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HOUSE CALENDAR

My Fellow House Members,

This last week and half already feels like a lifetime. It is almost hard to believe it was just two weeks ago we were in a marathon session to finish our work on time. On Saturday March 14th, we had to make the difficult choice to close the legislature for legislative business due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also on that Saturday, the Governor declared a State of Emergency, and since that time we have taken unprecedented steps to keep Granite Staters safe and healthy. New Hampshire has shut down restaurants and bars, implemented remote schooling, and asked our citizens to refrain from seeing each other in an effort to keep the spread of the virus to a minimum. From a legislative perspective, I know we all have been hearing from our constituents who are scared, confused and worried about what to do to stay healthy and what to do to keep their families solvent during this time. I want to thank all of you for your work in your communities, sharing information and directing your constituents to the right agencies and hotlines.

I would like to take a moment to thank the department heads and state employees who woke up to a new reality on the week of the 14th. Since March 17th, New Hampshire Employment Security has seen a staggering 41,000 claims, easily seeing more unemployment claims than we saw at any point during the recession. Commissioner Copadis and Deputy Commissioner Lavers have done a remarkable job handling this unprecedented demand. Thank you also to the state employees who have moved over to the Department of Employment Security to help field those calls; Granite Staters are in your debt.

I would also like to take a moment to thank New Hampshire's medical professionals and pharmacists for their amazing work and dedication in this crisis. We know we are in good hands during this pandemic with them on the front lines.

Also to be thanked are New Hampshire's teachers who have taken on the task of teaching our students with remote technology, and the daycare providers who have stayed open to provide the families of essential workers with the childcare they need.

I would also like to thank grocery store workers and truck drivers. We know Granite Staters are trying to stay indoors, but that does not stop people from needing supplies. The folks who are keeping the shelves stocked and making sure we can still get the things we need are truly the unsung heroes.

I know many of us are looking forward to getting back to work to do the job we were elected to do. While we still have many questions about how we move forward, we are exploring ways for us to be able to meet remotely, at least with our committees, so we can get work done. We hope to be able to provide you with information on how this will work in the upcoming weeks.

I want to thank you again for all your work during this time. We will make it through this together and look forward to seeing you all at the State House as soon as we are able.

Stephen J. Shurtleff, Speaker

2020 HOUSE DEADLINES

Pursuant to the recently adopted House Rule 65 (b), the deadlines listed below will be reasonably amended by the Speaker with the concurrence of the Democratic and Republican leaders. The deadlines are printed in their previous form so that the members have a guideline of the remaining deadlines ahead of us this session and what the allotted time is for each.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

Thursday, March 19, 2020
Thursday, March 26, 2020

Last day to report all House Bills
CROSSOVER – Last day to act on all House Bills

Thursday, April 16, 2020	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 23, 2020	Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 7, 2020	Last day to report all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 14, 2020	Last day to act on all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Last day to form committee of conference
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 4, 2020	Last day to act on committee of conference reports

2020 HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 253, relative to criminal records checks in the employee application process. (SJ 1/30/2020)

HB 466, relative to the capacity of electricity customer generators for eligibility for net energy metering. (SJ 1/8/2020)

HB 490, (New Title) establishing a commission to study the role of clinical diagnosis and the limitations of serological diagnostic tests in determining the presence or absence of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and available treatment protocols, and appropriate methods for educating physicians and the public about the inconclusive nature of prevailing test methods and available treatment alternatives. (SJ 2/13/2020)

HB 496, (Second New Title) relative to the definition of antique snowmobiles, relative to water quality rules, and relative to the disposition of administrative fines for asbestos management violations. (SJ 1/8/2020)

HB 715, relative to electrical energy storage. (SJ 1/8/2020)

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

CACR 14, relating to reproductive medical decisions. Providing that the state shall not infringe or unduly inconvenience the right of reproductive medical decisions. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 221, renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HB 478-FN-A, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 655, regulating disorderly houses. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 683-FN, relative to the rights of property owners abutting certain highways and railtrails. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 735-FN-A, relative to carbon pricing. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 1114, relative to state motor vehicle inspections. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1149-FN, relative to child obscenity. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1165, prohibiting ATVs on a rail trail in Gorham. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 1195, relative to pesticide use and notification of such use on community playgrounds. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1225, allowing increased net energy metering limits for municipal hydroelectric facilities. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study)

HB 1229, requiring proposed natural gas facilities to include decommissioning costs. (No Pending Question)

HB 1256, establishing a committee to study the effectiveness of the Granite Hammer/Shield programs. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1261, relative to the energy consumption reduction goal. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1309, relative to the effect of warrant articles. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1337, permitting parents or guardians to opt out of armed assailant drills in their child's school. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study)

HB 1341-FN-A, relative to vested status of group II members in the state retirement system. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 1391-FN, relative to prohibiting discrimination in housing against persons with pets. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1434-FN, repealing premium contribution requirements for certain state and judicial retirees. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HB 1463, relative to the operation of a mixed use school bus. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1481, relative to the net metering cap for customer-generators. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1489, allowing registered nurses to certify walking disability plate eligibility. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1533-LOCAL, limiting the increase in property taxes for certain persons. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1571, relative to the qualifications for the members of the fish and game commission. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1621-FN, relative to the use of protective head gear while operating motorcycles and motorized bicycles. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1628-FN, increasing the age for vaping. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1644-FN, relative to information required on marriage licenses. (Pending Question: Refer for Interim Study)

HB 1646-FN, relative to historic racing. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 1650-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing a road usage registration fee and making an appropriation therefor. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1654-FN, relative to previous convictions for driving while intoxicated. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HB 1684-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing an energy conservation program and an energy conservation project fund and establishing the state PACE reserve fund. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 1713, relative to continuing education requirements for child day care workers. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HCR 9, rescinding all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HCR 10, urging Congress to grant states broader authority to set higher environmental standards than those established in federal law. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HJR 4, urging Congress to enact legislation or propose a constitutional amendment to grant statehood to the District of Columbia. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HR 10, urging the return of armed service members from the Middle East. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HR 11, urging Congress to remove marijuana as a schedule I drug and to support the Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

SB 138, relative to the degree granting authority of Signum University. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB253, HB385, HB496, HB546, HB705, HB1117, HB1273, HB1434, HB 1549, HB1580, HB1596, HB1603, HB1606, HB1611, HB1620, HB1643, HB1644, HB1647, HB1651, HB1652, HB1653, HB1663, HB1665, HB1667, HB1668, HB1669, HB1670, HB1671, HB1672, HB1673, HB1674, HB1677, HB1680, HB1681, HB1682, HB1684, HB1685, HB1687, HB1688, HB1691, HB1692, HB1695, HB1696, HB1697, HB1699, HB1700, HB1705, HB1707, SB7, SB283, SB287, SB435, SB680, SB736, SB737.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House