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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

As I am sure as you all have seen, this week myself, Senate President Donna Soucy, Fiscal Chair Mary Jane Wallner and Fiscal Vice Chair Lou D'Allesandro filed suit against the Executive Branch over the role of the Fiscal Committee in the acceptance and expenditure of federal funds including the CARES Act.

We have been greatly appreciative of all of Governor Sununu's work during this pandemic and this was not our first choice, but over the last week we have reached out to the governor numerous times and unfortunately the governor could not see the importance of this oversight. The Joint Fiscal Committee has always been central to accepting and expending federal funds during emergencies. Governors from both parties have agreed to this principle. Sadly, this time Governor Sununu has decided that he has the power to exclude the Fiscal Committee.

As a presiding officer, it is my duty to advocate for the people of the state who elected the legislature. We are doing what the people of New Hampshire need us to do to get through this crisis and ensure that every Granite Stater has access to the financial relief they need during this difficult time. The executive branch does not have unconstrained power to budget and spend money without legislative branch involvement. Our constitution demands co-equal branches of government to ensure a thriving republic and we will do everything we can to maintain that balance of power - for the good of the people.

For the purposes of permitting the House standing committees to meet by means of remote participation, and after consulting with the House Clerk and Legal Counsel, I have made the following determination regarding the quorum requirements contained in House Rules 105 and 106 relating to committee procedure. House Rule 105 states that a quorum shall be required to transact business and no action can be taken without a quorum present. House Rule 106 further states that a majority of a quorum present shall be required to take official action on a bill. In consideration of the emergency declaration by Governor Sununu, and in conformity with Executive Order 2020-04 (as renewed by Executive Order 2020-05) and Emergency Order 12, I am hereby ruling that for the purposes of these rules and for the purposes of committee procedure only, a quorum present shall include a quorum of a committee meeting virtually. A committee may acceptably utilize electronic meeting capabilities, but in all cases a telephonic option must be afforded, and all meetings shall strictly comply with the requirements of Emergency Order 12. Meetings must also continue to comply with all other relevant provisions of House Rules, the New Hampshire Constitution, RSA 91-A, and our practice and precedent. This ruling is temporary in nature and is only intended to allow for committees to meet in executive session on second committee bills previously scheduled.

Pursuant to the ruling regarding remote executive sessions, I want to clarify the amendment process for committees during those sessions. In order to accommodate the members of the committee, as well as the Office of Legislative Services, (the staff of which are all working remotely), committee members wishing to bring amendments for remote executive sessions are required to have their requests into OLS not less than 72 hours prior to the session. I further want to clarify that pursuant to House Rule 45 (b), the amendments must be germane to the bill going through the process; due to current exigent circumstances, we will not be entertaining non-germane amendment public hearings at this time.

We continue to work with all departments to figure out how the legislature can continue its work. As you all know, the legislative process contains many moving parts and trying to make sure all the parts work can be a challenge. As our Deputy Speaker likes to say, it is a choreography. As we continue to make progress, we will keep you all updated.

Stephen J. Shurtleff, Speaker of the House

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	Last day to report all House Bills
Thursday, March 26, 2020	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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 20

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-A)

10:00 a.m. Special remote meeting by audio conference. To listen in please follow the instructions below:

1. Dial the call in number: 1-800-356-8278
2. Enter the 6-digit conference code, followed by the pound sign: 125563#
3. When prompted, clearly state your first and last name as well as your department/agency, or if you are a member of the press/public.

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can alert the committee to any issues: nheoc@dos.nh.gov.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting. This meeting will take place via phone conference. Please call Missy Robichaud at (603) 527-4408 for the conference call information.

THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 170-G:6-a)

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Dial 1-866-304-8625. Conference code: 6032714319.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**JOINT HEALTH CARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 420-N:3)**

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting. This meeting will take place by WebEx webinar. To join, please follow the instructions below:

For full audio and video access by computer:

1. Register for and access the webinar at: <https://bit.ly/nhjhcroc>.
2. You will receive the meeting entry link and password via email.

For audio-only access by phone:

1. Dial the call-in number: 1-844-531-9388.
2. Enter the access code: 791 989 000. When prompted, clearly state your first and last name as well as your department/agency, or if you are a member of the press/public.

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: awhipple@pcgus.com.