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House Bills Amended by the Senate, Bills Laid on Table, Meetings and Notices**

HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The next House session will be on **Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** The House will also meet on Wednesday, May 6.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of chairs and vice chairs on **Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.** in Rooms 305-307 of the Legislative Office Building.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican caucus on **Wednesday, April 29th** at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall.
Rep. Jack Flanagan

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic caucus on **Wednesday, April 29th** 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:

April 30

May 7

AVAILABLE FRIDAY:

May 1

May 8

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2015 HOUSE DEADLINES

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 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

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

On April 15, 2015 at 12:15 p.m., Representative Andrew Schmidt, having voted with the prevailing side, served notice of reconsideration **on the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate on SB 69, establishing a commission to study social impact bond funding for early childhood education for at-risk students**, which the House passed on a division vote of 186-146.

Paul C. Smith
Clerk of the House

LAI D ON TABLE

HB 112, relative to domicile for voting purposes. (Pending question: Ought To Pass)

HB 191, relative to projects which are privately financed in energy efficiency and clean energy districts. (Pending question: Ought To Pass)

HB 241-FN, prohibiting driving while holding an animal in the driver's seat. (Pending question: Ought To Pass)

HB 263, prohibiting residency restrictions on sex offenders. (Pending question: Ought To Pass)

HB 303, relative to statewide assessment standards and relative to parental consent for psychological services to students. (Pending question: Ought To Pass)

HB 349, relative to state buffers for projects requiring wetland permits. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 379, establishing a commission to study the effects of ocean acidification on commercially harvested species. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 446, relative to access to investigational drugs, biological products, and devices. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 457-FN-A, establishing a nurse practitioner position at the veterans' home and making an appropriation therefor. (No pending question)

HB 459, establishing a committee to study medical services provided to residents of the New Hampshire veterans' home. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 461, prohibiting the use or application of foreign laws in the state court. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 496, prohibiting public employers from using criminal history in employment decisions. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

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. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 543, repealing the electric renewable portfolio standard. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 551, relative to preventing diversion of business income to tax havens. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 595, relative to banning abortion after viability. (Pending question: Adopt committee amendment 2015-0748h)

HB 646, allowing public bodies or agencies to charge for the costs of retrieval of public records under the right-to-know law. (Pending question: Adopt committee amendment 2015-0753h)

HB 647, exempting convictions for simple assault from an extended term of imprisonment and relative to annulments of certain criminal convictions. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 655, establishing a credit against business profits taxes for motion picture production expenditures in New Hampshire. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 676-FN-A, establishing a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics scholars program. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HCR 3, applying to Congress to call a convention of states under the United States Constitution. (Pending question: Adopt committee amendment 2015-0423h)

HR 6, recognizing February 26, 2015, as the 23rd anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy in Azerbaijan. (Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HR 12, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017. (Pending question: Third reading)

SB 181, relative to registration fees for hunter education programs of the fish and game department. (Pending question: Ought To Pass with Amendment)

2015 HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 122, relative to advertising of liquor or beverages. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 126, establishing a commission to study issues related to students receiving special education services while attending a chartered public school. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 134, establishing a committee to study the use of motorized scooter chairs on roadways and sidewalks. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 140, relative to appointment of inspectors of election. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 196, requiring the removal of identifying features from vehicles formerly used as ambulances. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 279, establishing a commission to study the economic impact of the arts and culture in New Hampshire. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 306, relative to membership of the wetlands council and the water council. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 382, establishing a committee to study facilitating private investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy. (SJ 4/9/2015)

HB 510, establishing a commission to study the regulation of pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers, and junk or scrap metal dealers. (SJ 4/9/2015)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

CONSENT CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 53, (New Title) repealing the interagency coordinating council for women offenders and transferring certain members and duties to the interbranch criminal and juvenile justice council. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David A. Welch for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill repeals the interagency council for women offenders and the amendment adds the warden for the state prison for women to the interbranch criminal and juvenile justice council. The duties of the council for women offenders have been accomplished and are hereby repealed. **Vote 16-0.**

SB 72, (New Title) relative to confidentiality of police personnel files and establishing a commission to study the use of police personnel files as they relate to the Laurie List. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Len DiSesa for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. A brief background would be helpful in understanding the need to establish a "Laurie" commission. In the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), the Constitution requires that all evidence material either to guilt or to punishment must be disclosed to criminal defendants. In *State v. Laurie*, 139 N.H. 325 (1995), the New Hampshire Supreme Court followed that principle, holding that all defendants have a right to receive evidence that could impeach a police officer by "reflect[ing] negatively on [the officer's] character and credibility." Hence, the "Laurie List" was established for police officers who in the course of their work, were found to be less than truthful in either their court testimony, their report writing and evidence handling, or their statements in an internal investigation involving their conduct. In *State v. Laurie*, the New Hampshire Supreme Court overturned a murder conviction when the prosecutor failed to disclose information contained in a detective's personnel file, a violation of the defendant's due process. Personnel files are confidential by statute, and a prosecutor cannot conduct a search of those files for officers placed on the "Laurie List" by the chief of police of their respective departments, relying on the police department to identify potential Laurie issues in an officer's file and then notify prosecution. The prosecutor then files a motion under seal advising the court of the material's existence and requesting the court for an in camera review by a judge to determine whether disclosure of any portion of the file is exculpatory and would be required to be given to the defense attorney. Every police department sets up its own list and has policies that deal with this issue. Oftentimes, officers are denied due process because they may not even be aware that they are on the "Laurie List." At present, there is no mechanism for an officer to challenge being placed on the list. SB 72 would establish a commission whose representative members would be from all aspects of the criminal justice system: judicial, legislative, the attorney general, county attorney, public defender, police chiefs, and victim/witness advocate. The commission's charge would be to find out how other states have dealt with this issue, and evaluate after review, other approaches to this issue to see about establishing a uniform policy for all departments across the state. It would report its findings to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, the senate and house clerks, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2015. **Vote 11-0.**

ELECTION LAW

SB 92, establishing a committee to study public access to political campaign information. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Duane R. Brown for Election Law. This bill as amended establishes a committee to study public access to political campaign information. This bill as amended is identical to HB 304 that was previously passed by the house. The committee shall study the merits and viability of an online campaign finance reporting system and a clearinghouse of information for voters to access with input from the secretary of state and the attorney general. **Vote 18-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

SB 251, relative to regulations for commercial composters. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John T. O'Connor for Environment and Agriculture. This bill allows for DES to simplify administrative rules to incorporate the use of vegetable matter, dairy and meat products in NH composting facilities and will bring our composters in line with all the surrounding states. DES in conjunction with the UNH research center has demonstrated that developing newer technology has brought "trash to treasure" using best available management practices. **Vote 17-0.**

FINANCE

SB 5, relative to transfers into the revenue stabilization reserve account. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Dan McGuire for Finance. This bill concerns the movement of surplus funds at the end of a biennium to the revenue stabilization reserve account, otherwise known as the rainy day fund. It adds the word “automatically” to the phrase “shall be transferred,” and asserts that a two-thirds vote of the legislature be necessary to prevent this transfer. Though the bill is well-intentioned, it is unworkable. The two-thirds requirement can easily be overridden with a simple majority vote on legislation that repeals the provision, has the word “notwithstanding” or suspends the provision for a biennium. To actually constrain the legislature, a constitutional amendment is required. Since a bill cannot be amended into a constitutional amendment, we find SB 5 inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 21-0.**

SB 13, relative to the disposition of dedicated funds. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Dan McGuire for Finance. This bill purports to require a two-thirds vote of the legislature in order to repurpose the money in (raid) a dedicated fund. Unfortunately, the legislature cannot be constrained by law in this way. Any subsequent piece of legislation, passed by a simple majority vote, could repeal or suspend this provision. To accomplish this goal a constitutional amendment would be needed. These have been tried in the past, such as last year’s CACR 19, which a House interim study did not recommend for future legislation. They recognized the inconsistency in creating a dedicated fund with a majority vote, but requiring a two-thirds vote to terminate it. For all these reasons, SB 13 is inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 22-0.**

SB 90, relative to the judicial branch budget. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Lynne M. Ober for Finance. This bill changes RSA 9:4-a to match the current budgetary methods used by the judicial branch. This RSA has not been changed since the superior court became part of the judicial branch instead of part of county government. The judicial branch requested that the RSA be changed to reflect current budgetary methods. The supreme court in consultation with the judicial branch administrative council, appointed pursuant to supreme court rule 54, will prepare the judicial branch budget for review and processing by the legislature according to the same time schedule for budgetary review and analysis required of executive agencies. The judicial branch budget will be prepared upon forms and according to procedures prescribed by the commissioner of administrative services. There is no fiscal impact. **Vote 23-0.**

SB 258-FN, changing the timing of determination of weighted case units for the purpose of calculating the judicial branch budget request and judicial salaries. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. J. Tracy Emerick for Finance. This bill changes the date from October to July when the court’s administrative office will prepare the number of weighted case units for the following calendar year for both the district courts (amend RSA 491-A:3) and judicial branch (amend RSA 490-F:11) This will assist the court in preparing schedules. There is no fiscal impact. **Vote 23-0.**

JUDICIARY

SB 19, relative to the payment of restitution among and between co-defendants. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gary S. Hopper for Judiciary. This bill deals with restitution between defendants: Your home is robbed and three people are found guilty of the crime. They are then required to pay you restitution of \$9,000. Under current law the department of corrections would chase all three down until you are paid in full by one or more of the defendants. If this bill passes, the corrections department would continue to chase each defendant down until each had paid his or her \$3,000 share and pay back any defendants who over paid. Although this would be more fair, it would also put an undue burden on the department of corrections which could last for many years. This is why a majority of our committee found SB19 inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 16-1.**

SB 167, relative to filing of small claims. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Woodbury for Judiciary. This bill intends to resolve a conflict and confusion between RSA 503:3-a which allows filing a small claims in the court of either the plaintiff or defendant and RSA 503:3-b which can be read to favor venue in the defendant’s court. However, in fact there has been no important confusion or dysfunctionality since 1965. The need for this measure was not apparent since filing can and has taken place in both plaintiffs’ and defendants’ courts which is in line with usual practice in other courts in this state. **Vote 17-0.**

SB 243, relative to nonpublic sessions under the right-to-know law. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Kurt F. Wuelper for Judiciary. Currently the right-to-know law allows nonpublic sessions for suits against towns. This bill extends the right to hold nonpublic session to cases in which the public body is the plaintiff. The committee concurred that discussion of legal strategy or potential settlements should be allowed to remain confidential through nonpublic meetings. **Vote 15-1.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

SB 186, reestablishing the commission to study soft tissue injuries under workers' compensation and to study the feasibility of developing a first responder's critical injury fund. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Tammy A. Simmons for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill re-establishes a study commission to make recommendations regarding workers' compensation coverage of soft tissue injuries which are currently not covered. The committee realizes that when the law was drafted, the possibility of such injuries may not have been considered. The committee amendment leaves in place the current sunset date of 7/1/16. The study commission must report by 11/1/15 – allowing sufficient time to submit legislation for consideration before the sunset date. **Vote 13-1.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SB 141, relative to powers of the zoning board of adjustment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jane E. Beaulieu for Municipal and County Government. The committee believes that the zoning boards of adjustments need at least 3 members present to vote to override any established municipal ordinance. The NH planners association was not in favor of the bill. Municipalities have the ability to add alternates to their zoning boards and the governing body can remove any member due to negligence of their duty. **Vote 16-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

SB 170, (New Title) requiring the public utilities commission to ensure ratepayer protections with electric power suppliers and extending the time for the site evaluation committee to adopt certain rules. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert A. Backus for Science, Technology and Energy. As amended this bill will require the public utilities commission (PUC) to redesign its website to afford electric power residential customers and small commercial customers with needed and appropriate comparative price and other relevant information for their use in choosing an electric supply company. It also provides a remedy through the PUC for customers who can demonstrate that they have been subject to unfair trade practices by their provider and to obtain redress, e.g. restitution. It also allows the PUC to fine or take other appropriate action against a supplier found to have engaged in such practices. Finally, the bill provides a modest extension of time (from July 1 to November 1, 2015) for the site evaluation committee to finalize new rules implementing RSA 162-H: 16, as adopted in the last session. **Vote 13-2.**

TRANSPORTATION

SB 78, relative to original and youth operators' licenses. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Larry G. Gagne for Transportation. This bill was requested by the department of safety to correct an oversight when the DWI statutes were consolidated into a single chapter in 2006. During the process, a reference to the old DWI statutes, RSA 265:80, 82, and 82-a were never removed and replaced with the new statute, RSA 265-A. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 160, relative to duplicate vessel registration certificates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael B. O'Brien for Transportation. Current practice at the DMV allows boat owners to obtain a duplicate vessel registration for a \$15 fee. Upon the recommendation of JLCAR, the DMV would like to see this current practice put into statute, which this bill would do. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 171, (New Title) establishing a committee to study issues concerning parking for those with walking disabilities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Werner D. Horn for Transportation. This bill establishes a committee to study issues concerning parking for those with walking disabilities. New issues regarding van accessible parking need to factor into future parking allocation formulas. The committee amendment adds one member of the house transportation committee to the members of the study committee. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 231, relative to the month of inspection for municipal fleets. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Larry G. Gagne for Transportation. In order to set a new schedule for municipal fleet inspections, the director of the department of motor vehicles is authorized, one time, to require municipal fleet vehicles to be inspected in the new month (September) regardless of the month of the previous inspection. This bill was a request of the department of safety. **Vote 13-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 134-FN, relative to the escheat of United States savings bonds. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Joseph R. Lachance for Ways and Means. This bill specifies the conditions under which unclaimed US Savings Bonds escheat to the State of New Hampshire are presumed to be abandoned and unclaimed if: A) last known address of the owner of the US Savings Bond is in New Hampshire; and B) the US Savings bond remains unclaimed and unredeemed for 5 years after maturity. Any person making a claim for the US Savings Bonds which have escheated to the State of New Hampshire may make a claim to the state. After sufficient proof of the validity of such persons claim, the administrator may pay such claim less any expenses and costs, not to exceed 10% of the bonds proceeds, which shall have been incurred by the state in securing full title and ownership of such property by escheat. House ways & means unanimously passed this bill in a bipartisan manner. **Vote 19-0.**

SB 192-FN, permitting the department of revenue administration to conduct employee candidate background checks and establishing the position of tax policy analyst within the department. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Gary S. Azarian for Ways and Means. This is a housekeeping bill requested by the department of revenue administration. The bill cleans up terms of employment on a field audit team leader, permits a federal background check on new employees, properly classifies the position of tax policy analyst, and adjusts a salary letter grade to properly reflect a director position. **Vote 19-0.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 REGULAR CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 116-FN, repealing the license requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John A. Burt for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. As amended, the bill extends the license renewal period from 4 to 5 years, saving time for both citizens and police departments. The bill codifies in NH statute precisely what criteria should be used by police departments when issuing a license. The bill makes the license to carry concealed optional for those who are currently able to carry openly without a license. Lastly, the bill clarifies the process on how NH develops reciprocal agreements with other states regarding carry licenses. All of the changes in the bill are in compliance with Part 1, Art. 2-a, of the N.H. constitution, protecting a person's right to keep and bear arms, while also recognizing law enforcement's requests to prohibit certain persons from obtaining a license. The committee heard significant testimony about the current abuses within the existing licensing system. The committee also heard testimony that the statute was originally enacted as a racial profiling statute in the early 1900s. There was also a recent NH Supreme Court case involving Mark Doyon vs. Hooksett Police Department which altered the standards which were being used by police departments to grant licenses. Current NH statute requires that upon application, the police "shall issue a license to such applicant authorizing the applicant to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in this state and that the applicant is a suitable person to be licensed." The issue at hand was there was no definition in statute for the term "suitable." This ambiguity had been addressed for over a decade by the backside of the application form which read: "Applicants not prohibited under federal or NH law from possession of a firearm shall be deemed suitable persons and the license shall be issued unless the applicant is so prohibited from possessing a firearm. The burden is on the licensing entity to prove by clear and convincing proof that the applicant is so prohibited from possessing a firearm." The bill updates the language in current statutes to the following clear definition for use by police departments when issuing a license: "Unless the applicant is prohibited by New Hampshire or federal statute from possessing a firearm." The majority of the committee felt that the language changes in the amendment balanced the need for public safety while protecting the rights of citizens. **Vote 10-6.**

Rep. Len DiSesa for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Article 3 of the New Hampshire Constitution states in part: "Society, its Organization and Purposes. When men [and women] enter into a state of society, they surrender up some of their natural rights to that society, in order to ensure the protection of others." No one's rights are absolute. One's rights under the Bill of Rights ends when it tramples on the rights of another. One cannot yell "fire!" in a crowded theater when no such emergency exists. One cannot use insulting language toward another that would reasonably be construed to be "fighting words." One cannot just assemble a meeting in a public place without first acquiring a permit to do so. And constituents cannot vote unless they either produce a valid photo identification or, if that is not available, swear to an affidavit attesting to their identity. These are all limited intrusions on our rights that lead to the greater good. The application for a license to carry a concealed firearm is one such limited intrusion. SB 116-FN would remove a police department's ability to perform a cursory background check before issuing a concealed carry permit. This bill if enacted will do nothing to increase the safety of the public in general or more specifically police officers. The New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police is against this legislation, and with good reason. Applying for a concealed carry permit once every four years at a cost of \$10 is a limited intrusion on one's Second Amendment rights to bear arms. It is reasonable, it is practical, and it is effective. The argument that is most often used in eliminating this application process is that if criminals want to carry a concealed firearm, they will. While that is true, it has no relevance to this issue. People will drive drunk. They will break into homes to burglarize them. They will sell illegal drugs. But we have deterrents in place, laws, that invoke a penalty when people act in a way that harms society. We do not make it easy for them to do that. The application process is but a small hurdle for a person to jump over, and it has been in place for decades. Why eliminate it now?

The larger question here comes down to one's philosophy on what makes society safer. Proponents of SB 116-FN would argue that if everyone carried a concealed firearm, we would all be safer, and people would act in a more civilized manner. But firearms are extremely dangerous and can easily be mishandled especially if the person carrying one is untrained in their use, or if the person is impaired in any way. Once a round is fired, it cannot be taken back. This is not a Second Amendment issue. It is a safety issue, and repealing this law flies in the face of common sense. The minority of the criminal justice committee strongly recommends that this bill be rejected as ought to pass with Amendment so that a motion may be made for inexpedient to legislate.

SB 236-FN, relative to alcohol ignition interlock requirements. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Arthur E. Barnes for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill will allow inspection of vehicles equipped with ignition interlock devices, to determine that the interlock has not been subject to tampering or circumvention. **Vote 16-1.**

EDUCATION**SB 190-FN**, (New Title) relative to payment of costs for career and technical education center programs and administration by the department of education. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John L. Balcom for Education. This bill modifies, updates language and clarifies tuition for career and technical education center (CTE) programs and the administration of CTE programs by the department of education. Amending language deletes reference to common calendars among sending school districts and the CTE center as this difficult coordination issue can be addressed through discussion and recommendation made by the proposed advisory council. **Vote 19-0.**

SB 227, relative to calculating the cost of an adequate education. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. This is a housekeeping bill that clarifies language based upon current practice as a result of previous legislation and a recent performance audit. **Vote 19-0.**

JUDICIARY**SB 249**, relative to the Hampton and Exeter district divisions of the circuit court. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joseph M. Hagan for Judiciary. RSA 502-A: II created the Hampton-Exeter Circuit Court as a unified entity. However, Hampton and Exeter have functioned independently. This bill will codify present practice into law by creating separate Hampton and Exeter circuit courts. This would obviate building a new court house and decrease travel time and costs to citizens and government officials. **Vote 15-1.**

TRANSPORTATION**SB 230-FN-L**, relative to speed limits on state roads that are seasonally congested by pedestrian and bicycle traffic. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael D. Abbott for Transportation. This bill permits the department of transportation to establish seasonal speed limits on state roads under certain conditions (congestion by pedestrian and bicycle traffic) at the request of the local municipality, who will bear the entire cost of traffic studies and signage. The committee amendment fixes a conflicting statute reference. **Vote 10-5.**

SB 252, establishing a committee to study a number plate commemorating Laconia Motorcycle Week. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Thomas C. Walsh for Transportation. The committee has retained several bills requesting special number plates that will be worked on this summer. The majority of the committee felt that this bill, which requests the study of a Laconia bike week commemorative plate, would be a helpful supplement to our future work. **Vote 13-2.**

WAYS AND MEANS**SB 113-FN-A-L**, relative to video lottery and table gaming. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gary S. Azarian for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill as amended captures all of the elements for New Hampshire to establish a strong non-tax revenue source that will create thousands of high paying construction jobs and permanent jobs while also bringing economic development and business growth to our state. The first upfront license fee of \$80 million would be paid during the next budget cycle. The first license alone is projected to raise \$135 million in new annual non-tax revenue, or \$270 million per biennium, with nearly 70% coming from out-of-state visitors. Additionally, we would benefit from increases in the business profits tax, the business enterprise tax, rooms & meals revenue and liquor sales. The revenue estimates we received from multiple expert sources took into consideration competition right next door. The hard work of the Gaming Regulatory Oversight Authority resulted in most of the provisions including one of the strongest regulatory oversight processes in the country. It includes reinstating revenue sharing that the legislature ceased several years ago, which could send nearly \$50 million per biennium to every local community for local property tax relief. It establishes a charitable gaming protection program whereby the casino will make up any reduction in revenues any charity experiences. Testimony in support came from the NH Police Association and the NH Troopers Association, several restaurant owners, numerous charitable organizations that will be protected, construction workers and trades, both of the state teacher groups and citizens who support this non-tax revenue source. Polls show nearly 70% of NH residents support casino gambling as a revenue source.

41 states now have casino gambling. With casinos coming to Massachusetts, testimony showed that if we do not act, we may cede to Massachusetts hundreds of millions of dollars. One study even showed that if NH does nothing, current rooms and meals tax revenues may go down by \$24 million a year as that money gets spent in Massachusetts rather than here in NH— note, that is a reduction of CURRENT revenue. Experts further demonstrated that the northeast market is far from saturated. Southern NH is positioned perfectly to take advantage of a population of over 2 million people within driving distance of a southern casino. NH cannot afford to sit idly by and watch as millions flow south to Connecticut and Massachusetts. SB 113 is the vehicle we need to move NH forward and regain our pre-eminence in the region. **Vote 11-10.**

Rep. David W. Hess for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill is a win-win-win for the gambling interests, but a lose-lose-lose proposition for all of the rest of us. It is a great giveaway to the casino interests. Like the dozens of casino bills that have preceded it, SB 113 promises a steady stream of new revenue with no offsetting pain or harm to the state or its citizens. But just like all those previous bills, these promises cannot and will not be kept. Revenues from casinos, and specifically slot machines, are cyclical, speculative, unreliable and exaggerated. Despite the addition of new gambling sites, casino revenues across the country fell 2.8% from 2013 to 2014. The Northeast market has become saturated. The revenue estimate in the fiscal note of the bill assumed no competing casinos south of our border in Massachusetts. However, two casinos and one slots barn have already been selected there, and two are expected to be open before any casino authorized by this bill can be up and running. The N.H. Center for Public Policy predicts that competing casinos in Massachusetts may reduce projected income from a New Hampshire casino by as much as 50%. This bill authorizes two casinos in New Hampshire. As compensation for granting these monopolies, the state would receive fixed, flat licensing fees. Thereafter, the licensees are entitled to renew their monopolies every ten years, which can go on in perpetuity as long as they pay a miniscule renewal fee of just \$150,000 a year. If a licensee sells its license to a third party, the state does not collect one additional cent. And the public “take” from these casinos is only 35% of gross slot machine revenues and 18% of table game proceeds. The taxpayers of New Hampshire lose on all of these counts. Many states, including Illinois and New York, have adopted a competitive licensing process requiring a minimum license fee bid. In both states, as well as in Michigan and Indiana, much higher amounts were bid and collected – generally exceeding \$400 million per license. Why does this bill set fixed fees of just \$80 million and \$40 million? Why are the renewal fees so absurdly low? And why don’t the taxpayers of New Hampshire get a share of any windfall profits a licensee will harvest if, as seems almost certain, it “flips” its license by selling it to a third party for far more than the initial fee it paid. The taxpayers also lose because the state “take” from slot machines is arbitrarily set at 35%. Earlier bills here in New Hampshire set the “take” at 55% in 2004, 50% in 2008, 49% in 2009 and 2012. Pennsylvania collects 55% and had no shortage of applicants for its casino licenses, including Millenium. Furthermore, it is highly unlikely that any of this money – not even the initial licensing fee – will be received in the next two years. The time lines in this bill and the experience in other states suggest that an initial license is unlikely to be awarded before December 2017 at the earliest. And when the money finally does come in, future legislatures will decide where it goes. The N. H. Municipal Association is under no illusion that it will wind up in revenue sharing as SB 113 provides. It could just as well be used to fund expanded Medicaid, cut taxes, or go toward a law suit settlement. All we know for certain is that where and how it is spent will not be determined by SB 113. And any casino will be accompanied by costs and harm, both economic and social. New Hampshire jobs and the economy will lose. First, we may see jobs lost from the cannibalization of existing restaurants, entertainment venues and other places where disposable income is spent. Second, the jobs promised by a casino are at the low end of the pay scale – averaging around \$11/hour, which will be much more attractive to the unemployed living in the commonwealth to our south than to our more highly paid, more fully employed New Hampshireers. There is no free money. Every dollar of public revenue and every dollar of profit sent to Las Vegas and elsewhere, is a dollar that has been lost by real people – many of whom will be our fellow New Hampshire citizens. Because while the gambling interests and their supporters talk about a “destination” casino, in fact it will be a “convenience” or “commuter” casino, as Lottery Director McIntyre recognized when he assumed in preparing the fiscal note that between 85% and 97% of all players at a N.H. casino will come from within a 60 mile/60 minute radius of the site. Casinos depend on problem gamblers who provide 40% - 60% of slot machine revenue, and 90% of industry revenue comes from slots. Yes a casino will bring some revenue to the state (albeit much less than predicted), but at what cost? The charitable gaming rooms will most likely cease to exist. Crime may increase. The social costs and more importantly the impact on our citizens who become problem and pathological gamblers and the negative impacts on our local businesses are too high a price to pay. Finally, the potential for undue influence on the integrity of our political process and government from just one licensee will be enormous. More than \$2,000,000,000 in cash will have to pass through a casino each year to generate the revenue projected by gambling interests. That is more than all of the general fund expenditures throughout the state in a year. Put another way, a single casino will be the largest taxpayer to our state – sending more money to the state than the next largest 25 taxpayers combined! Can anyone doubt that the gambling industry will have incredible influence on future legislatures? And there is no turning back if this bill passes. Once casinos are in place, they will be here forever. That will change the culture and the brand of New Hampshire. Forever. And not for the better.

SB 154, authorizing the department of safety to set fees for motorcycle rider education programs. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bill H. Ohm for Ways and Means. Fees for this popular program are set under statute by the department of public safety for non-residents. No mention is made of fees for residents. This bill codifies the current practice of setting fees for residents. The bill is supported by motorcycle dealers who often purchase the education program for their customers. Approximately 3,000 riders have participated to date. **Vote 19-0.**

SB 211-FN, relative to taxation of employee leasing companies under the business enterprise tax. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Patrick F. Abrami for Ways and Means. This bill, as amended by the committee, clarifies the tax situation of businesses that lease employees. Testimony indicated that many smaller businesses require special expertise in areas such as regulatory compliance, but do not desire, or are not of a size to hire full time employees. Employee leasing companies have filled that need. The question then arises as to who is liable for the BET of the leased employee. Current law charges the tax to the leasing company. Logic says the company actually using the employee should be paying the BET and gaining the credit to their BPT as originally intended by the legislature. This bill clarifies legislative intent by allowing the client company to pay the BET. **Vote 19-0.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J), Rooms 301-303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2), Room 204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 159**, reinstating the division for children, youth and families advisory board, and **SB 244**, relative to abuse and neglect investigations and establishing a commission to review child abuse fatalities.

1:30 p.m. **Committee tour:** New Hampshire State Prison, 281 North State St., Concord

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 105**, relative to child-resistant packaging for tobacco products and establishing a committee to study revising the indoor smoking act, and **SB 155-FN-A**, establishing a recovery fund for victims of the Financial Resources Mortgage (FRM) fraud and continually appropriating a special fund.

1:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 218-FN**, making spoofing an unfair and deceptive act under the consumer protection law, **SB 55**, allowing private employers to establish a policy granting a veterans' preference in employment decisions, **SB 223-FN**, relative to name availability for business organizations, **SB 50**, relative to the content of a mortgage foreclosure notice, **SB 52**, establishing a commission to study the issue of residential tenancies in foreclosed properties, **SB 115-FN**, relative to the resale of condominium and subdivision time shares, and **SB 219-FN**, relative to breastfeeding.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 86**, relative to state procurement of goods and services, **SB 96**, establishing a commission to study the expansion of rights of defense and indemnification under RSA 99-D to proceedings against state employees before professional licensing boards, **SB 202-FN**, relative to licensure of outsourcing facilities by the pharmacy board, and **SB 125-FN**, relative to certification and licensure for mold assessment or remediation services.

1:00 p.m. **SB 46**, relative to public safety radio interoperability.

FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Work session on **SB 32**, relative to state agency budgetary reporting requirements.

11:00 a.m. Work session on **SB 30-FN-L**, permitting counties with unincorporated areas to establish tax increment financing districts.

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

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 7**, adding duties to the joint health care reform oversight committee, **SB 31**, relative to the controlled drug prescription health and safety program, **SB 84**, relative to the definition of “telemedicine.”, **SB 135-FN**, relative to lead poisoning in children, **SB 169**, relative to permissible uses of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, **SB 214-FN**, relative to the transfer of skilled nursing facility beds from the Franklin Regional Hospital, **SB 248**, establishing a committee to study health care provider payment rates, and a continued executive session on **SB 112**, requiring the Medicaid managed care program to cover telemedicine services.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE (RSA 17-E), Room 303, LOB

3:40 p.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E), Room 303, LOB

3:45 p.m. Rescheduled regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Rooms 305-307, LOB **Please note room change*

10:15 a.m. **SB 221-FN**, relative to electric rate reduction financing.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **SB 114-FN**, enabling a driver’s license applicant to request that his or her license indicate that he or she has a medically recognized disorder.

11:00 a.m. or immediately following the continued public hearing. Executive session on **SB 114-FN**, enabling a driver’s license applicant to request that his or her license indicate that he or she has a medically recognized disorder, **SB 29-FN**, relative to fines for motor vehicle offenses, **SB 234**, establishing a committee to study the use of law enforcement details and flaggers for traffic control on municipally maintained roads, and continued executive session on **SB 62**, relative to drivers’ licenses for persons without a permanent address, and **SB 63**, relative to membership of the board of directors for the New Hampshire rail transit authority.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **SB 213-FN-A-L**, establishing a committee to study the formula for distribution of meals and rooms tax revenues.

11:00 a.m. **SB 104-FN**, relative to licensure of research organizations by the pharmacy board.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 144**, relative to carry-over cover-all bingo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB**

1:00 p.m. or immediately following House session. Executive session on **SB 179**, relative to eligibility to vote.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 188-FN**, revising banking, credit union, and trust laws.

1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 266-FN**, adopting the Uniform Securities Act.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 254**, establishing a committee to study the provision of services to the public through peer-to-peer or sharing economy businesses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Rooms 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 106-FN**, restricting the sale or possession of synthetic drugs, and **SB 153**, relative to the accessibility of criminal records.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 242**, relative to the statewide improvement and assessment program, and **HB 218-FN**, relative to additional funding for third grade proficiency in mathematics.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 625-FN-A**, relative to public charter schools, **HB 253**, relative to the requirements for filing a charter school application, and **HB 536**, relative to payment for special education services for chartered public school students and relative to federal funds for chartered public schools.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 8-FN-L**, relative to appropriations for nursing homes, and **SB 30-FN-L**, permitting counties with unincorporated areas to establish tax increment financing districts.

FINANCE – (DIVISION I), Room 212, LOB

11:00 a.m. Work session on ***SB 191-FN***, relative to the use of the state's procurement card services.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB **Please note room.*

10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***SCR 1***, recognizing the contribution of Bhutanese refugees to New Hampshire, and requesting the United States government to work diligently on resolving the Bhutanese refugee crisis, reaching an agreement to allow the option of repatriation, and promoting human rights and democracy in Bhutan.

11:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on ***SCR 2***, urging Congress to discontinue foreign aid to Argentina until financial disputes are resolved.
Executive session on pending legislation may follow.

FRIDAY, MAY 1**COMMISSION TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 135-C:63-b), Room 205, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R), Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MAY 4**STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7), DHHS, Brown Bldg., 129 Pleasant St., Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 5**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on ***SB 99***, establishing a committee to study allowing the sampling of beer or wine at farmer's markets, ***SB 189***, relative to liquor manufacturers, and ***SB 93-FN-A***, relative to the definition of beverage.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 499***, permitting New Hampshire farmers to sell certain farm raised animals directly to the public.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Rooms 205-207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Kids Count presentation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**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.

THURSDAY, MAY 7**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Ad hoc subcommittee to discuss the future of renewable portfolio standards.

FRIDAY, MAY 8**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205, LOB**

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

9:30 a.m. Regular board meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10), NH Department of Education, Londergan Hall Room 12, 101 Pleasant St., Concord

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular business.

MONDAY, MAY 18

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

JOINT HEALTH CARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 420-N:3), Room 302, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D:1), NH Army Aviation Support Facility, 26 Regional Dr., Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD (RSA 125-O:5-a), PUC Offices, 21 S. Fruit St., Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES**COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

The **Carroll** County Delegation will meet in Executive Committee on **Monday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.** to review issues related to the 2015 County Budget and discuss the resignation of the Treasurer. The meeting will take place in the Carroll County Administration Building, Delegation Room, at 95 Water Village Road, Route 171, Ossipee, New Hampshire. The Delegation also will consider and act upon any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. All citizens are invited to attend and ask questions. If you need any specific accommodations, please contact us at the Carroll County Business Office, 539-7751. (ADA) The meeting of the Executive Committee will be followed by a meeting of the County Convention to vote on any recommendations or other business.

Rep. Ed Butler, Clerk
Carroll County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Hillsborough** County Executive Committee will be meeting on **Friday, April 24th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Goffstown.

Rep. Jim Belanger, Clerk
Hillsborough Executive Committee

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following Bills have revised fiscal notes: HBs 177, 197, 208, 215, 221, 267, 354, 357, 477, 563, 577, 578, 596, 600, 606, 609, 614, 619, 622, 626, 628, 629, 630, 632, 634, 635, 638, 639, 642, 648, 649, 651, 654, 655, 656, 658, 881, 663, 665, 667, 668, 669, 671, 672, 673, 674, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 684, 685, SB 20, SB 93, SB 104, SB 112, SB 113, SB 120, SB 133, SB 135, SB 151, SB 157, SB 188, SB 190, SB 191, SB 195, SB 211, SB 214, SB 230, SB 259, SB 265

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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The New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID) is hosting a Payment Reform Forum (healthcare) on **Friday, April 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Brown Auditorium in the NH Department of Health & Human Services Building, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH (State Office Park South). The forum will include two presentations and two panel discussions of potential system reforms for NH. There is no cost to attend the event, but space is limited. The event will also be accessible online via livestream. Please register by contacting Danielle Barrick at Danielle.Barrick@ins.nh.gov and indicate whether you would prefer to attend in person or by livestream.

Reps. John Hunt and Edward Butler

The Greater Epping Republican Committee invites you to a program entitled, "Big Government Education: Rotten to the Common Core" on **Sunday, April 26th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall at 157 Main Street in Epping. The featured speakers include: Dr. Duke Pesta, a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin who has written and spoken extensively about Common Core, which he warns will fail to boost academic success and will lead to social engineering by the federal government; Ann Marie Banfield, a volunteer for Cornerstone Action of NH where she serves as Education Liaison. To pre-register for this event, call 679-2444, e-mail greaterpeppinggop@gmail.com, or visit <http://greaterpeppinggop.wix.org/eppinggop>.

Reps. Jeffrey Harris and Michael Vose

The NH House Business Caucus, in partnership with the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, will host a Business Roundtable Series with the major candidates from both parties for the office of President. The first speaker will be likely Republican candidate Carly Fiorina on **Tuesday, April 28th at noon** at the Barley House. The event is free and lunch will be served, but space is limited and RSVPs are required. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rep. Laurie Sanborn at repsanborn@gmail.com.

Rep. Laurie Sanborn

The NH House Business Caucus welcomes guest speaker Liz Gray, Director of Entrepreneurship at the NHBFA, to talk about the state's Live Free & Start initiative. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 29th at 8:30 a.m.** in LOB 302. All current, pro-business State Representatives are welcome to attend.

Reps. Laurie Sanborn, Patrick Abrami, Adam Schroader

All Members are invited to Capitol Bible Study and Prayer at **8:00 a.m. on April 29th** with Pastor Peter Chamberland. Refreshments will be served. Come and join us for a time of devotion and prayer before session.

Rep. Warren Groen

The New Hampshire Business Incubator Network (NHBIN) is hosting a Legislative Breakfast on **Wednesday, April 29th from 8-10:00 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. For nearly two decades, business incubators across the state have provided early stage startups and small businesses with support, education, mentorship, co-working space and connections to resources and a network of entrepreneurs. Today, New Hampshire is the proud home of five incubators: Alpha Loft, Dartmouth Regional Technology Center, Enterprise Center at Plymouth, Hannah Grimes Center, and Mt. Washington Valley Tech Village. Please join our incubator directors and member businesses at this reception to learn more about the critical role the NHBIN plays in creating jobs and growing our state's innovation economy. There will be a brief speaking program at 9:00 and a hot breakfast provided by Elizabeth's Kitchen.

Rep. Ed Butler

All legislators and staff are warmly welcomed to a Celebration of New Car Technology on **Wednesday, April 29th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** on the State House Plaza. Please join the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers outside as automakers showcase their vehicles and the latest in automotive technology. Alliance staff will be on hand to answer your questions about the industry and its critical role in the economic growth of the Granite State.

Reps. Gene Chandler, Jack Flanagan, Stephen Shurtleff

The New Hampshire Soft Drink Association cordially invites all House and Senate members and legislative staff to enjoy lunch on **Wednesday, April 29th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** in the State House Cafeteria. Please come and see how the beverage industry in New Hampshire is delivering jobs, choice and recycling innovation for the people of New Hampshire. Experts will be on hand to demonstrate how plastic bottles are recycled and reused. It is a great demonstration to see. See you there!

Reps. Jack Flanagan and Stephen Shurtleff

On **Wednesday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m.** in room 302, LOB there will be an informational meeting "Banking in the Public Interest" – a solution to budget issues.

Rep. Valerie Fraser

The House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee in collaboration with New Futures will be hosting a panel discussion on the current opioid/heroin crisis in NH. The panel will include representation from law enforcement, the medical community, the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery, amongst others. The panel will be held **Thursday, April 30th** in LOB Room 204 from **12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to April Couture at acouture@newfutures.org or 225-9540 ext.114.

Rep. David Welch

The members of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors cordially invite all Representatives and staff to a reception in the State House cafeteria on **Wednesday, May 6th from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** where a breakfast will be served. Members of the Association live throughout New Hampshire - they are your local insurance and financial advisors who assist our citizens with life, health, disability, and long-term care insurance as well as investment products. Look forward to seeing you there.

Rep. Jack Flanagan

11th Annual Dartmouth Symposium on Substance Use: Taking Action to Reduce Opioid-Related Harm. **Thursday, May 7th 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, Hopkins Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. Free & open to all. Registration required: www.dartmouth.edu/~dcare.

Rep Jack Flanagan

Every Child Matters in NH and Child and Family Services of NH are pleased to extend an invitation to all members for "Walk a Month in My Shoes" Poverty Simulation on **Friday, May 15th** at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Breakfast and registration will open at **8:00 a.m.** The simulation will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by noon. Please stay for lunch and an afternoon discussion about poverty in our state with NH experts on this topic. Our goal is to simulate the challenges faced by low-income children and their families as they try to survive from month to month on limited resources. We guarantee that this event will have you talking and thinking about poverty in new ways. There is no cost to attend this event. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to our guests. Space is limited so please RSVP by April 24th by calling (603) 856-7517 or emailing mlbeaver@everychildmatters.org

Rep. Deanna Rollo

In recognition of your support, the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association cordially invites you to the 23rd Annual New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on **Friday, May 22, 2015**, beginning promptly at **10:00 a.m.**, on the Memorial Site in front of the Legislative Office Building. The ceremony will proceed rain or shine. Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony. Please do not hesitate to contact Major Kevin Jordan of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department at 602-271-3128 if you have any questions.

Speaker Shawn N. Jasper

The House Republican Alliance will meet **Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. in LOB 204** 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

DATE	TIME	GROUP	Group#/Grade
April 24	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Hillsboro-Deering School	90/4
April 28	10:00	Keene State College French students	35/Col
April 29	9:00	Hanover High School German Exchange students	20/HS
April 29	3:00	Immaculate Conception Apostolic School	27/HS
April 30	10:30	North Walpole School	24/4
May 1	10:00	Antrim Elementary School	25/4
May 1	11:00	Enfield Village School	45/4
May 4	9:00	Strong Foundations Charter School – Pembroke	25/4
May 4	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	South Nashua High School	70/HS
May 5	9:45/11:00	Woodman Park School – Dover	105/4
May 5	9:30	Bridgewater-Hebron School	25/4
May 6	1:30	NH State Legislative Council	
May 6	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Epping Elementary School	80/4
May 6	10:00	Paul School – Wakefield	43/4
May 6	10:30	Boys & Girls Club- Greater Nashua	18/HS
May 7	10:15/11:30 SH/HM	Auburn Village School	60/4
May 7	11:00	Hudson Home School	12
May 7	12:30	Conway Elementary School	35/4
May 7	3:00	IREM	25/adults
May 8	9:30	Canterbury School	

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May 8	10:00	Mont Vernon School	31/4
May 8	10:00	Newfields Elementary School	32/4
May 8	11:00	Campton Elementary School	40/4
May 8	1:00	Sugar Hill Retirement Community	18/Srs
May 11	9:00	Home School – Francestown/Bennington area	30
May 11	9:45	Gilmanton Elementary School	40/4
May 12	9:45	Merrimack Valley High School –	20/HS
May 12	10:15	DJ Bakie School – Kingston	48/4
May 12	11:00	Maple Avenue Elementary School – Claremont	50/4
May 13	9:45/11:30 SH/HM	Mastway School – Lee	60/4
May 14	10:00	World Academy – Nashua	20/4
May 14	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	Moharimet School – Madbury	70/4
May 15	10:30/11:30	Swasey Central School – Brentwood	80/4
May 18	10:00	Washington Elementary School	22/4
May 18	11:30	Whitefield Elementary School	31/4
May 19	10:15	Florence Rideout School – Wilton	24/4
May 19	10:15	Lyndeborough Elementary School	24/4
May 19	10:30/11:30	Birch Hill Elementary School – Nashua	90/4
May 20	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Interlakes School – Meredith	60/4
May 20	9:30	Leadership Mt. Washington Valley	14
May 21	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Gossler Park School – Manchester	65/4
May 21	12:00	St. Elizabeth Seton School – Rochester	12/4
May 22	9:30/11:00	Hollis Brookline High School	110/HS
May 22	10:00	Bernice Ray School- Hanover	45/4
May 22	11:30	Lin-Wood Elementary School – Lincoln/Woodstock	26/4
May 22	11:30	South Merrimack Christian Academy	20/7
May 26	9:30	Danbury Elementary School	25/4
May 26	10:30	Dunbarton Elementary School	22/4
May 26	11:30	Marlborough School	20/4
May 27	9:00	Mountain Shadows School – Dublin	15/6
May 27	9:30	Merrimack Middle School	30/8
May 27	12:00	Sunapee Middle School	12/8
May 27	1:00	Camp Allen	
May 28	9:30	Merrimack Middle School	30/8
May 28	10:00/11:30	Lamprey River School – Raymond	85/4
May 28	10:30	Lancaster Elementary School	35/4
May 29	10:00	Bernice Ray School – Hanover	45/4
May 29	11:30	Fuller School – Keene	55/4
May 29	12:30	Holderness Central School	28/4
June 1	9:00/10:30 SH/SC	Riddle Brook School – Bedford	60/4
June 1	11:30	St. Anthony's School – Manchester	16/4
June 2	10:00/11:15	Pelham Elementary School	
June 3	9:00	Kensington Elementary School	32/4
June 3	10:00/11:15	Pelham Elementary School	
June 4	10:00	Gate City Charter School for the Arts	38/3&4
June 4	10:45	Winchester Elementary School	28/4
June 4	11:30	Hampton Falls	
June 5	9:00/10:30 SH/SC	Riddle Brook School – Bedford	60/4
June 5	10:30	Effingham Elementary School	13/4
June 5	11:30	Grantham Elementary School	46/4
June 8	9:45	Salisbury & Webster Schools	35/4
June 8	10:00/11:30 SH/SC	Memorial School – Newton	60/4
June 9	10:00	Plymouth Elementary School	39/4
June 10	8:30	MCPHS Pharmacy students	14/col
June 10	9:30/11:00	Maple St. School – Contoocook/Hopkinton	75/4
June 10	10:00	Ed Fenn Elementary School – Gorham	33/4
June 10	11:30	John Fuller School – No. Conway	40/4

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to SB 53 (2015-1213h)

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

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

AN ACT repealing the interagency coordinating council for women offenders and relative to the membership of the interbranch criminal and juvenile justice council.

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

1 New Subparagraph; Interbranch Criminal and Juvenile Justice Council; Membership. Amend RSA 651-E:2, I by inserting after subparagraph (y) the following new subparagraph:

(z) The warden of the New Hampshire correctional facility for women, or designee, appointed by the commissioner of the department of corrections.

2 Repeal. RSA 21-H:14-c, relative to the interagency coordinating council for women offenders, is repealed.

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

2015-1213h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the interagency coordinating council for women offenders and adds the warden of the New Hampshire correctional facility for women to the membership of the interbranch criminal and juvenile justice council.

Amendment to SB 72 (2015-1336h)

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

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the use of police personnel files as they relate to the Laurie List.

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

1 New Section; Commission on Use of Police Personnel Files. Amend RSA 105 by inserting after section 13-b the following new section:

105:13-c Commission on Use of Police Personnel Files.

I. There is established a commission to study the use of police personnel files as they relate to the Laurie List.

II.(a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:

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

(2) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(3) The attorney general, or designee.

(4) One county attorney, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Counties.

(5) One sheriff, appointed by the New Hampshire Sheriff's Association.

(6) One public defender, appointed by the New Hampshire Public Defender.

(7) One criminal defense lawyer, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense

Lawyers.

(8) One chief of police appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.

(9) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.

(10) One police officer, appointed by the New Hampshire Police Association

(11) One superior court judge, appointed by the chief justice of the superior court.

(12) One circuit court judge, appointed by the chief justice of the circuit court.

(13) The director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire, or designee.

(14) A victim/witness advocate, appointed by the director of the office of victim/witness assistance.

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

III. The commission shall study the use of police personnel files as they relate to the Laurie List. The commission's study shall include, but not be limited to, what the appropriate procedure and criteria should be for being placed on or removed from the Laurie List. The commission shall study any other issue that the commission deems relevant to its objective. The commission may solicit the advice or testimony of any organization or individual with information or expertise relevant to its study.

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 senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eight members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

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

2 Repeal. RSA 105:13-c, relative to the commission on use of police personnel files, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2015.

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

2015-1336h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

The bill establishes a commission to study the use of police personnel files as they relate to the Laurie List.

Amendment to SB 92

(2015-1298h)

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law - c

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Duties.

I. The committee shall study public access to political campaign information. The committee shall evaluate the merits and viability of having the state establish or endorse:

(a) A system of online campaign finance reporting.

(b) An online clearinghouse of information for voters, including voter registration and polling place information and information filed by candidates and political committees.

II. The committee shall solicit input from the secretary of state and the attorney general.

Amendment to SB 113 FN-A-LOCAL

(2015-1396h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Ways and Means - r

Amend RSA 284-B:14, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. No category 2 gaming license shall be issued until the category 1 gaming license authorized by this chapter is issued and a performance audit has been completed by the audit division of the legislative budget assistant's office. The findings of the audit shall be presented to the joint legislative performance audit and oversight committee which shall make any recommendations to the legislature.

VI. No gaming licenses shall be issued in addition to the 2 authorized by this section until both gaming licenses authorized by this chapter are issued and a performance audit has been completed by the audit division of the legislative budget assistant's office. The findings of the audit shall be presented to the joint legislative performance audit and oversight committee which shall make any recommendations, including recommending additional licenses, to the legislature.

Amend RSA 284-B:17, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) For the category 2 license, no sooner than one year after the issuance of the category 1 license and the completion of the performance audit authorized in RSA 284-B:14, V. The request for applications shall require all gaming license applications to be submitted to the commission no later than 120 days after the publication of the request, provided, however, that an applicant who has paid the full application and investigation fees required by RSA 284-B:18 may receive one extension of up to 30 days upon a finding of good cause shown by the commission. Applications received after the deadline shall not be reviewed by the commission. The commission shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny all applications submitted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any applicable rules promulgated by the commission.

2015-1396h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes the gaming commission and places the lottery commission and racing and charitable gaming commission under its jurisdiction as separate divisions.

II. Allows for the selection and operation of at least 2 casinos in New Hampshire, including the operation of video slot machines and table games, subject to certain legislative approvals.

III. Establishes the gaming enforcement unit in the division of state police.

IV. Distributes proceeds from gross slot machine income and gross table game income to reimburse the gaming regulatory oversight authority for certain expenses and to pay for the operation of the gaming commission.

V. Distributes a percentage of proceeds from gross slot machine revenue and gross table game revenue to the host community, those communities abutting the host community, the host county, the department of health and human services to support addiction programs to cities and towns under the revenue sharing agreement, and the gaming regulatory fund.

VI. Establishes the gaming regulatory fund.

Floor Amendment to SB 113-FN-A-LOCAL

(2015-1421h)

Proposed by Rep. Murphy

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

AN ACT relative to video lottery and table gaming and establishing keno.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 24 the following and renumbering the original section 25 to read as 28:25 New Subdivision; Keno. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 40 the following new subdivision:

Keno

284:41 Definition. In this subdivision, "keno" means any game where a player purchases a ticket from a field of 80 numbers and selects a specific amount of numbers. A random number generator employed by the lottery commission chooses 20 numbers at random and the player is paid out against his or her original wager.

284:42 Administration and Enforcement. The lottery commission shall administer and enforce this subdivision relative to keno games operating in a town or city that has voted to allow such gaming.

284:43 Rulemaking. The lottery commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

- I. The application procedure for keno licenses.
- II. Information to be required on license applications.
- III. Procedures for a hearing following the revocation of a license.
- IV. The operation of keno games, including types and amounts of wagers.
- V. Information required and forms for submission of financial reports.

284:44 License Fees.

I. The license fee for a commercial premises keno license issued under RSA 284:46 shall be \$500 per year. Such fee shall be submitted to the lottery commission at the time the application is made and shall be refunded if the application is denied.

II. All net proceeds collected by the lottery commission under this section and RSA 284:47 shall be deposited in the education trust fund established under RSA 198:39.

284:45 License Applications.

I. Applications shall be submitted to the lottery commission by the licensee. Proof of authority to submit the application on behalf of the licensee may be required.

II. Applications shall be made only on the forms supplied to the licensee by the lottery commission.

III. The application form shall be fully completed by the licensee.

IV. Applicants for commercial premises keno licenses shall be submitted at least 30 days before the first game date.

V. The applicant shall certify under oath that:

(a) The information provided on the application is accurate.

(b) Neither the applicant nor any employee will operate keno games if such person has been convicted of a felony within the previous 10 years which has not been annulled by a court, or a misdemeanor involving falsehood or dishonesty within the previous 5 years which has not been annulled by a court, or has violated the statutes or rules governing charitable gaming in this or any state.

(c) The applicant and any employee who will be participating in the operation of the keno games is aware of all statutes and rules applicable to the operation of keno games.

VI. To be eligible for licensure under this subdivision an applicant shall:

(a) Document that it is a liquor license holder under RSA 178:12-a, RSA 178:13, RSA 178:20, RSA 178:20-a, RSA 178:21, RSA 178:22, RSA 178:23, or RSA 178:24 and that the keno games will only be operated in towns and cities that have voted to allow the operation of keno games pursuant to RSA 284:51.

(b) Maintain a current list of employees.

284:46 License; Issuance.

I. Upon receipt of an application under RSA 284:45 the lottery commission shall review the application and shall, in writing, grant or deny the application within 45 days of receipt.

II. The lottery commission shall deny a license application for any one of the following reasons:

(a) The license of the applicant has been previously revoked by the commission.

(b) The applicant has been convicted of a crime provided for in this chapter or in any other chapter for any gaming offense.

(c) The applicant loses his or her liquor license after submitting the application.

III. No person who has been convicted of a felony or class A misdemeanor within the previous 10 years which has not been annulled by a court, or a class B misdemeanor within the past 5 years which has not been annulled by a court, or who has violated any of the statutes or rules governing charitable gambling in the past in this or in any other state shall be licensed under this subdivision, or rent, lease, sublease, or otherwise provide any hall or keno paraphernalia for the conduct of keno licensed under this subdivision.

284:47 Operation of Keno Games.

I. A licensee may operate keno games at its business between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

II. A licensee may retain 8 percent of the proceeds from keno games. Of the remaining 92 percent:

(a) One percent shall be paid to the department of health and human services to support research, prevention, intervention, and treatment services for problem gamblers.

(b) The remainder, less the administrative costs of the lottery commission and prize payouts, shall be deposited in the education trust fund established under RSA 198:39.

III. No person who has been convicted of a felony or class A misdemeanor within the previous 10 years which has not been annulled by a court, or a class B misdemeanor within the past 5 years which has not been annulled by a court, or who has violated any of the statutes or rules governing charitable gambling in the past in this or any other state shall operate a keno game licensed under this subdivision, or rent, lease, sublease, or otherwise provide any hall or keno paraphernalia for the conduct of keno licensed under this subdivision.

284:48 Financial Reports and Inspection Required.

I. Any person which has been licensed to conduct keno games shall submit a complete financial report to the lottery commission for each license issued under RSA 284:46 within 15 days after the expiration of each license, provided, however, a complete monthly financial report shall be submitted in a timely fashion to the commission for each month covered by a license issued under RSA 284:46 on a form to be approved by the lottery commission.

II. All licensees shall maintain a separate checking account for the deposit and disbursement of all income relating to keno, except cash prizes awarded at the games. All expenses shall be paid by check, and all prizes of \$500 or more shall be paid by check. No keno funds shall be commingled with other funds of the licensee. The licensee shall retain all cancelled checks for the payment of expenses and prizes for at least 2 years from the date of the check. The licensee shall not cash checks which it issues.

III. All financial reports filed by the licensee shall be maintained by the lottery commission for a period of one year from the date of filing and shall be open to public inspection.

IV. All financial records pertaining to the operation of keno games shall be maintained by the licensee and shall be made available to representatives of the lottery commission or of the commissioner of the department of safety upon request.

V. A licensee which has been licensed to conduct keno games shall maintain complete and accurate documentation of all revenues and expenses contained in the financial reports for at least 2 years from the date the financial report is filed.

284:49 Suspension; Revocation. The commission may suspend or revoke the license of any licensee who violates any provision of this subdivision. Any licensee whose license is revoked shall not be eligible for licensure for a period of up to one year from the date of revocation.

284:50 Rehearing and Appeal. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the commission to deny or revoke a keno license may apply to the commission for a rehearing within 15 business days of the decision. Rehearings and appeals shall be governed by RSA 541.

284:51 Local Option.

I. Any town or city may allow the operation of keno games according to the provisions of this subdivision, in the following manner:

(a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of a special or annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot; provided, however, if the question is placed on the warrant at a special town meeting, it shall be the only question at such special town meeting. In a city, the legislative body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

(b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

(c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town or city?"

II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," keno games may be operated within the town or city.

III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the provisions of paragraph I, provided, however, that the town may consider the question at no more than one special town meeting and the annual town meeting in the same calendar year.

26 Application of Receipts; Education Trust Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(65) to read as follows:

(65) Money received under RSA 77-A, RSA 77-E, RSA 78, RSA 78-A, RSA 78-B, RSA 83-F, **RSA 284:44, RSA 284:47**, and from the sweepstakes fund, which shall be credited to the education trust fund under RSA 198:39.

27 Education Trust Fund Creation and Investments; Keno Profits Added. Amend RSA 198:39, I(k) to read as follows:

(k) Funds collected and paid over to the state treasurer by the lottery commission pursuant to RSA 284:47, relative to keno profits.

(l) Any other moneys appropriated from the general fund.

2015-1421h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes the gaming commission and places the lottery commission and racing and charitable gaming commission under its jurisdiction as separate divisions.

II. Allows for the selection and operation of 2 casinos in New Hampshire, including the operation of video slot machines and table games.

III. Establishes the gaming enforcement unit in the division of state police.

IV. Distributes proceeds from gross slot machine income and gross table game income to reimburse the gaming regulatory oversight authority for certain expenses and to pay for the operation of the gaming commission.

V. Distributes a percentage of proceeds from gross slot machine revenue and gross table game revenue to the host community, those communities abutting the host community, the host county, the department of health and human services to support addiction programs to cities and towns under the revenue sharing agreement, and the gaming regulatory fund.

VI. Establishes the gaming regulatory fund.

VII. Allows the operation and playing of keno games.

VIII. Provides for licensing of keno game operators by the lottery commission.

IX. Directs revenues from keno to the department of health and human services to address problem gamblers and to the education trust fund.

Floor Amendment to SB 113-FN-A-LOCAL

(2015-1418h)

Proposed by Rep. Abramson

Amend RSA 284-B:7 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by deleting paragraphs XII through XV and renumbering the original paragraphs XVI through XIX to read as XII through XV, respectively.

Amend RSA 647:2 as inserted by section 12 of the bill by deleting paragraph I-c and renumbering the original paragraph I-d to read as I-c.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 24 with the following:

25 New Section; Gray Machines. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 30 the following new section:

287-D:30-a Gray Machines. The racing and charitable gaming commission shall have the authority to regulate the operation of gray machines. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, which define gray machines and implement procedures for identifying the operators of such machines and a registration process for operators of such machines. Operators of such gray machines shall, beginning January 1, 2016, remit on a quarterly basis 35 percent of net machine earnings to the state treasurer and 15 percent of net machine earnings to the treasurer of the municipality in which such gray machine is operating. Revenues remitted under this section shall be used for the same purposes as those remitted under RSA 284-B:48.

26 Turnpike Tolls Repealed.

I. If the commissioner of the gaming commission certifies acceptance of the license fee for a category 1 casino under RSA 284-B:18 to the director of the office of legislative services, the commissioner of the department of transportation, and the secretary of state, the department of transportation shall stop the collection of tolls on the turnpike system as required under RSA 237 on April 30, 2017.

II. Thirty days after the cessation of the collection of tolls in paragraph I, the department of transportation shall develop a plan to remove the infrastructure supporting toll collection on the turnpikes including toll booths and E-Z pass toll collection monitoring systems. All such infrastructure shall be dismantled by August 31, 2017.

27 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 237, relative to the turnpike system.

II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(196), relative to moneys deposited in the eastern turnpike fund.

III. RSA 6:12, I(b)(197), relative to moneys deposited in the central turnpike fund.

IV. RSA 6:12, I(b)(198), relative to moneys deposited in the turnpike removal and replacement account.

V. RSA 6:12, I(b)(199), relative to turnpike system toll account.

VI. RSA 21-L:12-a, V, relative to department of transportation rulemaking for the turnpike system.

VII. RSA 236:31, relative to evasion of tolls and charges.

VIII. RSA 541-A:21, I(m), relative to the setting of toll rates on the turnpikes.

28 Contingency. Section 27 of this act shall take effect on the date the secretary of state certifies that the license fee for a category 1 casino has been accepted.

29 Effective Date.

I. Section 27 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 28 of this act.

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

2015-1418h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes the gaming commission and places the lottery commission and racing and charitable gaming commission under its jurisdiction as separate divisions.

II. Allows for the selection and operation of 2 casinos in New Hampshire, including the operation of video slot machines and table games.

III. Establishes the gaming enforcement unit in the division of state police.

IV. Distributes proceeds from gross slot machine income and gross table game income to reimburse the gaming regulatory oversight authority for certain expenses and to pay for the operation of the gaming commission.

V. Distributes a percentage of proceeds from gross slot machine revenue and gross table game revenue to the host community, those communities abutting the host community, the host county, the department of health and human services to support addiction programs to cities and towns under the revenue sharing agreement, and the gaming regulatory fund.

VI. Establishes the gaming regulatory fund.

VII. Contingently repeals the turnpike tolls after the license fee from the category 1 casino is received and requires the department of transportation to dismantle the toll plazas by August 31, 2017.

Amendment to SB 116-FN

(2015-1322h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - r

Amend RSA 159:6, I(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) The selectmen of a town, the mayor or chief of police of a city or a full-time police officer designated by them respectively, the county sheriff for a resident of an unincorporated place, or the county sheriff if designated by the selectmen of a town that has no police chief, upon application of any resident of such town, city, or unincorporated place, or the director of state police, or some person designated by such director, upon application of a nonresident, shall issue a license to such applicant authorizing the applicant to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in this state for not less than [4] **5** years from the date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear injury to the applicant's person or property or has any proper purpose, ~~[and that the applicant is a suitable person to be licensed]~~, ***unless the applicant is prohibited by New Hampshire or federal statute from possessing a firearm.*** Hunting, target shooting, or self-defense shall be considered a proper purpose. The license shall be valid for all allowable purposes regardless of the purpose for which it was originally issued.

Amendment to SB 134-FN

(2015-1238h)

Proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means - c

Amend RSA 471-C:44, IX as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IX. Any person making a claim for the United States savings bonds which have escheated to the state of New Hampshire under this section, or for the proceeds from such bonds which have escheated to the state of New Hampshire, may file a claim with the administrator. Upon providing sufficient proof of the validity of such person's claim, the administrator may pay such claim less any expenses and costs, not to exceed 10 percent of the bond's proceeds, which shall have been incurred by the state in securing full title and ownership of such property by escheat. If payment has been made to any claimant, no action thereafter shall be maintained by any other claimant against the state or any officer thereof, for or on account of such funds.

**Amendment to SB 170
(2015-1286h)**

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

Amend RSA 374-F:4-a, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Within 60 days of the effective date of this section, the commission shall initiate a proceeding to develop rules to allow residential and small commercial customers to choose how they receive communication from competitive electric suppliers and to implement the provisions of this section.

Amend RSA 374-F:7, III as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. The commission may assess fines against, revoke the registration of, order the rescission of contracts with residential customers of, order restitution to the residential customers of, and prohibit from doing business in the state any competitive electricity supplier, including any aggregator or broker, which is found to have:

(a) Engaged in any unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the marketing, sale, or solicitation of electricity supply or related services;

(b) Violated the requirements of this section or any other provision of this title applicable to competitive electricity suppliers; or

(c) Violated any rule adopted by the commission pursuant to paragraph V and RSA 374-F:4-a.

**Amendment to SB 171
(2015-1276h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - c

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be from the health, human services and elderly affairs committee, one of whom shall be from the transportation committee, and one of whom shall be from the municipal and county government committee.

(b) One senator appointed by the president of the senate.

**Amendment to SB 186
(2015-1382h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services - c

Amend the bill by deleting sections 4-5 and renumbering the original section 6 to read as 4.

2015-1382h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill reestablishes the commission to study soft tissue injuries for purposes of workers' compensation and to study the feasibility of developing a first responder's critical injury fund.

**Amendment to SB 190-FN
(2015-1281h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education - r

Amend RSA 188-E:5 as inserted by section 6 of the bill by deleting paragraph VII and renumbering the original paragraphs VIII through XI to read as VII through X, respectively.

**Amendment to SB 211-FN
(2015-1240h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means - r

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

1 New Section; Business Enterprise Tax; Employee Leasing Companies. Amend RSA 77-E by inserting after section 13 the following new section:

77-E:13-a Employee Leasing Companies.

I. For the purposes of the provisions of RSA 277-B:9, I(h), an employee leasing company and client company may elect to make the client company solely responsible for paying the tax imposed by RSA 77-E, and include in the client company's compensation portion of the enterprise value tax base those wages paid to the leased employees.

II. If the employee leasing company and the client company make such an election, the client company shall be eligible for the credit provided in RSA 77-A:5, X.

III.(a) In order to make the election under paragraph I, the client company and the employee leasing company shall file the forms required by the department pursuant to rules adopted by the commissioner under RSA 541-A.

(b) For an election to be effective for any given tax year, forms required to be filed with the commissioner shall be filed prior to the end of the employee leasing company's tax year.

(c) An election under this section shall remain in effect until the employee leasing company and the client company both notify the department of the termination of an election described in paragraph I on forms required by the department pursuant to rules adopted by the commissioner under RSA 541-A.

IV. For purposes of this section, the terms "employee leasing company" and "client company" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 277-B:2.

2 New Section; Employee Leasing Companies; Tax Credits. Amend RSA 277-B by inserting after section 17 the following new section:

277-B:17-a Tax Credits and Other Incentives. For purposes of determination of tax credits, grants, or any other economic incentives provided by this state or other government entity that are based on employment, leased employees shall be deemed employees solely of the client company if an election is made pursuant to RSA 77-E:13-a. A client company shall be entitled to the benefit of any tax credit, economic incentive, or other benefit arising as the result of the employment of leased employees of such client company. Notwithstanding that the employee leasing company is the W-2 reporting employer, the client company shall continue to qualify for such benefit, incentive, or credit. If a grant or amount of any such incentive is based on the number of employees, then each client company shall be treated as employing only those leased employees co-employed by the client company. Leased employees working for other client companies of the employee leasing company shall not be counted together. Each employing leasing company shall provide, upon request by a client company, state agency, or department responsible for administration of any such tax credit or economic incentive, employment information reasonably required by such agency or department and necessary to support any request, claim, application, or other action by a client company seeking any such tax credit or economic incentive.

3 Employee Leasing Companies; Co-Employment; Election. Amend RSA 277-B:9, I(h) to read as follows:

(h) Paying the tax imposed by RSA 77-E and inclusion in its compensation portion of the base tax those wages paid to its leased employees, ***unless an election is made pursuant to RSA 77-E:13-a.***

4 Applicability. The provisions of this act shall apply to taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Amendment to SB 230-FN-LOCAL

(2015-1361h)

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Establishment of State Speed Zones. Amend RSA 265:62 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V.(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph I and RSA 265:60, II, or any other law to the contrary, the commissioner of transportation, upon the petition of the governing body of a municipality, shall determine if any prima facie speed should be reduced to provide reasonable and safe conditions upon any part of the state highway system that is seasonally congested by pedestrian and bicycle traffic, as determined by the governing body of the municipality.

(b) The petition shall designate the area of the state highway system and the reasons for the reduction in the speed limit. The review of the petition shall include consultation with the petitioners. The commissioner shall provide the petitioners, in writing, the results of his findings. The commissioner may recommend a seasonal decrease in the posted prima facie speed limit, but in no case shall the resulting speed limit be below 20 miles per hour.

(c) There shall be only one seasonal speed limit, of a maximum duration of 4 months, in any 12-month period.

(d) Any municipality using a seasonal speed limit shall bear the cost of signage. However, the design, construction, and installation of such signage shall be approved by the department.