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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, February 15th, at 10:00 a.m. and will then be joined by the Senate in Joint Convention to hear Governor Sununu's State-of-the-State Address. The House will go back into session at 11:30 a.m.

Future sessions will be scheduled for February 22nd, March 6th (if necessary), March 7th (and 8th if necessary); March 21st (and 22nd if necessary).

State offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

There will not be a House session during the week of February 26th, so that week may be used as a break for those committees which have already met the March 1st deadline of reporting House bills not in a second committee.

The following reports are currently in my office: *Final Report of the 2017 Decennial Retirement Commission*; *2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission*; *NH Lottery Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*; *State of New Hampshire Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*; *2017 Annual Report of the Drug Offender Program*; *Report to the New Hampshire Insurance Department: Copayments for Chiropractic Care and Physical Therapy Services*; *State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation Turnpike System Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*; *Pease Development Authority Division of Ports and Harbors Annual Dredge Report 2017*; *Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Tract Report of Monitoring, Stewardship, and Road Maintenance Endowments*; *New Hampshire Vaccine Association 2017 Annual Report*; *Department of Revenue Administration's 2017 Tax Expenditure Report*; *New Hampshire Retirement System's Comprehensive Annual Investment Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*; *New Hampshire Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017*. If you would like to review any of these, please see Sandy Guinan in my office. These and future reports will be held through the end of the session. Also, several reports from statutory and chartered study committees can be found online at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/. Financial Audits and Performance Audits from the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant may be viewed at www.gencourt.state.nh.us/LBA/auditreports.aspx. Reports generated by many state departments and state agencies are also often posted on their individual websites.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of chairs and vice chairs on **Tuesday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m.** in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building.

Gene G. Chandler, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican caucus on **Thursday, February 15th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Richard W. Hinch

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic caucus on **Thursday, February 15th at 9:00 a.m.** in Rooms 210-211, LOB.

Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

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 2017-3 Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from Representative Joseph A. Pitre (October 30, 2017)

Representative Pitre has sought an Advisory Opinion about whether acceptance of payment for the costs related to attendance at an event in Las Vegas sponsored by the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), will qualify for exemption from the prohibition on “Gifts” under RSA 14-C:3, as “Expense Reimbursement” under RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(10), as defined in RSA 14-C:2, III.

Joining for the majority:

Honorable Donna Sytek, Chairman, Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice-Chairman, Representative Janet G. Wall, Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Representative David A. Welch, and David H. Bradley, Esq.

According to an agenda submitted by Representative Pitre, it appears that the educational sessions at the 2017 SEMA Show held October 30 through November 3, 2017, are geared toward sales and marketing, employee relations, and social media. While the sessions may be of interest to car aficionados, the conference clearly does not satisfy criteria required to qualify for an expense reimbursement under our ethics law and guidelines. As the Committee held in *Interpretive Ruling 2013-1*:

This exemption allows legislators to accept payment for the costs of travel to and attendance at an event, for example, fares, meals, accommodation, registration or attendance fees. The exemption applies only where the event is a *bona fide* conference, meeting, seminar, or educational or informational program that relates to the legislator’s duties. In this context, a “bona fide” event is taken to mean an event that is primarily focused on communicating information relating to matters of legislative concern to New Hampshire legislators, rather than directed at providing opportunity for tourism, entertainment, or recreation. Reimbursement for “junkets” or “see the sites” trips as part of a legislative group doesn’t qualify for the exemption — the event must offer, as a genuine and central element, organized learning about subjects that are or may become the focus of legislative activity in New Hampshire. (Emphasis supplied)

The SEMA Show is unlike other events that were the subject of prior advisory opinions. Those events were designed specifically for legislators to learn about an issue, such as a conference sponsored by the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee which focused on topics like U.S. energy policy, Medicaid reform, and cybersecurity (AO 2015-3), or the BIA-sponsored Legislative Leadership Summits for legislators held at the Mt. Washington Hotel which focused on issues such as New Hampshire’s tax structure, energy supply and cost, and healthcare availability and expense (AO 2015-2). Those events qualified as exceptions to the gift prohibition.

Based on the information provided by Representative Pitre about the conference’s purpose and activities, acceptance of the payment of expenses associated with the event would not qualify for exemption from the prohibition on “Gifts” under RSA 14-C:3, as “Expense Reimbursement” under RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(10), as defined in RSA 14-C:2, III.

The Honorable David W. Hess, dissenting, filed the following minority report:

I dissent from the Majority Response. I believe the reliance of that Response on *Interpretive Ruling 2013-1* is misplaced and unwarranted. Rather than follow that Ruling and cite it as precedent, I believe the language quoted from that Ruling is totally erroneous, without any basis in the underlying statutory and Ethics Guidelines language, and should be explicitly overturned and reversed. Consequently, I believe acceptance of the reimbursement of expenses associated with this event does qualify under RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(10) as an exemption from the prohibition on “Gifts” under RSA 14-C:3.

Interpretive Ruling 2013-1 states in pertinent part: “In this context, a ‘bona fide’ event is taken to mean an event that is primarily focused on communicating information relating to matters of legislative concern to New Hampshire legislators...the event must offer, as a genuine and central element, organized learning about subjects that are or may become the focus of legislative activity in New Hampshire.” (emphasis added). The Ruling does not explain why the term “bona fide” “[was] taken to mean” what it then proceeded to baldly assert. The Ruling cites no authority or basis for reaching that conclusion, or for adding such additional criteria or interpretive gloss to the meaning of “bona fide” as that phrase appears in statute and the Ethics Guidelines. RSA 14-C:2, III uses the phrase “bona fide” without any qualifications or further restrictive language. The same is true of Ethics Guideline 4, I(e). In the absence of such language in the governing authorities, I turn to the plain meaning of the phrase as generally understood.

Webster's defines "bona fide" as: "In or with good faith; without fraud or deceit; authentic; genuine, as a bona fide transaction." I believe Ruling 2013-1 came close to correctly interpreting this phrase consistent with this definition when it held that an event was not "bona fide" when it was "directed at providing an opportunity for tourism, entertainment or recreation...[i.e.] for junkets or 'see the sites' trips". (In further clarification, I would add the word "primarily" before the word "directed" to this description.)

There is no question that SEMA is a legitimate organization or that this SEMA Conference was anything but "genuine" or "authentic". The list of seminars - over 110 by my count - runs from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. for four full days and an additional half-day. Legislation is a topic of some of those seminars, although concededly not the "primary" or "central" topic of the conference. Further, the fact that Representative Pitre is identified as a member of the New Hampshire Chapter of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus is testimony to the fact that attending this conference is related to his office. There is no evidence or allegation that this conference was primarily a junket, or that fraud, deceit, bad faith or other nefarious motive was in any way involved in either the conference or in the proffered reimbursement of Rep. Pitre's expenses to attend this conference.

In short, there is no basis for finding that this proffered reimbursement of expenses is a prohibited "gift" under RSA 14-C:3 except for what I believe to be the totally erroneous interpretive gloss put on the statutory phrase "bona fide" by *Interpretive Ruling 2013-1*.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

For the Committee,
Donna Sytek
Chairman

[Vote: 6-1]

NOTICE

ALL reports, scheduling and notices are due in the House Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**. Reports and scheduling shall be turned in to House Committee Services for processing ***no later than 1:00 p.m.*** on Wednesday. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet the Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Wednesday, February 28, 2018

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, February 16, 2018
Friday, February 23, 2018
Friday, March 2, 2018

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2018 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, March 1, 2018	Last day to report House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 8, 2018	Last day to act on House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 15, 2018	Last day to report all House Bills
Thursday, March 22, 2018	CROSSOVER. Last day to act on all House Bills
Thursday, April 5, 2018	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 12, 2018	Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 26, 2018	Last day to report all remaining Senate Bills
Thursday, May 3, 2018	Last day to act on all remaining Senate Bills
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Last day to form committees of conference
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, May 24, 2018	Last day to act on committee of conference reports

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

HB 156-FN, including a fetus in the definition of "another" for purposes of certain criminal offenses. (Pending Question: Inexpedient To Legislate)

HB 236, relative to determination of parental rights and responsibilities and establishing a presumption in favor of shared residential responsibility. (No Pending Question)

HB 249, relative to showing a ballot. (Pending Question: Inexpedient To Legislate)

HB 477, relative to free speech on campuses in the university system and the community college system. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study)

HB 505, establishing an independent commission as an additional authorizing entity for chartered public schools. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study)

HB 1412-FN, relative to cruelty to non-captive wildlife. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study).

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

AS PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Amendment to House Rule 30 (m): (adding the following subparagraphs 1-4)

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Subcommittee on Elections to examine and report on the credentials of the members elected to serve in the House and to consider all petitions and other matters in relation to such elections or returns as shall be presented or come into question and may be referred to it.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Subcommittee on Mileage to determine the distance traveled by each member of the House and report to the House the names of the several members and the mileage allowed to each.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Subcommittee on Enrolled Bills to carefully examine each bill, enroll it, and report it, on behalf of the committee, to the body. If the examination of a bill shall disclose any clerical error or formal imperfection, it shall be reported back to the body with such amendments as are required to correct the same; and any measures so reported shall be subjected to amendment in those particulars and in no other respect.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Subcommittee on Member Conduct to hear matters in a non-public manner regarding the conduct of members (unless requested to be made public by the member accused), and find if there is merit for full committee referral, in which case the full committee shall conduct a public hearing on the matter and recommend to the full House any sanction, including letter of caution, reprimand, censure, or expulsion. Should the subcommittee determine, in its non-public proceeding, that the conduct of the member does not merit sanction, then the records of said proceedings shall be sealed.

2018 HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 143, relative to recommitment of a prisoner by the parole board. (SJ 1/3/2018)

HB 151, (New Title) establishing a committee to study the feasibility of using hemp in agricultural and industrial processes and to further study the licensing, registration, and permitting of industrial hemp growers. (SJ 1/3/2018)

HB 225-FN, (New Title) relative to information collection concerning electric renewable portfolio standards. (SJ 1/18/18)

HB 305, clarifying lessee liability for month-to-month leases. (SJ 1/3/2018)

HB 372, relative to construction of the terms "resident," "inhabitant," "residence," and "residency." (SJ 1/3/2018)

HB 390, (New Title) relative to parties on certain election forms and ballots. (SJ 1/3/2018)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

REGULAR CALENDAR- PART ONE

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1328-FN, relative to motor vehicle inspections. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. This bill changes the annual motor vehicle inspection from every year to every two years. It also raises the inspection sticker fee from \$3.25 to \$6.50. The committee heard from an overwhelming majority present on their reasons for opposing this bill. The miles driven annually, the harshness of our climate, the effects of de-icers that NH applies, and the failure rates with the current annual program were discussed. One statistic that was provided to the committee was that the state of Louisiana moved from annual inspections to biennial inspections in 2012. After the change they saw injury crashes increase 14.7% and fatal crashes increase 10.2%. **Vote 11-4.**

HB 1778-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to registration of commercial motor vehicles and operator's/drivers' licenses. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Craig Moore for the **Majority** of Transportation. This bill removes license and registration requirements for non-commercial vehicles. It fails to include an alternate funding mechanism for the lost highway fund revenue. It also fails to include a method of determining when a vehicle is being used commercially. These are fatal defects that make it impossible to implement. **Vote 13-1.**

Rep. Glen Dickey for the **Minority** of Transportation. The constitutionality of the right to travel has been repeatedly upheld by the courts. In the past this was understood to be the right to travel public roads and byways without hindrance by government agents. In the modern age the people have been deprived of this right through the institutions of the state. This bill seeks to remedy this loss of rights by the citizenry.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 1293-FN, establishing the complex divorce court within the judicial branch family division. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Daniel Itse for Children and Family Law. This bill would create a special court within the Circuit Court Family Division that would have the power to correct injustices created by the admission of evidence that was factually flawed. Previous testimony had indicated the need for such powers, but current testimony is to the contrary. The committee believes that more time is necessary to sort out the details, determine what if anything has changed, and ensure that justice is served. **Vote 13-0.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 1557-FN, requiring meetings and sessions of committees of the house of representatives to be recorded and made available on the Internet. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brad Bailey for Legislative Administration. While the committee was in agreement that the sponsors brought forward a bill with the intention of providing the public with more transparency, several issues were raised that the committee felt make this bill problematic. The bill would place a camera and microphones in each House committee room and require each meeting printed in the House Calendar, including public hearings, work sessions, executive sessions, and House committees of conference, to be recorded and available to the public. The start-up cost was projected to be almost \$300,000 with a yearly cost of close to \$200,000. Some members were concerned this was a large and ongoing expense. Secondly, it was pointed out that not all committee meetings convene within the State House or during the week, defeating the purpose of having all committee meetings available to the public in digital form. Another issue raised was the possibility of whether the microphones could clearly record all audio. The manager of the General Court Information Systems Office (GCIS) stated he could not guarantee that all comments would be audible. The prime sponsor stated that one of the advantages of the recordings included the ability of the courts to use the archived meetings to go back and determine what the intent of the committee was on a particular bill. The Clerk of the House pointed out that in any case before the courts, the permanent journal is the official record of House proceedings and is the source used for determining legislative intent in such cases. Also of concern was the sensitivity of some hearings. The bill does not address the issue that members of the public may be intimidated by a requirement to speak about highly personal and sensitive issues in front of a camera which would be recorded, available to the public and archived indefinitely, such as in a Children and Family Law hearing. This could have a chilling effect on public participation. Finally, the bill states that this new system would take effect within 60 days of passage and the manager of GCIS said that it is unlikely that this deadline could be met. **Vote 10-0.**

REGULAR CALENDAR- PART TWO

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 427, allowing hobby distillation of liquors. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Edward Butler for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Commerce Committee is often supportive of the growth of businesses and hobbyists regarding the distillation and brewing of alcoholic beverages. However our hands are tied when it comes to allowing the home distillation of spirits because a permit from the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau is required. **Vote 12-1.**

ELECTION LAW

SB 33, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Norman Silber for Election Law. This bill addresses the definition of political advocacy organizations as to registration requirements for the origination and registration of expenditures and donors. While the committee heard testimony supporting the bill, because of a belief it would provide full transparency, the committee also heard testimony that it failed to appropriately distinguish issue advocacy and candidate advocacy. While the ideas expressed were of interest for legislation, given the concerns of its effect the committee recommended referring the bill for Interim Study. **Vote 18-2.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 438, eliminating the automatic union dues payment for state employees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark MacKenzie for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The committee determined the legislation presented which would have eliminated the ability of employers to deduct union dues was unnecessary. The proposal would have set aside negotiated provisions in collective bargaining agreements throughout the state. The sponsor of such legislation did not present a compelling argument which would have warranted this change. **Vote 19-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 114, relative to minimum electric renewable portfolio standards. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Herbert Vadney for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This retained bill will reduce the cost of electricity by cutting costs in the renewable portfolio standard (RPS). RPS provides subsidies to renewable energy programs through an elaborate mechanism that requires power suppliers, including utilities, to purchase renewable energy credits (RECs) based on a percentage of the total megawatt-hours of electricity that they sell. If power suppliers cannot find sufficient RECs to purchase, they can comply with the RPS by making alternative compliance payments (ACPs). The cost of RECs and ACPs gets passed along to customers in the form of higher power supply rates on their bills. RPS classifies renewable energy sources, such as solar or biomass, using a class system. Class 1 renewable comprises a variety of new renewable energy sources and therefore constitutes the largest class. It also generates the most RECs. This bill caps the growth in Class 1 requirements at 6% instead of allowing that requirement to grow to 15% by 2025. This reduction in the growth of the Class 1 requirement will insure that RECs remain plentiful to meet obligations, which keeps the cost of the RPS from growing too quickly. **Vote 11-10.**

Rep. Robert Backus for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would eliminate the presently mandated increase in Class 1 renewable energy goals to be achieved by 2025. NH has long had a policy goal of achieving 25% of our electric energy needs from energy efficiency and renewable sources by the year 2025. The law today would ramp up the share to be obtained from new renewable sources from the 6% established for 2015 to 15% by 2025. This bill, on the other hand, would leave the goal at only 6%. The minority believes that the present goal should be retained. Renewable energy can and will help control electric energy costs, reduce our dependence on foreign or out-of-state fuels, improve environmental quality (with associated health benefits from improved air quality), and develop good jobs that cannot be outsourced. It seems particularly unwise to cut the goal from Class I, which is the class for new sources. At a time when many other states are increasing their goals, including Massachusetts and New York, this seems very unwise. There was far more testimony in favor of maintaining the present goal than support for leveling it. Finally, many of the witnesses emphasized the need to maintain the stability of the program. A program that changes with each new legislature makes it problematic for businesses and others to effectively participate.

HB 141, relative to electric renewable energy classes. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Murotake for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill, as amended, makes a technical adjustment to the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) law to allow the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to periodically modify Classes I and II when necessary so that supply and demand are better balanced in each class in a given year and markets remain viable. This tool is currently used successfully in Classes III and IV. It has previously resulted in reducing costs to ratepayers that would have otherwise been incurred due to renewable energy certificates being sold into other markets. The PUC will be undertaking a statutorily mandated review of the RPS in 2018. The majority of the committee feels this technical change gives the PUC more appropriate flexibility and is useful in reducing energy costs. **Vote 17-4.**

Rep. Robert Backus for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill, as amended, would allow the Public Utilities Commission, for cause and after notice and hearing, to modify the incremental renewable energy goals for two of the four classes of renewable energy by which NH intends to achieve its overall goal of 25% renewable energy supply by 2025, including Class I which sets the goal for new renewable energy projects. Although the minority believes the amendment eliminates the most troublesome aspects of the bill, we still believe that no reason to change the current law has been identified, and that any mechanism to lower our commitment to renewable energy is unneeded and unwise. Therefore, the minority believes the bill should not pass.

SB 128-FN, relative to the policy goal of electric utility restructuring. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Keith Ammon for Science, Technology and Energy. The cost of energy remains an issue for New Hampshire's commercial and residential consumers. In the late 1990's the state's electric industry was restructured to transition from a centrally planned and state-run operation to one that would establish competition between private generators within a regulated market. The vague language in parts of SB 128, such as "other measures" or "pursue measures expected to mitigate the cost of electric," could potentially grant sweeping new powers to the Public Utilities Commission which some fear could undermine the slow and steady transition to more free market energy solutions brought about by restructuring. Also, gas supply or capacity is explicitly exempted from the bill's provisions. 50% of our generating capacity currently comes from natural gas. During public testimony, "other measures" seemed to refer solely to power purchase agreements (PPAs), specifically one between Eversource and Hydro Renewable Energy which would make use of the proposed Northern Pass transmission project to deliver the power. Since this PPA proposal has now been withdrawn by Eversource, the urgency for this aspect of the bill has passed. The committee determined that further study is necessary on this bill to ensure that well-intentioned measures to mitigate electricity costs are implemented in ways as to not inadvertently increase central planning by regulators, thereby undermining free market solutions.

Vote 17-4.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 193, relative to traffic control measures. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Torosian for Transportation. This bill takes a common sense approach to using a standard that is currently in place and used successfully when determining whether a road project requires a uniformed police officer or an approved "traffic flagger." This bill simply uses the same current standard that has been used for many years and which provides for the safe flow of traffic around work areas. This bill gives local town and city officials the discretion to make exceptions for unique circumstances in their towns. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 388-FN, relative to special number plates for veterans and armed forces members. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Timothy Soucy for Transportation. The intent of this bill is to allow veterans to be eligible for special number plates under this chapter for trailers. Vanity plates may not be issued under this section for a trailer, which keeps the cost of implementation low. The original bill called for veteran's versions of all plates. The committee amendment cuts this back to trailers only. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 160, authorizing religious nonmedical personnel, consistent with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines, to certify eligibility for walking disability plates and placards. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Werner Horn for the **Majority** of Transportation. This bill will allow religious non-medical personnel to be able to issue certifications for disability placards to individuals who do not utilize traditional medical options for religious reasons. The inclusive nature of the bill provides for the present and future needs of all granite staters. **Vote 11-3.**

Rep. Chris True for the **Minority** of Transportation. This bill will authorize non-medical religious personnel to certify the eligibility for a person to get a walking disability license plate. The minority does not believe there is a demonstrated need for this bill.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 124-FN, repealing certain aircraft registration fees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. The original bill that came out of the Transportation Committee and voted ought to pass on the consent calendar by this body called for the elimination of all aircraft registration fees. The bill came to the Ways and Means Committee as the second committee since it involved taxes and fees. Ways and Means amended the bill to be revenue neutral since it was clear no money would be forthcoming from the general fund to support aviation which in round numbers comes from \$1 million in registration fees and \$0.25 million in fuel taxes. It was apparent that we were looking at a zero-sum game and that we needed to alter fees and taxes with the end result in revenue of \$1.25 million. The reason for recasting how we achieve the \$1.25 million is that our system for coming up with registration fees for an individual aircraft is based upon millage rates and weight. This formula has resulted in new large aircraft being charged up to \$300,000 for the first year of registration. In short, this policy has chased away all aircraft owners from registering new and larger planes in NH. At the same time, Massachusetts eliminated its sales tax on planes and now has a top rate of \$300 per year to register there. We are losing these aircraft to fields like Hanscom in Massachusetts. Everyone agreed we need to fix this problem. Upon research we discovered that our fuel taxes were extremely low as compared to other states and much lower than Massachusetts. With much input from the small plane owners, the large plane owners, the small airports, the large airports, and the base operators, a compromise was reached that lowered the registration fees on average, but increased the fuel taxes but in a way that we are still well below most states. The result is this bill will generate \$1.25 million a year in revenue which would come from \$0.41 million in registration fees and \$0.84 million in fuel taxes. This compromise was supported by most of the various interest groups that participated in a total of five subcommittee meetings. We are certain that this will help bring back the aviation industry to NH. In addition, we feel this will help us retain the airplane timeshare companies that are based in our state. These changes should help companies that modernize their fleets to stay in NH and not move their operations to Massachusetts. This bill also insures that our 25 airports in this state would continue to be given modest assistance from the revenues generated from these registration fees. **Vote 22-1.**

HB 529-FN-A-LOCAL, phasing out and repealing the interest and dividends tax. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. The committee felt that the phasing out and repealing of the interest and dividends tax was not prudent fiscal policy at this time. More specifically, many want to see the full impact of the business tax cuts on overall revenues before we consider this. However, there was support for increasing the exemptions for all filers. Being mid-biennium with the state budget set, it was felt amending the bill at this time could not be done in a revenue-neutral manner. It is important to point out that there was a bill filed to be heard in session year 2018 addressing the increasing of exemptions. The committee voted interim study on this bill to work in sync with the bill that has been filed. **Vote 20-3.**

REGULAR CALENDAR- PART THREE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1213, removing the exception for married minors from the definition of sexual assault. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jody McNally for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. It makes little sense to allow our young children to get married with judicial and/or parental consent and then prosecute them for consummating their marriage. **Vote 12-8.**

HB 1437, relative to tattoos on state law enforcement officers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Scott Wallace for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would regulate tattoos on state law enforcement officers by law. This is unnecessary legislation as tattoos are already unauthorized by NH State Police hiring and human resources policies. Passing this law would require its rescission should the NHSP need to adjust its policies in the future. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1511-FN, relative to the death of a fetus for the purpose of certain homicide charges. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Beth Rodd for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. SB 66, defining fetus in terms of "another," went into effect January 1, 2018. There has not been time to evaluate the consequences/effectiveness of SB 66. This bill tightens the intent of SB 66 by reducing the gestational age for criminal assault charges from 20 to 8 weeks. It is possible that a pregnant woman would not even be aware of her pregnancy at 8 weeks. In addition, it would be difficult to ascertain whether the spontaneous abortion/miscarriage was a result of an assault or maternal causes. This bill also removes the ban on maternal liability. **Vote 13-7.**

Rep. John Burt for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The majority of Republicans found this bill, with amendment, to mirror current legislation with one difference: it lowers the age of legal protection to eight weeks. The committee heard testimony about a grieving grandmother who beseeched our House to recognize the existence of the grandson she lost when her daughter was killed in a vicious hammer attack in Manchester by a boyfriend. Only about ten weeks in utero, this baby was precious to the family and the lack of legal meaning in New Hampshire compounded the family's grief. N. H.'s current fetal homicide law begins protection at twenty weeks. Florida had a similar law until a tragic case occurred. A 26-year old woman, Reme Jo Lee, lost her unborn child at seven weeks. Her boyfriend had substituted an antibiotic pill for an abortion-inducing one. The Florida legislature then amended their law to cover unborn children at any age. Must we wait for a similar tragedy to happen here? No one knows whose family could be affected, perhaps one of ours. This amendment will recognize the work that went into the current law, but extend legal protection to cover most cases of fetal homicide.

HB 1566, prohibiting open carry of a firearm in certain public places. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Burt for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The majority of the committee knows that it is against the constitution to tell private bars, doctor's offices, and churches that open carrying of a firearm is prohibited. Those businesses and churches have the right to ban open carrying of a firearm if they wish. For many years New Hampshire citizens have had the right to carry a firearm in public unconcealed. This bill is not needed. **Vote 12-8.**

HCR 13, condemning hate crimes and any other form of racism in New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert Renny Cushing for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This concurrent resolution condemns hate crimes and other forms of conduct that constitutes racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination based on disability, age, marriage, familial status, sexuality or gender discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus contrary to law in New Hampshire. The committee heard painful and powerful testimony about recent actions of violence in the state that were directed at vulnerable populations, including the attempted lynching of a biracial child in Claremont. The majority was inspired by the community response in rejecting hate and bigotry, and applauds the action by the governor to establish an Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion. It recommends passage this concurrent resolution to reinforce the legislature's commitment to a state that works for and embraces all and rejects hate. **Vote 13-7.**

Rep. John Burt for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The majority of the Republicans on the Criminal Justice committee find hate crimes and racism in New Hampshire unacceptable. The majority of the Republicans on the Criminal Justice committee know that this bill even though well intended only brings more division among the citizens of N.H. The majority of the Republicans on the Criminal Justice committee know that House Joint Resolution 5, which includes the Senate, is a more direct and to the point resolution against hate crimes and racism in New Hampshire.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 1386, establishing a joint committee on employee relations. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Philip Bean for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This legislation simply restores the joint committee on employee relations to “pre 2009” status. The intent is to execute best practices in the appointment process to better serve the state of New Hampshire, the governing body and New Hampshire employees. **Vote 8-5.**

Rep. Douglas Ley for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This proposal reconstitutes the membership of the Joint Committee on Employee Relations to its former membership structure; the minority believes this is due to the lack of appointments made by the Governor. In essence, it is a legislative solution to a political problem, a problem which could easily be resolved without changes to statutes.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 1223, establishing a commission to study legislator compensation. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert Nigrello for Legislative Administration. This bill would establish a 13-member commission to study legislator compensation including mileage. The committee would also be charged with comparing New Hampshire’s compensation level to the compensation paid to other state legislators. It further requires a study of the demographic composition and socioeconomic background of New Hampshire legislators in an effort to identify ways to increase participation and diversify the composition of the legislature. The committee agrees that compensation is well below all other domestic legislative bodies. The majority agreed that a study may lead us to a constitutional change, which would be extremely difficult to adopt, or a compensation change that would impact the budget. For these reasons the majority recommends that the bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 8-3.**

HB 1649, relative to the determination of mileage for legislators and legislative officers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel for Legislative Administration. This bill would authorize the Joint Committee on Legislative Facilities to determine the mileage for legislators. House Rule 30(m) states that it shall be the duty of the Committee on Legislative Administration to consider all matters pertaining to the legislative process including mileage, elections, the journal, house resolutions, etc. This process has worked well for a very long time, and should not be changed. It is fair and equitable as is. **Vote 8-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1630, relative to unfunded property tax exemptions or credits. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Franklin Sterling for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill seeks to put into statute language that is already enshrined in the state constitution as part the first article 28-a. The committee is of the opinion that this is unnecessary and redundant. **Vote 14-1.**

Rep. Francis Gauthier for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The property tax is the flagship of funding in New Hampshire. It is expensive and causes hardship to low- and middle-income individuals. There is a tremendous list of exemptions already in existence. Any time a new exemption is added, it shifts the cost to the small percentage of people who actually pay property taxes; and that percentage is shrinking all the time.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 1278, naming the rest area in Colebrook after Frederick W. King, Sr. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Gene Chandler for Public Works and Highways. This bill names the rest area on Rt. 3 in Colebrook after former representative and senator Fred King. Mr. King’s litany of public service to the state and the North Country is legendary. The Coos County Commissioners and the Colebrook Board of Selectmen enthusiastically endorsed the naming of the rest area after Mr. King. The naming of this very visible facility in the North Country is a fitting tribute to a citizen of the North Country who donated many years of public service to benefit his constituents and the citizens of NH. **Vote 19-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1581, relative to commencement of an administrative license suspension. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Werner Horn for Transportation. This bill seeks to address a potential issue where a driver loses his license at an administrative hearing and is unable to drive himself home. The solution is to move the effective date of suspension in certain instances. The amendment clarifies exactly when the suspension takes place and eliminates a conflict with suspension timing requirements for habitual offender hearings. **Vote 11-4.**

HB 1628-FN, relative to number plates for motor vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Craig Moore for Transportation. This bill authorizes certain passenger vehicles to display one number plate instead of two. The authorization is based on the activity of an E-Z Pass. If the E-Z Pass goes inactive a second plate would need to be issued or the registrant of the vehicle would be in violation of law. **Vote 11-4.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 1355, establishing a commission to study adaptation of the tax structure of the state to economic and demographic change. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. The bill called for the establishment of a commission to study the adaptation of the tax structure of the state to economic and demographic change. Since the commission would only be allowed to address current taxes in its study, and since there were no compelling arguments that our current taxes are impeding economic growth and demographic change, the majority of the committee voted this bill inexpedient to legislate. The reasoning of the majority is that the legislative process has been the best course to modify tax policy. Over the last several terms, the legislature, for instance, has indeed lowered the business profits tax and business enterprise tax to stimulate economic growth. The majority feels that our tax structure has served us well over the years, resulting in New Hampshire being ranked number one or very high on most measures of success when compared to other states. The majority may have supported this proposed commission if we were ranked below average on these measures. **Vote 13-10.** Rep. Paul Henle for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. There have been no major changes to the tax structure of New Hampshire since 1970 when the stock and trade tax was repealed and replaced with the business profits tax. Since then, the population of the state has nearly doubled. The median age has gone from 33 years old to over 41 years old now. We have moved from an agricultural/manufacturing economy to a high-tech economy. The population density has increased dramatically in the southern part of the state and decreased dramatically in the northern part. Is our tax structure still meeting our needs? Businesses cannot find the workers they need. Millennials are leaving the state. We have a housing shortage. Are there any changes we could make to our tax structure that would help us solve these problems? This bill creates a commission to study these issues. We passed it last year on a voice vote, but it failed to become law. Times have changed since then, let's pass it and study this issue.

HB 1548-FN, relative to meals and rooms taxes applicable to room remarketers. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bill Ohm for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill clarifies existing law to state that the fee charged by a room remarketer is taxable, not just the net amount paid to the owner of the property. This contention of just what is taxable remains in litigation, with NH having lost a lower court case. The case is currently on appeal to the NH Supreme Court. A complication of the bill is requiring real estate agents to collect and pay the tax, which they now simply remit to the property owner. The majority feels that it would be premature to take a position while the court case is pending, and such legislation should be deferred until litigation is concluded. **Vote 14-9.**

Rep. Susan Almy for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill clarifies the state of existing rooms and meals tax law as it applies to online travel companies and any other third-party, agent, or other arrangement giving a person the ability or authority to engage in the sale of taxable accommodations. It also provides that if the occupancy is reserved, booked, arranged for, or otherwise facilitated in whole or part by a room remarketer, the remarketer is the party obligated to collect and remit the full amount of rooms and meals tax due. Because there is significant confusion and noncompliance among taxpayers about the remarketer issue, this clarification would increase compliance and even the playing field among businesses and individuals that rent taxable accommodations. There is already a formal agreement with Airbnb to collect the full tax, and lawsuits claiming remarketer exemption have lost in all but one case. A lawsuit in NH is under appeal after the judge declared that our law is insufficiently specific.

HB 1679-FN, relative to the real estate transfer tax to be paid on certain acquisitions of business entities. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Marc Abear for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill provides for the tax on transfers of real property to apply to certain acquisitions of over 50% of the common stock of a business entity by another business entity. This bill is aimed at elimination of a tax exemption. Neither department potentially affected by this change, the Department of Revenue Administration and the Public Utilities Commission, can identify any determinable gain to the state. This move reduces economic freedom with no revenue gain demonstrated. **Vote 13-10.**

Rep. Richard Ames for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. Proponents of HB 1679 assert that a 2016 amendment to RSA Chapter 78-B, the real estate transfer tax, may have inadvertently opened a loophole in the tax by adding a broad exemption from tax of certain transactions where real estate titles are transferred in connection with changes in beneficial ownership. As an example of this, the proponents have pointed to the 2017 transaction by which Eversource avoided payment of real estate transfer tax when it acquired benefi-

cial control and ownership of all of Aquarion NH's property. The minority believes that the question raised by HB 1679 proponents raises serious questions about the fairness and sufficiency of the current law, that these questions are complex and require further research, and accordingly that the bill should be referred for interim study.

HB 1681-FN, establishing an early childhood development tax credit against business taxes administered by the community development finance authority. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Arthur Barnes for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill allows a business to contribute to the Community Development Finance Authority for the purpose of funding early childhood development projects and receive a tax credit equal to 75% of the contribution against its business taxes. This bill is one of a number of bills that would establish new programs funded using business tax credits. Without commenting on the need or value of these programs, it is the source of funding that is the concern. The majority of the committee had no issue with supporting early childhood development. The issue is with the funding of the program through tax credits. This legislation insures funding for this program without having to go through the budget process every two years like most other programs. The majority of the committee feels these types of tax credits reduce the amount of revenue available to the Finance Committee to budget all competing priorities. **Vote 14-9.**

Rep. Joelle Martin for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. There was overwhelming and compelling testimony in support of this bill due to the dire need for child care infrastructure financing in our state. The business community spoke to the workforce crisis and the challenge they are facing hiring workers due to the shortage of quality child care in NH. The child care community testified to the difficulty they are having accessing capital for both expansion and improvement projects. Child care agencies operate on shoestring budgets and are often faced with financial strains due to facility compliance requirements for safety and quality reasons. This bill, with very little impact on state revenues and no impact on our FY18-19 budget, would have a huge positive impact on our young children, their working parents, and child care providers by making the needed capital available to improve and expand high quality childcare facilities in New Hampshire.

HB 1710-FN-A, relative to the provision allowing operators to retain a portion of meals and rooms taxes collected and the appropriation of meals and rooms tax revenues to school building aid. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for Ways and Means. Currently, a well-developed system is in place to compensate business owners as agents of the state in collecting the meals, rooms, and rental tax. The proposed bill would, if enacted, penalize businesses for the operations they are required by law to undertake. The penalty to the business is most evident when debit or credit card transactions are considered. The vast majority of the committee felt this bill only added to the overhead of a business through these penalties. **Vote 20-3.**

HB 1821-FN, repealing Keno. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Bill Ohm for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill proposes to repeal keno, and consequently a source of funds for kindergarten. The amount of the reduction is approximately \$8.9 million per year. The testimony indicated that keno revenue is running ahead of projections, and the majority feels it should remain as a viable source for kindergarten. **Vote 15-8.**

Rep. Richard Ames for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. There are two parts to HB 1821. The first part, contained in sections 1, 2 and 4 of the bill, repeals Keno. The minority agrees with the majority in rejecting this proposed repeal of Keno; this part of the bill should be killed. But the second part of HB 1821, contained in section 3 of the bill, deserves support. This second part of HB 1821 simply de-links Keno revenues from full-day kindergarten. The minority supports this part of the bill believing that communities providing full-day kindergarten should be able to do so knowing that the amount of state aid that they will receive will not be subject to the ups and downs of Keno play. Accordingly, the minority believes that the majority's inexpedient to legislate recommendation goes too far and urges its rejection so that the minority's amendment may be considered. The minority amendment strips out the part of HB 1821 that would repeal Keno and leaves in place the part that de-links Keno revenues from full-day kindergarten funding. If the bill with the minority amendment is adopted, Keno revenues will continue to flow into the state education fund, as is constitutionally required, and full-day kindergarten grants will be determined in FY 2020 and later years solely on the basis of per-student base and differential education adequacy aid calculations without any further limitation.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting on utility valuation.

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73), Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY GRANDFAMILIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 170-G:17), Rooms 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY CERTAIN INVESTMENTS BY MUNICIPALITIES (SB 72, Chapter 37:1, Laws of 2017), Room 102, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Department of Corrections, 281 North State Street, Concord.

10:00 a.m. Tour of Secure Psychiatric Unit (entry at the back).

Room 306, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1530**, requiring criminal history records checks for applicants for allied health professional licensure or certification.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1), Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Technical Division Board Room, 121 South Fruit Street, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1), Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1), New Hampshire Technical Institute, Sweeney Crocker Building, Room 235, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT (RSA 135-C:63-c), Room 206, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LEGALIZATION, REGULATION, AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA (RSA 318-B:46), Room 202, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Department of Health and Human Services, 36 Clinton Street, Concord.

10:00 a.m. Tour of New Hampshire Hospital. Directions: From Interstate 93, north or south, take Interstate 89 north to Clinton Street, exit 2. Turn right onto Clinton St at end of ramp. The main entrance to the hospital is the first left after the second traffic light and before the Concord District Court.

Room 306, LOB

11:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1434**, relative to the New Hampshire council on developmental disabilities; **HB 1427-FN**, relative to membership in the retirement system for certain officials; **HB 1603**, relative to employee representation on the independent investment committee in the New Hampshire retirement system; **HB 1729-FN**, allowing the state retiree medical benefits subsidy to be used for alternative group insurance plans; **HB 1757-FN**, relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement system annuities at age 65; **HB 1754-FN-L**, establishing a state defined contribution retirement plan for state and political subdivision members of the retirement system.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee meeting on early learning.

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.

SEACOAST COMMISSION ON LONG TERM GOALS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:5), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB**

10:00 a.m. **HB 1775**, relative to the appointment of guardians ad litem in parenting cases.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1774**, relative to parenting plans and relocation of a child's residence.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1633**, relative to alimony.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1475**, relative to the procedure for filing a protective order.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1384**, relative to the evidence standard used in child abuse and neglect cases.

3:15 p.m. **HB 1801-FN**, relative to removal of a child under the child protection act and establishing the crime of abuse of a minor.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1484**, relative to late fees and early payment discounts in manufactured housing parks; **HB 1597**, relative to grounds for receivership involving a manufactured housing park; **HB 1607**, relative to the appointment of a receiver for properties which are a threat to health and safety; **HB 1635**, allowing a license for short-term rentals; **HB 1715-FN**, relative to arbitrary and unreasonable rent increases in manufactured housing parks.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1435-FN**, relative to business registration requirements.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1733-FN**, relative to digital electronic product repair.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1662-L**, requiring radon air testing on all new residential construction.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1214**, prohibiting the sale of certain furniture with flame retardant chemicals.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1610**, requiring sellers of real property to disclose certain information concerning environmental hazards.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1602**, establishing an assurance deed and procedures therefor.

2:45 p.m. **HB 1505**, relative to the MasoniCare charter.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive Session on pending legislation.

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1372**, prohibiting the implanting of subcutaneous identification devices in individuals.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1253**, relative to membership of the cooperative school district budget committees; **HB 1469-L**, relative to the dissolution of cooperative school districts; **HB 1594**, relative to the disposition of property upon withdrawal from cooperative school districts; **HB 1598-L**, relative to the vote to withdraw from a cooperative school district; **HB 1493**, relative to the statewide assessment system of performance in schools; **HB 1494**, relative to the definition of academic standards; **HB 1495**, relative to standards for determining an adequate education; **HB 1496**, relative to requirements for performance based accountability for an adequate education; **HB 1497**, relative to accountability for school performance; **HB 1637**, requiring school districts to establish policies relating to suspensions and expulsions.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1224**, relative to election dates; **CACR 11**, relating to elections. Providing that a majority of selectmen shall be present at certain polling places; **HB 1345**, relative to election officers at additional polling places; **HB 1713**, relative to the transfer of digital copies of voter checklists to qualified political organizations and candidates; **HB 1770-FN-L**, relative to verification of checklists; **HB 1368**, relative to political contributions made by limited liability companies; **HB 1667-FN**, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions and relative funding source disclosure for political advertising; **HB 1666**, relative to redistricting; **HB 1699**, relative to state representative districts for Hudson and Pelham; **HB 1239**, relative to nomination of political organizations; **HB 1448**, relative to the definition of "party" for election purposes; **HB 1479-L**, relative to the nomination of political candidates; **HB 1568-FN**, allowing voters to register as members of political organizations; **HB 1520-FN**, relative to access to ballots and relative to verification counts of machine-counted ballots; **HB 1582**, relative to the authority of the moderator to verify the device count; **HB 1486**, relative to "over voted" ballots; **HB 1540-FN**, relative to ranked-choice voting; **HB 1240**, allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates for an office; **HB 1220**, relative to valid identification to obtain a ballot; **HB 1510-FN**, relative to voters using out-of-state drivers' licenses as identification; **HB 1264**, relative to construction of the terms "resident," "inhabitant," "residence," and "residency."; **HB 1543**, relative to domicile of students for voting purposes; **HB 1772-FN**, permitting online voting registration; **CACR 18**, relating to recall elections. Providing that the general court may authorize recall elections; **CACR 17**, relating to initiative and referendum powers. Providing that initiative and referendum powers shall be reserved to the people of the state; **HB 1573**, relative to special elections for the office of state representative; **HB 1433**, requiring disclosure of federal income tax returns by presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1385**, establishing a committee to study animal welfare in New Hampshire.
 1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1233**, preempting local regulation of seeds and fertilizer; **HB 1320**, establishing a committee to study crop theft.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 202, LOB *Please Note Room***

10:00 a.m. **HB 1823-FN**, relative to layered amortization of retirement system liabilities.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1805**, establishing a committee to study level dollar amortization of retirement system unfunded accrued liability.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1803-FN**, relative to payroll deductions for government employees.
 11:30 a.m. **HB 1767-FN**, establishing a multiple employer public retirement plan.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1600**, relative to objections to proposed rules by the joint legislative committee on administrative rules; **HB 1440**, relative to prohibiting the adoption of administrative rules after final objection by the joint legislative committee on administrative rules; **HB 1648**, relative to review by the joint legislative committee on administrative rules.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

10:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 609-FN-A**, establishing a student career and college investment program and making an appropriation therefor.
 11:00 a.m. Division work session on **SB 193-FN**, establishing education freedom savings accounts for students.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 212, LOB *Please Note Room Change***

10:00 a.m. Continued division work session on **HB 596-FN**, relative to review hearings in involuntary admission cases.
 11:00 a.m. Continued division work session on **HB 1626-FN**, requiring the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery to report on the cost effectiveness of funded programs.
 1:30 p.m. Continued division work session on **HB 1743-FN**, relative to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund and funding for the Sununu Youth Services Center.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1575**, permitting hunting with an air rifle.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Representatives Hall, SH

- 10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1319**, prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **CACR 19**, relating to right to govern. Providing that the people of the state may enact local laws that protect health, safety and welfare.
- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1307**, relative to the default budget in certain towns; **HB 1396-L**, relative to requirements for a default budget; **HB 1547**, requiring review of default budgets by the department of revenue administration; **HB 1652**, relative to default budgets.
- 11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1211**, relative to presite built housing; **HB 1318**, relative to permits required for certain fires; **HB 1414-FN**, relative to forfeiture fees regarding dog licenses; **HB 1561**, relative to the use of recycled tire rubber at village, town, municipal, and school playgrounds. ****Please Note Time Change**
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1634**, regulating disorderly houses.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1702**, relative to the management of the Gunstock Area.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1728-FN-L**, removing the homestead exemption.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1463**, relative to requirements for noise ordinances in towns. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 2018**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program.
- 11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 2018**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1226**, relative to restricting the watering of lawns through the use of private wells; **HB 1371**, repealing certain exemptions from permitting requirements for temporary seasonal docks; **HB 1473-FN**, relative to the timber yield tax; **HB 1810**, establishing a commission to study the effectiveness of the current statutes related to management of non-tidal public water ways and the construction or placement of structures within them. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1358**, relative to decisions by the site evaluation committee; **HB 1555**, relative to participation by the public utilities commission in regional activities; **HB 1550**, requiring electric bills to include the cost of compliance with renewable energy standards. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1270**, relative to the prohibition on the use of mobile electronic devices while driving.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1290**, relative to vehicle registration for new residents to New Hampshire.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1331**, relative to incidental uses for agricultural plates.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1339**, relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1795**, eliminating the oversight commission on motor vehicle fines. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Rooms 210-211, LOB **Please Note Room****

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 656-FN-A-L**, relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 324**, relative to the valuation of utility property.

Room 104, LOB **Please Note Room****

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1512-FN-A**, relative to taxes applicable to certain transfers of real property.
- 9:15 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1722-FN-L**, relative to the property tax exemption for chartered public school property, including leased property.
- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1294**, relative to religious societies.

- 11:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1422-FN-A**, relative to the applicability of certain business tax rate changes.
- 12:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1619**, adding the rehabilitation of tourist lodging to qualifying structures under the community revitalization tax relief incentive program.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1501-FN**, relative to regulation of consultants for operators of games of bingo and lucky 7.
- 1:05 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1558-FN**, relative to the payment of the meals and rooms tax by individuals renting cars through an online service.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 1:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1381**, relative to determining the taxable value of utility property for local property taxation.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 104, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued subcommittee work session on **HB 1562**, establishing a foster parent bill of rights.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1653**, relative to the uniform commercial code.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1800-FN-L**, relative to usury.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1641**, relative to the rate of interest in business transactions.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1632**, relative to the labeling of bottled water.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1812-FN**, regulating certain vapor products.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1382**, repealing the requirement that restaurants provide separate bathrooms for each sex.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1668**, relative to children's meals served by food service establishments.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive Session on pending legislation.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1228**, removing the limitation on a chartered public school incurring long term debt; **HB 1229**, relative to the teachers' voting requirement for becoming a charter conversion school; **HB 1277**, relative to the renomination of teachers; **HB 1333**, relative to the criteria for teachers in charter schools; **HB 1348**, relative to the annual audit report of public charter schools; **HB 1761**, relative to the math learning communities program in secondary schools; **HB 1439**, relative to requirements for private schools that contract with school districts; **HB 1480**, relative to the membership of the board of trustees of a chartered public school; **HB 1552**, requiring school districts to submit an annual report concerning gifted students; **HB 1559**, relative to certification requirements for assistant principals; **HB 1572-L**, relative to alternative transportation of students for public school activities; **HB 1636**, establishing a committee to study teacher preparation and education programs.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

GOVERNOR'S REGULATORY REFORM STEERING COMMITTEE, Executive Council Chamber, SH

- 3:00 p.m. Regular Meeting.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1721-FN**, relative to coercive abortions.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1500-FN**, relative to workplace violence, workplace injuries and death in the workplace.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1100**, establishing a commission to review and evaluate workforce and job training in New Hampshire.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1716-FN**, establishing apprenticeship programs for unemployed workers.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1762-FN**, relative to documentation requirements for the department of labor.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **CACR 19**, relating to right to govern. Providing that the people of the state may enact local laws that protect health, safety and welfare.

- 10:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1533**, relative to expiration of variances and special exceptions.
- 11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1269**, relative to the requirement for campground owners to provide certain information to local assessing officials; **HB 1340**, relative to absences among officers required to be present at school district elections. *****Please Note Time Change***
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1215**, relative to voting on variances.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1216**, relative to liability for deferred property taxes.
- 3:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1307**, relative to the default budget in certain towns; **HB 1396-L**, relative to requirements for a default budget; **HB 1547**, requiring review of default budgets by the department of revenue administration; **HB 1652**, relative to default budgets. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 2018**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1647**, relative to inclusion of energy storage in distributed energy resources for electricity transmission and distribution; **HB 1796**, relative to the legislative oversight committee on electric utility restructuring; **HB 1338**, establishing a committee to study the changes in law necessary to allow for microgrids in electricity supply. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HCR 12**, applying to Congress to propose a congressional term limits constitutional amendment; **HJR 4**, urging Congress to apply laws equally to United States citizens and members of Congress; **HR 22**, urging Congress to amend federal law on the issues of civil and criminal liability for providers and users of computer services carrying advertisements offering sex with sex trafficking victims; **HR 20**, affirming states' powers based on the Constitution for the United States and the Constitution of New Hampshire; **HCR 10**, applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1502**, adding the tax exemption for water and air pollution control facilities to the tax expenditure review.

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), New Futures Conference Room, 10 Ferry Street, Concord

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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, FEBRUARY 16

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Room 303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting on equalization.
- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.
- 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting on rules.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EDUCATION FUNDING AND THE COST OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (HB 356, Chapter 190:1, Laws of 2017), Room 209, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE BUSINESS PROCESS ALIGNMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEM INTEROPERABILITY (SB 147, Chapter 116:1, Laws of 2017), Room 101, LOB

1:00 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: The Unique College Investing Plan Annual Report, September 30, 2017

The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan Annual Report, September 30, 2017

State of New Hampshire Lottery Commission Management Letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017

State of New Hampshire Liquor Commission Management Letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017

JOINT LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-R:9), Room 103, LOB

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), Room 100, SH

8:15 a.m. Regular meeting.

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1377**, relative to the emancipation of minors.

11:00 a.m. Executive session on **CACR 14**, relating to natural rights of children. Providing that children have a natural right to be protected by their parents; **HB 1103-FN**, relative to financial responsibility for voluntary services provided pursuant to a report of abuse or neglect that is "unfounded but with reasonable concern."; **HB 1234**, permitting foster parents to intervene in a legal proceeding involving the custody of a child in their care; **HB 1235**, repealing the prospective repeal of the rebuttable presumption of harm due to opioid drug abuse under the Child Protection Act; **HB 1261**, relative to record management of abuse and neglect reports; **HB 1267**, relative to court-ordered drug and alcohol testing under the Child Protection Act; **HB 1275**, relative to the placement of minors at the Sununu Youth Drug Treatment Center; **HB 1287**, relative to the age at which persons may marry; **HB 1325**, relative to venue in child protection actions; **HB 1377**, relative to the emancipation of minors; **HB 1383**, relative to liability for expenses for court ordered placements of children; **HB 1384**, relative to the evidence standard used in child abuse and neglect cases; **HB 1475**, relative to the procedure for filing a protective order; **HB 1586**, relative to judicial review for underage marriage; **HB 1587**, raising the minimum age for marriage and relative to the emancipation of minors; **HB 1633**, relative to alimony; **HB 1650**, removing education as required by law as a criterion for determining child neglect; **HB 1661**, relative to the protection of minors who petition the court to marry; **HB 1683-FN**, relative to the definition of child abuse; **HB 1774**, relative to parenting plans and relocation of a child's residence; **HB 1775**, relative to the appointment of guardians ad litem in parenting cases; **HB 1801-FN**, relative to removal of a child under the child protection act and establishing the crime of abuse of a minor.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1403**, relative to members of the state board of education.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1766-FN**, relative to remediating the Coakley Landfill in Greenland.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1327**, relative to apprentice electricians.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1756-FN-A**, relative to an additional allowance and a cost of living adjustment for retirees from the state retirement system.
- 10:10 a.m. Division work session on **HB 476**, relative to the duties of registers of probate.
- 10:30 a.m. Division work session on **HB 407-FN**, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for exposure.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1577**, relative to the administration of anesthesia by dentists.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1102-FN**, enabling the department of health and human services to enter into a contract with an Academy Society of Addiction Medicine certified physician.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1210**, establishing a committee to study the effect of current use taxation on small and rural municipalities; **HB 1391**, relative to municipal retention of employment files; **HB 1450**, relative to retention of job applications and personnel files; **HB 1608**, prohibiting a municipality or school district from compensating an employee on leave of absence. *****Please Note Time Change***
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1634**, regulating disorderly houses; **HB 1702**, relative to the management of the Gunstock Area; **HB 1728-FN-L**, removing the homestead exemption; **HB 1533**, relative to expiration of variances and special exceptions.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1350**, requiring headlight use when windshield wipers are in use.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1400**, relative to red light equipment on vehicles owned by dispatchers.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1453**, eliminating the traffic safety commission.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1454**, eliminating the commission to study recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1459**, prohibiting autonomous vehicles on New Hampshire highways.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1523**, relative to heavy duty recovery vehicles.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Continued executive session on **CACR 14**, relating to natural rights of children. Providing that children have a natural right to be protected by their parents; **HB 1103-FN**, relative to financial responsibility for voluntary services provided pursuant to a report of abuse or neglect that is "unfounded but with reasonable concern."; **HB 1234**, permitting foster parents to intervene in a legal proceeding involving the custody of a child in their care; **HB 1235**, repealing the prospective repeal of the rebuttable presumption of harm due to opioid drug abuse under the Child Protection Act; **HB 1261**, relative to record management of abuse and neglect reports; **HB 1267**, relative to court-ordered drug and alcohol testing under the Child Protection Act; **HB 1275**, relative to the placement of minors at the Sununu Youth Drug Treatment Center; **HB 1287**, relative to the age at which persons may marry; **HB 1325**, relative to venue in child protection actions; **HB 1377**, relative to the emancipation of minors; **HB 1383**, relative to liability for expenses for court ordered placements of children; **HB 1384**, relative to the evidence standard used in child abuse and neglect cases; **HB 1475**, relative to the procedure for filing a protective order; **HB 1586**, relative to judicial review for underage marriage; **HB 1587**, raising the minimum age for marriage and relative to the emancipation of minors; **HB 1633**, relative to alimony; **HB 1650**, removing education as required by law as a criterion for determining child neglect; **HB 1661**, relative to the protection of minors who petition the court to marry; **HB 1683-FN**, relative to the definition of child abuse; **HB 1774**, relative to parenting plans and relocation of a child's residence; **HB 1775**, relative to the appointment of guardians ad litem in parenting cases; **HB 1801-FN**, relative to removal of a child under the child protection act and establishing the crime of abuse of a minor.

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

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1813-FN**, relative to the law regarding Medicaid expansion; **HB 1816-FN**, relative to Medicaid managed care.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on pending legislation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1307**, relative to the default budget in certain towns; **HB 1396-L**, relative to requirements for a default budget; **HB 1547**, requiring review of default budgets by the department of revenue administration; **HB 1652**, relative to default budgets. *****Please Note Time Change***

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1215**, relative to voting on variances; **HB 1216**, relative to liability for deferred property taxes; **HB 1463**, relative to requirements for noise ordinances in towns.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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, FEBRUARY 23

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE APPORTIONMENT OF GROSS BUSINESS PROFITS UNDER THE BUSINESS PROFITS TAX (RSA 77-A:23), Room 100, SH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (RSA 228:107), New Hampshire Department of Transportation, 7 Hazen Drive, Room 114, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

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.

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 170-G:19), Rooms 305-307, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), New Hampshire National Guard Regional Training Institute, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10), New Hampshire Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Room 303, LOB**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY BROADBAND (HB 238, Chapter 163:1, Laws of 2017), Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1), Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 12**NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire, 52 Pleasant Street, Concord**

2:00 p.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 DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), Rooms 210-211, LOB

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15**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, MARCH 16**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22**COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T), New Hampshire Medical Society, 7 North State Street, Concord**

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES**COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the **Hillsborough** County Executive Committee on **Friday, February 23rd at 9:00 a.m.** at the county complex in Goffstown.

Rep. Larry Gagne, Clerk

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

Rockingham County Executive Committee meeting, **Friday, February 16th at 9:30 a.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, to report budget recommendations and vote on budget to be presented to full delegation.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

Rockingham County Delegation meeting, **Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood, to adopt the 2018 County Budget; an 18-month budget from 1/1/18 to 6/30/19. Executive Committee to meet at 5:30 p.m., Commissioner's Conference Room, to authorize treasurer's borrowing and finalize any unfinished business.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 407, HB 476, HB 525, HB 596, HB 613, HB 619, HB 1231, HB 1328, HB 1473, HB1557, HB 1626, HB 1681, HB 1689, HB 1756, HB 1762, HB 1764, HB 1802, HB 1814, HB 1819, HB 1820, SB 165, SB 172, SB 193.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

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.

The House Republican Alliance (HRA) will meet on **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.** in Room 201, LOB. All republican house members are invited to attend.

Reps. Glenn Cordelli, James Spillane and Chris True

The University of New Hampshire invites all legislators and legislative employees to cheer on the UNH Men's Hockey Team as they take on Vermont at the Whitmore Center in Durham on **Friday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.** To reserve your complimentary ticket, please contact Tom Cronin at thomas.cronin@unh.edu or 603-862-0574.

Rep. Marjorie Smith

FIRST would like to invite all legislators to be our special guests on **Saturday, February 10th**, for the FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship, held at SNHU's Manchester Campus, 1628 Mountain View Road, Manchester. This year we have 32 teams competing from across the state (along with special demonstrations from Autodesk, Bosch Thermotechnology, & Tesla), with an expected attendance of 500+. The competition runs throughout the day, but we hope you'll be able to join us for a VIP reception **at 9:45 a.m.**, followed by a student-led tour and demo. RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/nhftc2018>.

Speaker Gene Chandler and Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

All representatives and staff are cordially invited to attend a breakfast reception with the Friends Program on **Tuesday, February 13th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. A continental breakfast will be served. The Friends Program strengthens communities by building relationships that empower people, encourage community service and restore faith in the human spirit. Our Foster Grandparent Program and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) have over 600 volunteers in NH volunteering in local schools, child care centers, and non-profit agencies, which are positively impacting close to 45,000 people. Please join senior volunteers who will be available to tell you about their volunteer experiences and answer your questions about the Friends Foster Grandparent and RSVP Programs.

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner, Mike Cahill, Chuck Grassie and Mariellen MacKay

The New Hampshire Council of Churches will be hosting an Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Concord on **Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30 a.m.** Refreshments will be served following the conclusion of the service. Ministers from the Episcopal Diocese, the United Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church, and the United Church of Christ will be participating in the service, including the imposition of ashes. All members and staff are welcome to attend.

Reps. Robert Elliot and Kristina Schultz

Please join us **Wednesday, February 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** at the Upham-Walker House, 118 Park Street, Concord. We are proud to say we have 70+ University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, Plymouth State University and Granite State College alumni serving in the state legislature. We welcome you to join us in celebrating your alma maters, hear from some of our newest alumni and take part in a group photo to commemorate the occasion. A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Pat Waldvogel at (603) 387-1037 or pat.waldvogel@usnh.edu.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner

Bi-State Primary Care Association invites legislators to a briefing on the services, staff and locations of our 16 community health centers on **Wednesday, February 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in Rooms 210-211, LOB. Please join us to learn more about the centers, which provide access to high quality, affordable primary and preventive health care for all, regardless of income or insurance coverage. The program will include presentations by and Q&A with community health center staff, who will discuss the current state and federal legislation most important to this critical part of the NH healthcare infrastructure. Tickets for a bag lunch at the State House cafeteria will be provided for legislators after the presentation.

Rep. Frank Kotowski

The Legislative Children's Caucus will meet on **Wednesday, February 14th at noon** in the back room of the Upham-Walker House. All legislators are invited to attend.

Rep. Skip Berrien

Please join the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs at the annual legislative breakfast at the State House Cafeteria on **Thursday, February 15th from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** It is an opportunity to meet and speak with the chiefs who are dealing with emergency and opioid crisis incidents on a daily basis. This breakfast is prior to the Governor's address to the legislature at 10:00 a.m.

Rep. Dave Danielson

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to attend an informational session entitled Partnerships for Economic Development: Industry, Higher Education, and Government. Speakers will address the importance of research and innovation to the state economy. The event is sponsored by the NH EPSCoR Science and Technology Advisory Committee and will be held at Ordway Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord, on **Thursday, February 15th at 11:30 a.m.**, following Gov. Sununu's State of the State address at the State House. A complimentary luncheon will be provided. RSVP by February 12th to nh.epscor@unh.edu. Questions? Call 603-862- 0126.

Rep. Terry Wolf

The Order of Women's Legislators will be hosting a Silent Auction on **February 22nd**, all day, located in the anteroom. Prices will be listed on individual sheets in front of the fabulous items and the highest bid will win. Winners names will be written on each sheet prior to the last vote as the winners will not be announced. Cash or Checks made out to the OWLS will be accepted. This charity event is to raise funds to gift additional scholarships to non traditional students. For more information please contact Rep. Caroletta Alicea.

Rep. Caroletta Alicea

The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute's 2018 conference, "Building a Strong Foundation for a Prosperous Economy," will be held **Friday, February 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Panel discussions will examine key policy concerns in the areas of health, education, housing, and transportation. Presenters will address the potential impact federal policy changes may have on New Hampshire's ability to meet current and future needs, and state efforts to sustain a prosperous economy that benefits all Granite Staters. Registration fees are \$45 through January 31 and \$60 starting February 1. Breakfast will be provided. Preregistration is required by February 16. A limited number of scholarships for complimentary conference registrations are available for current members of the Legislature; please email info@nhfpi.org for scholarship details. Visit nhfpi.org/nhfpi-policy-conference to learn more and register.

Rep. Dick Ames

The New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA) is hosting a legislative breakfast on **Wednesday, March 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at the State House cafeteria. A hearty, warm breakfast will be served. Members of the NHPHA Public Policy Committee and Board of Directors will be on hand to discuss their legislative priorities and pending bills.

Rep. Becky McBeath

The annual Water's Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for **Wednesday March 7th** at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. Check in for the event begins at 7:00 a.m. with a breakfast buffet. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. The keynote speaker is Alex Ray, founder of the Common Man Family of Restaurants and Hotels. Assistant Commissioner Clark Freise for NH DES will also address the audience. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire's water infrastructure. This event is free. Please RSVP to nhwpca.elizabeth@gmail.com by February 28th to reserve your seat at this important breakfast.

Speaker Gene Chandler and Rep. Tom Buco

Breathe New Hampshire invites all legislators and staff to attend a breakfast reception on **Thursday, March 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. Stop by for a light breakfast, take a free breathing test, enter a raffle and meet some of our volunteers who are helping New Hampshire residents breathe better and live longer! Please RSVP to info@breathenh.org or by calling 603-669-2411.

Rep. Patrick Long

The National MS Society's Greater New England Chapter will have a display table in the Statehouse Cafeteria on **Thursday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity to learn about the problems and opportunities of your constituents, relatives or others who suffer daily with this disease. Stop by for some literature, some conversation or just because your care.

Rep. Reed Panasiti

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 2018. 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
Feb. 9	1:30	Dartmouth STEPS	5/col
Feb. 13	11:00	Huntington @ Nashua	15/Srs
Feb. 13	10:00	Tri-City Christian Academy – Somersworth	15/Srs
Feb. 14	9:00/10:15 SH/HM	Maple St. School – Hopkinton	65/4
Feb. 14	11:30	Leadership Concord	25/adults
Feb. 15	2:15	Vesta Roy group	10/adults
Feb. 16	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	61/4
Feb. 20	9:15/10:30 SH/HM	Maple Ave. School – Goffstown	62/4
Feb. 21	9:15/10:30 SH/HM	Maple Ave. School – Goffstown	62/4
Feb. 21	1:30	St. Paul's School – Paris visitors	12/HS
Feb. 22	9:30	Dondero School – Portsmouth	48/4
Feb. 27	9:30	Raymond Police Explorers Post 485	10/teens
Feb. 28	9:00	UNH – Social Worker students	48/col
Feb. 28	10:00	Manchester Cub Scouts	20
Feb. 28	2:00	Scott-Farrar at Peterborough	10/Srs
March 1	9:45/11:15 SH/HM	Mascoma Valley Regional High School	80/4
March 5	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Elementary School	80/4

DATE	TIME	GROUP	#/GRADE
March 6	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Parker Varney School – Manchester	88/4&5
March 6	10:00	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	48/4
March 6	2:00	Bankers Day at the State House	50/adults
March 7	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Epping Elementary School	72/4
March 7	9:00	The White Mountain School – Bethlehem	14
March 8	10:15/11:30 SH/HM	Moharimet Elementary School- Lee, Madbury, Durham	100/4
March 9	10:30 *2 tours	DAR Good Citizens group	65/HS
March 9	11:30	Tuftonboro Central School	20/4
March 12	9:00/10:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	84/4
March 12	12:45 * 2 tours	Rundlett Middle School – Concord	90/7
March 13	9:00	Deerfield Community School	49/4
March 13	10:15	Souhegan High School – Amherst	12/HS
March 13	12:45 * 2 tours	Rundlett Middle School – Concord	90/7
March 14	8:45	Leadership Lakes Region	40/adults
March 14	10:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	42/4
March 14	12:45 * 2 tours	Rundlett Middle School – Concord	90/4
March 15	9:30/11:00	Henry Wilson School – Farmington	80/4
March 15	2:00	UNH International Students	15/col
March 16	10:00/11:15	Charlotte Ave. School – Nashua	96/4
March 16	2:00 *4 tours	AmeriCorps	200
March 19	9:15	2 nd Start ESL students	20/HS
March 19	12:45	Rundlett Middle School – Concord	42/7
March 20	9:30	Alton Central School	40/4
March 20	10:15	Greenfield Elementary/ Hancock Elementary	42/4
March 20	11:00/12:00	Abbott Downing School – Concord	78/4
March 21	10:15/11:30 SH/HM	Interlakes Elementary School – Meredith	65/4
March 22	9:45	Mont Vernon School	36/4
March 22	9:15	Pittsfield Elementary School	25/4
March 23	9:00	Newington Public School	16/4
March 23	11:30	Concord Parks & Recreation	15/Srs
March 23	1:00	Leadership Southern NH – Salem	
March 26	10:00	North Hampton School	37/4
March 26	11:30	Micro Society Academy – Nashua	50/4&5
March 27	9:00/10:15 SH/HM	Pembroke Hill School	100/4
March 27	10:00/11:00	Woodman Park School – Dover	110/4
March 28	9:30/10:45 SH/HM	Webster Elementary School – Manchester	85/4
March 29	9:30	Rye Elementary School	40/4
March 29	10:00	Mount Lebanon School	41/4
March 29	11:00	Chester Academy	55/4
March 30	10:00	East Kingston Elementary	50/4
March 30	9:30/11:00	Parker Varney School – Manchester	64/4&5

AMENDMENTS
(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)
Amendment to HB 124-FN
(2017-2470h)

Proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means - r

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

AN ACT relative to certain aircraft registration fees and airways tolls.

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

1 New Section; Reporting by Airport. Amend RSA 422 by inserting after section 20 the following new section:
422:20-a Reporting by Airport. The owner of each airport open for public use shall submit to the department quarterly a list of all aircraft, including the federal registration number for each aircraft, that are based at that airport.

2 Repeal. RSA 422:31, I-II, relative to aircraft registration fees, are repealed.

3 Aircraft Operating Fee. RSA 422:31, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

III. An aircraft operating fee for each aircraft for which a state registration certificate is required. The amount of the fee shall be based on the maximum certificated gross weight of the aircraft, as follows:

0-3000 lbs.	\$100
3001-8000 lbs.	\$250
8001-12,500 lbs.	\$2,500
more than 12,500 lbs.	\$3,500

4 New Section; Reporting by Commissioner. Amend RSA 422 by inserting after section 31 the following new section:

422:31-a Reporting by Commissioner. On or before September 15 of each year, the commissioner shall certify in a report to the governor and the chairpersons of the house and senate standing committees on ways and means the following information: for the fiscal year just ended, the numbers of aircraft registered in each of the weight classes listed in RSA 422:31, III; operating fee revenues received by weight class; the numbers of aircraft by weight class that were based during the fiscal year at each of the airports open for public use; and a summary report showing the total numbers of such registered aircraft by weight class by year beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

5 Airways Toll. Amend RSA 422:34, I-II to read as follows:

I. There is hereby imposed an airways toll of ~~[\$.04]~~ **\$.08** per gallon upon the sale of each gallon of motor fuel or fuel, as defined by RSA 259:58, sold to and used in the propulsion of aircraft. The airways toll shall be subject to the exemptions provided for government sales by RSA 260:32.

II. There is hereby imposed an airways toll of ~~[\$.02]~~ **\$.049** per gallon on the sale of each gallon of aviation jet fuel sold and used in the propulsion of aircraft. All aircraft, however, that are certified to operate under part 121 of the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration shall pay an airways toll of ~~[\$.005]~~ **\$.027** per gallon on aviation jet fuel sold and used in the propulsion of aircraft.

6 Operating Fee Revenues. Amend RSA 422:36, II to read as follows:

II. Disbursements of revenue from the aircraft operating fee shall be made by the department after collection of such fees provided that ~~[1/4]~~ **\$250,000** of aircraft operating fee revenues originating at a publicly or privately owned airport shall be available **each fiscal year** for public use and shall, upon application, be paid over to the aeronautical fund established for that airport and shall be used for aeronautical purposes.

7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

2017-2470h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires quarterly reporting by airport owners, modifies registration and operating fees for aircraft, changes the rate of airways tolls, and adjusts the distribution of operating fee revenue.

Amendment to HB 141

(2017-2472h)

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

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

1 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Electric Renewable Energy Classes. Amend RSA 362-F:4, V and VI to read as follows:

V. ~~[For good cause, and]~~ After notice and hearing, the commission may ***either: (i) for good cause***, accelerate or delay by up to one year, any given year's incremental increase in class I or II renewable portfolio standards requirement under RSA 362-F:3, ***or (ii) modify the class I or II renewable portfolio standards requirements under RSA 362-F:3 for calendar years beginning January 1, 2018 such that the requirement is equal to the reasonably expected potential annual output of available eligible sources after taking into account demand from similar programs in other states; provided such modified requirement does not exceed the applicable class requirement under RSA 362-F:3.***

VI. After notice and hearing, the commission may modify the class III and IV renewable portfolio standards requirements under RSA 362-F:3 for calendar years beginning January 1, 2012 such that the requirements are equal to ~~[an amount between 85 percent and 95 percent of]~~ the reasonably expected potential annual output of available eligible sources after taking into account demand from similar programs in other states; ***provided such modified requirement does not exceed the applicable class requirement in RSA 362-F:3.***

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

2017-2472h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits the public utilities commission to modify renewable energy portfolio standards according to expected annual output provided such requirement does not exceed the requirement of RSA 362-F:3.

**Amendment to HB 388-FN
(2017-2456h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - r

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

AN ACT relative to special number plates for veterans.

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

1 Special Number Plates for Veterans. Amend RSA 261:87-b, I to read as follows:

I. The director is hereby authorized to issue special number plates to be used on motor vehicles owned by veterans of the United States armed services, in lieu of other number plates. The design of these special plates shall be determined by the commissioner, and shall be distinct from the design or designs of those plates issued under RSA 261:86. Such plates shall be issued only to veterans as defined in RSA 21:50, I(a) upon application, proof of veteran status in a form authorized by RSA 21:50, I(b), and payment of the regular motor vehicle registration fee and the \$4 per plate fees under RSA 261:75. The director shall also issue such plates to any person providing proof of honorable discharge from the armed services of any nation allied with the United States during World War II and proof of such person's service during World War II. Renewals of such special number plates shall be charged the fee assessed for standard motor vehicles as prescribed under RSA 261:141. The plates furnished pursuant to this section are nontransferable and shall expire upon the death of the veteran, except that the surviving spouse may use the plates for one year after the death of the veteran and shall be eligible to replace the plates during that year at no charge under RSA 261:75. ***Persons eligible for special number plates under this section may obtain such plates for a trailer registered under this chapter and owned by the person, provided that vanity number plates may not be issued under this section for a trailer.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

2017-2456h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the availability of special number plates for veterans.

**Floor Amendment to HB 529-FN-A-LOCAL
(2018-0021h)**

Proposed by Reps. Weyler and Hoell

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

AN ACT decreasing the rate of the tax on interest and dividends.

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

1 Rate. Amend RSA 77:1 to read as follows:

77:1 Rate. The annual tax upon incomes shall be levied at the rate of [5] 4 percent.

2 Applicability. The amendment to RSA 77:1 by section 1 of this act shall apply to tax years ending on and after December 31, 2018.

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

2018-0021h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill decreases the rate of the tax on interest and dividends to 4 percent.

**Floor Amendment to HB 636-FN
(2018-0429h)**

Proposed by Rep. Beaudoin

Amend RSA 21-V:5, I(b)(4) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(4) Experienced with no less than 90 days of active duty in the armed forces of the United States in:

(A) The Vietnam Conflict between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975; or

(B) The Vietnam Conflict between July 1, 1958 and December 22, 1961, if the resident earned the Vietnam service medal or the armed forces expeditionary medal; or

(C) Any other armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975 and in which the resident earned a theater of operations service medal; or

(D) Deploying military units in a theater of operations.

Amend RSA 21-V:10 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

21-V:10 Administrative Attachment. The New Hampshire veterans' home shall be administratively attached to the department in accordance with RSA 21-G:10.

**Floor Amendment to HB 1213
(2018-0477h)**

Proposed by Rep. Read

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

AN ACT relative to aggravated felonious sexual assault where the victim has a disability.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 2-4 and renumbering the original section 5 to read as 2.

2018-0477h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill removes the exception for legally married spouses for the purpose of aggravated felonious sexual assault in cases where the victim has a disability.

**Amendment to HB 1511-FN
(2018-0096h)**

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

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

AN ACT relative to the definition of a fetus for the purpose of certain homicide offenses.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 First Degree Murder; Definition of Fetus. Amend RSA 630:1-a, V(b)(1) to read as follows:

(1) "Fetus" means an unborn offspring, from the embryo stage which is the end of the [twentieth] *eighth* week after conception or, in the case of in vitro fertilization, the end of the [twentieth] *eighth* week after implantation, until birth.

2018-0096h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the definition of "fetus" for the purpose of certain homicide offenses.

**Amendment to HB 1581
(2018-0258h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Driver's License Suspension or Revocation. Amend RSA 263:56 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. A revocation or suspension of a driver's license by the director after a hearing shall commence no sooner than the day of the hearing at 11:59 p.m.

2018-0258h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that a driver's license revocation or suspension resulting from a hearing commence no sooner than the day of the hearing at 11:59 p.m.

**Floor Amendment to HB 1628-FN
(2018-0462h)**

Proposed by Rep. Prout

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Number Plates. Amend RSA 261:75, II to read as follows:

II. Every vehicle driven in or on any way in this state, if required to be registered hereunder, shall have displayed conspicuously thereon a number plate or plates to be furnished by the department, together with any current validation sticker issued by the department and which has a changeable designation of their effective period. The director may make special rules relative to the number of plates, the location of said plate or plates on the vehicle, and the material and design thereof, provided, however, that number plates for passenger vehicles shall have the state motto "Live Free or Die" written thereon, ***and further provided that a passenger vehicle shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.*** The plate shall be kept clean.

2018-0462h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a passenger vehicle shall only be required to display one number plate on the rear of the vehicle.

**Floor Amendment to HB 1649
(2018-0394h)**

Proposed by Rep. Horrigan

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

AN ACT repealing an obsolete provision for legislative mileage.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 1 and 2 and renumbering the original sections 3 and 4 to read as 1 and 2, respectively.

2018-0394h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals an obsolete mileage provision for Concord legislators.

**Amendment to HB 1821-FN
(2018-0197h)**

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

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

AN ACT relative to kindergarten grants.

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

1 Keno; Reference Removed. Amend RSA 198:48-c, III(a) to read as follows:

(a) For fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, in addition to any funds received pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, the department of education shall distribute a total kindergarten grant, pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, for the remaining 1/2 of each average daily membership not counted under RSA 198:40-a to each school district or chartered public school that operates an approved full-day kindergarten program. ~~[If the amount of revenue raised through keno is insufficient to fully fund the distribution of grants under this section, the revenue shall be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a grant. The prorated portion of this grant shall not be less than the per pupil amount disbursed under paragraph I(b).]~~

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

2018-0197h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the requirement that kindergarten grants be prorated if Keno funds are insufficient.