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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

I would like to congratulate the new and returning members of the House on their recent victories. For legislators who will not be serving another term, please know that your service in the House has been greatly appreciated. I wish you all the best in your next endeavors.

As seen in the 2016 House Deadlines below, Monday, November 14th, is the first day for all Representatives to file LSRs. I strongly urge incumbents who submitted LSRs during the first filing phase this fall to sign off as soon as possible. This will enable the House to speed up the process of scheduling bills for January hearings later on.

Please note that the State House will be closed for the following holidays: Friday, November 11th (Veterans Day), Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th (Thanksgiving break).

The New Legislator Orientation Program is scheduled for November 29th and 30th.

The Democratic Caucus will be held on November 17th and the Republican Caucus is scheduled for November 30th. Detailed information will be sent by your respective party caucuses.

Pursuant to Part II, Article 3, of the New Hampshire Constitution, the 165th Session of the General Court will organize on the first Wednesday in December (December 7, 2016). Also in accordance with Part II, Article 3, the opening day of the 2017 Session will be on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January (January 4, 2017).

As the nation pays tribute to our veterans this week, please join me in honoring all of our men and women who have served in the military. I also want to recognize our own legislative members, past and present, who have proudly served our country at home and abroad. We are forever grateful for their sacrifices.

Finally, I wanted to inform you that one of our former members passed away last month at the age of 100. Angeline (Angie) Kopka represented the city of Nashua for a total of five terms, ending her service to the state just two years ago at 98. She was a diligent member of the Commerce Committee throughout her tenure in the House and will be fondly remembered for her grace and incredible charm. We extend our deepest condolences to Angie's family and many friends.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

NOTICE

For non-returning members of the House, you are respectfully requested to return access cards and EZ-Pass transponders to Jamie O'Connor in Legislative Operations, LOB Room 1.

Joseph Burke, Acting Chief – Protective Services

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**. Please be sure to do your scheduling in order to meet that deadline. **NOTE:** There will be NO calendar Thanksgiving week.

CLOSES AT NOON ON:

Thursday, November 17, 2016
Thursday, December 1, 2016
Thursday, December 8, 2016

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, November 18, 2016
Friday, December 2, 2016
Friday, December 9, 2016

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

NOTICE

The **2014 House Permanent Journals** have arrived. **House Members** who ordered a **2014 Journal** may pick it up in the House Clerk's office. Thank you.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2016 HOUSE DEADLINES

Monday, November 14, 2016	First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, December 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.	Last day to file LSRs with complete information Ten day sign-off period begins
Friday, January 6, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.	Last day to sign-off on all LSRs
Friday, January 27, 2017	Last day to introduce House Bills Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote

2016 INTERIM STUDY STATEMENTS

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 249, relative to the award of alimony and the enforcement of orders under RSA 458. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Carolyn Gargas for Children and Family Law. The committee met with numerous interested parties and received constructive input from the stakeholders on this important issue. The significant work conducted on this bill allows the committee to unanimously recommend for future legislation. **Vote 11-0.**

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 327, relative to investment crowdfunding. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Kermit Williams for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill would allow New Hampshire-based businesses to raise equity funds via crowdfunding. Crowdfunding is a method of raising money for a project or venture by collecting small sums from many people, usually on the internet. In the interim study work session on this bill, we heard from the Securities Bureau and others that the Securities and Exchange Commission was adopting rules that would allow nationwide investment crowdfunding. Because a New Hampshire securities law that allows crowdfunding would limit participation to New Hampshire residents, we felt that pursuing this legislation no longer made sense. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 672-FN, establishing a state bank. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Valerie Fraser for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Given the state of the national economy with an \$18 trillion debt and the potential confiscation of state deposits by large banks under the Dodd-Frank Act, the subcommittee's goal was to meet with critical state departments to explore whether a state bank could be established. Because of the large amount of information gathered, the manner in which bills are introduced and the fact that we don't have the necessary complete information at this time, we reluctantly voted to not recommend this bill for future legislation. The bill will require an extensive rewrite reflecting a capitalization plan, feasibility study and data analysis. A more extensive report on this issue has been placed in the file for this bill. **Vote 12-4.**

HB 1159-FN, relative to sale of tobacco products. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Rebecca McBeath for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This legislation was filed at the request of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission. As introduced, the legislation would amend RSA 175:1, LXIV-d, the definition of tobacco products, to require sellers of cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipe tobacco and smokeless cigarettes to be licensed as tobacco retailers. Effective August 8, 2016, the US Food and Drug Administration finalized rules deeming electronic nicotine delivery systems, including e-cigarettes, to be treated the same, for regulatory purposes, as tobacco products. The committee's recommendation is based on an amendment to HB 1159 worked on in collaboration with the Liquor Commission, and the New Hampshire

Department of Health and Human Services. The amendment would align the new federal deeming regulation with the definitions of e-cigarette found at RSA 126-K:2, II-a, and the above referenced definition of tobacco product. **Vote 15-1.**

HB 1206, relative to limited credits. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Richard Abel for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The proposed bill would require the state Liquor Commission to compile a list of retailers in New Hampshire that were late in paying self distributing New Hampshire wine producers. The committee found this impractical and an unnecessary administrative burden for the Liquor Commission. **Vote 14-2.**

HB 1516-FN, relative to balance billing. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Donald Flanders for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The subcommittee did have a considerable amount of discussion with stakeholders and members regarding the merits of this bill. While the majority of the subcommittee supported the Not Recommended for Future Legislation position, a couple of members voted against the recommendation. The sponsor of the bill does intend to introduce a new bill in the next session but with a modified approach. All members agreed that the patient should not be burdened with an unexpected bill and that further discussion and legislation will be required to achieve this goal. **Vote 12-4.**

SB 75, relative to unfair trade practices targeting veterans. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill prohibits a business from charging an unreasonable fee to aid applicants for veterans services and makes such conduct a violation of the Consumer Protection Act. This issue was addressed as an amendment to HB 280 (Chapter 279, Laws of 2016) and therefore this bill is no longer necessary. **Vote 15-1.**

SB 432, relative to itemized bills for medical services. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Donald Flanders for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The subcommittee had a considerable amount of discussion regarding the merits of the bill. While the subcommittee did vote to not recommend the bill as introduced for legislation, there continues to be interest on the part of some committee members to not lose sight of the important issues raised during the debate. Specifically they want to continue to work with stakeholders to ensure that patients have the ability to access a detailed medical bill that is comprehensive and understandable. **Vote 16-0.**

EDUCATION

HB 538-FN-LOCAL, relative to the implementation of new statewide education annual assessments. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. Legislation should go forward to allow school districts to continue current statewide assessments as they transition to any new statewide assessment for a period of up to two years. **Vote 14-3.**

HB 581-FN, requiring schools to continue the education of a child during the child's suspension or expulsion. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. The committee recommends that future legislation supporting the need to continue the education of a suspended student through homework assignments or through other alternate means should be provided during the suspension period. The committee also recommends that future legislation urge school districts to take steps to prevent the recurrence of behaviors that initially led to exclusionary discipline through proactive intervention and best practices. Out of School Suspension or Expulsion in grades K-3 should only be used in extreme exceptions such as: (1) A student whose conduct is assaultive or violent and that endangers the safety and learning environment of others; and (2) Possession of firearms. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 625-FN-A, relative to public charter schools. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. The current process of authorizing a Public Charter School (PCS) is rigorous and thorough. A local school district and the State Board of Education are the two authorizing agencies. Our PCS's have been successful and meet targeted needs of students. This bill provides a totally alternate process of authorizing a PCS. The committee did not support the concept of HB 625, however, it does have concerns about the length of time it takes to finalize the PCS chartering process. In the 2015-16 legislative session, we authorized a charter school position in the New Hampshire Department of Education. This position will address many issues regarding the time lines of completing the chartering process as well as oversight of the PCS's to insure their continued success. **Vote 11-6.**

HB 1371, establishing a committee to study education savings accounts for families of special needs students. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Balcom for Education. Establishing a committee to explore savings account options for children with disabilities is laudable. The committee feels that students with disabilities and their families need the flexibility of using funds from a specific account such as this to cover various expenses associated with the unique needs of the disabled student. The funding source must be resolved. **Vote 14-3.**

HB 1457, establishing a code of professional ethics for New Hampshire teachers. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Wolf for Education. The State of NH is one of the few states that have not established a code of ethics that identifies and promotes responsibilities that apply to the certification of educational personnel. The committee finds that this bill serves a meaningful purpose; however, it is recommended that future legislation in support of this bill's intent clearly state that it is the State Board's responsibility to establish and enforce a code of ethics for certified educational personnel, and that a NH Code of Ethics should address four key certified educator responsibilities that include responsibility to: (1) the students, (2) the educator profession and professional colleagues, (3) the school community, and (4) the use of technology as it relates to students, professional colleagues and the school community. The Code of Ethics should further be developed in accordance with the rulemaking process identified in RSA 541-A. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1561-FN, relative to freedom of expression on college campuses. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. James Grenier for Education. The majority of the committee believes this bill is not necessary. Also, it is up to local communities working with administrators of public colleges to determine policies for access to a campus. This bill would promote a "one size fits all" approach. **Vote 12-5.**

HB 1652-FN-A, establishing a teacher preparation for mathematics education scholarship program. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mary Gile for Education. Mathematics education is fundamental to understanding concepts in science, technology, engineering, advanced mathematics, and economics, and is essential to work force development. The intent of this bill is to recruit high school students who are advanced in math and provide them scholarships at NH public universities to become math teachers and remain as teachers in NH public schools for a minimum of five years; however, more work is needed on this bill, including but not limited to, identifying potential students, defining how to fund the scholarships and track graduates who complete the program. **Vote 11-6.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 393-FN, including the distributing of model acts to elected officials as lobbying and requiring disclosure of compensation or reimbursement received by elected officials from such lobbyists for attendance at an event. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. James Gray for Election Law. The committee report in favor of referring this bill for Interim Study, written by the prime sponsor, the late Representative Marcia Moody, stated: "This bill requires registration as a lobbyist for a partnership, firm, or corporation which promotes or distributes model acts to New Hampshire elected officials, and requires the elected official to report any compensation, honorariums, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, or reimbursement for his or her attendance at a conference, meeting, or event for the legislative adoption of one or more model acts. In order to discuss fully the merits of an amendment to this bill, a hearing should be held by an interim study committee because the amendment is intended to replace the entire bill. It deserves a public hearing." The amendment referred to in this report was never presented to the committee. Therefore, the majority of the committee voted to not recommend the bill for further legislation. **Vote 7-3.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 1615-FN, regulating the transfer of dogs from out of state. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Environment and Agriculture. While the full committee and subsequent subcommittee heard there may be health problems with the transfer of dogs into the state, this could not be verified by existing statistics or by the State Veterinarian or a survey of veterinarians in the state. Bills of a similar nature to this one have been brought before this committee in the past. The state already requires a license of those transferring animals even when they have no premises in the state that are inspected. Health certificates are required for every dog, cat or ferret imported into the state. The state has about 21,000 health certificates on file over the past seven years. Enforcement of current licensing requirements is difficult enough and we heard testimony that towns do not want to be financially responsible for the animals for the duration of an investigation. Internet sales present unique challenges that would not be addressed by this bill. It was agreed by the stakeholders in this discussion, which included the NH Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United States, the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, and possibly the UNH Cooperative Extension, that educational materials distributed to the public on a regular basis could help raise consumer awareness of the problems they may face from these transfers. **Vote 13-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1433-FN, establishing the office of ombudsman in the department of state. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Andrew Christie for Executive Departments and Administration. The committee supports the concept of a volunteer ombudsman, who is not part of the executive branch of government, with authority limited to the review of alleged criminal acts committed by public officials. This authority would not include a review of judicial branch rulings that one party disagrees with. The ombudsman would file a report with the Attorney General, if warranted. The person who fills this job would be nominated by the Secretary of State and then elected by the Legislature in the same manner that the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer are elected. We anticipate that legislation on this subject will be filed in the upcoming session. **Vote 9-4.**

HB 1556-FN, relative to Lucky 7 tickets. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Andrew Christie for Executive Departments and Administration. The primary goal of this bill was to increase the price of Lucky 7 tickets from \$.50 to \$1. The committee supports this change. Legislation in this area will be filed in the upcoming session. **Vote 9-4.**

HB 1580-FN, removing the real estate commission from the office of professional licensure and certification. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Schmidt for Executive Departments and Administration. At the recommendation of the Commission on Innovation, Efficiency and Transparency in State Government, the autonomous occupational regulatory boards in the state were all moved into a single office in the fall of 2015. This bill would remove the function of licensing real estate brokers and salespeople from the new Office of Professional Licensing and Certification (OPLC) and restore the Real Estate Commission as an independent agency. The committee heard from members, staff and licensees of the Real Estate Commission, who described the problems that they experienced with the move to the OPLC. As a direct outcome of the discussion on this bill, the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee has recommended, and the Fiscal Committee has approved, a performance audit for the real estate licensing function at OPLC. It is anticipated that the audit will take place this winter or early next spring. The committee agrees that we should wait to see what is discovered in the audit process before filing additional legislation. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 1658-FN, establishing one-stop business permitting. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Schmidt for Executive Departments and Administration. The Division of Economic Development within the Department of Resources and Economic Development currently works to assist new businesses interested in locating in New Hampshire. This bill establishes specific requirements that must be followed by the division for any requesting business. The committee believes it is worthwhile to attempt to enhance the current process, while not necessarily embracing the specific provisions included in this bill. **Vote 9-5.**

SB 421, relative to liability of governmental units. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Andrew Christie for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill was filed by members of a 2015 study committee. Its primary intent is to clarify the laws addressing the liability and immunity of state and local governmental units. It also increases the liability limits for bodily injury, personal injury or property damage for governmental units. The committee supports new language developed over the summer that adds a new 3-year statute of limitations in cases when the state is the plaintiff. However, we do not support the section of the bill addressing insurance policies procured by governmental agencies. The committee believes that this bill should be filed in the upcoming session with these two changes. **Vote 13-0.**

FINANCE

HB 1551-FN-A, establishing the John and Molly Stark scholarship program and making an appropriation therefor. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Karen Umberger for Finance. This bill looks to establish a John and Molly Stark scholarship program which would provide a one-half tuition-and-fees scholarship for a maximum of three years if a student attended any public postsecondary educational institution in New Hampshire. The scholarship recipients would be required to work in the state for a minimum of four years after graduation or repay the scholarship amount received in full. It would be difficult to track the scholarship recipients and whether or not they stayed in New Hampshire for the full four years. The committee believed that, although an excellent program, it would be difficult to administer and might not meet its goals. In an effort to increase the number of younger workers to either stay in New Hampshire or move to New Hampshire, two recommendations were made. Based on information provided to the committee, 27% of graduating seniors did not pursue any type of higher education, a small percentage chose the military as an option, but the remainder it was suggested should be the target of the scholarship to increase their skills as they would likely stay and work in New Hampshire. A second option was to assist with student loans after a student finished college and worked in the state. It was also suggested that perhaps employers or charities might be willing to contribute to this arrangement. The bill sponsors agreed to look at these options and work on legislation for a future session. **Vote 17-1.**

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

HB 1176, relative to nomination and qualification of fish and game commissioners.

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.

Rep. Ivy Vann for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee believes this legislation does not address the issues that are central to the discussion of the Fish and Game Commission, namely that the membership of the commission is focused on representing the sporting community and not the various other non-sporting related responsibilities that the Fish and Game Department has. **Vote 11-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 1310, establishing a commission to study health care for all residents of New Hampshire. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Thomas Sherman for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The subcommittee heard testimony about the issue of alternative insurance vehicles including universal health care. Many residents of New Hampshire have voiced concerns about affordability and accessibility of care through our current system. The subcommittee and full committee therefore felt further legislation creating a commission to study these issues is warranted. **Vote 13-3.**

HB 1406, establishing a commission to study the termination of Medicaid benefits when a person enters certain state institutions or county correctional facilities. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Kendall Snow for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill was considered by the subcommittee. The subcommittee recognized that the actions of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the suspension of Medicaid benefits within the correctional system satisfies the intent of the legislation. Therefore, no further action is required. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1541-FN, prohibiting placement of certain persons with a mental illness in the secure psychiatric unit, and authorizing the commissioner of the department of corrections to seek therapeutic alternatives. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Susan Ticehurst for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This legislation would prohibit placement of certain persons with a severe mental illness in the Secure Psychiatric Unit (SPU). The subcommittee discussed this at length and listened to extensive comments from individuals who have direct experience with the SPU. The committee recommended that further action be taken on this matter, specifically removing certain patients from the correctional system. The subcommittee identified three additional issues: 1) Improving the response to citizens awaiting transfer from community hospital emergency rooms to designated receiving facilities (DRF) in a timely manner; 2) Expanding the availability of DRF inpatient beds in community hospitals for the care of involuntarily committed individuals; and 3) Alternate treatment facilities for children and adolescents other than the New Hampshire Hospital Adult Unit. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 1619-FN, relative to the use of narcotics. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Donald LeBrun for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee does not recommend for future legislation because hospitals currently use a similar procedure in treating and educating patients that further help is available. **Vote 17-0.**

SB 325, relative to vaccines administered by pharmacists. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Thomas Sherman for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. During hearings regarding this bill, concerns were raised about the safety of experiments of immunization and vaccine availability for these specific vaccines without supporting infrastructure. No further input was received by the committee to alter this concern. Therefore, the committee did not recommend future legislation. **Vote 15-2.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 372, relative to certain private employers under workers' compensation. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Tammy Simmons for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The committee does not recommend legislation that carves out exceptions for one type of employer. The committee is also concerned about inadvertently creating a situation where both an injured worker and the assets of the employer are negatively impacted. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 1108, relative to inquiries by employers into the criminal history of applicants for employment. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Tammy Simmons for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority of the committee supports creating opportunities for those with past convictions to become gainfully employed. Future legislation that is less restrictive on the employer should be considered. **Vote 8-7.**

HB 1341, relative to employee payments to unions. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**
Rep. Tammy Simmons for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority of the committee recommends future legislature that would allow employees the option to decide to whom their agency fees should be paid. **Vote 8-7.**

HB 1463, relative to mandatory vaccines. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**
Rep. Andrew White for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The legislation could have severe unintended consequences. The committee understands protections provided in current law are adequate. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 1512, relative to the definition of “employee” for the purposes of workers’ compensation and unemployment compensation. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**
Rep. Leon Rideout for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The search for a common definition is a worthwhile goal and warrants further research. The committee realizes that goal might not be possible. The committee did find wide bipartisan support for not allowing a department to fine an employer who is caught between the conflicts in the definitions of employee. **Vote 13-2.**

HB 1523, relative to government construction contracts. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**
Rep. Brian Seaworth for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority of the committee agreed with the goal of the sponsor, which is that open and fair competition will result in the best quality and cost for state construction contracts. In particular, the bill sought to address the possibility of a commuter rail contract. **Vote 8-7.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 399-FN, establishing a force of state capitol security officers with the authority to carry firearms. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Russell Ober for Legislative Administration. In as much as this proposal has been implemented by the General Court Protective Services Office already, this legislation is no longer necessary. **Vote 6-0.**

HB 1441-FN, requiring business impact notes for proposed legislation. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Sherman Packard for Legislative Administration. The committee believes that this bill has merit and should move forward with future legislation. The committee was unanimous in its feeling that this process should focus on readily available information. The committee also recommends consideration of a pilot program which should include the solicitation of comments from affected agencies. The committee is concerned that, as introduced, this legislation would make it difficult to meet rules deadlines and getting legislation to committee in a timely fashion. Lastly, the committee recommends that a streamlined procedure be implemented. **Vote 6-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1513, relative to the duties of registers of probate. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**
Rep. Franklin Sterling for Municipal and County Government. This bill sought to reinstate the duties of the Register of Probate which were removed by legislation in 2011 (HB 609, Ch. 88, Laws of 2011). When the committee initially heard the bill it was thought to have been incomplete as drafted and needed further study. The bill was voted “Refer to Interim Study” and a subcommittee was established. The subcommittee met on September 27, 2016 with interested parties in attendance. After due consideration, which included hearing a lot more public testimony, the committee favors restoring the duties of Registers of Probate as they were conducted from 1878 to 2011, outlined in the NH Constitution, as a constitutional office, accountable directly to the people. The committee notes the language to remove all practical administrative duties of Registers of Probate in the 2011 session was enacted into law without the public notice and debate such a change in the duties of a constitutional office requires and deserves. The committee recommends that the original wording of HB 1513 from 2016 be introduced as new legislation for 2017. **Vote 11-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 1242, relative to rules of the department of transportation on driveway permits. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Karen Ebel for Public Works and Highways. This bill was not recommended for future legislation because the committee after much discussion during the last session, believed that the DOT driveway rules did not require additional review by JLCAR (Administrative Rules). **Vote 14-0.**

HB 1602-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. David Milz for Public Works and Highways. Committee considered this an important issue that needs further consideration and clarification. **Vote 13-1.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 1517, relative to temporary seasonal docks. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Resources, Recreation and Development. The committee recommends that legislation be filed to create a study committee on temporary seasonal docks. As the committee discussed the issues, we realized that every suggested solution had unintended consequences. Just decreasing the minimum setback, as is done in the bill as written, increased the possibility of conflicts between neighbors and possibly decreased water safety. The Department of Environmental Services, which currently has responsibility for docks, is not really set up to resolve such conflicts, but it needs to permit the lifting structures used with many seasonal docks. The docks themselves have no environmental impact, but the requirements for reporting and permitting depend on lot size. The Marine Patrol is responsible for most water safety, including moorings, but not docks. One solution that was strongly supported was to define dock location as a zoning issue, thereby letting the local zoning board settle disputes between neighbors. That, however, raises 28-a issues (unfunded state mandates on municipalities). Therefore, the committee unanimously voted for future legislation. The study committee would cover what government agency or agencies should be responsible for docks, whether a state-wide standard is appropriate, who should enforce the law, and what the appeal process should be. **Vote 13-0.**

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS

HB 369-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing a defined contribution retirement plan for public employees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jeffrey Goley for Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans. This bill would close the existing New Hampshire Retirement System's (NHRS) defined benefit retirement plan for new state and political subdivision employees, and replace it with a defined contribution plan for those new hires. Closing the defined benefit plan would substantially increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the NHRS by hundreds of millions of dollars - possibly more than \$1 billion. Because of those increased costs, which would have to be borne by the employers in the present system, the committee does not recommend this bill for future legislation. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 556-FN-LOCAL, establishing a cash balance plan for public employees in the retirement system. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Neal Kurk for Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans. This legislation would enact a cash balance defined benefit pension plan for new employees who are members of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS). It does not change, or in any way affect, the current, traditional, defined benefit retirement plan for all current employees. Under a cash balance plan, the employer guarantees a minimum return (5% in this case) on each employee's retirement account. If the pension plan earns a rate of return greater than the guaranteed minimum return, the employer and employee share the benefits of those excess investment earnings. All contributions, interest credits and dividends compound annually until the employee either retires or withdraws the accumulated benefits from the plan. An employee in the cash balance plan fully vests in five years, and the account is 100% portable. Generally speaking, the cash balance plan will be administered and invested the same way as the current plan. The primary difference between NH's current defined benefit plan and a cash balance plan is in the method of calculating the value of the final retirement account. Under the current plan, that value is based upon an employee's years of service and his average earnings in the final years before retirement. Under a cash balance plan, that value is based upon the amount of contributions, interest credits and dividends credited to the employee's account, compounded over the employee's years of service and final retirement date. The intent behind this cash balance plan is to provide employee retirement benefits that are essentially the same as the retirement benefits under the current NHRS plan, assuming the markets generate the same rate of return over future decades that they have in the past. The cash balance plan will substantially reduce the possibility that the NHRS's unfunded accrued liability, currently around 60%, will grow larger over time. That's because a cash balance plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The success of cash balance pension plans is amply demonstrated by the cash balance plan adopted by Nebraska in 2003. That plan has been very successful during both economic good times and the great recession. It was fully funded at 104% at the end of 2015, and employees have seen their accounts grow on average more than 7.90% per year over those twelve years. The committee recommends the cash balance pension plan for future legislation **Vote 7-6.**

HB 1449-FN, relative to additional temporary supplemental allowances for retired members of the retirement system. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.**

Rep. Frank Byron for Special Committee on Public Employee Pension Plans. This bill as drafted would provide certain existing retirees with a temporary, supplemental "13th" monthly check utilizing funds earned by the New Hampshire Retirement System's (NHRS) portfolio. Funding for this benefit would be triggered whenever the earnings on the NHRS portfolio exceeded 12.5% in the first fiscal year after June 30, 2017. Once triggered, 2.5% of the earnings for that fiscal year only would be set aside for use in providing these "13th"

checks. These checks would be issued annually until the available funds were exhausted. Those supporting the motion to “not recommend” this bill for future legislation felt that the cost of funding these “13th” checks from future earnings of the NHRS portfolio would add significantly to the NHRS’s unfunded liability (currently at approximately \$5 billion) and thus not be fiscally prudent. There was a discussion about funding such a supplemental retirement benefit from general fund revenues in the ordinary budgetary process. There was also discussion and disagreement over: (1) Which retirees should receive such a supplemental retirement benefit in terms of how many years of service, how many years the individual had been retired and collecting a benefit, and at what income level; and (2) Whether it should be a flat dollar amount payable to each eligible retiree or truly a “13th” payment of the eligible retiree’s existing monthly benefit. Finally, there was some sentiment expressed that this situation should be more appropriately addressed by the Decennial Retirement Commission scheduled to review the entire retirement system in 2017. Other members of the committee felt these issues could and should be addressed in future legislation. **Vote 6-6.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1583-FN, allowing for voluntary donations to veterans’ organizations through a check-off box on driver’s license applications and automobile registration forms. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. The committee respects the intent of this bill and supporting veterans organizations is a policy of this committee. However, the New Hampshire Constitution, Part II, Article 6-a states that after expenses, all money collected from vehicle fees shall be used exclusively for roads, repairs, safety, etc., and shall not be diverted for any other purpose. Article 6-a does not except voluntary revenue; therefore, the committee cannot recommend further legislation. The recent passage of HB 280 (Ch. 279, Laws of 2016) creates a new avenue for citizens to support veterans organizations without any constitutional or legal issues. This solves the problem of the state handling money for private charities, and allows them to be recognized on New Hampshire license plates. **Vote 11-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 569-FN-A, including certain nonprofit charitable enterprises under the business enterprise tax and reducing the rate of the tax. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. David Hess for Ways and Means. This bill would expand the base of the Business Enterprise Tax by subjecting a specific, limited subset of “non-profit” entities under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to that tax, while lowering the rate of the tax, making the bill revenue neutral. Based upon the amendment before the committee, only 501(c)(3) entities earning more than \$10,000,000 in fees for services rendered (as reported on line 9 of IRS Form 990) would be subject to the tax. These entities, numbering approximately 100, constitute a large and growing segment of our total state economy (currently estimated at around 15% of our GSP); are many of the largest employers in the state; are among the largest accumulators of wealth in our society; have executives who are among the highest paid CEOs in the state; use labor and capital resources (the components of the BET) just like “for profit” businesses; utilize state and local services the same way as “for profit” business organizations; and compete against and otherwise behave just like “for profit” big businesses. This bill would level the tax playing field for profits and non-profits providing essentially the same services, and recapture a large and growing part of the BET tax base which has shrunk as non-profit entities have been buying up for-profit organizations that formerly paid the tax. This bill does not apply to private foundations, churches, other purely religious organizations, and small local “Ma and Pa” charities. The revenues generated by this bill on a wage and salary base larger than \$2.5 billion, more than \$12.6 million, would initially lower the BET for all taxpayers to 0.70 percent. 501(c)(3) organizations are the only tax exempt entities under the Internal Revenue Code (out of 29 categories) explicitly exempt from the BET. By a greater than 2-1 majority, the Ways and Means Committee recommended this bill for future legislation. **Vote 13-6.**

HB 586-FN-LOCAL, relative to registration of automobile utility trailers. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Robert Nigrello for Ways and Means. The recommendation of the committee was to focus future legislation on commercial semi-trailers only. Testimony was given that just 5% of semi-trailers housed in NH are registered in NH, the balance are registered in other trailer friendly states with Maine being the preferred registrar. These other states have been very aggressive in granting multi-year discounts to trucking firms that register commercial trailers in their state, at the expense of the State of NH and its ability to maintain its highway system. The opposition’s concerns are startup costs, legality of interstate registrations, lack of safety inspections for the out of state trailers, and estimated vs. actual state revenue. **Vote 12-7.**

HB 1101, prohibiting charges to New Hampshire residents for the construction of high pressure gas pipelines. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Richard Ames for Ways and Means. In response to a petition filed by Eversource, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is currently considering whether NH law allows electric utilities (also

known as Electric Distribution Companies or EDCs) to enter into, and then charge ratepayers for the costs of, long term contracts acquiring gas transportation capacity on new high pressure natural gas pipelines. The petition is opposed by several intervenors including the NH Office of Consumer Advocate and the Conservation Law Foundation. Such contracts, if approved by the PUC, would help finance interstate pipeline developments. The development costs covered by such an approved contract would then be recovered through involuntary assessments on the electric utility's customers or ratepayers. Briefs filed by the parties to this PUC case dispute whether these long term contracts and involuntary ratepayer assessments are necessary to bring needed natural gas to NH or to moderate the cost of electricity in NH. The central legal issue in the case is whether or not such capacity acquisitions by EDCs would violate the state's electric utility restructuring principles as set out in RSA 374-F, particularly the principle calling for the functional separation of generating services (which are to be subject to open market competition) from transmission and distribution services (which are to continue under state regulation). This bill, as clarified and focused in an amendment considered by the committee, would resolve this legal dispute by simply prohibiting the imposition on ratepayers by electric utilities of any charges based on high pressure pipeline capacity contracts. A recent Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision ruled that such ratepayer charges are prohibited by Massachusetts law, but this decision is not dispositive of the legal issue under NH law. This ongoing legal dispute in NH raises important and complex public policy questions. The committee believes these questions should be considered and resolved by the Legislature, not by agency regulatory decision-making or by resort to the judiciary. Perceived ambiguity in the existing restructuring and electric utility regulation statutes is an invitation to time consuming and expensive litigation. Given both the complexity of the issues and the urgency of achieving a prompt resolution, the committee believes that a legislatively mandated study may be needed but that any such study should be prioritized so that definitive legislation can be acted on by the Legislature at the earliest possible date. **Vote 15-4.**

HB 1545-FN, relative to Lucky 7 tickets. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Gary Azarian for Ways and Means. The recent merger of the Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission into the Lottery Commission has raised many questions in regards to the regulation, oversight and revenues of the industry. Working in conjunction with the Lottery Commission, future legislation will be forthcoming to address not only these issues, but many other issues in the charitable gaming field. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1568-FN-A, (New Title) relative to prepaid road tolls for electric vehicles. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Bill Ohm for Ways and Means. Questions related to road toll assessments on high mileage vehicles are addressed by another bill, HB 1602, a bill that has also been referred for interim study. The sponsor of HB 1568 advised the committee of his belief that HB 1602 provides a better vehicle than HB 1568 for legislative consideration of these road toll issues. The committee agrees and therefore recommends no further action on the specific legislation proposed by this bill. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1572-FN, establishing a broadband deployment tax credit incentive program against the business profits tax and the business enterprise tax. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. David Hess for Ways and Means. Approximately 6.3% of the state's population either totally lacks broadband Internet service or is "under served" by broadband because their service is so slow. These 25,000 households live in rural and remote rural areas of the state where it is not economically viable for providers to extend broadband coverage. The lack of broadband access has an adverse economic, informational and social impact on these households. The Ways and Means Committee recommends future legislation to study and explore ways to address this issue. However, the committee rejects using BPT and BET tax credits as a way to address it, as this bill does. **Vote 16-3.**

HB 1650, relative to limits in table stakes poker. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Gary Azarian for Ways and Means. The recent merger of the Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission into the Lottery Commission has raised many questions in regards to the regulation, oversight and revenues of the industry. Working in conjunction with the Lottery Commission, future legislation will be forthcoming to address not only these issues, but many other issues in the charitable gaming field. **Vote 19-0.**

SB 552-FN, (New Title) relative to application of the Internal Revenue Code to provisions of the business profits tax. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. Much of the language of this bill was also found in SB 239. This bill went to interim study just in case SB 239 did not pass. A Conference Committee of the House and Senate reconciled the bills and insured that the intent of SB 552 was included in the SB 239 language. With that no future action will be required by the legislature next term. **Vote 19-0.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATOR ORIENTATION (RSA 17-C:1), Room 104, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10), Department of Education Londergan Hall, Room 15, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 212, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25), Room 303, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A LAND CONSERVATION PLAN (RSA 162-C:12), Room 100, SH**

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

DAIRY FARMERS TASK FORCE, Rooms 305-307, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), Room 101, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE SERVICES (RSA 126-A:72), Room 103, SH

3:30 p.m. Organizational meeting.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**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.

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

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k), Room 100, SH**

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

10:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire Internal Control Over the Safeguarding, Accounting For, and Reporting the State's Capital Assets, November 2016;
State of New Hampshire Department of Corrections Sexual Offender Treatment Program Performance Audit Report November 2016

GOVERNOR'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AGENCY BUDGET HEARINGS, Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:30 a.m. Opening Session – Governor Hassan
 9:40 a.m. Opening Remarks – Governor Elect
 9:50 a.m. USNH
 10:05 a.m. Break
 10:15 a.m. Department of Administrative Services
 10:40 a.m. Department of Safety
 11:05 a.m. Agriculture and Veterinarian Board
 11:20 a.m. Fish and Game
 11:45 a.m. Pease Development Authority
 12:00 p.m. Department of Environmental Services
 12:25 p.m. Lunch
 1:25 p.m. Veterans Home
 1:40 p.m. Office of Veterans Services
 1:55 p.m. Judicial Council
 2:10 p.m. Community Development Finance Authority
 2:25 p.m. Executive Council
 2:40 p.m. Department of Cultural Resources
 3:00 p.m. Department of Transportation
 3:25 p.m. Developmental Disabilities Council
 3:40 p.m. Employment Security
 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1), Room 301, LOB

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10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM COMMISSION (RSA 195-J:1), Room 202, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON HISTORIC BURYING GROUNDS (RSA 227-C:12-a), Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AGENCY BUDGET HEARINGS, Rooms 306-308, LOB

8:30 a.m. Liquor Commission
 8:50 a.m. Public Utilities Commission - Consumer Advocate
 9:15 a.m. Board of Tax & Land Appeals
 9:30 a.m. Treasury Department
 9:50 a.m. Department of Labor
 10:10 a.m. Insurance Department
 10:30 a.m. Break
 10:40 a.m. Human Rights Commission
 10:55 a.m. Adjutant General
 11:20 a.m. Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)
 11:40 a.m. Community College System of New Hampshire
 12:00 p.m. Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Police Standards & Training
 1:20 p.m. Office of Energy & Planning
 1:35 p.m. Regulatory Boards & Commissions - Public Employees Labor Relations Board
 1:50 p.m. Commission on Disabilities
 2:05 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services
 2:30 p.m. Revenue Administration
 2:55 p.m. New Hampshire Lottery
 3:15 p.m. Department of Justice
 3:35 p.m. New Hampshire Retirement System
 3:50 p.m. Adjourn

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2), Room 204, LOB
1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A LAND CONSERVATION PLAN (RSA 162-C:12), Room 100, SH
3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AGENCY BUDGET HEARINGS, Rooms 306-308, LOB
8:30 a.m. Secretary of State
8:45 a.m. Banking Commission
9:00 a.m. Department of Education
9:20 a.m. Department of Resources and Economic Development
9:40 a.m. Department of Information Technology
10:00 a.m. Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
10:20 a.m. Department of Corrections
10:45 a.m. Adjourn

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

BALLOT LAW COMMISSION (RSA 665:1), Room 301, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILD-LIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30), Room 307, LOB
11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4), Room 305, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND SCREENING COMMISSION (RSA 130-A:19), Room 101, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 301, LOB
10:30 a.m. Regular meeting. ***Please Note Room Change***

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1), Room 301, LOB *Please Note Room Change*****
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB
9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, 4 Barrell Court, Concord
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7, I), Department of Health and Human Services, Brown Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

COMMISSION TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HIKING TRAILS NETWORK (RSA 216-F:7), Room 100, SH
2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), New Hampshire National Guard Air Facility, 26 Regional Drive, Concord

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND FUTURE OF THE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RSA 126-A:5-e), Room 100, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

COMMITTEE TO STUDY RSA 461-A, RELATIVE TO PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (HB 378, Chapter 281:1, Laws of 2016), Room 205, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

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, DECEMBER 16

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1), Rooms 301-303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Coos** County Delegation will meet **Friday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.** at the County's Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown. Due to the storm the previous meeting was rescheduled. The 3rd financial quarter budget will be reviewed and approved.

Rep. Robert L. Théberge, Chairman

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.

Pursuant to SB 553, Chapter 204, Laws of 2016, the Medicaid Managed Care “Working Group” will hold regular meetings in Rooms 210-211, LOB, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** on the following dates: **Tuesday, November 15th; Friday, December 9th; and Tuesday, December 20th.**

Rep. Charles McMahon

A public hearing on the determination of the medical malpractice insurance market will be held on **November 15th at 10:00 a.m.** in the offices of the NH Insurance Department, 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 14, Concord. If you have any questions, please contact Christian Citarella at 271-2113 or by e-mail at Christian.citarella@ins.nh.gov.

Rep. Dick Hinch and Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

On **Tuesday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m.**, the New Hampshire Friends of Hungary will commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution with a brief ceremony at the Hungarian Revolution Plaque adjacent to the Hall of Flags. The ceremony will include comments by the Honorary Consul for Hungary in Boston, Gabor Garai. Following the ceremony, there will be a display in the State House cafeteria with brief comments being offered by Nick Czifrik and Peter Somssich, who both left Hungary as children in 1956. All are invited to attend.

Reps. Arthur Barnes and Laura Pantelakos

The Legislative Children’s Caucus will be meeting **Monday, November 17th at 1:00 p.m.** in LOB 206, and **Tuesday, December 20th at 1:00 p.m.** in LOB 206. All interested legislators are cordially invited to attend.

Rep. Skip Berrien

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference on Saturday, **November 19th 2016** from **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Whether you’re an energy committee member, local leader, engaged citizen, legislator, industry representative, or curious to learn more about clean energy technologies, practices, or policies, you don’t want to miss this conference. Featuring multi-track sessions, panel discussions, and a keynote address, the LES Conference is NH’s premier conference dedicated to achieving clean energy success in the Granite State. LES 2016 is co-hosted by the Local Energy Solutions Work Group and the NH Sustainable Energy Association. Learn more and register to attend this year’s conference at <http://www.nhenergy.org/les-conference.html>. Registration for NH Legislators is free.

Rep. Marge Shepardson

Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group cordially invites all House and Senate members and staff to their annual Welcome Back Reception on **Wednesday, December 7th**, at Tandy’s Top Shelf Restaurant, One Eagle Square (directly across the street from the State House) following the close of session, or at 3:00 p.m. should the session end early.

Rep. Gene Chandler and Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

STATE HOUSE VISITATION SCHEDULE

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors’ Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in 2016. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the school year and subject to changes. Note that large groups are divided into smaller groups for tours.

Please contact the Visitor Center concerning school tour booking information. Legislators planning to meet with students should notify the Visitor Center. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew, Director
Deborah Rivers, Public Information Administrator

DATE	TIME	GROUP	#/GRADE
Nov. 14	9:45/11:00	Reeds Ferry School – Merrimack	90/4
Nov. 14	1:30	Derry Homeschool group	11
Nov. 15	9:30/11:15	Hollis Brookline High School	95/HS

DATE	TIME	GROUP	#/GRADE
Nov. 15	10:30/12:00 SH/HM	Highbridge Hill Elementary School – New Ipswich	80/4
Nov. 15	3:00	Lincoln Financial Group	10/adults
Nov. 16	10:00*3 tours	Hills Garrison School – Hudson	125/4
Nov. 17	9:30	Woodland Community School – Bethlehem	6/6-8
Nov. 17	11:00	Sacred Heart School – Hampton	30/4
Nov. 18	10:00	Dublin Consolidated School	17/4
Nov. 18	10:15/11:30 SH/HM	Dr. Crisp Elementary School – Nashua	75/4
Nov. 21	9:15	Allenstown Elementary School	45/4
Nov. 21	10:15	Broad St. Elementary School – Nashua	53/4
Nov. 21	11:00	East Rochester Elementary School	58/4
Nov. 22	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Gilford Elementary School	90/4
Nov. 28	9:00	Mont Royal Academy – Sunapee	15/4
Nov. 29	8:30	Moultonborough Middle School	35/7
Nov. 29	9:30/11:00	Ledge St. School – Nashua	85/4
Nov. 29	12:45	Pleasant St. School – Laconia	58/4
Nov. 30	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Matthew Thornton School – Londonderry	120/4
Dec. 1	10:00 * 2 tours	Atkinson Academy (rescheduled)	70/4
Dec. 2	9:00	NH National Guard	45
Dec. 2	9:45/11:00	Danville Elementary School	60/4
Dec. 5	10:00 *2 tours	Pollard School – Plaistow	70/4
Dec. 6	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Hollis Upper Elementary School	117/4
Dec. 9	9:00/10:30 SH/CC	Bedford Memorial School	100/4
Dec. 13	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	Main Dunstable Elementary School – Nashua	95/4
Dec. 14	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Griffin Memorial School – Litchfield	90/4
Dec. 16	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Interlakes Elementary School – Meredith	65/4

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.

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