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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

I would like to thank the conference committees for their diligence in meeting this week's deadline. Several of you spent some very long days reaching a compromise among your House colleagues and with the Senate. This would not have been possible without the support from the General Court staff. Thank you.

The next House session will be on Thursday, June 29th at 10:00 AM. Our Ice Cream Social will also be held on that day at the Upham Walker House during the lunch break.

Please note that all committee of conference statements are printed in this Calendar. Committee of conference reports will be printed separately and placed in your seat pockets for next Thursday's session. They are also available online.

Thank you to those of you who participated in the Legislative Class Photo last week. The electronic version of the photo has been sent to all legislators and staff. If you purchased a printed copy, those will be available for pick up starting on Monday. Please refer to your email for further details on how to purchase a printed copy.

As the Summer break nears, in keeping with past practice to reduce travel costs, there will be no legislative activity or mileage reimbursement in July or August, unless special circumstances arise and pre-authorization is granted, or if you are a member of a statutory committee that meets during that period.

During your summer travel, and throughout your service in the House, please remember that your state-issued EZ-Pass devices will not work outside of New Hampshire.

As has been our practice in previous years, beginning the first week in July, the House and Senate Calendars will be alternating publishing every other week through the Summer (specific dates will be published in an upcoming Calendar).

State offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will not be a meeting of chairs and vice chairs next week. We will not meet over the Summer. Chairs and vice chairs will likely meet next in the Fall. Updates to be provided, as necessary.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Thursday, June 29th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Jason Osborne, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Thursday, June 29th at 9:00 a.m** in the State House Cafeteria.

Rep. Matt Wilhelm, Democratic Leader

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:	**AVAILABLE ON:**
Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Friday, June 30, 2023
Wednesday, July 5, 2023	Friday, July 7, 2023
Wednesday, July 12, 2023	Friday, July 14, 2023

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2023 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, June 29, 2023	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports
Monday, September 11, 2023	First Day to file LSRs for 2024 Session
Friday, September 15, 2023	Last Day to file LSRs for 2024 Session (4 p.m.)
Friday, November 3, 2023	Last Day to sign off LSRs for 2024 Session (4 p.m.)
Friday, November 17, 2023	Last Day to report all retained bills
Thursday, January 4, 2024	Last Day to introduce House Bills

NOTICE

Please note that all streaming videos of standing committee meetings and joint committees can be found at the NH House of Representatives YouTube channel. The link to the YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/c/NHHouseofRepresentativesCommitteeStreaming

NOTICE

The 2023 Manual for the General Court (Red Book) will again be available at the Secretary of State's office on June 29th for House Members that wish to pick up their additional two copies, otherwise the additional two copies may be picked up at the member's convenience this summer in the Secretary of State's office.

David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State

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 2023-1

Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from Representative Jordan G. Ulery (May 26, 2023)

Pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(c), Representative Jordan G. Ulery requested an advisory opinion. He inquired whether, consistent with applicable statutes and the Ethics Guidelines, he could solicit funds directly from lobbyist groups to go into a scholarship fund to help pay for NH legislators to attend various events offered by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). He stated that he is a member of the NH chapter of ALEC and that ALEC is "an IRS qualified charity not-for-profit" organization.

He described his proposed conduct as follows: "We have set-up the NH Scholarship Fund as a blind trust type so that no Member of NH ALEC knows who has made contributions, only what funds are available for distribution. Distribution requests are made to ALEC in VA and then approved or disapproved by the Co-Chairs in NH and the reimbursement is issued from VA. Approval is based upon actual attendance at the events and participation based upon attendance at the task forces (committees) assigned to the Member. No Member of NH ALEC handles funds in any fashion (does not receive solicited funds nor deposit solicited funds, other than to authorize disbursement). … All we are looking to do is be able to ask others to make a contribution to the scholarship fund, not to individual legislators. …. Proceeds from the program would go only to the Scholarship Fund."

RSA 14-C:3 III (a) provides that it "shall be unlawful for any legislator or legislative employee to solicit or to knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in this chapter, or to fail to meet the reporting requirements of this chapter." Additionally, Ethics Guidelines Section 3, Prohibited Activities, Paragraph II (b), provides that "Legislators shall not solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from another for themselves or other persons, if the legislator receives such thing of value: **** (b) Knowing or believing that the giver is or is likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the legislator or the General Court."

In *Advisory Opinion 2012-3*, the Committee previously advised:

> …we are concerned that direct solicitation and receipt by legislators of cash contributions for the proposed event, from any source, would violate the prohibitions set forth in RSA 14-C:3 and Ethics Guidelines Section 3, II(b). We have previously approved of legislators organizing and promoting legislature-related events and activities, so long as there is no direct solicitation or receipt of cash by legislators, and the contributions are directed to charitable organizations which sponsor the event. See *Advisory Opinions 2008-2* (White-Blaisdell Golf Tournament) and *2009-3* (Concord Hospital-Payson Center Rock 'n' Race). (Emphasis supplied.)

We advise as follows:

The Committee determined that the facts presented in his request are substantially the same as the facts presented in *Advisory Opinion 2012-3* and the prior opinions cited therein. Accordingly, we advise that direct solicitation of contributions from lobbyists for a scholarship fund to help pay for NH legislators to attend various events offered by ALEC would violate the prohibitions set forth in RSA 14-C:3 and Ethics Guidelines Section 3, II(b).

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Honorable Edward M. Gordon, Esq., Chairman
Honorable Donna Sytek, Vice Chairman
Senator Cindy Rosenwald (Not present and did not participate.)
Senator Ruth Ward
Representative Janet G. Wall
Representative Bob Lynn (Recused and did not participate.)
Honorable David W. Hess

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon, Esq.
Chairman

[Vote: 5-0]

2023 HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025. (House Concurs 6/8/2023)
HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures. (House Concurs 6/8/2023)
HB 25-A, making appropriations for capital improvements. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 46-FN, (Third New Title) establishing a committee to study replacement of bail commissioners with court magistrates and relative to delinquent payment of accounts by on premises and off premises licensees and relative to electronic payments to employee debit cards. (House Non-concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 72, relative to the tenure of public librarians. (House Concurs 5/18/2023)
HB 75, (New Title) relative to the election of Strafford county commissioners. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/15/2023)
HB 83, relative to county commissioners' authority on county buildings. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 97-FN, establishing an additional penalty for a violation of privacy. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 111, establishing a committee to study electrical vehicle charging for residential renters. (House Concurs 5/18/2023)
HB 119-FN, (New Title) relative to homestead food operation licensure and making provisions for the sale of meat from uninspected bison, elk, or red deer. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 137, relative to boating safety equipment rules and vessel numbering rules, and establishing a committee to study boat registrations fees. (House Concurs 5/18/2023)
HB 139, (New Title) relative to hydrogen energy and establishing a hydrogen advisory committee. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 152, relative to soil and plant additives. (House Concurs 5/4/2023)

HB 211-FN, (Second New Title) relative to a report by the department of energy on the effectiveness of the system benefits charge and relative to surface water setbacks for landfills and relative to water quality. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 221-FN, (Second New Title) relative to the acquisition of agricultural land development rights and relative to advanced deposit account wagering and relative to the use of game cameras. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 233-FN, relative to useful thermal energy under the renewable portfolio standards. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 238, relative to the role of quality control and the developmental disability service system. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 244, (New Title) relative to the delivery of absentee ballots. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 251, relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards. (House Non-concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 252, (New Title) exempting certain agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances. (House Concurs 5/18/2023)
HB 268-FN, (New Title) relative to the furnishing of special number plates to the liquor commission, division of enforcement and licensing, and official cover plates for the house and senate clerks. (House Concurs 5/18/2023)
HB 275-L, relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/15/2023)
HB 281, (New Title) relative to least cost integrated resource plans of utilities; municipal hosts for purposes of limited electrical energy producers; the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards; repealing the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board; and procedures for energy facility siting by the site evaluation committee. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/15/2023)
HB 287-FN, (New Title) removing fentanyl and xylazine testing equipment from the definition of drug paraphernalia in the controlled drug act. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 296, relative to local authority for granting driveway permits. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 308, relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 315, (New Title) prohibiting provocation based on the defendant's religion, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, political beliefs or affiliation, sex, or gender identity. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/15/2023)
HB 321-FN-LOCAL, relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 337-FN, (New Title) relative to directing the office of professional licensure and certification to provide notice of public meetings and an opportunity for comment from the public, and creating a new attorney II position. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 349, relative to a special purpose school district for Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 358, relative to the filing and adoption of proposed administrative rules. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 384-FN-A, (New Title) relative to building a new legislative parking garage and making an appropriation therefor, renaming the capital project overview committee, and establishing the joint legislative parking garage oversight commission. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 407, relative to regulations on alcohol. (House Concurs 5/4/2023)
HB 408, relative to foster children and vaccinations. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 409-FN, (New Title) relative to the organization of the office of professional licensure and certification and adoption of the interstate social work licensure compact. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 421, (Second New Title) relative to providing menstrual hygiene products at no cost to individuals who biologically menstruate in state and county correctional facilities. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 442-FN, (Second New Title) relative to the removal of derelict fishing gear. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 461-FN, (Second New Title) establishing a committee to study elimination by political subdivision employers of a retirement system position. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 467-FN, relative to public playground accessibility. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 492-FN, requiring the department of education to provide the house and senate standing committees responsible for education with copies of the laws and rules relative to education. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 520, relative to escrow accounts maintained by licensed nondepository mortgage bankers, brokers, and servicers. (House Concurs 5/4/2023)
HB 532-FN, (New Title) relative to the licensure and regulation of music therapists and other occupations and professions. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)

HB 534-FN-A, relative to water assistance for natural disasters. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 536, (New Title) relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee, and relative to chartered public school use of unused district facilities. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 550-FN, relative to chartered public school dissolution. (House Concurs 5/4/2023)
HB 584, relative to the Uniform Commercial Code's article on controllable electronic records. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)
HB 607-FN, relative to the regulation of games of chance. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 610-FN, (Second New Title) expanding the definition of providers who can certify patients of the therapeutic cannabis program and relative to release of a defendant pending trial and relative to product labeling and information guide requirements for cannabis products and the prohibition of the sale of hemp products containing certain levels of THC. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/15/2023)
HB 611-FN, (Second New Title) relative to eligibility criteria for the therapeutic cannabis program and establishing a commission to study state-controlled sales of cannabis and relative to the prohibition on the sale of hemp products containing certain levels of THC. (House Non-concurs, and Req CofC 6/8/2023)
HB 613-FN, relative to regulation of the individual health insurance market under RSA 404-G. (House Concurs 5/4/2023)
HB 642-FN, (Second New Title) relative to budget flexibility for services for the developmentally disabled. (House Concurs, 6/15/2023)

BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

CACR 9, relating to the New Hampshire presidential primary. Providing that the New Hampshire presidential primary will be the first presidential primary of a presidential election cycle. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 10-FN, establishing the parental bill of rights. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 40, relative to domicile residency, voter registration, and investigation of voter verification letters, and relative to the terms "resident," inhabitant," "residence," and "residency." Pending question: Ought to Pass.
HB 50-FN-L, relative to an appropriation for the unfunded accrued liability of the New Hampshire retirement system. Pending question: Third Reading motion.
HB 61, relative to teaching on discrimination in the public schools and discrimination in public workplaces. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 69, relative to direct payment and membership-based health care facilities. Pending question: Ought to Pass.
HB 93, authorizing municipalities to reduce speed limits seasonally. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 102-L, requiring high schools to include instruction on the nature and history of communism. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 104, relative to multi-stall bathrooms and locker rooms in schools. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 123, relative to governing body members of the budget committee. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 148, to raise the minimum value of county purchases of equipment or materials which are subject to competitive bidding. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 180, renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day. Pending question: Ought to Pass with Amendment.
HB 196, establishing a commission to review and make recommendations on campaign finance laws. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 204, relative to non-academic surveys in schools. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 205, relative to testing private wells. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 246-FN, relative to uses of moneys in the renewable energy fund. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 255, relative to campaign contributions by limited liability companies. Pending question: Majority committee amendment.
HB 271, repealing the fetal life protection act. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 277, relative to patients' right to sterilization treatment. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 294, enabling municipalities to adopt a child tax credit. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 295-FN, relative to requiring all selectboard and school board meetings to be recorded and broadcast live online. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 298, relative to placement of personal wireless service facilities. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 299-FN, prohibiting discrimination in medical care. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 312, relative to petitions for warrant articles at a special meeting. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 316, relative to meetings of supervisors of the checklist. Pending question: Majority committee amendment.
HB 331-FN-L, relative to the income threshold for the education freedom account program. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 339-FN, prohibiting the investment of state funds in any company participating in a boycott of Israel. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 357, relative to the length of terms for Belknap county officers. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 363, relative to deadlines for candidates filing by nomination papers for state general elections. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 371, establishing a commission to evaluate and recommend standards for public schools. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 390, revising the membership and structure of the New Hampshire commission on Native American affairs. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 399-FN, allowing for a testing exception for graduation from high school. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 418-FN, relative to eliminating the rebates distributed by the energy efficiency fund. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 423, relative to accessory dwelling unit uses allowed by right. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 427, relative to public comment and inquiry during school board meetings. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 429-FN-L, requiring the offering of breakfast and lunch in all public and chartered public schools. Pending question: Ought to Pass.
HB 432-FN, relative to participation in the education freedom accounts program. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 445-FN, relative to the operational funds of OPLC. Pending question: Committee amendment.
HB 451, relative to the state board of education prohibition on discrimination. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 460-FN, relative to eliminating voter identification exceptions. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 485, establishing deputy animal control officers. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 486-FN, relative to vehicle registrations and reciprocal toll collection enforcement agreements. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 487-FN, establishing a New Hampshire farm-to-school reimbursement program. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 507-FN, relative to unauthorized practice in occupational and professional licensing and certification. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 514, relative to the dissemination of obscene material by schools and institutions of higher learning. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 515, relative to education freedom accounts. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 516-FN, relative to freedom of speech and association at public institutions of higher education. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 538-FN, establishing a local education freedom account program. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 539-FN, relative to vaccination clinics at schools. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 552-FN-A-L, relative to making incentive grants for school districts that improve in certain assessment scores. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 561, establishing a committee to examine workforce and school accommodations for those with long-term COVID and ME/CFS. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 573-FN-A-L, limiting education freedom account funding to budgeted amounts. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 586, relative to absentee voting due to absence. Pending question: Ought to Pass.
HB 598-FN, relative to funding maternal mortality reviews. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 603-FN, relative to education service providers under the education freedom accounts program. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 615-FN, requiring independent audits of reproductive health care facilities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 621-FN, relative to funds of the education freedom accounts program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 629-FN, establishing a student bill of rights. Pending question: No pending question.
HB 647-FN, relative to causes of action for individual rights. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HCR 2, relative to condemning recent vandalism and intolerance, as recently levied against places of worship and public spaces, elected officials and against the general citizens of New Hampshire. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HCR 3, relative to affirming states' power over the federal constitution. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HR 14, a resolution to urge the investigation of due process in family court cases. Pending question: Committee amendment.
HR 17, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Pending question: No pending question.
SB 69-FN, relative to allowing certain nonprofits to participate as a customer-generator group hosts under net energy metering. Pending question: No pending question.

SB 132-FN, prohibiting cities and towns from adopting sanctuary policies. Pending question: No pending question.
SB 155-FN-L, relative to the adoption of school administrative unit budgets. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
SB 164-FN-L, relative to consideration of biodiversity in the land and community heritage investment program. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
SB 209, relative to providing menstrual hygiene products at no cost to individuals who biologically menstruate in state and county correctional facilities. Pending question: No pending question.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE STATEMENTS

SENATE BILLS
CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 15-FN, relative to the use of tree stands and observation blinds. The House acceded to the Senate position with an amendment that added dates to allow use of a temporary turkey hunting blind or stand and clarifying the language around the fines.

Rep. James Spillane

SB 78-FN, relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of improvements. A single word was changed from the amendment the House passed on the consent calendar, which was supported by the Municipal and County Government committee by a vote of 19-1. The word "may" was changed to "shall" making the new sentence read "A planning board shall allow road and utility construction to start without a bond…".

Rep. Len Turcotte

SB 147, relative to the board of dental examiners. The Senate concurred with the House position, agreeing that the policy of dental anesthesia for children will be settled in SB 91, retained in the Senate Health and Human Services committee.

Rep. Carol McGuire

SB 166-FN, relative to electric grid modernization. The Senate agreed to recede from its position and concur with the House with the addition of an amendment. This amendment made a change to the advisory group member who represents the interests of community power aggregation suppliers, removed an unnecessary statutory reference, set the number of utility run pilot programs under RSA 362-A, and clarified language about avoided transmission charges for such pilot projects.

Rep. Michael Vose

REGULAR CALENDAR

SB 61, relative to surface water setbacks for landfills. SB 61 as amended by the House provides procedures for DES rulemaking on setbacks between new landfills and surface water bodies. The Senate has receded from its nonconcurrence with the House amendment, and the conferees agreed on an amendment that corrects typographical errors and clarifies the language for the one-time extension of the rulemaking deadline in the House version.

Rep. Judy Aron

SB 207, relative to mental health critical incident intervention and management, and relative to mental health practice. The Senate concurred with the House amendment which revises the definition of critical incident stress management team to include members of a union of emergency response/public safety workers and allows for conditional licensing of clinical mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists. The House and Senate also agreed to a new amendment to the bill as amended by the house which would allow the office of professional licensure and certification to issue a conditional license rather than the board of a profession. This make's the language consistent in the RSA's.

Rep. Jeff Goley

HOUSE BILLS
CONSENT CALENDAR

HB 119-FN, relative to homestead food operation licensure and making provisions for the sale of meat from uninspected bison, elk, or red deer. The Senate amended this homestead food license bill and added language regarding the slaughter and sale of uninspected bison, elk or red deer. This is a solution to the problem of getting these animals to USDA slaughter facilities in a timely and manageable manner. The House position desired to add language to the Senate amendment that offers additional protections for food safety. Conferees agreed on a new amendment (2023-2194h), which was added to: 1) make sure that any elk or red deer are propagated, raised, and kept on closed farms with appropriate enclosure infrastructure; 2) make sure that if there are any atypical deaths of animals on a farm, that the dead animal is tested for Chronic Wast-

ing Disease, and that if the test is positive, remaining animals on that farm are not eligible for the on-farm slaughter program; 3) put a 2 year sunset on the program in the expectation that the study committee we are doing this fall will result in a more thoroughly worked out program for farming and slaughtering cervids. The House accedes to the Senate position with new amendment.

Rep. Judy Aron

HB 211-FN, relative to a report by the department of energy on the effectiveness of the system benefits charge and relative to surface water setbacks for landfills and relative to water quality. The committee of conference agreed that the amendments submitted by the Senate were no longer needed. The Senate agreed to recede from its position and concur with the House passed version of the bill.

Rep. Michael Vose

HB 221-FN, relative to the acquisition of agricultural land development rights and relative to advanced deposit account wagering and relative to the use of game cameras. This bill originally went to the Senate with language that clarified the statutes for land acquisition and development rights in conservation making a change to RSA 432:22. The Senate added in amendments to include: 1) property owners rights with regard to define and regulate game camera use on private property for purposes of taking fur bearing animals (SB14 House approved language) and 2) advanced deposit wagering on pari-mutuel betting on horse racing and authorizes the lottery commission to adopt rules governing the license and regulation of such wagers (SB 190). The House did not concur with the Senate amendment added onto the bill having to do with advance deposit wagering, as our position called for the further study of SB 190 on its own and requested that the language be removed from HB 221. The Senate agreed, and the conferees adopted an amendment which strips that language from the bill. With this amendment in place, the House accedes to the Senate position with amendment.

Rep. Judy Aron

HB 281-FN, relative to least cost integrated resource plans of utilities; municipal hosts for purposes of limited electrical energy producers; the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards; repealing the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board; and procedures for energy facility siting by the site evaluation committee. House conferees receded from their position of non-concur and agreed to adopt the Senate amendments. All conferees acknowledged that the bill was a good example of a bipartisan compromise. All members agreed that the bill's provisions ensured that everyone could get behind one of more solid policy proposal to move state energy policy forward. The conferees further pledged to work next year to refine and enhance the policy provisions implemented by this legislation.

Rep. Michael Vose

HB 358, relative to the filing and adoption of proposed administrative rules and relative to overpayment of unemployment compensation and relative to policies relating to nursing mothers. The Senate amendment added some clarifying language, mostly about forms, which the conferees endorsed. The Senate amendment further added the text of SB 42, which was deleted by the conference, and language from SB 175. The committee agreed to the new section on nursing mothers with some clarifying language.

Rep. Carol McGuire

HB 442-FN, relative to the removal of derelict fishing gear. The House requested a Committee of Conference to see if the Senate had overlooked the fact that their schedule was sufficiently pushed into the future that many thousands of sea creatures would starve to death by the time the Fish and Game submitted their rules for approval in 2024. The House brought to the negotiating table two requests: the first one was to allow divers already in the same coastal waters this summer to locate, mark with buoys, and report to Fish and Game the location of all derelict fishing gear contamination the divers encounter. The second was to allow the divers the simple humanitarian response to release any live animals in derelict, lost, or abandoned lobster traps where those animals face certain starvation. The Senate instead countered only that they would require a written report be provided by the Executive Director of the Department of Fish and Game to the chairs of the respective House and Senate committees by September 30, 2023, of what the recommended clean-up process would look like, including the expected scope of the project, the projected cost, and any identified funding sources. The House members had no choice but to accede with the amendment so that something would move forward. The September 30th deadline for the report does allow time for stronger future legislation if the plan of action by the executive director is insufficient.

Rep. James Spillane

REGULAR CALENDAR

HB 75, relative to the election of Strafford county commissioners. The conferees met to discuss the amendment to HB 75 which had its contents removed by the Senate and replaced with a plan to place Strafford county commissioners into districts. There were no changes made during conference and the House conferees agreed to the Senate position.

Rep. Len Turcotte

HB 275-L, relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board. The House conferees agreed to the Senate position, with further amendment. The conference report states that in order to enroll a

child in a tuition school approved by the local school board whose tuition cost is above the district's established tuition cost per pupil as determined and approved by the board, the local board may require the parent to pay the tuition cost difference as long as at least one option is a public school or "public academy" that does not require additional tuition payment from the parent. The conferee report also deletes "anchor school" as this terminology is not found or defined anywhere in state law and is unnecessary as the sending district must make available at least one approved public school or public academy option providing the opportunity for an adequate education as defined in law.

Rep. Rick Ladd

HB 315, prohibiting provocations based on a victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation from being used as a defense in a criminal case. The House and Senate Conferees we able to come to an agreement to the language, that is the current bill before the House. This bill is very narrowed to specifically bar the use of the so called "Gay Panic Defense." The use of a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression cannot be used as a mitigating factor, or excuse, for murder. We ensured that the bill accomplished its original intent, without limiting in any way, a person's ability to make a claim of self-defense. This bill would only bar a claim that a person should be able to argue for manslaughter vs. murder, based solely on the gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation of the victim. With this bill, the State of New Hampshire is sending a powerful message that being who you are, is never an excuse for violence against you, and the citizens of the Granite State will not allow it.

Rep. Terry Roy

HB 409-FN, relative to the organization of the office of professional licensure and certification and adoption of the interstate social work licensure compact. The House version of HB 409 was covered in HB 594, so this bill was used to attach the various other licensing changes. Temporary licenses, adding members to the board of nursing, and deleting obsolete references to administrative attachments were agreed by all conferees, with some minor technical corrections, except for the nursing education specialist. That position was felt, by the board and conferees, to invite conflicts of interest. The additional language on investigations and discipline had been removed from HB 655, worked on by House ED&A, and included in the Senate amendment. This amendment also includes adoption of the interstate compact on social workers which was removed from HB 409 as it is being addressed in the retained HB 428.

Rep. Carol McGuire

HB 536, relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee, and relative to chartered public school use of unused district facilities. The House conferees agreed to the Senate position, with further amendment. As amended, conferees agreed to established timelines for conducting good faith negotiations for the purchase or lease of an unused school district facility. Conferees further supported the engagement of an independent mediator who shall gather independent appraisals of the value of the property to determine a fair market price. Conferees, however, removed language that a fair market price, as determined by the mediator, would be provided for the offering chartered public school "to agree or reject." The mediator shall simply provide a fair market price for the offering charter public school.

Rep. Rick Ladd

HB 611-FN, relative to eligibility criteria for the therapeutic cannabis program and establishing a commission to study state-controlled sales of cannabis and relative to the prohibition on the sale of hemp products containing certain levels of THC. All conferees saw great value in the bill as passed by the House. There was much debate over the makeup of a commission and its potential as a committee, with the final decision to change the makeup of the commission and charge it with drafting proposed legislation. Additionally, section 6 which now has a one-year sunset to enable hemp-derived products to find an appropriate balance of labeling and enforcement of these products. The conferees agreed to these changes so that a state-run model for cannabis legalization can be considered and introduced as legislation this biennium to finally make progress on an issue of importance to many of our constituents.

Rep. Erica Layon

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORTS NOT SIGNED OFF

SENATE BILLS

SB 14-FN, relative to the use of game cameras and relative to penalties for controlled drug violations. The Senate refused to consider the House amendment to this bill.

Rep. James Spillane

SB 47, establishing a commission to study barriers to increased density of residential development in New Hampshire. The House and Senate were unable to reach consensus regarding establishing a commission to study residential development. Much time, energy, committee work and taxpayer dollars have been, and continue to be, allocated to the housing issue. Yet another commission is therefore not needed in the view of the House.

Rep. Len Turcotte

SB 70-FN, relative to the establishment of an election information portal and relative to the purchase of election equipment. An amendment was brought late in the process that stripped much of the House position, and also appeared to cede authority from the legislature to the secretary of state to purchase and implement voting technology systems.

Rep. Steven Smith

SB 88, relative to the annual dues paid by towns and cities to town officers' associations. The House and Senate were divided on the interpretation of the amendment proffered by the House. The House believes the RSA specifically mandates that funds appropriated are to be used solely for the education of public officials. The amendment by the House added language to clarify that belief. The Senate disagreed. The House and Senate were unable to reach agreement.

Rep. Len Turcotte

SB 157-FN, relative to election audits. The Senate brought forward an amendment that presented changes that were neither in the House or Senate passed versions. This is a violation of House rules and the Senate refused to make any accommodations and thus the committee of conference was unable to come to an agreement.

Rep. Ross Berry

HOUSE BILLS

HB 461-FN, establishing a committee to study elimination by political subdivision employers of a retirement system position. The House and Senate were unable to come to agreement on HB 461. The Senate amendment replaced the House bill with a study committee and the House conferee position was another study committee was not needed.

Rep. Jeff Goley

HB 532-FN, relative to the licensure and regulation of music therapists and other occupations and professions. At the close of the committee of conference, there seemed to be agreement as the result of the discussion. However, the decision was made by some of the House members not to sign the report.

Rep. Jaci Grote

HB 534-FN-A, relative to water assistance for natural disasters. Conferees met on June 20, 2023 to discuss the Senate amendment to put $500,000 in the bill, to lapse on June 30, 2025. The House version contained $2.5 million, and funds were non-lapsing. The committee could not agree on any change and conferees adjourned with no decision.

Rep. Kenneth Weyler

HB 607-FN, relative to the regulation of games of chance. The Senate position was to completely replace the original bill with a change to the maximum amount collected from players. The strong bipartisan House position included a 5-year moratorium on additional locations offering historical horse racing charitable gaming. The conferees could not agree.

Rep. Laurie Sanborn

HB 610-FN, expanding the definition of providers who can certify patients of the therapeutic cannabis program and relative to release of a defendant pending trial and relative to product labeling and information guide requirements for cannabis products and the prohibition of the sale of hemp products containing certain levels of THC. The House entered the Committee of Conference opposed to the bail reform language the Senate included, as there is bipartisan agreement in the House to work on the five bail reform bills retained in committee. There are constitutional law issues regarding unfunded mandates ad significant concern that a rush to completely address flaws in current law would create new problems. Despite willingness to create and fund a transition to an electronic bail system, the Senate conferees were unwilling to take a small but meaningful win and the conference failed to reach agreement. The original HB 610 was never in dispute and unfortunately was lost due to the amendments on bail reform.

Rep. Erica Layon

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205-207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5), Room 100, SH

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:1), Room 100, SH

9:05 a.m. Regular meeting.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 305-307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 190-FN,*** relative to the duration of unemployment benefits.

10:15 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 82-FN,*** relative to employment protection for participants in the therapeutic cannabis program.

11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 182-FN,*** prohibiting discharge of volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical technicians from other employment.

1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 232-FN,*** adopting section 1910 OSHA standards for public sector employees in New Hampshire.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3), AMC Highland Center, U.S. Rte. 302, Bretton Woods, NH 03575

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61), NHDES Offices, 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH – Room 208C

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting. Remote attendance option: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108

MONDAY, JUNE 26

COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER SHORTAGES AND RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES (SB 236, Chapter 150:1, Laws of 2022), Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4), Department of Environmental Services, Rooms 111-113, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord NH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

ELECTION LAW, Room 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on campaign finance.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 302-304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on ***HB 274,*** relative to the administrative rulemaking process.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Division work session on retained ***SB 239-FN,*** relative to the use of harm reduction services to treat alcohol and other substance misuse.

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 533-FN,*** relative to public school human rights complaints.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, Room 301-303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on prospective legislation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, Room 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. Full committee work session to review information presented to date.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on retained ***HB 352,*** relative to excused absences due to a student's mental or behavioral health; ***HB 505-FN,*** relative to comprehensive mental health education in schools; ***SB 151-FN,*** relative to mental health education.

JUDICIARY, NH Commission for Human Rights 2 Industrial Park Drive Building One Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Tour regarding retained ***HB 362-FN,*** relative to complaint procedures in cases before the commission for human rights.

Room 206-208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 314-FN,*** relative to the expectation of privacy in the collection and use of personal information; ***SB 255-FN,*** relative to the expectation of privacy.

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on retained ***HB 362-FN,*** relative to complaint procedures in cases before the commission for human rights.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LOW-GRADE TIMBER AND WOOD EMERGING MARKET COMMISSION (RSA 227-1), Division of Forests & Lands Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDCARE, The Old Salt, Goody Cole Room, 490 Lafayette Rd. Hampton, NH 03842

5:30 p.m. Listening session.

MONDAY, JULY 10

NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 126-A:85), Exec Council Chamber, Room 207, State House

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 870 2882 7592 Passcode: 379962

FRIDAY, JULY 14

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e), NH Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Classroom 2 Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 17

COMMISSION TO STUDY COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF THE SECURED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (RSA 169-B:48), Room 305-307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a), Rye Public Library, Community Room, 581 Washington Road Rye, NH 03870

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdlgwQnQvc2ZRbkNObGhGc3M0dz09

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2), NHDOT, 7 Hazen Drive, Room 112-113, Concord, NH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82289363191?pwd=OGVSM1YveHE0RGltbkY4UGhIOGpWdz09
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MONDAY, JULY 24

NH COURT ACCREDITATION COMMISSION (RSA 490:5-a), NH Supreme Court, One Doe Drive, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Portsmouth Regional Office in Room A, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 46, HB 50, HB 91, HB 211, HB 233, HB 246, HB 250, HB 268, HB 269, HB 272, HB 276, HB 281, HB 282, HB 300, HB 321, HB 324, HB 327, HB 337, HB 345, HB 379, HB 392, HB 397, HB 409, HB 429, HB 436, HB 439, HB 442, HB 447, HB 449, HB 460, HB 462, HB 463, HB 482, HB 492, HB 511, HB 519, HB 525, HB 527, HB 532, HB 533, HB 535, HB 537, HB 543, HB 547, HB 548, HB 550, HB 556, HB 559, HB 560, HB 565, HB 566, HB 571, HB 576, HB 579, HB 582, HB 583, HB 593, HB 598, HB 599, HB 600, HB 605, HB 606, HB 607, HB 608, HB 610, HB 612, HB 613, HB 614, HB 615, HB 616, HB 617, HB 618, HB 620, HB 622, HB 624, HB 627, HB 628, HB 630, HB 631, HB 639, HB 642, HB 643, HB 645, HB 648, HB 652, HB 655. SB 32, SB 38, SB 49, SB 51, SB 61, SB 72, SB 74, SB 78, SB 85, SB 87, SB92, SB 104, SB 105, SB 106, SB 123, SB 126, SB 130, SB 149, SB 151, SB 164, SB 166, SB 170, SB 180, SB 188, SB 192, SB 195, SB 203, SB 204, SB 211, SB 215, SB 228, SB 229, SB 235, SB 238, SB 267, SB 272.

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All Representatives are invited to Bible study and prayer with Pastor Peter Chamberland **8:00 a.m. every Thursday morning**. We will meet in the Upham Walker House with coffee and pastries available. All are invited to attend for this wonderful time together.

Rep. Deb Hobson

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The Legislative Golf Classic will be held on **Monday, June 26th** with a shotgun start **at 8:30 a.m.** to be held at the Loudon Country Club, 653 NH-106, Loudon. All proceeds will benefit Liberty House. For foursomes of sponsorship information please see Representative Jim Maggiore (jim.maggiore@leg.state.nh.us) or Representative Michael Moffett (Michael.moffett@leg.state.nh.us).

Reps. Jim Maggiore and Michael Moffett

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The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) will be providing coffee and donuts for legislators in front of the State House on **Thursday, June 29** from **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Please stop by to meet members of your local snowmobile clubs. These volunteer clubs groom and maintain the almost 7,000 miles of snowmobile trails throughout the State and help our tourism industry. NHSA plans to display a snowmobile groomer and a snowmobile in front of the State House. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reps. Jason Osborne and Matt Wilhelm

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Representatives Alicia Gregg (D) and Fred Plett (R) announce the formation of the Granite Bridge Legislative Alliance, part of the Braver Angels Consortium. The purpose of this Alliance is to sponsor opportunities for Representatives to better understand and communicate with colleagues. The Alliance will encourage the ability to listen to all colleagues respectfully, to fully understand the points being made, and to walk away with mutual respect and admiration. Activities will likely include social activities, workshops on topics of interest, and opportunities to work together outside of the chamber, such as on a Habitat for Humanity project or soup kitchens. Stay tuned. We will be forming meetings as we come back from our summer break.

Rep. Fred Plett

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