission in no way diminishes the accomplishments of other New Hampshire men and women, but continues the NH tradition of preserving a sense of history and recognizing the accomplishments of its citizens. We encourage members of the House to support the committee's bi-partisan vote. **Vote 10-3.**

Rep. J.R. Hoell for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration. The committee heard only from the sponsor in favor of this commission. Testimony included that the commission is planning to put the statue in the front lawn at the State Library across the street from the State House. While there have been numerous other Governors that have contributed to the state, very few have received the recognition to have a Statue so prominently located near the State House. The family did donate 85 acres for a park in the City of Concord and the minority felt that a amendment specifying the location of the statue within the Winant Park would be appropriate.

HB 642-FN-L, allowing gold and silver as lawful mediums of exchange. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Sytek for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would make gold and silver as lawful mediums of exchange in NH. The committee found several problems with the bill - some of which would take significant legal research to resolve. For example, it was not clear that this is permissible under the US Constitution which reserves coinage powers to the federal government. There was the sense that there were symbolic aspects to the bill that could reflect poorly on NH's sense of purpose among the community of states. Nor did the sponsor establish any cogent need for this bill. There were practical considerations also. Exactly what mechanism would determine the dollar value of particular precious metals? Finally, it was pointed out that the bill is unnecessary. Any mutually agreeing individuals could exchange goods and services for precious metals without the agency of state law. **Vote 13-3.**

HB 573-FN, relative to licensure of individuals as private investigators, bail enforcement agents, and security guards, requiring skills training courses for applicants for such licensure and license renewal, and relative to the certification of security officer instructors. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Sytek for Executive Departments and Administration. The sponsor requested that the committee report this bill as Inexpedient to legislate. He testified that due to deadline pressure the bill, as drafted, had too many problems for correction by an amendment. The sponsor plans to introduce the substance of the bill in a subsequent session. **Vote 15-0.**

FINANCE

HB 176-FN-A-L, relative to towns affected by the Merrimack River flood control compact and the Connecticut River flood control compact and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter R. Leishman for Finance. After several devastating floods in the 1930s, the Merrimack River Flood Control Compact was created in 1957 and the Connecticut River Flood Control Compact was created in 1953. The terms of the compacts are contained in RSA 484. During the late 1950s, the federal government through outright purchase and eminent domain acquired land in 18 New Hampshire communities to construct flood control structures (dams) to restrict water flow and prevent downstream flooding in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut. Under the compacts, a formula was developed to pay the 18 communities for the loss of land taken for flood prevention. The state of New Hampshire, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the state of Connecticut are each required to pay a portion of the lost tax revenue for land taken as determined by the NH Department of Revenue Administration. Regrettably, the Commonwealth has failed to make timely payments and when payments have been received or negotiated, the payments have fallen short of the anticipated reimbursements. Recently, on December 5, 2014, the NH Department of Justice and the commonwealth agreed to settle the outstanding liability for FY13 and FY14 for \$658,000. This figure being \$427,344 short of the funds the DRA believes the commonwealth owes the 18 communities. During FY14 and FY15 the legislature again provided the full amount of lost tax revenue as determined by the DRA and as required by RSA 122:4. The FY14/FY15 total reimbursement was \$1,575,796.86 in general funds. Despite the commonwealth's delinquencies and since 1969, New Hampshire has reimbursed the impacted communities for the full amount of lost tax revenue with the exception of FY13. However, under the terms of the compacts, New Hampshire is under no obligation to pay the commonwealth's share of the reimbursement. Additionally, any modification of the language contained in the compacts would require Congressional approval. The majority of the Finance Committee believes that New Hampshire can no longer subsidize the Commonwealth's portion of these two compacts. Furthermore, the majority believes the Legislature, the Department of Justice, DRA and the New Hampshire Compact Commissioners must review the terms of the compacts and re-examine New Hampshire's obligations and options. Until then, the majority cannot support this appropriation of \$542,672 from the state general fund for FY13. **Vote 13-9.**

JUDICIARY

HB 194, providing that life begins at conception. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS**

Rep. Claire A. Rouillard for the **Majority** of Judiciary. House Bill 194 seeks to create an act which provides that "The state of New Hampshire declares that the right to life guaranteed by the United States Constitu-

tion is vested in each human being, therefore it is the policy of the state of New Hampshire that human life is deemed to exist from conception." It also states that "nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child." Additionally, it states "human being includes... every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning or other..." The statement of findings and intent, contained in this bill, addresses issues of aborting pre-born humans and their right to life. It does not matter whether we are pro-life supporters, or pro-choice supporters, HB194, as written, is unconstitutional. The Ninth Amendment, reservation of rights to the people, and Fourteenth Amendment, concept of personal liberty, as explained in the United States Supreme Court Decision, *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy. The Court further stated that a "person" as used in the Fourteenth Amendment, does not include the unborn. Also, the language of the bill is vague, as the sentence contained in HB194, which does not authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child, does not "prohibit" her prosecution. It also does not prohibit the prosecution of others, including a physician who performs an abortion, even in instances that could save the woman's life, or the prevent prosecution of a boyfriend who supplies his girlfriend with the morning after pill. This bill could have other unknown criminal and civil consequences. Lastly, this bill as worded, may take away rights of families who need medical assistance to have children. Specialists, who provide in vitro fertilization (IVF) currently available in New Hampshire, may not be able to do so if this bill were passed. The freezing of embryos have an 85-95% chance of survival. This means some of them do not survive. Testimony from physicians who performed IVF indicated that they would be unwilling to perform embryo freezing on the chance the embryos do not survive, as criminal prosecution and other claims could be brought against them. Additionally, liability in the disposal of unwanted fertilized embryos, has unknown consequences, which could effectively eliminate the practice of IVF in New Hampshire. We are trusted with the responsibility to pass good laws for the citizens of New Hampshire. This bill as worded, violates the US Constitution, is vague and has known and unknown consequences that would make its passage hurt the citizens of our state. **Vote 10-4.**

Rep. Kurt F. Wuelper for the **Minority** of Judiciary. The minority believes the right to life is the most fundamental human right. The right to life inheres to every person from the very beginning of life until death, and that NH law should recognize that right as did the US Supreme Court when it ruled in *Gonzales v. Carhart*, "by common understanding and scientific terminology, a fetus is a living organism while within the womb, whether or not it is viable outside the womb". The court also ruled that [obviously human] life is worthy of protection" both pre-viability and post-viability."

HB 269, allowing a landlord to collect first and last month's rent in addition to a security deposit. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda B. Kenison for the **Majority** of Judiciary. This bill proposes an amendment to 540-a:6. The amendment would allow landlords to charge the equivalent of three month's rent prior to tenancy. The religious community, charities and nonprofit organizations were unanimous in opposing this bill. Local welfare administrators expressed extreme concern passage of this bill would increase welfare budgets and raise property taxes. To require prospective tenants to pay first and last month's rent in addition to a security deposit will create an undue hardship on families already struggling to access affordable housing. For a family to obtain a modest two bedroom apartment they would have to raise about \$2,600. This financial barrier to obtaining affordable housing will exacerbate the problem of homelessness. Middle and low income families need affordable housing. To attract and keep young people in the state, affordable housing is essential. **Vote 13-2.**

Rep. Kurt F. Wuelper for the **Minority** of Judiciary. The minority believes it is the landlord's property right to set the rental terms, including the amount of security required and that the state shouldn't restrict that right. The shortage of rental property available might be partially alleviated by allowing landlords to collect more security and landlords dealing with low income tenants would most likely keep the current security conditions.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 371, relative to assessing the consequences of the Citizens United decision. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jack B. Flanagan for the **Majority** of Legislative Administration. The bill assumes from its beginning that the Supreme Court has made several "wrong" decisions with respect to campaign finance. That issue alone is one of considerable debate and one that will undoubtedly continue. The mechanisms put in place in this bill require standing committees of the House and Senate to travel around the state to take public input on the issue; it then even requires those committees to submit draft language to the US Constitution on how to fix this perceived problem! Additionally, this bill calls on the Congressional delegation to act on this perceived problem by working towards a constitutional amendment. A more apt approach would be a constitutional convention to address whatever perceived issues may exist at large; but the majority of the committee believes the inferences supposed in this bill are without merit to begin with. **Vote 5-4.**

Rep. Lucy M. Weber for the **Minority** of Legislative Administration. HB 371 requires hearings to be held in four separate sites around the state so that testimony may be heard from NH citizens about the effects of the Citizens United decision. The results of those hearings were to be communicated to the NH congressional delegation, as well as to various NH state officials. For those of us who support amending the US Constitution to make it clear that Citizens United was wrongly decided, but who are also concerned about using Article V to amend the US Constitution, this bill presented an excellent opportunity to further communicate our concerns to our Congressional delegation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 147, relative to the homestead exemption amount. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Susan C. DeLemus for Municipal and County Government. This bill, as amended would raise the homestead exemption from \$100,000.00 to \$120,000.00. The majority of the committee felt that this modest increase would match the increase in valuations of property in the last 10+ years. **Vote 14-5**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 153, relative to the telecommunications planning and development advisory committee. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne Harvey for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee (TAB) is primarily tasked with issues relating to broadband infrastructure in the state. It is also concerned with the use of broadband for educational opportunities and for medical related services. HB 153 adds to the committee's membership the commissioners of DHHS and DOE (or their designees) for their counsel on telemedicine and education, plus the state libraries since libraries offer computer access. The majority believes these additions will enhance the work of the committee. **Vote 12-9.**

Rep. Michael Vose for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would increase the Telecommunications & Planning Advisory committee from 23 to 27 members. The current number seems sufficient. Testimony indicated that the quorum number is nine, which would subject the committee to being dominated by a small minority of members. No provision was made to make the committee bipartisan.

HB 362, relative to the reliability of the electric grid. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David K. Murotake for Science, Technology and Energy. It is easier and less costly to prune or cut trees, than to clean up damage and restore power after a tree or branch falls. This bill removes the word "unreasonable" from the conditions under which a tree can be designated a "danger" from RSA 231, enhancing the ability of public utilities to pro-actively identify trees for pruning or removal to help protect the electric grid from power failures. The bill also allows electric utilities to identify trees that may offer a danger, in properties abutting the right of way, to have a dangerous tree to be removed at no cost or compensation to the property owner. The bill preserves all other rights of due process, privacy and appeal currently embodied in legislation. HB362 also directs the PUC to investigate electric utility programs designed to ensure a more reliable and resilient grid to prevent or minimize power outages, including but not limited to, infrastructure automation and technologies. The amendment is simply a grammatical fix. **Vote 18-3.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

9:00 a.m. Continued regular meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 369-FN-A-L**, establishing a defined contribution retirement plan for public employees, and **HB 556-FN-L**, establishing a cash balance plan for public employees in the retirement system.
Executive session to follow.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 576-FN-A**, repealing the provision allowing operators to retain 3 percent of meals and rooms taxes collected and continually appropriating 3 percent of meals and rooms tax revenues to school building aid.

2:00 p.m. **HB 634-FN-A**, relative to applying the interest and dividends tax to trusts, increasing exemptions, and extending the tax to capital gains; and relative to homeowners property tax relief.

Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

FINANCE – (DIVISION II), Room 209, LOB

- 3:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 561-FN**, relative to the use of revenues generated by electric and other utility company leases and rentals.
- 3:30 p.m. Work session on **HB 651-FN-L**, transferring the portion of special education costs directly related to health issues to the department of health and human services.

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E), Room 204, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 258-FN-L**, relative to fees for preparing motor vehicle registration documents.
 - 10:00 a.m. **CACR 2**, Relating to dedicated funds. Providing that funds shall be used solely for the purpose of the fund.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 187**, relative to information sharing for enforcement of the tobacco tax and relative to the biennial adjustment of the filing threshold for the business enterprise tax.
 - 11:30 a.m. **HB 169**, relative to table stakes poker.
 - 1:00 p.m. **HB 180**, relative to the definition of “price or consideration” under the real estate transfer tax.
 - 2:00 p.m. **HB 222-FN**, exempting certain homeowners over 80 years of age from the statewide education tax.
 - 2:30 p.m. **HB 386-FN-A**, reducing the rate of the business profits tax.
- Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 305**, relative to assessment of and discharge planning for minors in the juvenile court system.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 428**, relative to New Hampshire products sold by the liquor commission.
 - 10:30 a.m. **HB 429**, revising the commission to review and consider alcoholic beverage manufacturing processes and retail sales in manufacturing facilities.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 554-FN**, relative to sales of beer in refillable containers.
 - 11:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 686** establishing a single payer health care system and making an appropriation therefore, and **HB 230**, relative to penalties for failure to timely discharge a mortgage.
 - 1:15 p.m. **HB 284**, relative to motor vehicle franchises.
 - 2:30 p.m. **HB 220-FN**, requiring licensure of community association property managers.
 - 3:00 p.m. **HB 210**, relative to financial responsibility limits for motor vehicle liability insurance.
- Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 605-FN**, repealing mandatory minimum sentences.
 - 11:00 a.m. **HB 494**, relative to industrial hemp as a controlled substance.
 - 1:30 p.m. **HB 557-FN**, relative to penalties for driving while intoxicated, third and fourth offenses.
 - 2:00 p.m. **HB 560-FN**, including a fetus in the definition of “another” for the purpose of certain criminal offenses.
- Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 218-FN**, relative to additional funding for third grade proficiency in mathematics, **HB 301**, allowing a parent to elect not to include their child in the unique pupil identification system or other information database maintained by the department of education, **HB 536**, relative to payment for special education services for chartered public school students and relative to federal funds for chartered public schools, **HB 537-FN-L**, relative to the calculation of the school administrative unit budget, **HB 562-FN-L**, repealing the limitation on the total education grant distributed to a municipality in a fiscal year and reducing the stabilization grants to certain municipalities, **HB 577-FN-A-L**, establishing a children’s savings account program, **HB 625-FN-A**, relative to public charter schools, **HB 635-FN**, relative to aid to school districts for costs of special education, and **HB 676-FN-A**, establishing a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics scholars program.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 538-FN-L**, relative to the implementation of new statewide education annual assessments.

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 581-FN**, requiring schools to continue the education of a child during the child's suspension or expulsion.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **CACR 4**, Relating to the right to vote. Providing that 17-year olds who will be eligible to vote in the general election be permitted to vote in the election's primary election, **CACR 11**, Relating to voting at elections. Providing that the general court may authorize all voters to choose to vote by absentee ballot, **HB 320**, relative to removal of certain campaign materials at the polling place, **HB 493**, relative to minimum voting booths for city or town elections, **HB 502**, relative to petitions for verification of checklists, **HB 503**, relative to presidential primary ballots, **HB 529**, relative to party conventions, **HB 530-FN-A**, authorizing a trial program for electronic voter check-in, and **HB 545**, relative to eligibility for office.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 311**, relative to withdrawal of candidates, **HB 432**, relative to counting votes, **HB 393-FN**, including the distributing of model acts to elected officials as lobbying and requiring disclosure of compensation or reimbursement received by elected officials from such lobbyists for attendance at an event, **CACR 12**, Relating to qualifications for public office. Providing that no person shall be qualified for any elective office unless previously residing in and having as domicile a place within the limits of the district for which the candidate is seeking office for no less than the term of the office sought, **HB 589-FN**, relative to prohibited coercion of political contributions, and **HB 406**, relative to the date of the state primary election.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 372**, relative to certain private employers under workers' compensation.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 244-L**, relative to the permissible level of methyl tertiary butyl ether in drinking water.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 248**, directing the university system of New Hampshire to conduct a study of the effects of prolonged human consumption of and exposure to methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE).
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 466**, relative to the definition of "implement of husbandry."
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 468-FN**, requiring a warrant to obtain electronic device location information.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 602-FN**, relative to the use of drones.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 674-FN**, relative to the salaries of certain unclassified positions.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 682-FN**, granting group II retirement system status to certain positions in the department of corrections.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 413-FN-A**, establishing the governing board of polysomnographic technologists within the allied health professionals.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 425**, relative to procedures for the adoption of agency rules under the administrative procedures act.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 484**, relative to the board of nursing and exemptions from licensure by the board.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 632-FN**, relative to fiscal impact statements submitted by agencies adopting a rule under RSA 541-A.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.
- 2:45 p.m. Executive session on **HB 401-FN**, requiring the use of cloud computing technology by state agencies, **HB 468-FN**, requiring a warrant to obtain electronic device location information, **HB 602-FN**, relative to the use of drones, **HB 674-FN**, relative to the salaries of certain unclassified positions, and **HB 682-FN**, granting group II retirement system status to certain positions in the department of corrections.

FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

- 11:15 a.m. Work session on **HB 412**, relative to reporting of corrective action implementation of audit findings by entities subject to an audit by the legislative budget assistant.
- 11:30 a.m. Work session on **HB 463**, relative to state agency communications.
- 11:40 a.m. Work session on **HB 534**, relative to the duties of the housing finance authority.
- 1:00 p.m. Work session on **HB 678-FN**, requiring an evaluation of vendor performance on certain state contracts.
- 1:15 p.m. Work session on **HB 631-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the New Hampshire state house bicentennial education and commemoration fund.
- 1:30 p.m. Work Session on **HB 580-FN**, relative to travel expenses for members of the building code review board.

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

10:00 a.m. Informational meeting with Commissioner Burack, Department of Environmental Services and Director Normandeau, Fish and Game Commission, regarding dam maintenance

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

1:30 p.m. Work session on **HB 539-FN**, establishing an early learning incentive fund in the department of education.

3:30 p.m. Work session on **HB 563-FN**, relative to funding for chartered public school pupils.

FINANCE – (DIVISION III), Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work session on **HB 638-FN-A**, reestablishing the catastrophic illness program and making an appropriation therefor.

10:30 a.m. Work session on **HB 654-FN-A-L**, relative to the distribution of marriage license fees and the funding source for the domestic violence grant program.

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

9:10 a.m. Subcommittee work session **HB 136**, prohibiting tanning facilities from tanning persons under 18 years of age.

In Rooms 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 593-FN**, permitting qualifying patients and registered caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use.

11:00 a.m. **HB 476-FN**, amending the definition of “qualifying medical condition” in the therapeutic cannabis law.

1:15 p.m. **HB 489**, relative to annulment of mental health records.

2:15 p.m. **HB 629-FN**, relative to induced termination of pregnancy statistics.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

JUDICIARY, Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 677-FN**, prohibiting the use of public funds for abortion services.

11:00 a.m. **HB 595-FN**, relative to banning abortion after viability.

1:00 p.m. **HB 403-FN**, repealing the law relative to providing certain parameters for access to reproductive health care facilities.

2:00 p.m. **HB 446**, relative to access to investigational drugs, biological products, and devices.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 411**, prohibiting the payment of subminimum wages to persons with disabilities.

11:00 a.m. **HB 496-FN-L**, prohibiting public employers from using criminal history in employment decisions.

11:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 477-FN-L**, relative to workers’ compensation benefits and establishing payment schedules.

In Representatives Hall

1:00 p.m. **HB 392-FN**, relative to the minimum hourly wage, **HB 163**, establishing a state minimum hourly rate, and **HB 370-L**, enabling counties and municipalities to establish minimum wage rates, and **HB 684-FN**, establishing a state minimum hourly rate.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 224-FN**, repealing the exemption for water and air pollution control facilities from local property taxation.

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 501**, allowing municipalities to grant a veterans property tax credit to residents who served not less than one year active duty in the armed forces, **HB 229**, relative to increasing the maximum amount of the optional veterans tax credit, and **HB 430**, relative to extending the veterans’ property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans.

10:00 a.m. Orientation meeting.

10:30 a.m. **HB 525**, relative to appropriations in the county budget.

10:45 a.m. **HB 526**, relative to transfers of appropriations in Carroll county.

11:00 a.m. **HB 416-L**, relative to compensation for members of the Coos county convention.

11:15 a.m. **HB 331**, relative to absences among selectmen on election day.

11:30 a.m. **HB 487**, requiring that planning board and zoning board of adjustment members be elected.

11:45 a.m. **HB 289**, relative to the content of annual town reports.

2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 199**, relative to tax relief information contained on a property tax bill, **HB 205-L**, relative to lending practices of energy efficiency and clean energy districts, **HB 229**, relative to increasing the maximum amount of the optional veterans tax credit, **HB 257**, relative to amending municipal charters, **HB 368**, relative to third party review

required by the planning board, **HB 397**, relative to the duties of public servants, **HB 430**, relative to extending the veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans, **HB 464**, establishing the fishing family protection act, prohibiting political subdivisions from interfering with commercial and recreational operations of fishing families, and **HB 501**, allowing municipalities to grant a veterans property tax credit to residents who served not less than one year active duty in the armed forces, and a Continued executives session on **HB 125-FN-L**, relative to county audits and competitive bidding for county services.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. Executive session on **HB 321**, establishing a committee to study improvements to the Elizabeth Meader Hanson site in Dover, **HB 329**, relative to a construction project at the state veterans cemetery and **HB 384**, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of privatizing the New Hampshire toll system, **HB 591-FN-A-L**, relative to the road toll rate and eliminating a capital appropriation for highway projects, and **HB 619-FN-L**, establishing noise barrier programs and making an appropriation therefor.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Rooms 305, LOB

10:30 a.m. **HB 667-FN**, relative to aquatic invasive species and authorizing a program to inspect boats for the presence of aquatic invasive species.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 349**, relative to state buffers for projects requiring wetland permits.
 Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 297**, protecting individual customer data from disclosure by a public utility.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 360**, relative to public utilities that fail to restore service within 3 days.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 345**, requiring utilities to provide data to consumers explaining rates and rate increases.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 342**, relative to property owners' consent for smart meter gateway devices.
 3:00 p.m. **HB 252**, relative to the divestiture of electrical generation facilities.
 Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 420-FN**, relative to limited driving privileges after revocation for certain financial obligations.
 10:15 a.m. **HB 467-FN**, relative to the expiration of OHRV registrations and repealing the authority for 14-month initial OHRV registrations.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 621-FN**, establishing fines for violations of the "wide berth" laws.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 559-FN**, relative to vehicle registration by entities doing business in New Hampshire.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 567-FN**, establishing breast cancer and pediatric cancer special number plates.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 535-FN**, relative to signs advising motorists approaching highway emergencies.
 1:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 241-FN**, prohibiting driving while holding an animal in the driver's seat, **HB 357**, relative to notice of change of name or address on a driver's license, **HB 387-FN**, relative to motor vehicle inspections, **HB 388-FN-A**, establishing university number plates, **HB 414-FN**, relative to idling by commuter rail locomotives, **HB 586-FN-L**, relative to registration of automobile utility trailers, and continued executive sessions on **HB 196**, requiring the removal of identifying features from vehicles formerly used as ambulances, and **HB 260**, relative to the definition of antique motor vehicle or motorcycle,

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. Revenue projections.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 599**, relative to the economic revitalization zone tax credit program.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 438-FN-A**, exempting proprietorships from taxation under the business profits tax.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 437-FN**, exempting proprietorships from taxation under the business enterprise tax.
 Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

1:00 p.m. or immediately following house session. Subcommittee work session on **HB 465**, relative to workers' compensation for domestic employees.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 405-FN**, requiring the department of health and human services to license supervised visitation centers.

- 10:45 a.m. **HB 513**, relative to complaint investigation procedures of the guardian ad litem board.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 515-FN**, relative to oversight of guardians ad litem by the guardian ad litem board.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 516**, relative to the determination of parental rights based on the best interest of the child and relative to grounds for modification of an order regarding parental rights and responsibilities. Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 137**, relative to homeowner's insurance, **HB 296**, relative to a named insured of a life insurance policy, **HB 184**, relative to travel insurance, **HB 171**, relative to rebating, **HB 256**, relative to automobile insurance statements of residency.
 10:00 a.m. **HB 478**, relative to rulemaking for market conduct record retention and production.
 10:15 a.m. **HB 479**, relative to uninsured or hit-and-run motor vehicle coverage.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 480**, relative to policies for property and casualty insurance.
 10:45 a.m. **HB 481**, relative to commercial insurance.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 482**, relative to the insurance claims adjuster definition.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 548**, establishing the federally-facilitated health exchange as the health exchange for New Hampshire.
 11:45 a.m. **HB 223-FN**, relative to external review under the managed care law.
 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 161**, relative to the termination of a management contract by a condominium association, **HB 353**, relative to the governance of condominium unit owners' associations, **HB 157**, relative to enforcement of condominium liens for assessments, **HB 160**, relative to qualifications of condominium association board members, **HB 175**, establishing a committee to study removing the department of justice from the financial approval process for residential condominium and housing subdivisions. Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 436**, relative to the penalty for making a false statement in a criminal complaint.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 440**, establishing private prosecution of criminal proceedings.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 590-FN**, relative to the accountability of public officials.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 640-FN**, relative to the crime of criminal coercion.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 442**, changing references to "law enforcement officer" to "peace officer" in the Revised Statutes Annotated.
 3:00 p.m. **HB 653-FN**, prohibiting the use of sex offender registry information for the purpose of harassing, intimidating, or threatening a registered sexual offender or offender against children, or any family member, employer or landlord of such person. Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 142**, relative to student social media policies by education institutions.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 206**, relative to non-academic surveys or questionnaires given to students.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 243**, changing the definitions of "focus school" and "priority school" in the school performance and accountability law.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 302**, requiring a public hearing prior to the submission of a grant application by the department of education.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 317**, relative to contracts between schools and school districts.
 2:55 p.m. **HB 237**, requiring vocational education centers to prioritize science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curricula as a condition for funding.
 3:20 p.m. **HB 332**, relative to school district policy regarding objectionable course material. Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **CACR 12**, Relating to qualifications for public office. Providing that no person shall be qualified for any elective office unless previously residing in and having as domicile a place within the limits of the district for which the candidate is seeking office for no less than the term of the office sought, **HB 311**, relative to withdrawal of candidates, **HB 393-FN**, including the distributing of model acts to elected officials as lobbying and requiring disclosure of compensation or reimbursement received by elected officials from such lobbyists for attendance at an event, **HB 406**, relative to the date of the state primary election, **HB 432**, relative to counting votes, **HB 589-FN**, relative to prohibited coercion of political contributions.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. **HB 427**, relative to the definition of the New Hampshire fire code.

- 11:30 a.m. **HB 459**, establishing a committee to study medical services provided to residents of the New Hampshire veterans' home.
- 12:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 448**, establishing February 6 as Ronald Reagan Day. Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

FINANCE, Room 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 412**, relative to reporting of corrective action implementation of audit findings by entities subject to an audit by the legislative budget assistant, **HB 463**, relative to state agency communications, **HB 534**, relative to the duties of the housing finance authority, **HB 539-FN**, establishing an early learning incentive fund in the department of education, **HB 561-FN**, relative to the use of revenues generated by electric and other utility company leases and rentals, **HB 563-FN**, relative to funding for chartered public school pupils, **HB 580-FN**, relative to travel expenses for members of the building code review board, **HB 631-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the New Hampshire state house bicentennial education and commemoration fund, **HB 638-FN-A**, reestablishing the catastrophic illness program and making an appropriation therefore, **HB 651-FN-L**, transferring the portion of special education costs directly related to health issues to the department of health and human services, **HB 654-FN-A-L**, relative to the distribution of marriage license fees and the funding source for the domestic violence grant program, and **HB 678-FN**, requiring an evaluation of vendor performance on certain state contracts.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room, 307, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 354**, relative to the closing of clam, oyster, and other bivalve areas for restoration.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 505**, relative to baiting for game birds and game animals by persons with a disability.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 298**, relative to the seasons for taking game animals and game birds with the use of bait.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 423**, designating the bobcat as the New Hampshire state wildcat.
Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 422-FN**, relative to the signing authority of physician assistants.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 628-FN**, relative to indemnification of health care facilities under certain circumstances.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 564-FN**, relative to prior authorization for certain prescription drugs.
- 3:30 p.m. **HB 517**, relative to disciplinary actions for physicians whose license to practice is suspended or revoked.
Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 616-FN**, increasing eligibility of claimants under the victims' assistance fund, and **HB 677-FN**, prohibiting the use of public funds for abortion services.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 646-FN-L**, allowing public bodies or agencies to charge for the costs of retrieval of public records under the right-to-know law.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 656-FN-L**, relative to inspection of governmental records under the right-to-know law.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 606-FN-L**, relative to costs for public records filed electronically.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 641-FN**, relative to certain causes of action by inhabitants of this state.
- 3:00 p.m. **HR 10**, urging the department of justice to reexamine the conviction of Chad Evans.
Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 203, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 300**, requiring state employees and state public officials to obtain prior permission to attend meetings and hearings of the general court.
- 9:30 a.m. **HCR 1**, rescinding all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 399-FN**, establishing a force of state capitol security officers with the authority to carry firearms.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 299**, prohibiting voting by the house of representatives for the speaker of the house on organizational convening day to be by secret ballot.
Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 8:30 a.m. **HB 486**, authorizing towns and cities to establish special assessment districts.
- 8:45 a.m. **HB 607**, relative to fees for carrying a concealed firearm.
- 9:00 a.m. **HB 497**, relative to interference with a cemetery burial plot.
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 227**, relative to eminent domain on public lands.

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 268**, establishing a committee to study the adoption of low-impact housing development standards by the department of environmental services.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 295**, removing a reference in the housing law to municipal agreements regarding the construction of parking facilities.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 226**, allowing municipalities to borrow from any fund controlled by such municipality under certain conditions.
- 12:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 192**, relative to the valuation of utility property, **HB 193**, relative to utility assessments for the use of village district roads, **HB 235**, relative to obstruction of traffic on certain highways, and **H B348**, allowing municipalities to adopt a property tax credit for elderly homeowners for the extent their tax bill exceeds 10 percent of income.
- 2:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 191**, relative to projects which are privately financed in energy efficiency and clean energy districts, **HB 224-FN**, repealing the exemption for water and air pollution control facilities from local property taxation, **HB 250**, relative to requirements for perambulation of town lines, **HB 277**, relative to the policy for acceptance of grants by county conventions, **HB 289**, relative to the content of annual town reports, **HB 331**, relative to absences among selectmen on election day, **HB 339**, relative to transfer station income, and **HB 486**, authorizing towns and cities to establish special assessment districts.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation if needed.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 460**, establishing a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding the state's highways and bridges.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 379**, establishing a commission to study the effects of ocean acidification on commercially harvested species.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 382**, establishing a committee to study facilitating private investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 316**, establishing a committee to study offshore wind energy production.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 574-FN**, relative to regional greenhouse gas initiative distributions to residential customers.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 409**, banning corn-based ethanol as an additive to gasoline in New Hampshire.
- 4:00 p.m. **HB 391-FN**, applying the E911 surcharge to prepaid cellular telephones.
- Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HCR 5**, calling for an article V convention for the purpose of considering a countermand amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 10:15 a.m. **HCR 6**, petitioning Congress for an Article V amendment convention.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 11**, requesting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Congress to relax rules on Atlantic states recreational fishing.
- Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.
- 2:30 p.m. or 30 minutes following house session.
- Executive session on **HB 148**, limiting the authority of delegates to Article V conventions, and **HB 433**, relative to the state guard.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 439**, relative to religious societies.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 445**, defining poker as a game of skill.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 550-FN**, relative to administration of the tobacco tax.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 552-FN**, requiring the state treasurer to develop an implementation plan for the state to accept bitcoin as payment for taxes and fees.
- Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

- 2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. **HB 499**, permitting New Hampshire farmers to sell certain farm raised animals directly to the public.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 624-FN-L**, relative to animal care costs in animal cruelty cases.
- Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

NH-CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-A:2-g), Room 306, LOB

10:30 a.m. Organizational meeting.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rooms 210-211, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HCR 2**, applying to Congress to hold a convention for amendments.

11:00 a.m. **HCR 3**, applying to Congress to call a convention of states under the United States Constitution.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 547**, reestablishing the exemption from property taxation for telecommunications poles and conduits.

10:00 a.m. **HB 462-FN**, repealing an increase in the fuel oil discharge cleanup fund fee.

11:00 a.m. **HB 445**, defining poker as a game of skill.

12:00 p.m. **HB 448**, establishing February 6 as Ronald Reagan Day.

Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB**

10:00 a.m. **HB 637-FN**, relative to acts of falsification in family law cases.

10:45 a.m. **HB 236**, relative to child support and allowable child care expenses.

11:30 a.m. **HB 265**, relative to moneys allocated for child support.

1:30 p.m. **HB 378**, relative to shared residential responsibility and establishing a commission to study child support and related child care issues.

2:15 p.m. **HB 449**, relative to the duration of child support.

3:00 p.m. **HB 514**, revising the child support guidelines.

Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 498**, relative to notification of radon and arsenic testing.

10:15 a.m. **HB 601-FN**, relative to cash dispensing machine requirements.

10:45 a.m. **HB 644-FN**, relative to regulation of small loans, title loans, and payday loans.

11:00 a.m. **HB 666-FN**, relative to licensing of money transmitters.

11:30 a.m. **HB 683-FN**, regulating cash for gold businesses.

1:15 p.m. **HB 596-FN-L**, relative to health insurance plans of public employers.

1:45 p.m. **HB 495**, relative to referral fees for settlement services.

2:15 p.m. **HB 608-FN-A**, relative to liquor licenses at games of chance facilities.

2:45 p.m. **HB 570-FN**, establishing a condominium dispute resolution board.

Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

2:30 p.m. **HA 1**, for the removal of certain state officials in the department of education.

Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 660-FN**, relative to small farms and farmstands.

11:00 a.m. **HB 579-FN**, establishing a maple products coordinator in the department of agriculture, markets, and food using federal funds.

1:00 p.m. Dr. LaValley is speaking to the committee.

2:30 p.m. **HB 609-FN**, relative to hydraulic fracturing.

Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 377**, establishing a commission to study the establishment of a state geographic information system office and the position of state geographic information officer.

10:30 a.m. **HB 475**, prohibiting the state from engaging in acts of civil forfeiture.

11:00 a.m. **HB 488**, relative to an abusive work environment and the health and safety of public employees.

11:30 a.m. **HB 510**, establishing a commission to study the regulation of pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers, and junk or scrap metal dealers.

1:00 p.m. **HB 533**, relative to arc-fault circuit-breaker protection in residential construction.

1:30 p.m. **HB 661-FN**, relative to record keeping for sold or transferred animals.

2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 113**, designating the mastodon as the official state fossil.

Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 305, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 500**, repealing the prohibition on the use of silencing devices for taking wildlife.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 521**, relative to the size of the pool of the workers' compensation appeals board.
10:30 a.m. **HB 522**, making certain changes in the law governing toxic substances in the workplace to comply with federal law.
11:00 a.m. **HB 523**, relative to the jurisdiction of the penalty appeal board.

In Representatives Hall

1:00 p.m. **HB 402-FN**, establishing the Franklin Partin right-to-work act.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 614-FN**, implementing goals of the state 10-year energy strategy.
11:00 a.m. **HB 334**, relative to the sale of personally identifiable information by Internet service providers.
1:15 p.m. **HB 541-FN**, relative to cellular mobile radio communications as public utilities.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation if needed.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 104, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 278**, relative to town clerk fees for fill and dredge permit applications.
9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 359**, allowing municipalities in Carroll county to offer property tax exemptions to foster commercial and industrial construction.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Rooms 210-211, LOB**

3:00 p.m. Regular business.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 500**, repealing the prohibition on the use of silencing devices for taking wildlife.
Executive session on all pending legislation may follow.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 600-FN**, relative to paid sick leave for employees.
10:45 a.m. **HB 658-FN**, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union.
Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 305-307, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation, 4 Barrell Ct., Concord**

9:00 a.m. Investment Committee meeting
10:00 a.m. Quarterly meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 2**NEW HAMPSHIRE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), Walker Building, Room 100, 21 South Fruit St., Concord**

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 104, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 272**, designating the Ham Branch watershed in Easton as a protected river and exempting the Ham Branch watershed from the comprehensive shoreland protection act.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN/STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (RSA 186-C:3-b), NHDOE, Londergan Hall Room 15, 101 Pleasant St., Concord

4:30 p.m. Regular meeting. *Snow date March 11

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Belknap** County Delegation will hold a meeting on **Monday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Belknap County Complex.

Rep. Franklin T. Tilton, Chairman
Belknap County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Hillsborough** County Executive Committee will be meeting on **Friday February 27th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Goffstown.

Rep. Jim Belanger, Clerk
Hillsborough Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, February 20th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. The purpose of the meeting is for Subcommittee Chairs to report budget recommendations, and Executive Committee votes on budget to be presented to full Delegation.

Rep. David Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Convention

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** in the Commissioner's Conference Room at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood to finalize unfinished business prior to Delegation Meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m.

Rep. David Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Convention

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Convention will meet on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2015 County Budget. Storm date is Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Rep. David Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Convention

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following Bills have revised fiscal notes: HBs 197, 221, 267, 477, 563, 596, 600, 606, 614, 619, 622, 628, 632, 634, 635, 638, 639, 648, 649, 651, 654, 658, 663, 665, 667, 668, 669, 671, 672, 673, 678, 679, 680, 684

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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All Legislators are invited to attend a Legislative Breakfast hosted by Community Bridges. The event will be held on **Tuesday, February 10th from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn located at 172 N. Main Street. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Community Bridges, the area agency system that supports individuals who experience developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders, as well as meet some of the families and individuals we serve.

Reps. Helen Deloge and Frank Kotowski

All legislators are invited to a screening of the documentary *Divorce Corp* on **Tuesday, February 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Red River Theatre in Concord. The documentary looks at the \$50 Billion U.S. Family Law system and the impacts on children and families across the country. Senator Avard and Representative Oligny will be available for questions. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Jeff Oligny

Legislators interested in learning more about the New Hampshire Retirement System are invited to attend a general information session at the NHRS Office, 54 Regional Drive, Concord. These sessions - not to be confused with the benefit information sessions regularly offered for members - are intended to serve as "NHRS 101," providing a broad, factual overview of the retirement system. The presentation is the same as one that has been given to House committees in recent weeks. Sessions have been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 10th, at 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 12th, at 10:00 a.m.** Both sessions are also open to the general public. The presentations are expected to last between 60 and 75 minutes. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is encouraged. RSVP by contacting Marty Karlon, Public Information Officer, at 410-3594 or marty.karlon@nhrs.org.

Rep. Jack Flanagan

All House members are invited to Capitol Bible Study and Prayer on **Wednesday, February 11th**, at 8:00 a.m. in LOB 303. Refreshments will be served.

Rep. Warren Groen

The N.H. Optometric Association will host its "Eye-Opener" Breakfast on **Wednesday, February 11th** in the State House Cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited stop by anytime from **8:00 to 9:30 a.m.** to enjoy a hot breakfast, speak with local Doctors of Optometry and learn about eye health, the practice of Optometry and how the state regulates the profession of Optometry.

Rep. Gene Chandler

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Bureau of Aeronautics has partnered with the New Hampshire Institute of Art to create an aviation photography project focusing on general aviation aircraft, airports, and its people. The exhibit will be on display at the State Library from February 1st through March 31st. A reception will be held on **Wednesday, February 11th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Light refreshments will be provided. Questions may be directed to Rita Hunt, Bureau of Aeronautics at rhunt@dot.state.nh.us or 271-1677.

Rep. Kenneth L. Weyler

The members of the Merrimack County Delegation and the Environment and Agriculture Committee are invited to a luncheon hosted by the Merrimack County Farm Bureau on **Wednesday, February 11th at noon** in Room 201 of the State House Annex.

Reps. Dianne Schuett and Robert Haefner

Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all members of the New Hampshire House and the staff to its Sixteenth Annual Legislative Reception to be held, **Wednesday, February 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at its corporate offices at One Delta Drive in Concord, NH. Please RSVP to Andrea Covell at 603-223-1231 or email to ACovell@nedelta.com.

Reps. Jack Flanagan and Stephen Shurtleff

All legislators are invited to a suppressor demonstration and shoot on **Monday, February 16th from 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Sig Sauer Academy, 233 Exeter Road in Epping. If you are interested, you must preregister before February 12th by e-mailing me at john@burtnh.com or calling me at 289-0792. The safety briefing is at 1:00 p.m. You will be able to shoot a real gun with and without a suppressor. Ammunition is free.

Rep. John Burt

The Concord Council of Churches invites all legislators and state officials to its first annual Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, February 18th** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at **7:30 a.m.** with a continental breakfast to follow. Officiating will be Bishop James Hazelwood of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Right Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire. Other local clergy representing different Christian denominations will be assisting in the service. Please RSVP to Rep. Elliot by February 17th to assist with a head count.

Reps. Robert Elliot, John Hunt, Daniel Itse

The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities will be hosting a Legislative breakfast on **Wednesday, February 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the state house cafeteria. A continental breakfast will be served. Please join Developmental Disability Council members and our partner organizations that specialize in employment to discuss the council's legislative agenda and the benefits to workers, employers, and their communities when people with disabilities are employed in competitive wage jobs.

Reps. Frank Kotowski and Don Lebrun

UNH Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast for legislators and staff, **Wednesday, March 4th, from 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** in the House Cafeteria. Learn more about the various programs and how each county benefits through activities such as mobilizing 3,300 + volunteers to deliver essential services; partnering with municipalities to drive economic development initiatives; providing leadership opportunities through 4-H; combating invasive species; and much more. No RSVP is needed. No public funds were used to support the breakfast.

Reps. Robert Haefner, Sue Harvey, Robert Theberge

The NH House Business Caucus will meet on **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. in LOB 209.** All current, pro-business State Representatives are welcome to attend. The House Business Caucus is a non-partisan group of like-minded members who promote job creation and expansion of the economic base through strong business growth and success. In addition to working together to pass good, pro-business legislation, members of the Caucus meet regularly with employers to ensure an ongoing dialogue and obtain feedback and input on how we can make positive policy decisions. For more information, please contact Rep. Laurie Sanborn, Chair, at RepSanborn@gmail.com

Reps. Laurie Sanborn, Patrick Abrami, Adam Schroadter

The House Republican Alliance will meet **Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. in LOB 301** to discuss legislation. All Republican Representatives are welcome.

Reps. Carol McGuire, Bill Ohm, Leon Rideout

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 **2015**. 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>
Feb. 6	9:45/11:00 SH/SC	Chester Academy	60/4
Feb. 9	9:00/10:30 SH/SC	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	60/4
Feb. 10	9:00/10:30	Broken Ground School – Concord	120/4
Feb. 10	10:30	Mount St. Mary Academy – Manchester	13/4
Feb. 11	9:30	Sant Bani School- Sanbornton	15/4
Feb. 11	11:30	Leadership Greater Concord	
Feb. 11	1:00	Lighthouse Home School Co-Op	25
Feb. 12	10:00	Mount Zion Christian School – Manchester	16/3&4
Feb. 12	9:00	St. John Regional School – Concord	24/4
Feb. 13	9:00/10:30 SH/SC	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	80/4
Feb. 13	11:30	St. Anselm's College NHIOP student Ambassadors	25
Feb. 17	10:30	James Faulkner Elementary School – Stoddard	20/4&5
Feb. 17	2:00	Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester	12/adults
Feb. 18	10:00/11:15	Abbot Downing School – Concord	95/4
Feb. 19	9:30	Dondero School – Portsmouth	45/4
Feb. 19	11:00	Sanbornton Central School	38/4
Feb. 20	9:00	St. Benedict Academy – Manchester	25/4
Feb. 20	10:00	Liberty Harbor Academy – Manchester	10/HS
March 3	9:15	NH Bankers Association	20/adults
March 3	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	85/4
March 4	9:00	Lakes Leadership Group	
March 4	9:45	Maple Avenue Elementary – Goffstown	50/4
March 4	11:30	White Mountain School- Bethlehem	12/HS
March 5	9:00	Sunapee Middle School	12/8
March 5	9:45/11:15 SH/HM	Maple Avenue School – Goffstown	60/4
March 6	9:30/11:00 SH/F&G	Symonds School – Keene	60/4
March 6	11:30	East Kingston Elementary School	34/4
March 9	9:30	Amherst St. School – Nashua	49/4
March 9	2:45	AmeriCorps	120
March 10	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	Paul Smith School – Franklin	74/4
March 11	10:45/12:15 SH/HM	Highbridge Hill Elementary School –	88/4
March 12	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	85/4
March 13	9:00	Bristol Elementary School	42/4
March 13	9:30/11:00	Highland Goff Falls School – Manchester	104/4
March 16	9:30/11:00 SH/SC	Richards School – Newport	65/4
March 17	9:00	Deerfield Community School (2 groups)	65/4
March 17	10:30	Walter F. Haigh School – Salem	32/4
March 18	9:00	Diocese of Manchester Government Day	
March 18	9:50	Trinity Christian School – Keene	15/4
March 18	3:15	Cub Scouts –	
March 19	9:30	Barnstead Elementary School	54/4
March 19	10:30	North Hampton	40/4
March 19	11:30	Portsmouth Christian Academy – Dover	35/4
March 20	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	Charlotte Ave. School – Nashua	80/4
March 23	9:00/10:30 SH/SC	Bow Elementary School	100/4
March 23	10:00	Second Start ESL students	20/adults
March 24	9:30/11:00 SH/Manse	Lincoln St. School – Exeter	
March 25	9:30/11:00 SH/Manse	Lincoln St. School – Exeter	
March 26	10:00/11:15 SH/CC	Rindge Memorial School	60/4
March 27	9:00	Epsom Central School	50/4
March 27	10:45	Barnstead Elementary School	55/4
March 30	10:30/12:00 SH/HM	Milford Elementary School	100/4
March 31	10:30/12:00 SH/HM	Milford Elementary School	100/4

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 107 (2015-0052h)

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government - c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Disposition of Municipal Records; Disposition and Retention Schedule. RSA 33-A:3-a, CXXXVIII is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

CXXXVIII. Trust fund:

- (a) Minutes and quarterly reports, in paper or electronic format: permanently.
- (b) Bank statements, in paper or electronic format: 6 years after audit.

Amendment to HB 118 (2015-0056h)

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - c

Amend RSA 265:79-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

265:79-a Vehicular Assault. Any person who~~[-without intent,]~~ causes death or serious bodily injury as defined in RSA 625:11, VI to another while using a vessel or propelled vehicle as defined in RSA 637:9, III shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, where such person's ~~[unlawful]~~ **negligent** operation of the propelled vehicle or vessel causes or materially contributes to the collision. ~~[Evidence that the driver violated any of the rules of the road shall be prima facie evidence that the driver caused or materially contributed to the collision.]~~

2015-0056h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill deletes the last sentence of the vehicular assault statute pursuant to the New Hampshire supreme court ruling in *State v. Rollins-Ercolino*, 149 N.H. 336 (2003), which held that the last sentence of the statute violates part I, article 15 of the New Hampshire constitution by shifting the burden of proof to the defendant and removing the evidence-weighting function of the jury regarding an element of the crime. The bill also adds a more specific requirement of culpability for the operation of a vehicle or vessel.

Amendment to HB 130 (2015-0108h)

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - c

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

1 Blue Lights Restricted. Amend RSA 266:78-b to read as follows:

266:78-b Blue Lights Restricted to Law Enforcement **and Emergency Response**.

I. No person other than a sworn law enforcement officer with power of arrest shall operate a vehicle equipped with blue colored lights, except in the case of a service technician driving the vehicle in connection with servicing or maintaining the vehicle **or as provided under paragraph II**.

II. No person other than a sworn law enforcement officer with power of arrest or an emergency response employee or volunteer of a city, town, or village district or the federal government or an employee of a private ambulance service contracted with a city, town, or village district shall operate a vehicle equipped with a rear-facing blue colored light, except in the case of a service technician driving the vehicle in connection with servicing or maintaining the vehicle.

~~[H.]~~ **III. Blue colored lights are authorized only for vehicles owned or leased by state, county, municipal, or federal law enforcement agencies, fire marshal vehicles, emergency response vehicles owned or leased by city, town, village district, or federal fire departments, forestry departments, or emergency medical departments, or emergency response vehicles owned or leased by a private ambulance service contracted with a city, town, or village district and vehicles privately owned or leased by sworn law enforcement officers when authorized by their department heads. When blue colored lights are installed on a private vehicle owned by or leased to a law enforcement officer, such lights shall be covered when the vehicle is being driven by someone other than a law enforcement officer. A blue colored light installed on emergency response vehicles other than those vehicles used by a sworn law enforcement officer shall be limited to a single, rear-facing blue colored emergency light on each vehicle. A private ambulance service that is no longer contracted with a city, town, or village district shall remove the single rear-facing blue colored light upon the expiration of the contract.**

2 Use of Blue Lights. Amend RSA 266:78-f to read as follows:

266:78-f Use of Lights by Law Enforcement. Law enforcement officers shall only illuminate emergency lights and warning lights when in pursuit or stopping a violator, when responding to but not returning from an emergency call for service, when conducting an escort, or when parked on or adjacent to the

highway to warn other traffic of a hazard or obstruction. ***Except as provided for under RSA 266:78-b, II*** no person other than a sworn law enforcement officer shall drive a vehicle with a blue light or lights in operation.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2015-0108h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the use of blue lights on vehicles operated by local and federal emergency response employees and volunteers and employees of an ambulance service contracted with a city, town, or village district.

Amendment to HB 133

(2015-0123h)

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law - c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Recount; Deadline. Amend RSA 40:4-c, I to read as follows:

I. If any 10 voters of a town shall, before the expiration of 7 days from the date of an annual meeting or special meeting, apply in writing to the town clerk for a recount of the ballots given in at said meeting on any question, affecting said town only, legally appearing on the official Australian or nonpartisan ballot used at said meeting, said clerk shall appoint a time and place for the recount not earlier than 5 days nor later than 10 days after the receipt of said application. ***The clerk shall give reasonable notice of the recount to the first-named voter who applied for a recount on a question and a representative of other known interested parties, at least 3 days prior to the day appointed for the recount of ballots. Notice of the time and place of the recount shall be posted in 2 public places at least 24 hours prior to the recount.*** The applicants for such recount shall pay to the town clerk, for the use of the town, a fee of \$10.

2015-0123h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires notice to voters requesting a recount on certain local questions and public posting of notice of the time and place of the recount.

Amendment to HB 147

(2015-0119h)

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government- r

Amend RSA 480:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

480:1 Amount. Every person is entitled to \$~~[100,000]~~ **120,000** worth of his or her homestead, or of his or her interest therein, as a homestead. The homestead right created by this chapter shall exist in manufactured housing, as defined by RSA 674:31, which is owned and occupied as a dwelling by the same person but shall not exist in the land upon which the manufactured housing is situated if that land is not also owned by the owner of the manufactured housing.

Amend RSA 529:20-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

529:20-a Notice of Homestead Exemption. Along with the notice required under RSA 529:20, the party in whose name the execution has issued shall provide to any person who resides or appears to reside on the real estate to be sold, the following notice by certified mail:

NOTICE

IF YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE OWNS AND RESIDES IN THIS PROPERTY, YOU AND/OR YOUR SPOUSE MAY BE ENTITLED TO A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO RSA 480:1. THIS EXEMPTS \$~~[100,000]~~ **120,000** FOR A SINGLE PERSON AND \$~~[200,000]~~ **240,000** FOR A MARRIED COUPLE.

IN ORDER TO CLAIM THIS EXEMPTION, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE REAL ESTATE IS SITUATED AND THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR OF THE AMOUNT OF YOUR HOMESTEAD CLAIM IN WRITING. IF YOU DO SO BEFORE THE SALE, THE SHERIFF MUST PAY YOU THE AMOUNT OF YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION BEFORE PAYING THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE. IF, HOWEVER, THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR FILES A MOTION IN COURT CHALLENGING YOUR ENTITLEMENT TO OR THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, THE SHERIFF SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.

IF YOU DO NOT NOTIFY THE SHERIFF AND THE CREDITOR OF YOUR EXEMPTION UNTIL AFTER THE SALE, THE CREDITOR NEED NOT PAY YOU THE AMOUNT OF YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD DURING WHICH YOU MAY REDEEM THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO RSA 529:26.

IF THE SHERIFF RECEIVES YOUR NOTICE OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PRIOR TO THE SALE, THE SHERIFF MAY NOT SELL THE PROPERTY FOR LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIMED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.

Amendment to HB 162**(2015-0067h)****Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration - c**

Amend RSA 158:9-c, VI as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VI. There shall be a fee of \$100 for any competency examination or renewal certificate ~~[given by the director of state police for any examination or certificate]~~ given under this subdivision.

Amendment to HB 190**(2015-0164h)****Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs - c**

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT establishing a statutory commission to study the standards for collaborative pharmacy practice.

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

1 Purpose. Today more and more Americans are suffering from chronic diseases, taking multiple medications, and struggling with higher and higher healthcare costs. The establishment of a commission to study standards for collaborative pharmacy practice is an important first step for the state of New Hampshire to move towards fully utilizing pharmacists to improve health outcomes and to lower healthcare costs. Pharmacists represent the third largest profession and consistently rank among the most accessible and trusted of healthcare professions. It is imperative the state of New Hampshire take this step in expanding access to team-based care and ensuring that pharmacists are allowed to be on the team when a physician deems it necessary.

2 New Section; Collaborative Pharmacy Practice; Commission Established. Amend RSA 318 by inserting after section 16-b the following new section:

318:16-c Commission to Study the Standards for Collaborative Pharmacy Practice. There is established a commission to study the standards for collaborative pharmacy practice.

I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be members of the health, human services and elderly affairs committee and one of whom shall be a member of the executive departments and administration committee.

(c) A representative of the New Hampshire Society of Health-System Pharmacists, appointed by the society.

(d) A representative of the New Hampshire Pharmacists Association, appointed by the association.

(e) A representative of the New Hampshire board of pharmacy, appointed by the board.

(f) A representative from the Coalition of New Hampshire Chain Drug Stores, appointed by the coalition.

(g) A representative from the New Hampshire Independent Pharmacy Association, appointed by the association.

(h) A provider from a healthcare facility that is currently participating in a collaborative practice agreement approved by the board of pharmacy, appointed by the board.

(i) A pharmacist from a healthcare facility that is currently participating in a collaborative practice agreement approved by the board of pharmacy, appointed by the board.

(j) A representative from the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the association.

(k) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

(l) A representative of the board of nursing, appointed by the board.

(m) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioners Association, appointed by the association.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

III. The commission's study shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Reviewing RSA 318:16-a and discussing of areas where it is working effectively and where there are areas for improvement in the current framework of regulatory oversight;

(b) Studying the national standards for best practice of collaborative practice;

(c) Defining the appropriate training required for a pharmacist to engage in different scopes of practice;

(d) Discussing how to expand access to collaborative practice pharmacy services to New Hampshire citizens in order to provide greater access to cost-effective care;

(e) Defining collaborative pharmacy practice environments to ensure safety;

(f) Identifying recommended solutions, both legislative and non-legislative;

(g) Reviewing any other matter the committee deems relevant to its objective.

IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.

3 Repeal. RSA 318:16-c, relative to the commission to study the standards for collaborative pharmacy practice, is repealed.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 2, 2015.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2015-0164h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a statutory commission to study the standards for collaborative pharmacy practice.

Amendment to HB 254
(2015-0180h)

Proposed by the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development - c

Amend RSA 270:75, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to municipal employees engaged in emergency rescue operations.

Amendment to HB 281
(2015-0135h)

Proposed by the Committee on Resource, Recreation and Development - c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Pollution and Aquatic Growth; Definitions; Exotic Aquatic Species of Wildlife. Amend RSA 487:16 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. "Exotic aquatic species of wildlife" means wildlife, as defined in RSA 207:1, XXXV, that:

(a) Depend on a freshwater aquatic environment; and

(b) Are not naturally occurring in New Hampshire or have not become established in New Hampshire.

Amend RSA 487:30, III(a) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) Study the spread of exotic aquatic weeds and exotic aquatic species ***of wildlife, as defined in RSA 487:16, I-a,*** in the waters of New Hampshire including education, management, and potential means to eliminate the spread of these weeds and [~~species; and~~] ***wildlife.***

Amendment to HB 330
(2015-0158h)

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs- -c

Amend RSA 400-A:67, II(e)-(g) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(e) Two public members who shall represent New Hampshire patients, appointed by the governor.

(f) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the association.

(g) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

(h) One member representing the private health insurance industry, appointed by the governor.

Amendment to HB 333
(2015-0185h)

Proposed by the Committee on Finance - c

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

1 New Section; State Treasurer and Accounts; Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds; Agency Review and Reporting of Dedicated Funds. Amend RSA 6 by inserting after section 12-h the following new sections:

6:12-i Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds.

I. A joint committee on dedicated funds is hereby established to review the finances and purpose of all dedicated funds on a rotating basis every 5 years and recommend continuance, amendment, or repeal of relevant provisions. The joint committee shall be composed of 3 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 2 from the ways and means committee and one from the finance committee, and 2 members of the senate appointed by the senate president, at least one of whom shall come from the ways and means committee. The speaker of the house of representatives also shall appoint 2 alternate members to the committee and the senate president shall appoint one alternate member. The first meeting shall be within 60 days after the effective date of this paragraph and called by the first-named house member.

II. The joint committee shall file reports with recommendations for legislation to modify or repeal certain funds and to add newly discovered dedicated funds to RSA 6:12, I, on or before November 1 of each year, with the speaker of the house, the senate president, the governor, and the commissioner of revenue administration. Reports required by this section shall be made available to the general public on the general court's website.

6:12-j Review and Reporting Requirement for Dedicated Funds.

I. Every 5 years, the agency responsible for administration of a fund or account listed in RSA 6:12 shall prepare a report that:

(a) In addition to the information contained in the report submitted under RSA 6:12-e, identifies all fund or account expenditures during the prior 4 fiscal years by accounting unit; and

(b) Demonstrates the continued need for the fund or account.

II. The report shall be submitted on or before August 15 of the reporting year to the ways and means committee in the house and senate, the finance committee in the house and senate, the joint committee on dedicated funds, the relevant policy committees in the house and senate, and the legislative budget assistant.

III. If the joint committee on dedicated funds, in consultation with the relevant policy committee, determines that the fund or account no longer serves the statutory purpose for which it was created, or that the purpose has become obsolete, the joint committee shall submit legislation to repeal, merge, or modify the fund or account in the next legislative session.

IV. The joint committee shall also annually request information of the department of administrative services as to dedicated funds which are not yet listed in RSA 6:12, I and submit legislation to add them to this list.

V. The reporting year for each agency responsible for a dedicated fund shall be as follows:

(a) Year 1, beginning November 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter:

(1) The department of safety.

(2) The police standards and training council.

(3) The department of employment security.

(4) The department of resources and economic development.

(5) The department of state.

(b) Year 2, beginning November 1, 2016, and every 5 years thereafter:

(1) The department of environmental services.

(2) The liquor commission.

(3) The department of justice.

(4) The lottery commission.

(5) The racing and charitable gaming commission.

(6) The judicial branch.

(c) Year 3, beginning November 1, 2017, and every 5 years thereafter:

(1) The department of agriculture, markets and food.

(2) The labor department.

(3) The department of corrections.

(4) Pease development authority.

(5) The office of energy and planning.

(6) The adjutant general.

(7) The state treasurer.

(8) The insurance department.

(9) The department of transportation.

(d) Year 4, beginning November 1, 2018, and every 5 years thereafter:

(1) The department of cultural resources.

(2) The department of education.

(3) The banking department.

(4) The public utilities commission.

(5) The retirement system.

(e) Year 5, beginning November 1, 2019, and every 5 years thereafter:

(1) The department of administrative services.

(2) The general court.

(3) The department of health and human services.

(4) The fish and game department.

VI. The joint committee on dedicated funds may submit legislation at any time after the first review to exempt a fund or account from this section which receives adequate and periodic review elsewhere.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendment to HB 362

(2015-0183h)

Proposed by the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy - r

Amend RSA 231:172, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. No licensee shall have the right to cut, prune, or remove any shade or ornamental tree, for the purpose of erecting or maintaining poles or structures or installing wires or other attachments or appurtenances

thereto, without obtaining the consent of the owner of the land on which such tree grows. The receipt of a license to erect and maintain such equipment pursuant to RSA 231:160 and RSA 231:160-a includes consent to cut, prune, or remove shade or ornamental trees growing on land located within the public right-of-way, ***or which may fall upon the right-of-way***, that pose [~~an unreasonable~~] ***a*** danger to the reliability of equipment installed at or upon licensed utility facilities. Nothing in this section shall affect the right of the landowner to the cordwood or timber that results from the activities of a licensee under this subdivision.

Amendment to HB 492

(2015-0168h)

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - c

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:
2 Unauthorized Use of Firearms and Firecrackers; Section Heading Amended. Amend the section heading in RSA 644:13 to read as follows:

644:13 Unauthorized Use of Firearms [~~and Firecrackers~~].

2015-0168h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires military and historic re-enactors to obtain permission from the fire department and comply with the state fire code and amends a section heading to remove an obsolete reference.

This bill is a request of the department of safety.