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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

We are deeply saddened by the loss of another legislative colleague, Representative Debbie DiFranco of Portsmouth, who passed away on July 10th. A member of the Election Law Committee, Debbie was serving her first term in the House and was determined not to let her illness interfere with her legislative duties. We honor Representative DiFranco's courage and extend our sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and former students. A memorial service for Debbie will be held at Rye Harbor State Park on Sunday, July 24, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

Please keep in mind that there will be no legislative activity or mileage reimbursement through August 15, unless special circumstances arise and authorization is granted. From the middle of August through the end of the year, legislative mileage to Concord will be limited primarily to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

NOTICE

For your planning purposes, House Leadership would like to inform you that we have agreed to propose, for the 165th Session of the General Court, that House Sessions will take place on Thursdays, except for additional days when needed, and where otherwise specified in the NH Constitution.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

Rep. Richard W. Hinch and Rep. Stephen J. Shurtleff

NOTICE

The House Calendar will close at **NOON on Thursdays for all scheduling and notices and will be published every other week.** Please be sure to do your scheduling in order to meet that deadline.

CLOSES AT NOON ON THURSDAY:

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Thursday, August 25, 2016

AVAILABLE FRIDAY:

Friday, July 29, 2016

Friday, August 12, 2016

Friday, August 26, 2016

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2016 HOUSE DEADLINES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Friday, September 23, 2016

Friday, October 28, 2016

Monday, November 14, 2016

Friday, December 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

First day for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information

Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information

Last day to file 2016 Interim Study reports

First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information

Last day to file LSRs with complete information

Ten day sign-off period begins

Friday, January 6, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.
 Friday, January 27, 2017

Last day to sign-off on all LSRs
 Last day to introduce House Bills
 Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

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

Advisory Opinion 2016-2 Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from Representative Katherine D. Rogers (June 3, 2016)

Pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I (c), Representative Katherine D. Rogers, by letter dated May 12, 2016, has submitted a request for an Advisory Opinion about whether, consistent with applicable statutes and the Ethics Guidelines, she may accept payment to perform legal services for a business and an individual who are involved in lobbying activities before the General Court.

According to the information submitted by Representative Rogers, she has been asked to perform legal services on a fee-for-services basis on behalf of a media consulting group and the business's owner. The legal services for the business would include assistance in creating and submitting a business agreement and drawing up contracts. The legal services for the owner would include creating a will and possibly providing legal guidance regarding transferring property from sole ownership into a trust. In her letter, Representative Rogers stated that the business "has many different 'bureaus' of the business and as such has a Lobbying 'wing' that would not be engaging [her] legal services." While speaking before the Committee, Representative Rogers stated that she would obtain a list of the business's clients and construct a "fire wall" between any legal work she performs for the business and the owner and the lobbying section of the business.

Relevant provisions of applicable law are:

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

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V. (a) "Gift" means:

(1) Money in any amount, whether in the form of cash, check or any other negotiable or non-negotiable instrumentality for the transfer of money.

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

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

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(7) Wages, salary, benefits, mileage, or payment for expenses received by the person in his or her regular course of employment or business which is unrelated to the government position held.

RSA 15-B:3 Prohibition on Gifts. –

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

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

Ethics Guidelines, Section 4, Prohibited Activities.

I. Legislators shall not solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from another for themselves or other persons, if the legislator receives such thing of value:

* * *

(b) Knowing or believing that the giver is or is likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the legislator or the General Court.

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VII. Nothing in this section on prohibited activities should be construed to prohibit the following:

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(h) Acceptance of anything permitted to be accepted pursuant to RSA 15-B * * * *

We advise as follows:

Based on the information provided by Representative Rogers about the nature and scope of the legal services she would perform for both the business and the owner, the Committee advises that acceptance of payment by Representative Rogers for the legal services she described would not constitute violation of RSA 15-B:3 or Ethics Guidelines, Prohibited Activities, Section 4, I (b) because such payment would be received in

the regular course of employment and is unrelated to her office, a specific exemption under RSA 15-B:2, V(b) (7). If Representative Rogers were to take part in any official activity that concerns, involves, or would have any financial effect on the business or the owner, she would be required to file a Declaration of Intent Form, pursuant to Ethics Guidelines Section 5, identifying any such matter as it arises, and declaring whether she will participate or not in the official activity associated with the matter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

For the Committee,
Honorable Donna Sytek, Chairman

[Vote: 6-0]

MONDAY, JULY 18

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES WHILE ATTENDING A CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL (RSA 186-C:30), 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q), Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, 57 Regional Drive, Concord

1:00 p.m. Early language development subcommittee meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a), New Hampshire Veterans Home, Tarr South Conference Room, 139 Winter Street, Tilton

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D), Walker Building, Room 100, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND SCREENING COMMISSION (RSA 130-A:19) Room 205, LOB

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

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

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 19-A:14) Room 303, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7, I), Department of Health and Human Services, Brown Building, Room 232, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12**STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1), Room 101, LOB**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15**COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES WHILE ATTENDING A CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL (RSA 186-C:30), 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17 - I:1, CHAPTER 451:1), Room 100, SH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D), Walker Building, Room 100, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), NH DRA, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 19-A:14) Room 303, LOB**

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H), New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, 4 Barrell Court, Concord

9:00 a.m. Investment committee meeting.

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a) Room 207, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T), New Hampshire Medical Society, 7 N. State Street, Concord**

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A LAND CONSERVATION PLAN (RSA 162-C:12), Room 100, SH**

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on interim study **HB 1652-FN-A**, establishing a teacher preparation for mathematics education scholarship program.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES**COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

The **Carroll** County Delegation will hold two meetings in July, on **Wednesday, July 20th and Monday, July 25th**, in the Delegation Room, 2nd Floor, 95 Water Village Road, Ossipee. The meeting on the 20th will begin at 1:00 p.m. when the Delegation will hear from Andy Kendall of the HP Kendall Foundation, regarding a possible study to determine creative uses of county land to support sustainable agricultural practices. On the 25th, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Delegation will review the budget reports and act upon any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting. All citizens are invited to attend and make remarks during the public comment period. The meeting of the Executive Committee will be followed by a meeting of the County Convention to vote on any recommendation of the Executive Committee. If you need any specific accommodations, please contact 539-7751. (ADA)

Rep. Ed Butler, Clerk,
Carroll County Delegation

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, July 15th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the second quarter budget review.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

There will be an informational session on the status and future plans of the Merrimack County Courthouse on **Monday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m.** in the McDonnell Building Conference Room, 4 Court Street, Concord.

Rep. Dianne Schuett, Chairman
Merrimack County Delegation

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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

Legislators, you have an opportunity to recommend a student for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. The council was created by the legislature with the purpose of advising the legislature on issues of concern to youth. The age requirement is 15 to 22. The appointees to the council are the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House, and the Secretary of State. Please contact Carolyn Gargas or Sue Ford with your recommendations, cgargas@cs.com or Susan.Ford@leg.state.nh.us.

Reps. Carolyn Gargas and Susan Ford

NOTICE

The House Clerk's Office is now accepting orders for the **2016** hardcover **Permanent House Journals**. Orders will be accepted until **Friday, November 25, 2016**.

Anyone who was a **member of the Legislature in 2016** and all state agencies are entitled to one Journal at no charge, **upon request**. All others interested in obtaining a Journal, as well as any Legislator or state agency requesting additional copies, will be charged for that copy. We estimate the cost for paid volumes to be approximately \$55 each. In addition, if the volume is to be mailed, there will be a \$5.00 shipping & handling charge. Those who order paid copies will be notified *and billed* when the Journals are ready for distribution. **DO NOT** send any money now.

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

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NH House of Representatives
Room 317, State House
107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301**

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The 42nd Annual **Bill White & Junie Blaisdell Ceremonial & Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament** for the benefit of **Veterans Count**, the philanthropic arm of Easter Seals NH Military & Veterans Services, is scheduled for **Friday, September 9, 2016** at Beaver Meadow Golf Club located in Concord, NH. The entry fee for this annual tournament is **\$85 per legislator and legislative staff** and **\$100 for all others. Entry fees must be received by Friday, September 2nd.**

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the shotgun start is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. The format is a "Scramble." Sign-up as a foursome or sign-up by yourself in order to be placed in a foursome (*subject to availability of open slots*).

Please return your completed entry form and payment no later than Friday, September 2nd. (*Please note that, for planning purposes, payment must be made no later than Friday, September 2nd. All entry forms received after Friday, September 2nd will be assessed a \$25 late admittance fee per player. Cancellation must occur two weeks prior to the tournament date to receive a refund*)

Checks should be made payable to: NH Legislative Golf Committee

Mailed to: Bob Blaisdell, Demers & Blaisdell, Inc., 72 North Main Street, Suite 301, Concord, NH 03301

**42nd Annual Bill White & Junie Blaisdell
Ceremonial & Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament
Beaver Meadow Golf Course
Concord, NH**

Name of Players:

1. _____

2. _____

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4. _____

Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____