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HOUSE JOURNAL No. 1 (cont.)

Wednesday, December 4, 1996
(Speaker Sytek in the Chair)
APPOINTMENTS

The Speaker appointed Rep. Holden as Assistant Majority Leader and as Assistant to the Speaker for House Continuing Education, Rep. Carson as Assistant Majority Leader and as Assistant to the Speaker on House Technology Needs and Rep. David Welch as Assistant Majority Leader.

The Democratic Leader appointed Reps. Knowles, Nordgren, McGuirk and Fuller Clark as Assistant Democratic Leaders.

RULES COMMITTEE

REPUBLICANS

Sytek, Donna, Chairman
Lozeau, Donnalee, Vice Chairman
Brown, Channing T.
Wheeler, Robert L.
Henderson, Warren C.
Torr, Ann M.
Chandler, Gene G.
Flanders, John W., Sr.
Kurk, Neal M.
Foster, Robert W.

DEMOCRATS

Burling, Peter Hoe
Merrill, Amanda A.
Hall, Betty B.
Cote, David E.
McGuirk, Paul A.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

REPUBLICANS

Brown, Channing T., Chairman
Hager, Elizabeth S., Vice Chairman
Wheeler, Robert L.
Lozeau, Donnalee
Henderson, Warren C.

DEMOCRATS

Burling, Peter Hoe
Merrill, Amanda A.
DePecol, Benjamin J.
McCann, William H., Jr.
Cushing, Robert R.

Torr, Ann M.
Holden, Carol H.
Carson, Gregory G.
Pfaff, Terence r.
Malcolm, Kenneth W.
Amidon, Eleanor H.
Jean, Loren J.
Nowe, Ronald J.

Gage, Ruth E.
Pelletier, Marsha L.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Rep. Belanger off Resources, Recreation and Development; on Commerce.

Rep. Briefs off Commerce; on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Flint off Public Works and Highways; on Municipal and County Government.

Rep. Flora off Commerce; on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Rep. Griffin off Transportation; on Municipal and County Government.

Rep. Hager off Municipal and County Government; on Legislative Administration.

Rep. Lavoie off Wildlife and Marine Resources; on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services.

Rep. Pepino off State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs; on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Rep. Tholl off Criminal Justice and Public Safety; on Public Works and Highways.

Rep. Ralph Torr off Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services; on Wildlife and Marine Resources.

Rep. Tsiros off Environment and Agriculture; on Commerce.

Rep. Veazey off Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services; on Transportation.

Rep. Lozeau moved that the House adjourn.

Adopted.

HOUSE JOURNAL No. 2

Wednesday, January 8, 1997

The House assembled at 1:00 p.m., the hour to which it stood adjourned and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by Rep. Eric Lindblade.

Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, grant to us in our generation to build upon the riches of the past, that we fail not man nor Thee. May our decisions result in wise laws that will stand the test of

time. May those who will lead us in the months to come - our Speaker, Donna Sytek and her staff, the Minority Leader, Peter Burling and his associates, be blessed with clarity of vision, that they may chart a course for the bettering of our state and its people. Our opportunities will be many, make us bold to take them. Amen.

Rep. Channing Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Barry, Patricia Cote, Henry Coulombe, Yvonne Coulombe, Flint, Hart, Lockwood, Lundborn and Marsha Pelletier, the day, important business.

Rep. Ginsburg, the day, illness in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Cub Scout Pack 262 from Windham, N. H. and their leaders, guests of the Windham delegation. Patricia A. Holmes, guest of Rep. DeChane. Majorie Leber, wife of Rep. Leber. Former N. H. Rep. John Gibson, guest of Reps. Weber and Cobbin. Former N. H. Rep. Donna Soucy, guest of Rep. Buckley. Hazel Holbrook, wife of Rep. Holbrook.

COMMUNICATION

December 18, 1996

Karen Wadsworth, Clerk of the House

This is to advise you that the following representatives-elect were sworn into office by the Governor and Executive Council on this day:

Coos 7, Paul St. Hilaire, r, Berlin (404 Church Street) 03570

Grafton 10, Robert H. Guest, d, Hanover (8 Barrett Road) 03570

Grafton 11, Philip Cobbin, r&d, Canaan (RR 2, Box 918B) 03741

Grafton 14, Susan W. Almy, d, Lebanon (266 Poverty Lane) 03766

Merrimack 19, Carol Moore, d, Concord (38 ½ Spring Street) 03301

Rockingham 26, Beverly A. Gage, r, Salem (69 Salem Street) 03079

Karen H. Ladd, Assistant Secretary of State

RESOLUTION

Reps. Wheeler and Burling offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the House inform the Honorable Senate it is ready to meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and Executive Council.

Adopted.

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SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate is ready to meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and Executive Council.

JOINT CONVENTION
(Speaker Sytek presiding)
RESOLUTION

Rep. Wheeler and Sen. Barnes offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the Honorable Deputy Secretary of State be requested to lay before the Convention the return votes for Governor and Executive Council.

Adopted.

Robert P. Ambrose, Deputy Secretary of State, appeared before the Joint Convention and laid before the Joint Convention the return of votes for Governor and Executive Councilors cast in the General Election held November 5, 1996 as follows:

FOR GOVERNOR				
	Shaheen, d	Lamontagne, r	Bramante, i	Kingsbury, l
Belknap	12,904	9,991	344	262
Carroll	10,605	9,506	337	229
Cheshire	18,265	9,808	899	398
Coos	7,005	6,226	24	198
Grafton	19,725	13,551	558	439
Hillsborough	77,894	63,612	2,509	1,739
Merrimack	35,835	19,264	1,016	570
Rockingham	63,882	44,554	3,193	1,336
Strafford	28,340	13,200	910	526
Sullivan	<u>9,676</u>	<u>6,566</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>247</u>
TOTALS	284,131	196,278	10,316	5,944

C. Jeanne Shaheen, having a plurality of votes was elected.

FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCILORS

First District

Raymond S. Burton, r 62,927

Michael J. Cryans, d 30,361

Peter Gamble, l 5,322

Plurality for Burton 32,566

Second District

Peter J. Spaulding, r 47,539

Charles W. Chandler, d 36,743

Joan McKernan, n,l 8,461

Plurality for Spaulding 10,796

Third District

Ruth L. Griffin, r 55,593

Bill Verge, d 39,778

Plurality for Griffin 15,815

Fourth District

James Normand, d 43,234

Earl A. Rinker, III, r 42,599

Plurality for Normand 635

Fifth District

Bernard A. Streeter, Jr., r&d 79,497

RESOLUTION

Rep. Burling and Sen. King offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the vote for Governor and Council be referred to a committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House to compare and count the same and report thereon.

Adopted.

The Chair appointed Reps. LaMott, Copenhaver and Flanagan and Sens. Blaisdell and Podles.

Sen. Barnes and Rep. Wheeler moved that the Joint Convention arise.

Adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

RECESS
(Speaker Sytek in the Chair)

REMARKS

Speaker Sytek addressed the House.

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Rep. Wheeler moved that the House Rules be amended as offered by the Rules Committee.

DUTIES OF THE SPEAKER

1. The Speaker shall take the chair at precisely the hour to which the House has adjourned [~~He~~], **and** shall immediately call the members to order [~~and they~~]. **Members** shall take their seats [~~The members~~] **and** shall activate their voting stations [~~as soon as they take their seats;~~] **immediately**. When they leave their seats for any reason they shall deactivate their stations.

2. The Speaker shall preserve decorum and order, [~~and~~] may speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any [~~two members~~] **member**. The appeal shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present and voting.

3. The Speaker shall appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the House, subject to the provisions of Rule [~~27~~] **28**.

4. The Speaker shall refer [~~to the appropriate committees~~] all bills, resolutions, memorials, petitions, accounts, and other matters coming before the House **to the appropriate committees**, unless otherwise ordered by the House. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Rules, the Speaker may refer the same jointly to two committees or to a special committee.

5. The Speaker shall not be called on to vote unless [~~his~~] **the** vote would be decisive. If the vote is tied after the Speaker has voted, the question shall be lost as provided in Rule [~~22~~] **23**.

6. The Speaker shall sign all bills, resolutions, and addresses after passage. All warrants, subpoenas and other processes issued by order of the House shall be signed by the Speaker and attested to by the Clerk.

7. The Speaker or chairman of the committee of the whole House shall have the power to order the gallery cleared in cases of any disturbance or disorderly conduct.

8. [~~(a) The following persons shall be admitted within the door of the Representatives' chamber while the House is in session: House members and officers, the Governor, Council members, Senate members, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, and the Senate Clerks.~~

~~(b) No other person shall be admitted within the door of the Representatives' chamber except with the permission of the Chair.~~

~~(c) No lobbyist, department head or other non member who is closely connected with legislation pending before the House shall be permitted on the floor of the House or in the House Sergeant at Arms area while the House is in session.]~~

The Speaker shall sign all bills after enrollment in both bodies.

9. The Speaker shall have power to substitute any member to perform the duties of the Chair. If [~~the Speaker is~~] absent, [~~he~~] **the Speaker** shall designate a member to perform the duties of the Chair unless otherwise ordered by the House.

DECORUM AND DEBATE

10. In all cases not provided for by the Constitution, House Rules or Joint Rules, "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure," 1989 Edition, shall be referred to as the ~~[primary]~~ **parliamentary** guide.

11. When any member is about to speak in debate, make a motion, or deliver any matter to the House, ~~[he]~~ **the member** shall rise from his **or her** seat and respectfully address the Speaker, declaring the purpose for which ~~[he]~~ **the member** rises to speak.

12. In all cases the member rising first shall speak first. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the person to speak. When many members choose to speak, they may file their names with the Clerk, who shall supply the list to the Speaker. The Speaker shall name the order in which the members shall speak.

13. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without ~~[leave of]~~ **permission from** the House. No member shall speak more than once until every member choosing to speak has spoken.

14. While the Speaker is putting a question or addressing the House, no one shall walk out of or across the House. While a member is speaking, no one shall pass between ~~[him]~~ **that member** and the **other** members of the House, nor shall anyone ~~[entertain]~~ **engage in** private conversation.

15. If any member transgresses the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call ~~[him]~~ **the member** to order. The member called to order shall immediately sit down and the question of order shall be distinctly stated from the Chair. The decision of the Speaker on the question of order shall be conclusive unless the decision is immediately appealed to the House. The House shall decide the appeal by a majority vote of those members present and voting.

16. In all instances, every member shall act in conformance with the duly adopted New Hampshire General Court Ethics Guidelines ~~[and Procedures]~~ and opinions of the Legislative Ethics Committee.

17. (a) The following persons shall be admitted within the door of the Representatives' chamber while the House is in session: House members and officers, the Governor, Council members, Senate members, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, and the Senate Clerks.

(b) No other person shall be admitted within the door of the Representatives' chamber or anteroom while the House is in session, except with the permission of the Chair.

~~[17]~~**18.** Before any petition is received and read, the substance of the petition shall be in concise form, and the name of the member or person presenting it and ~~[his]~~ **the member's** district shall be recorded on the petition. The Speaker shall state the substance of the petition.

~~[18]~~**19.** After a motion is stated by the Speaker, it shall be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before an amendment.

~~[19]~~**20 .(a)** When any question is under debate, ~~[no motion shall be received, but first]~~ **precedence of motions shall be as follows:**

(1) to adjourn; ~~[second:]~~

(2) to lay on the table; ~~[third:]~~

(3) for the previous question; ~~[fourth:]~~

(4) to postpone to a certain day; ~~[fifth:]~~

(5) to commit; ~~[sixth:]~~

(6) to amend; ~~[seventh:]~~

(7) to postpone indefinitely. ~~[These motions shall have precedence in order in which they are listed.]~~

Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, and to take from the table shall be decided without debate. A motion to postpone to a certain day shall be debatable both as to time and subject matter.

(b) No vote on a motion to lay on the table a Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution shall pass unless approved by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the entire House membership.

~~[(b)]~~(c) When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted on during the same session, unless two-thirds of those members present and voting vote in favor thereof.

~~[(c)]~~(d) On a motion to amend, the refusal by the maker of the amendment to strike out words shall neither preclude amendment to such words nor a motion to strike out and insert.

~~[(d)]~~(e) A motion for commitment shall preclude all amendments to the main question until it is decided; and all motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House.

~~[(e)]~~(f) No new motion shall be admitted under color of amendment as a substitute for the motion under debate.

~~[20]~~**21.**(a) The Speaker shall put the previous question in the following form: "Shall ~~[the main question now be put]~~ **debate now be limited?**" and all debate on the main question shall be suspended until the previous question has been decided. After the adoption of the previous question, the sense of the House shall forthwith be taken on pending amendments, in their regular order, and then on the main question. The motion for the previous question shall not be put unless demanded by three members.

(b) All incidental questions of order arising after a motion of the previous question and related to the subjects affected by the order of the previous question shall be decided without debate.

(c) If the previous question is decided in the negative, it shall not again be in order for the particular question under consideration until after adjournment, but the main question shall be left before the House and disposed of as though the previous question had not been put.

~~[21]~~**22.**(a) There shall be three forms of putting the question: voice vote, division vote, roll call vote. No member shall vote in any case when the member was not present when the question was put.

(b) The question put by voice vote shall be: "All those in favor of the question say 'aye,'" and after the affirmative vote is expressed, "Those of a contrary opinion say 'no.'"

(c) A division vote shall be taken if the Speaker doubts the voice vote or if a member calls for a division vote. When a division of the House is taken, the Speaker may appoint a teller for each seating division of the House, who shall report to the Chair the state of the vote.

(d) A roll call shall be taken when a member moves for a roll call vote and that motion is seconded by ten other members. The member requesting the roll call vote and the ten members who second the motion shall notify the speaker in writing or shall rise from their seats or otherwise be recognized by the Speaker.

(e) When a division or a roll call is taken, the Speaker shall put the question and open the voting stations for not more than 30 seconds. Each member present at his **or her** voting station shall press either the YES/Green or NO/Red button unless excused by the House for a special reason. ~~[When the Speaker closes]~~ **After closing** the vote, ~~[he]~~ **the Speaker** shall rise and state the decision of the House.

(f) Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit it.

~~[22]~~**23.** In case of a tie vote, the question shall be lost.

~~[23]~~**24.** No member shall leave his **or her** seat while the voting machine is in use and until the Speaker announces the result of the vote.

~~[24]~~**25.**(a) No vote shall be reconsidered unless the motion for reconsideration is made by a member who voted with the prevailing side while the bill or resolution is in the possession of the House. Reconsideration of any bills subject to a transfer date established by joint rules must be acted upon on or before the joint rule deadline, and thereafter shall be null and void.

(b) Notice of a motion for reconsideration shall be in order only until noon on the next business day after the date that the vote was taken.

(c) Any such notice of reconsideration shall be effective for two legislative days only and thereafter shall be null and void.

(d) The day when notice is served shall be counted as the first legislative day, even if notice occurs while the House is in recess or adjournment.

(e) When notice of reconsideration is received by the House, the Clerk of the House shall hold the bill or resolution relative to which such notice has been served until the expiration of the time within which such notice is effective.

~~[25]~~**26.** When the reading of a paper or a document is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the House without debate.

~~[26]~~**27.** ~~[Each member]~~ **All members** shall seasonably and punctually attend to ~~[his duty]~~ **their duties** in the House or committee, and no one shall be absent from the service of the House or committee unless ~~[he]~~ **the member** has leave, or is sick and unable to attend.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

~~[27]~~**28.** The membership on all standing committees of the House shall be divided between the two major political parties in the same proportion that the House membership of the majority party bears to the House membership of the minority party. No member shall serve on more than two standing policy committees; membership on the Rules Committee shall not be included for purposes of this calculation. The appointments to committees for the majority party shall be made by the Speaker and appointments to committees for the minority party shall be made by the Speaker with the advice of the duly appointed minority party ~~[floor]~~ leader. Notwithstanding the provisions of this rule, the Speaker and the minority party ~~[floor]~~ leader may agree on a different proportion for the membership of any particular committee.

~~[28]~~**29.** Participation on a committee by any member shall be in accordance with the New Hampshire General Court Ethics Guidelines ~~[and Procedures authorizing the member to be replaced or substituted by the Speaker if they determine a conflict]~~. If a member chooses not to participate in a committee under the New Hampshire General Court Ethics Guidelines ~~[and Procedures]~~, the Speaker may substitute another member ~~[in his place]~~.

[29]30. The following standing policy committees shall be appointed at the commencement of any session and will consist of not more than 22 members, except the Committee on Finance will consist of not more than 29 members: Commerce; Criminal Justice and Public Safety; Education; Election Law; Environment and Agriculture; Executive Departments and Administration; Finance; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs; Judiciary and Family Law; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services; Legislative Administration; Local and Regulated Revenues; Municipal and County Government; Public Works and Highways; Resources, Recreation and Development; Rules; Science, Technology and Energy; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs; Transportation; and Wildlife and Marine Resources. [~~The Speaker shall be a member of the Committee on Rules.~~]

(a) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Commerce to consider all matters pertaining to commerce, banks and banking institutions; insurance companies and contracts or insurance of any character; the needs of the business community; all matters relating to consumer affairs and the economic conditions of commerce and industry; all matters relating to the economic development of the state, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to consider all matters relating to criminal justice, the Department of Corrections, sentencing, drug enforcement, bail, probation, parole, corrections facilities, DWI, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, firearms, fireworks, police and fire training, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Education to consider subjects relating to the regulation of school districts and schools; the postsecondary college system; the University System of New Hampshire; matters concerning education; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Election Law to consider all matters relating to the election laws of the state, including campaign finance, the Ballot Law Commission, and redistricting, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture to consider all matters concerning agricultural and farm problems of the state, physical land use including current use, the various agricultural organizations, the protection of the state's environment from forms of pollution other than air or water pollution, waste management issues, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(f) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to consider matters pertaining to the general administration of state laws and changes therein; matters of policy pertaining to the executive departments; matters relating to the New Hampshire Retirement System; professional licensing; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(g) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to examine and consider the state of the treasury; to consider the budget, subjects concerning the financial interest of the state, all measures carrying appropriations of state money, except claims against the state; all bills and resolutions relating to raising money by a state tax and the apportionment of same and all other methods for raising revenue for the state, and such other matters as may be referred to it. Prior to the report of the Finance Committee to the House, the Speaker may refer the budget of certain self-sustaining state agencies to appropriate committees for study and recommendation. The Committee on Finance shall report to the house in the form of a resolution its estimates of state revenues on a periodic basis.

(h) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs to consider all matters concerning the health of the inhabitants of the state; vital statistics; medical and related professions; the administration of welfare activities by the state government; matters relating to the special needs of our elderly citizens and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(i) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Judiciary and Family Law to consider all matters relating to the judicial system, right-to-know law, divorce, custody and child support, guardianships, life and death (such as abortion or assisted death), landlord/tenant rights, civil proceedings, tort law, forfeiture, victims' assistance, immunity, probate; children and youth and their rights, obligations and protection; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(j) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services to consider all matters relating to labor, wages, and workers' compensation including unemployment compensation and incentive programs, collective bargaining and binding arbitration; matters relating to job retraining and employee rehabilitative services and other matters relating to balancing the rights of employees to the needs of the industrial sector; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(k) 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 and screening; enrolling bills; and such other matters relating to legislative administration as may be referred to the committee. Any matter referred by the chairman to any subcommittee may be reported by that subcommittee directly to the House unless otherwise ordered by the chairman.

(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 the Journal from day to day and before the commencement of the early session to examine the Journal of the preceding day and report to the House at once any errors.]~~

~~[(3)](2)~~ It shall be the duty of the Subcommittee on Mileage ~~[and Roll Call]~~ 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; ~~and to make recommendations as to the use of the voting machine].~~

~~[(4) It shall be the duty of the Subcommittee on House Resolutions and Screening to examine all House congratulatory and commemorative resolutions and proposed non-legislative activities for the purpose of determining whether or not they are of sufficient importance or interest to warrant being brought before the House. No such resolutions or activities shall be brought before the House unless they are approved by the subcommittee. Any such resolutions or activities brought before the House with the approval of the subcommittee shall be scheduled so as not to interfere with the official business of the House. The term "non-legislative activities" shall include the introduction of House guests, seat pocket insertions and journal announcements. The subcommittee shall also examine proposed legislation filed with the Office of Legislative Services to prevent, where possible, the duplication of bills or resolutions of a similar nature or content.]~~

~~[(5)](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. ~~[After enrollment in both bodies, all bills shall be signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.]~~

(l) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Local and Regulated Revenues to consider all matters relating to local revenue, including fees, property taxes and exemptions; the State Liquor Commission and the liquor laws of the state; the State Sweepstakes Commission and the sweepstakes laws of the state; the New Hampshire Pari-Mutuel Commission; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(m) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to consider all matters pertaining to the salaries of town, city and county officers; changes in municipal and county government; the boundary lines of towns, cities and counties; the creation of new towns, cities and counties; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(n) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Works and Highways to consider all matters pertaining to public highways, buildings and capital construction; the capital budget; matters pertaining to the protection, improvement and preservation of the coastline; the care of state memorials and monuments; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(o) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development to consider all matters relating to natural resources, water pollution and control; parks and recreational areas; recreational industries; matters concerning state controls on property development; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(p) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Rules to consider all matters pertaining to House ~~[procedure]~~ **procedural** rules; ~~to operate the House calendar and assist the Speaker in expediting the business of the session]~~ **and deadlines**; and to recommend rules of proper debate.

(q) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy to consider all matters pertaining to energy, telecommunications, air pollution, the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission, the application of technological advances to the legislative process and the operation of state government, to coordinate the flow of information about technical and scientific matters to state and federal agencies and legislative committees, to monitor legislation referred to other committees in order to make suggestions for inclusion of technological improvements where warranted, and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(r) It shall be the duty of the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs to consider all matters pertaining to the National Guard and other military or veterans' organizations within the state, emergency management, potential actions by the U.S. Congress which will have a major impact on the state and the New England region, and all proposed resolutions petitioning the Congress on any matter; to maintain communication with the congressional delegation; to serve as a liaison between the New Hampshire House and the United States Congress and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(s) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Transportation to consider all matters pertaining to development, operation, regulation and control of all means of air, land and water transportation; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

(t) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Wildlife and Marine Resources to consider all matters concerning conservation, improvement and preservation of fish, game and non-game species and marine resources within the state; and such other matters as may be referred to it.

~~[30]~~**31.** The committees shall promptly consider and report on all matters referred to them. The standing committees, or any special committees, shall meet during the session in the respective committee rooms at such times as the committee may determine, unless the House shall otherwise order. No committee shall meet while the House is in session unless the Speaker shall consider it necessary. The Speaker may authorize any committee having a heavy workload to meet as needed on non-legislative days.

~~[31]~~**32.** The first-named member of any committee appointed by the Speaker shall be chairman; and in case of ~~[his]~~ **the chairman's** absence or being excused by the House, the next-named member shall be chairman, and so on, as often as the case may happen, unless otherwise ordered by the Speaker.

~~[32]~~**33.** When any committee shall report in a manner other than by bill, it shall, if the subject permits, submit with its report resolutions calling for such action as the committee shall recommend.

~~[33]~~**34.** Whenever it is not convenient for any standing committee to attend properly to all the business which has been referred to it, the Speaker may, on a vote of the House to that effect, appoint an additional committee on the same subject, to consist of the same number of members as the original committee. The new committee's duty shall be to take into consideration all matters in relation to the subject which has been referred to it by the House, and to report thereon.

BILLS

~~[34]~~**35.**(a) Rule ~~[65]~~**64** shall set the first day to file requests for drafting of bills with the Office of Legislative Services, including all supplementary or necessary drafting information, for introduction

in the first-year or second-year session. The Office of Legislative Services shall identify LSRs in language which makes clear the intent of the bill. LSRs, with the name(s) of the sponsor(s), shall be published by the Office of Legislative Services. The Speaker of the House shall adjudicate any disagreement concerning the publication of LSRs that may arise between bill sponsors and the Office of Legislative Services.

(b) The Office of Legislative Services shall not accept a request to draft any bill which is the same, or essentially the same, as any other drafting request already accepted in the same session. If duplicate or similar legislation is requested, the Director of Legislative Services shall notify the sponsors of each filing request and mediate an agreement for the filing of a single bill. Filing requests resulting from legislative committee work shall take precedence over all other duplicate or similar filings. The name of the House member whose LSR request is denied due to duplication may be substituted on request for that of the original sponsor if the original sponsor withdraws the drafting request prior to the sign-off deadline.

(c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b), any member may have legislation drafted and introduced upon receiving approval of a majority vote of the House Rules Committee or by a two-thirds vote of those House members present and voting.

(d) First-year session:

(1) In the first-year session, there shall be no limitation on the subject matter of legislation introduced.

(2) As soon as possible after the end of the first-year session, the Clerk shall publish in the House Calendar those bills voted inexpedient to legislate, indefinitely postponed or re-referred in the first-year session, and those bills which created study committees with November 1 reporting deadlines. The listings shall be in numerical order by bill number/title, and in ~~[subject]~~ **committee** order by bill number/title.

(e) Second-year session:

(1) No bill or resolution shall be introduced if it is substantially similar to any legislation which was indefinitely postponed or voted inexpedient to legislate by the House in the first-year session, unless it has been approved by a majority of the House Rules Committee or a two-thirds vote of those House members present and voting, whether as a bill, an amendment, a committee of conference report or in any other manner.

(2) A request shall not be accepted to draft any bill which is the same, or essentially the same, as any bill voted inexpedient to legislate, indefinitely postponed, re-referred, or made the subject of a statutory study committee in the first-year session unless approved for drafting and introduction by a majority vote of the House Rules Committee or a two-thirds vote of those House members present and voting.

~~[35]~~**36.**(a) All petitions, memorials, and other papers addressed to the House and all bills and resolutions to be introduced in the House, ***except those house resolutions not taking a policy position which are prepared by the Clerk of the House***, shall be delivered or caused to be delivered to the Office of Legislative Services by the ~~[person]~~ **member** presenting them. The Office of Legislative Services shall prepare those bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials and other papers in proper form and shall present them to the member(s) for signature. Legislative Services shall give precedence in drafting legislation to any measure which carries a fiscal note and all such legislation shall be prepared for signature by the sponsor by the date specified in Rule ~~[65]~~**64**.

(b)(1) All bills, resolutions, ~~[bills of intent]~~ petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the House, shall be endorsed with the name and the district of the legislator presenting them. All legislation shall be numbered serially according to type of legislation introduced.

(2) Each bill shall be marked on the first page "House Bill"; ~~[each bill of intent shall be marked "House Bill of Intent";]~~ each joint resolution shall be marked "House Joint Resolution"; other concurrent resolutions shall be marked "House Concurrent Resolution"; and each house resolution shall be marked "House Resolution."

(c) When a bill is proposed by any state agency, the name of the agency proposing it shall appear in the bill analysis.

(d) No LSR number shall be assigned and no House bill shall be drafted unless the LSR or bill has a House sponsor. No more than five House members shall be allowed to sponsor any bill. No more than 5 Senate members shall be allowed to co-sponsor legislation originating in the House. If more than five House members wish to be sponsors, the person who first requested the drafting of the bill, house resolution, concurrent resolution, joint resolution, **or** constitutional amendment concurrent resolution ~~[or bill of intent]~~ shall determine the names of the four co-sponsors whose signatures are required for introduction. Other House members may be added as co-sponsors by notifying the Clerk prior to the date of the first public hearing on the proposal, and their names shall be recorded in the permanent journal of that session.

(e) If a drafting request for a bill or resolution, filed with the Office of Legislative Services, requires a fiscal note as provided in RSA 14:44-47, the substance or a draft of the proposal may be provided to the Legislative Budget Assistant for preparation of the required fiscal note without the specific consent of the sponsor of the proposal.

(f) For the purposes of these rules, money bills are those that either appropriate money or affect state revenues, whether new or existing.

~~[36.(a) Any member may submit a bill of intent which shall be a document written in plain language setting forth a problem of concern but not necessarily proposing a change in existing statutes. For the purpose of introduction, printing, and committee referral, a bill of intent shall be treated the same as a bill.~~

~~[(b) Any committee receiving a bill of intent is required to report its action to the House. If legislation is recommended, the bill of intent shall be subject to the same rules and deadlines established for bills. In any case, the committee shall meet with the sponsor of a bill of intent and may, by majority vote, choose to hold a public hearing. Bills of intent referred to interim study shall be reported by the same date and in the same manner as other bills.]~~

37. Every request by a member of the House for drafting a bill, house resolution taking a policy position, concurrent resolution, constitutional amendment-concurrent resolution, or joint resolution other than the general budget or the capital budget bill, shall be accepted by the Office of Legislative Services for processing no later than the date specified by Rule ~~[65]~~64. Each request shall be accompanied by the complete information necessary for drafting.

~~[(a) This deadline shall not apply to bills of intent which may be accepted by the Office of Legislative Services until the date specified as the first crossover date by Rule 65.~~

~~[(b)]~~ This deadline shall not apply to house resolutions which do not propose policy positions. Such resolutions may be accepted for drafting by the Office of Legislative Services at any time.

38.(a) The sign-off deadlines set by Rule ~~[65]~~64 shall supersede the time limits set forth in this Rule.

(b) The sponsor of any legislation shall sign it for introduction within 10 calendar days after the draft legislation is mailed to the sponsor for approval, whether or not the fiscal note has been prepared. If the 10th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the 10-day period shall expire on the subsequent working day. The sponsor's name shall be published at least once on the "signatures needed" list in the House Calendar within the sign-off period. If the sponsor requests a redraft within the sign-off period, the sponsor shall sign the legislation for introduction within 10 calendar days after the redraft has been mailed to the sponsor. No more than one redraft per LSR may be requested during the last 10 days prior to the sign off-deadline. The sign-off deadline in section (a) shall supersede the time limits set forth in this section.

(c) If the primary sponsor signs the legislation in time for introduction, but one or more co-sponsors fails to sign, the legislation shall be introduced in the names of those sponsors who have signed. If the primary sponsor fails to sign the legislation in time for introduction, a co-sponsor may become the primary sponsor. If the primary sponsor fails to sign, and no co-sponsor wishes to become the primary sponsor, the legislation may not be introduced without suspension of this rule.

39. All joint resolutions shall be treated in the same manner as bills.

40.(a) All House Bills, House Joint Resolutions, House Concurrent Resolutions and House Resolutions proposing that the House take a policy position may be introduced at any time prior to any deadline established by the House for their introduction.

~~[(b) Bills of Intent may be introduced into the House at any time prior to any deadline established by Joint Rules for the transfer of bills out of the first body].~~

~~[(c)]~~**(b)** Exceptions:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Rules, a House Bill, House Joint Resolution, ~~[House Bill of Intent]~~ or House Concurrent Resolution may be accepted by the Office of Legislative Services for drafting and introduced into the House at any time prior to the ~~[deadline established by Joint Rules for the transfer of bills out of the first body]~~ **crossover date specified in Rule 64**, if approved by either a majority of the Committee on Rules, or a two-thirds vote on the floor; and

(2) House Resolutions proposing that the House take a policy position may be accepted for drafting and introduced into the House at any time after the deadline for introduction of bills and resolutions if approved by either a majority of the Committee on Rules, or a two-thirds vote on the floor.

41. Every bill, resolution, joint resolution, and concurrent resolution proposing that the House take a policy position shall have three separate readings in the House prior to its passage. The first and second readings and referral to committee shall be by title only which may be accomplished by a conglomerate motion, after which the bill shall be referred by the Speaker to the appropriate committee and shall be printed as provided in Rule 42, unless otherwise ordered by the House. No bill or resolution after it has been read a second time shall have a third reading until after adjournment from the early session. The time assigned for the third reading of bills, resolutions, and joint resolutions shall be in the late session unless otherwise ordered by the House. The orders of the day for the reading of bills shall hold for every succeeding day until disposed.

42. After each bill has been numbered and referred by the Speaker to the appropriate committee, the Clerk shall provide a copy to the committee chairman and procure a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

43. (a) A hearing shall be held on each bill referred to a committee.

(b) Notice of committee action shall be posted as follows:

(1) Public hearings shall be advertised in the House Calendar no less than four days prior to a hearing.

(2) Executive sessions shall be advertised in the House Calendar no less than two days prior to committee action or announced on the floor of the House by the Chairman of the appropriate committee.

(3) All other committee or subcommittee meetings at which decisions are made or information is received shall be advertised in the House Calendar or, if scheduled after the calendar deadline, shall be posted in the Clerk's Office and outside the committee room at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

(c) When requested by the President of the Senate, the Speaker may authorize and direct the appropriate House committee or committees to sit with the appropriate Senate committee or committees at a public hearing of any Senate bill, and no further public hearing on such bill shall be required when such bill is received subsequently in the House from the Senate.

~~44.~~(a) All bills in the possession of committees shall be reported out by the date specified in Rule ~~[65]~~**64** with one of the following recommendations: Ought to Pass, Ought to Pass with Amendment, Re-refer to Committee, Inexpedient to Legislate, Refer for Interim Study, or Recommended but to be Laid Upon the Table Because of Funding. Re-refer to Committee shall be a committee report only in the first-year session; Refer for Interim Study shall be a committee report only in the second-year session. The Committee, as its Interim Study final report, shall submit ~~[one of the following: 1) Recommended for Future Legislation; 2) Recommended, with Amendment, for Future Legislation; 3) Not Recommended for Future Legislation]~~ **its findings and any recommendations.**

(b) All committee reports on bills shall be printed in the House Calendar on the day that the committee report is listed for floor action, and at least once previously. If a bill is reported favorably with an amendment, the committee report shall ~~[state the amendment and then recite the section of]~~ **describe** the bill ~~[in full]~~ as amended. The amendment shall be printed in the House Calendar at least once prior to the date listed for floor action.

(c) If a bill is reported Re-refer to Committee, it shall read Re-refer to Committee for action in the second-year session. The report on a re-referred bill shall contain ~~[a separate and adequate]~~ **an** explanation of the issue(s) which require(s) review. Bills which have been re-referred to the Finance Committee may be referred by the Speaker to the original committee to which it was assigned when the House adjourned from the first session. All bills re-referred in the first-year session shall be acted on by the third legislative day of the second-year session.

(d)(1) No committee shall report with a positive recommendation any bill or resolution which would, if enacted, be a ~~[clear]~~ violation of Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.

(2) The vice chairman or another member of each committee shall review all pending legislation and shall advise the chairman and the members of all legislation before the committee which should be reviewed in terms of Rule ~~44~~ (d)(1) above.

45.(a) No amendment shall be made until the second reading of a bill. All amendments to bills shall be prepared by the Office of Legislative Services, with the name of the member and the district ~~[he represents]~~ **represented by the member or the name of the policy committee proposing the amendment.**

(b) No amendment shall be added to any bill, resolution, joint resolution or concurrent resolution which is not germane to ~~[its]~~ **the subject matter of the legislative document as referred to the Committee, unless the amendment has been the subject of a duly noticed public hearing advertised in the House Calendar or, if scheduled after the calendar deadline, posted in the Clerk's Office and outside the committee room at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the amendment shall be available at the Sergeant-at-Arms office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.**

(c) When a bill comes before the House, the body shall first consider the printed majority report of the committee. The Speaker shall not permit a motion to substitute any permitted alternative report for the Committee Report until the House has properly disposed of the majority report.

46.(a) All bills and joint resolutions appropriating state money, which have been reported favorably from any committee, shall be referred to the Committee on Finance. If such bills have been referred to the Committee on Finance after report by another standing committee, the Committee on Finance may report separately and no further hearings shall be required by the Committee on Finance. Hearings on bills assigned to the Committee on Finance may at the discretion of the chairman be assigned to and held by the division of the committee to which the bill is assigned and no further hearing may be required.

(b) All bills and resolutions affecting state revenues or fees shall, if approved by the House when reported from the Committee on **Local and Regulated Revenues**, be referred to the Committee on Finance. Any bill or resolution establishing, amending, or repealing a state fee established in statute, excluding professional licensing fees, shall, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

(c) All bills and resolutions addressing licensure and/or certification shall, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, be referred to the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration for a further report on the effect of the passage of such a bill or resolution.

(d) All bills and resolutions affecting criminal penalties, if approved by the House when reported by the appropriate policy committee, shall be referred to the Committee on ~~[Corrections and]~~ Criminal Justice **and Public Safety**.

(e) The chairmen of committees ~~[named]~~ **receiving a bill or referral as outlined** in this rule with the approval of the Speaker may:

(1) decline the referral of any bill from another committee; or

(2) notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 43 (a), waive the public hearing on any bill referred from another committee.

47. Any budget bill reported by the Committee on Finance shall contain a balanced spending plan. In the second-year session, the Committee on Finance shall hold hearings on proposed changes to the State spending plan for the current biennium and may submit a supplemental budget bill.

48.(a) There shall be a detailed briefing on the general budget bill presented to the House at least two days before final action is taken on such a bill and, in any event, not later than the deadline established in Rule ~~[65]~~**64**.

(b) There shall be a detailed briefing on Senate changes to the House version of the general budget bill presented to the House membership by the second session day after the establishment of a Committee of Conference. The purpose of such a briefing will be to inform the House of the Senate position on the bill and to provide a sense of the House on that position as advisory guidance to the House conferees.

49.(a) Committee-of-Conference reports shall be distributed to be acted on on some subsequent day.

(b) No member of a Committee of Conference shall sign any report which contains non-germane amendments or subject matter that has been indefinitely postponed in either house. For the purpose of this rule, a non-germane amendment is any subject matter not contained in either the House or Senate version of the bill.

(c) A Committee-of-Conference-report analysis prepared by the first-named House member shall be printed in the House Calendar.

(d) A Committee-of-Conference report may be placed on the Consent Calendar only by a unanimous vote of all House conferees.

50. All committees must report all bills referred to them seven days prior to any deadline for the House to take action unless otherwise provided in Rule ~~[65]~~**64**. Any bill not reported shall be placed on the calendar by the Speaker with a report of No Recommendation and the reference to committee shall be revoked.

51. The Speaker may designate any legislative day as a Consent Calendar day by giving two days printed notice in the House ~~[Record]~~ **Calendar**. No bill shall be on a Consent Calendar unless the committee to which the bill was referred approves its placement on the Consent Calendar by a unanimous vote in executive session. Any member may request removal of any bill listed on the Consent Calendar. Any bill removed from the Consent Calendar shall

be taken up at the conclusion of the Regular Calendar. All matters remaining on the Consent Calendar shall be acted upon without debate.

52. No standing rule of the House shall be suspended unless two-thirds of the members present vote in favor thereof.

53. No rule shall be rescinded unless two days notice of a motion has been given and two-thirds of House members present vote therefor.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

54. The House may resolve itself into a committee of the whole at any time on the motion of a member made for that purpose. In forming a committee of the whole House, the Speaker shall leave the chair, and a chairman to preside in committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.

55. When a bill or a resolution is committed to a committee of the whole House, the entire bill or resolution shall first be read by the Clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble of the bill to be considered last. The body of the bill or resolution shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as they are agreed to by the committee and so reported to the House. After reporting, the bill or resolution shall again be subject to debate and amendment by clauses before a question to pass it to a third reading is taken.

56. The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed in the committee of the whole House, as far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

57. (a) The order of business in the early session shall be as follows:

1. Prayer by the Chaplain, pledge of allegiance and leaves of absence if received before the start of the legislative day;
2. Introduction of Guests;
3. Petitions of members [~~and personal privilege~~];
4. Consideration of unfinished business;
5. Introduction, first and second reading and referral of bills;
6. Messages from the Senate, the Governor and the Secretary of State;
7. Consideration of Consent Calendar items;
8. Reports from standing and select committees;
9. Resolutions, motions and notices;
10. Adjournment from the early session.

(b) The order of business in the late session shall be as follows:

1. Third reading of bills, resolutions and joint resolutions;

2. Resolutions and motions;

3. Personal privilege.

[3]4. Adjournment to a date certain.

(c) ~~[Leaves of absence may be granted by the House at any time.]~~ **The order of business listed in this rule shall be adhered to unless otherwise ordered by a majority of those members of the House present and voting.**

(d) ~~[The order of business listed in this rule shall be adhered to unless otherwise ordered by a majority of those members of the House present and voting.]~~ **Leaves of absence may be granted by the House at any time.**

58. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the last preceding adjournment, if called for by any member, shall have preference over all other business except the general order of the day; and no motion, or any other business except the general order of the day, shall be received without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed.

~~[59. Adjournment. No motion for adjournment for more than five days shall be in order unless prior notice has been given in open session at least two legislative days before the motion is offered.]~~

MEMBERS, PERSONNEL

~~[60]~~59. The elected and appointed non-member officers and personnel of the House shall be under the direction of the Speaker, who shall define their duties not fixed by statute or otherwise ordered by the House.

~~[61]~~60. No officer or employee of the House during the session or any adjournment thereof shall purchase or contract to purchase, pay or promise to pay any sum of money on behalf of the House or issue any requisition or manifest without securing the approval in writing of the Speaker of the House or ~~[his]~~ designee.

~~[62]~~61. The Speaker may appoint ~~[a Chief Security Officer who shall be a person]~~ **an individual** trained and experienced in security matters or law enforcement work~~[- His duties]~~, **who**, under the supervision and direction of the Speaker, shall ~~[be to]~~ prevent the deliberations of the House from being disrupted or interfered with by any person or persons not members thereof.

~~[63]~~62. No employee or attaché of the House Sergeant-at-Arms shall, directly or indirectly, ~~[involve himself]~~ **be personally involved** with or attempt to influence the passage or consideration of any measure whatsoever. If any such employee or attaché ~~[so interests, or concerns himself]~~ **becomes involved** with any **such** measure, it shall be grounds for summary dismissal.

MISCELLANEOUS

~~[64]~~63. No person, including members of the House, except law enforcement officers while actively engaged in carrying out their duties as such, shall carry or have in ~~[his]~~ possession any deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V while ~~[he is]~~ in the House Chamber, anterooms, cloakrooms, or any portion of the State House adjacent to any of the above. Any person in violation of this rule shall be subject to ejection from any such premises on the order of the Speaker and disciplinary action or arrest or both by action of the House. Nothing in this rule shall indicate that the security officer appointed by the House under Rule ~~[60]~~61 has the right to stop and search a member of the House on the premises of the House.

DEADLINES

[65] **64** - Legislative action in the first-year session shall be subject to the following deadlines:

~~[JULY 1, 1996, Monday~~

~~First day for incumbents and state agencies to file LSRs, with complete information,~~

~~SEPTEMBER 16, 1996, Monday~~

~~The 10 day sign-off deadline begins [Rule 38 (b)].~~

~~NOVEMBER 1, 1996, Friday~~

~~Final day to file, with complete information, all bill drafting requests from 1996 interim study work.~~

~~Final day to file, with the house clerk, all 1996 interim study reports.~~

~~NOVEMBER 6, 1996, Wednesday~~

~~First day for new members to file LSRs, with complete information.]~~

~~DECEMBER 13, 1996, Friday~~

~~Last day for all members to file LSRs, with complete information.~~

~~JANUARY 17, 1997, Friday~~

~~Last day for sign-off of all bills.~~

~~JANUARY 30, 1997, Thursday~~

~~Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote.~~

~~JANUARY 31, 1997, Friday~~

~~Last day to introduce all bills.~~

~~MARCH 5, 1997, Wednesday~~

~~Last day to report all bills going to a second committee, except the capital budget.~~

~~MARCH 12, 1997, Wednesday~~

~~Last day to report the capital budget and all other bills, except the operating budget.~~

~~Last day to refer bills to a second committee, except the capital budget.~~

~~MARCH 19, 1997, Wednesday~~

Last day to act on bills not in a second committee, except the budgets.

APRIL 2, 1997, Wednesday

Last day to report all remaining House bills.

APRIL 8, 1997, Tuesday

Last day for House budget briefing.

APRIL 10, 1997, Thursday

CROSSOVER: Last day to act on all remaining House bills.

APRIL 16, 1997, Wednesday

Last day to report all Senate bills going to a second committee.

APRIL 23, 1997, Wednesday

Last day to act on all Senate bills going to a second committee.

APRIL 29, 1997, Tuesday

Last day to report all Senate bills not in second committee.

MAY 7, 1997, Wednesday

Last day to report all Senate bills in second committee.

MAY 14, 1997, Wednesday

Last day to act on all Senate bills.

MAY 20, 1997, Tuesday

Last day to form committees of conference.

MAY 29, 1997, Thursday

Last day to file committee of conference reports.

JUNE 2, Monday

Committee of conference reports available.

JUNE 4, Wednesday

Last day to act on committee of conference reports, except the budget.

JUNE 5 Thursday

Last day to file budget committee of conference report.

JUNE 11 Wednesday

Last day to act on budget committee of conference report.

JUNE 17 Tuesday

All bills to Governor.

JUNE 25 Wednesday

Veto day.

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RULES OF COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

100. Committee Chairman; Duties.

The duties of each committee chairman, appointed pursuant to House Rule [~~31~~]**32**, shall be the following:

- (a) To preside at all meetings of the committee;
- (b) To call the meeting to order at the time and place designated by the meeting notice;
- (c) A quorum being present, to cause the committee to proceed with its business in the proper order according to the agenda and to announce the business before the committee as it proceeds with such business;
- (d) To preserve order and decorum and to speak on points of order, in which case the chairman shall have preference over other members;
- (e) To decide all points of order, subject to appeal to the committee;
- (f) To explain or clarify any rule of procedure upon request;
- (g) To state, or direct the clerk to state, each motion as it is made;
- (h) To recognize members;
- (i) To state and put to a vote all questions requiring a vote or upon which a vote is ordered and to announce the vote;
- (j) To appoint the chairman of all subcommittees and further to appoint the membership of all subcommittees;
- (k) To assign duties and responsibilities to the vice-chairman of the committee;
- (l) To sign all documents which require [~~his~~] **the chairman's** signature;
- (m) To arrange for the posting and filing of committee notices;

- (n) To supervise and be responsible for the preparation of committee reports and supplements;
- (o) To prepare, or supervise the preparation of the agenda for each committee meeting as required by these rules;
- (p) To submit requests to the Speaker for interim studies or meetings or travel for committees or subcommittees;
- (q) To have custody, during the legislative session subject to state statutes, of all legislative documents and reports referred or submitted to the committee;
- (r) To transmit to the Clerk each legislative document and report which the committee has: 1) reported, or 2) been discharged from considering, or 3) been ordered to report;
- (s) To carry out all duties required by law, by action of the House, or by action of the Speaker.

101. Members, Duty to Attend Meetings; Attendance Record.

It shall be the duty of committee members to attend and participate in all committee meetings. A record of the members present and the members absent at each committee meeting shall be maintained. The chairman shall be responsible for assuring that this record is maintained and [he] shall notify the Speaker of excessive unexcused absences.

102. Excessive Unexcused Absences.

Each committee chairman is authorized to request the Speaker to remove from committee membership any member of the committee whose unexcused absences from committee meetings are judged to be excessive in number.

~~[103. Standing Committee Meeting Schedule; Session, Interim Conflicts.~~

~~A schedule of meeting days for committees shall be established by the Chairman for the interim between sessions. Such schedule shall designate Wednesdays and Thursdays for meetings of each committee. However, upon authority of the Speaker and the approval of the Chairman, a committee may make changes in the schedule of meetings when circumstances require, subject to all other applicable rules. Committees shall meet on these designated days, provided they have particular business to consider. Session and interim committee schedules shall, to the maximum extent possible, be established so as to avoid committee conflicts for legislators.]~~

~~[104. Notice; Session Meetings; Interim Meetings.~~

~~The House Clerk's Office shall prepare and publish in the House Calendar a schedule of all committee meetings. Notice of such meetings shall comply with Rules 43(a) and 43(b).]~~

~~[105]~~**103.** Notice of Executive Sessions.

Notice of all executive sessions at which a recorded vote will be taken shall be given by: (1) notification in the House Calendar at least two days prior to said executive session, and/or (2) notification by the Chairman of the appropriate committee on the floor of the House.

~~[106]~~**104.** Notice; Contents.

Each meeting notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) the time and place of the meeting;

(2) the matters proposed for consideration;

(3) any other information which the committee deems pertinent.

~~[107]~~**105.** Quorum Required to Transact Business.

The presence of a quorum, defined as a majority of each committee, shall be required for a committee to transact business and no official action shall be taken by a committee unless a quorum is present.

~~[108]~~**106.** Vote Required for Committee Actions; Members Disqualified.

The approval of a majority of the quorum present shall be required for a committee to decide a question or to take official action on any matter; provided however, that a member who has filed a ~~[Conflict of Interest statement]~~ **Declaration of Intent** pursuant to the Ethics Guidelines ~~[and Procedures]~~ that ~~[he/she]~~ **the member** will not participate, shall not be required to vote and shall not be counted for purposes of determining the number necessary or for establishing a quorum to act on that question.

~~[109]~~**107.** Roll Call, Recorded Votes Required.

At each legislative committee meeting, final action on any bill or resolution shall be by roll call. All roll call votes shall appear in the records of the committee as otherwise provided in these rules. In all roll call votes the names of the members voting for the motion, the names of the members voting against the motion, and the names of members not participating because of a conflict of interest, shall be recorded. If a member is present when the question is put, he or she must vote when called unless the member is not participating pursuant to the New Hampshire General Court Ethics Guidelines ~~[and Procedures]~~.

~~[110]~~**108.** Minutes of Meetings Required; Contents.

Minutes of each meeting shall be kept by the committee clerk or under the direction of the clerk and they shall constitute a written record of committee proceedings at such meeting. In the minutes there shall be entered:

(a) The time and place of the meeting of the committee;

(b) The members present or absent;

(c) The names and addresses of all persons appearing before the committee with the names and address, if any, of the person, firm, corporation or association in whose behalf the appearance is made;

(d) The bills, resolutions or other matters considered, by number where appropriate;

(e) Action of the committee, including final action of the committee with respect to each bill or resolution on which the committee makes a report to the House;

(f) The vote of each member on each bill or resolution, matter or motion considered by the committee on which a record vote is taken;

(g) The important points made by each witness at a public hearing and by each member of the committee, insofar as possible.

~~[111]~~**109.** Permanent Committee Records; Disposition.

(a) The permanent records of the committee shall include the minutes of each meeting and a file on each bill or resolution received by the committee. The file on each bill or resolution shall include a copy of the original document, a copy of committee amendments proposed by a member, whether adopted or not, and the disposition thereof; a copy of any fiscal note, actuarial note or notice attached to a bill or resolution at the time of committee consideration; all prepared statements which have been filed with the committee chairman by members or interested parties.

(b) The minutes and other permanent records of the committee shall be publicly recorded and shall be kept by the House Clerk in a place designated by the Speaker.

[112]110. Open Meetings.

All meetings of any committee of the House and Senate shall be open to the public subject to the provisions of N.H. RSA 91-A and as clarified by the Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire.

[113]111. Back-Up Rules.

In such cases where New Hampshire House Committee rules are silent, "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedures," 1989 Edition, shall be referred to as the ~~primary~~ **parliamentary** guide.

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DEFINITIONSRESOLUTIONS

Resolutions are the formal expressions of the opinions and wishes of the legislature. There are four types: joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, simple resolutions, and constitutional amendment-concurrent resolutions (CACRs). Joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and CACRs must be approved by both branches of the legislature, while simple resolutions are considered only by the body of introduction. All resolutions take effect upon passage, so they often are used to meet emergency situations.

(a) JOINT RESOLUTION:

A joint resolution is one which has the force and effect of law, and as such must pass both the house and senate and be signed by the governor. The constitution, Pt. II, Art. 45, provides that joint resolutions shall be treated as bills.

Joint resolutions are introduced and considered in the same manner as bills, except that they can only be used for temporary provisions. Joint resolutions cannot be used to amend the public or private laws of New Hampshire (the RSA or the session laws), but they can be used to appropriate money for limited purposes; to establish temporary study committees; and to make adjustments in the state retirement system for certain individuals. Because a joint resolution is effective upon passage, it is useful for supplemental or deficiency appropriations, but such appropriations may not extend beyond the second fiscal year of the biennium. As with other appropriations, if a resolution makes an appropriation from the general fund the governor must be authorized to draw ~~his~~ **a** warrant for the sums appropriated.

(b) CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:

A concurrent resolution is acted on by the house or senate and sent to the other house for approval but is not sent to the governor for signature. Therefore, it does not have the effect of a law, and it is important to note that it can not be used to appropriate money. Concurrent resolutions may be used to put the legislature on record as supporting or disavowing some aspect of national or state policy. Also, a concurrent resolution may be utilized to express appreciation to some individual or group.

(c) SIMPLE RESOLUTION:

A simple resolution is one which is considered by the legislative body in which it is introduced and is of interest to only that body. Neither house nor senate resolutions have the effect of law. They are written to show appreciation to some individual or group, to ask the supreme court for an advisory opinion on a bill originating in that body, to express sympathy for an individual's death or illness, or, in a lighter vein, to commemorate an event affecting one of the members.

(d) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT-CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:

An amendment to the constitution may be proposed by the legislature, as well as a constitutional convention. N.H. Const. Pt. 2, Art. 100. Each body must approve the CACR by a three-fifths vote of the entire membership, then be submitted to the voters at the next biennial November election. The CACR must be approved by two-thirds of the qualified voters present and voting.

~~[BILL OF INTENT:~~

~~A bill of intent is a document written in plain language setting forth a problem of concern but not necessarily proposing a change in existing statutes. For the purpose of introduction, printing and committee referral, a bill of intent is treated the same as a bill. See House Rule 36(a) and (b).]~~

Rep. Wheeler spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Reps. Amanda Merrill and Lozeau spoke in favor.

Rep. Jacobson spoke against.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Wheeler offered the following: RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, House Bills numbered 101 through 194 and Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolutions numbered 1 through 7, shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed titles, sent for printing, and referred to the therein designated committees.

Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CACR'S First, second reading and referral

HB 101-FN-L, requiring a certain road in the town of Lyman to be maintained year-round by the state. (Trelfa, Graf 2; Teschner, Graf 5: Public Works and Highways)

HB 102-L, relative to criminal history checks for all school employees and applicants. (Spear, Straf 5; Marcinkowski, Hills 24; Ham, Graf 4: Education)

HB 103, relative to the standard of care owed by landowners to children. (Dodge, Rock 4; Steere, Ches 11: Judiciary and Family Law)

HB 104-FN, requiring a plea bargaining agreement to be submitted to the court for judgment at least 2 weeks prior to the trial date. (Dodge, Rock 4; Dolan, Rock 12; Nowe, Rock 3: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 105, extending the time limits for holding an adjudicatory hearing in certain delinquency cases. (Hunter, Hills 7; Emerton, Hills 7; Wheeler, Hills 7; Danaïs, Dist 20: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 106-L, requiring ballot clerks to verify the identity of persons receiving ballots by requesting an identification card. (Nowe, Rock 3: Election Law)

HB 107, requiring health care providers to exhaust medicare and secondary payors before billing the patient. (Fenton, Hills 24: Commerce)

HB 108-FN-A, relative to the rate of the legacies and successions tax as it applies to siblings of the decedent together with their spouses and lineal ascendants and descendants of siblings of the decedent together with their spouses. (Steere, Ches 11; McGuirk, Ches 1; M. Brown, Merr 10; Melcher, Hills 11: Finance)

HB 109-FN, requiring the state to rebate to the seller a portion of the state car registration fee for a car sold after the seller registers it. (Ferguson, Hills 13: Transportation)

HB 110, relative to the use of and school district liability for the use of district computer systems and networks. (Thomas, Belk 3: Education)

HB 111-FN, relative to preservation and access to records of legislation in the state archives. (Whittemore, Merr 13; Martin, Hills 34; Wall, Straf 9; Dickinson, Carr 2: Legislative Administration)

HB 112, requiring that all changes in state taxes be passed by a 60 percent majority of each house of the general court. (Cobbin, Graf 11: Finance)

HB 113-FN-A, reducing the rate of the communications services tax. (Cobbin, Graf 11: Finance)

HB 114, requiring members of conservation commissions to be residents of the city or town which they represent. (Abbott, Rock 19; Rubin, Rock 25; Schanda, Rock 19; M. Fuller Clark, Rock 36; Whipple, Dist 8: Municipal and County Government)

HB 115-FN, relative to payment from state funds for damage to cultivated blueberries caused by game. (Whittemore, Merr 13: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 116-FN-L, allowing for the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war (POW) to retain the special number plates after the death of the former prisoner of war. (B. Gage, Rock 26: Transportation)

HB 117, relative to Persian Gulf War bonus payments. (Kenney, Carr 6: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 118-FN, relative to penalties for marijuana possession. (Robertson, Ches 18; McGuirk, Ches 1; Doucette, Ches 19; Lynott, Ches 11; I. Pratt, Ches 5: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 119-FN, increasing the fee to hunt migratory waterfowl. (Abbott, Rock 19: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 120-FN, amending certain license fees and making various technical changes to the fish and game laws. (Abbott, Rock 19: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 121, relative to quality review for accountancy and requiring the board of accounting to adopt administrative rules. (Dodge, Rock 4; M. Brown, Merr 10: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 122, relative to the operation of games of chance conducted by charitable organizations. (Desrosiers, Hills 45: Local and Regulated Revenues)

HB 123, relative to reduced speed limits in school zones during school openings and closings. (Beaulieu, Rock 10: Transportation)

HB 124-FN, relative to dental care insurance for state employees and retired state employees. (Ferguson, Hills 13; Goulet, Hills 15: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 125, relative to methadone therapy. (Lamach, Merr 3: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 126-FN-L, repealing road toll refunds for retail dealers. (Lamach, Merr 3: Public Works and Highways)

HB 127-FN-L, designating a portion of the meals and rooms tax for distribution to cities and towns based on the amount of land in current use. (Cobbin, Graf 11; Weber, Graf 11, Alger, Graf 9: Finance)

HB 128, relative to state regulation of participation by foreign banks in the financial markets of New Hampshire. (Lindblade, Sull 7; M. Fuller Clark, Rock 36: Commerce)

HB 129, relative to the definition of emergency services for health care insurance purposes. (Herman, Hills 13; M. Fuller Clark, Rock 36: Commerce)

HB 130, clarifying the authority of county commissioners to arrange for work by prisoners. (Noyes, Rock 26; David Welch, Rock 18; J. Flanders, Rock 18: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 131, relative to notification regarding workers' compensation coverage for subcontractors. (J. McCarthy, Rock 24: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 132-FN, allowing New Hampshire residents on active duty in the armed forces or coast guard to be issued hunting and fishing licenses at no charge. (Varrell, Rock 9; Abbott, Rock 19; Rubin, Rock 25; Fenton, Hills 24; Barnes, Dist 17: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 133, establishing a family resource council to address the efficient delivery of services to children and families. (Metzger, Ches 13; Richardson, Ches 12; Jacobson, Merr 2; French, Merr 3; M. Fuller Clark, Rock 36; K. Wheeler, Dist 21: Judiciary and Family Law)

HB 134, clarifying the distinction between homeworkers and independent contractors for the purposes of unemployment compensation. (Lindblade, Sull 7: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 135, requiring a waiting period before the retail price of home heating fuel oil is increased in certain circumstances. (G. Brown, Straf 17; M. Fuller Clark, Rock 36; Peter Cote, Hills 32: Commerce)

HB 136, establishing a committee to study the authority, functions, duties, and responsibilities of the fire standards and training commission. (Hunter, Hills 7; David Welch, Rock 18; Emerton, Hills 7; Dyer, Hills 8; Danais, Dist 20: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 137-A, relative to the Abbott or Bridge Street bridge in Pelham and making an appropriation therefor. (Fenton, Hills 24; Marcinkowski, Hills 24; D. White, Hills 25: Public Works and Highways)

HB 138-FN, relative to the design and the display of the state flag. (Hunter, Hills 7; Fenton, Hills 24; Rubin, Rock 25: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 139, relative to fishing in a certain portion of the Pemigewasset river. (Phinney, Graf 8: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 140, relative to the sale of apples and relative to maple syrup and sap hydrometers and orders issued by the commissioner for noncompliance with the laws regulating maple and honey products. (Owen, Merr 6: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 141-L, relative to the powers and authority of local police chiefs. (Fenton, Hills 24: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 142, relative to false residency forms and automobile insurance. (Hunt, Ches 10; R. Krueger, Sull 9: Commerce)

HB 143-L, requiring that SAU budgets be approved by vote at school district meetings. (Hunter, Hills 7; Emerton, Hills 7; Kurk, Hills 5; Fenton, Hills 24: Education)

HB 144-FN, relative to cash incentives paid to servants and agents, excluding commission employees, authorized to sell tickets. (R. Kelley, Hills 18: Local and Regulated Revenues)

HB 145-FN, relative to eligibility of certain group II retirement system members to transfer certain group I creditable service to group II creditable service. (Pantelakos, Rock 30: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 146, relative to gifts by agents under general powers of attorney. (Carson, Rock 29: Judiciary and Family Law)

HB 147, relative to disclosure of certain information relating to tobacco products. (Buckley, Hills 44; Squires, Dist 12; Russman, Dist 19: Commerce)

HB 148, prohibiting a member of the state board of education from simultaneously serving as a state representative or senator. (Champagne, Ches 19; Belvin, Hills 14; Yeaton, Merr 10: Legislative Administration)

HB 149-FN, relative to the regulation of the profession of physical therapy. (Dodge, Rock 4: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 150-FN, relative to the unlawful alteration of temporary motor vehicle registration plates. (Hunter, Hills 7; Fenton, Hills 24; Emerton, Hills 7: Transportation)

HB 151-FN-L, establishing comprehensive medical, physical, and psychological standards for law enforcement officers. (Pepino, Hills 40; Belanger, Rock 26; David Welch, Rock 18; Chase, Graf 6: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 152, relative to permissible fireworks. (Hunter, Hills 7; Fenton, Hills 24; Rubin, Rock 25: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 153, exempting emergency medical technicians from jury duty. (McKinney, Rock 29: Judiciary and Family Law)

HB 154-L, defining "legal resident" for purposes of school attendance. (Spear, Straf 5; Champagne, Ches 19; Snyder, Straf 14; Yeaton, Merr. 10; Thulander, Hills 6: Education)

HB 155-L, relative to the maintenance of roads within certain village districts. (Philbrick, Carr 4; Johnson, Dist 3: Public Works and Highways)

HB 156, eliminating straight ticket voting. (Manning, Ches 9; Kaen, Straf 7; Keans, Straf 16; Lozeau, Hills 30; Hunt, Ches 10; K. Wheeler, Dist 21: Election Law)

HB 157, prohibiting certain inducement practices in offering small consumer loans. (Melcher, Hills 11; Hunt, Ches 10: Commerce)

HB 158, creating a committee to study the establishment of a New Hampshire volunteer program. (Lovett, Graf 6; M. Fuller Clark, Rock 36: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 159-FN, granting free hunting and fishing licenses to New Hampshire residents that are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe. (Babson, Carr 5: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 160-L, authorizing the governing body of the town of Raymond to order an assessor's plat to clarify property ownership. (Lovejoy, Rock 12; Bishop, Rock 12; Dolan, Rock 12; Barnes, Dist 17: Municipal and County Government)

HB 161, relative to pecuniary benefit transactions by charitable trusts. (Hunt, Ches 10; Lindblade, Sull 7; Syracuse, Rock 33; Allen, Hills 1; M. Fuller Clark, Rock 36; Rubens, Dist 5; J. King, Dist 18: Commerce)

HB 162, eliminating the opportunity of a political party to submit a person's name for candidacy after the filing period for individuals has passed. (Kaen, Straf 7; Manning, Ches 9; Lamach, Merr 3; Jacobson, Merr 2: Election Law)

HB 163, repealing the law which requires the commissioner of health and human services to deny the application or renewal of the license of an emergency medical technician convicted of driving while intoxicated. (Dolan, Rock 12; Dodge, Rock 4: Commerce)

HB 164, relative to certain discussions under the right-to-know law. (Herman, Hills 13: Judiciary and Family Law)

HB 165, establishing a committee to study withdrawal from cooperative school districts. (Thulander, Hills 6: Education)

HB 166, extending the time frame for the annual school district meeting date to the last Saturday in April. (Kenney, Carr 6; J. Bradley, Carr 8; R. McKinley, Straf 2; Johnson, Dist 3: Education)

HB 167, changing the teacher nomination notification date from April 15 to May 15. (Kenney, Carr 6; J. Bradley, Carr 8; R. McKinley, Straf 2; Johnson, Dist 3: Education)

HB 168, establishing a joint committee on unfunded mandates.(Nowe, Rock 3: Legislative Administration)

HB 169, prohibiting former state legislators from serving as lobbyists for 2 years after leaving the legislature. (Carson, Rock 29; Mittelman, Hills 37: Legislative Administration)

HB 170-L, exempting temporary, demountable, plastic-covered greenhouses from property taxation. (Owen, Merr 6; L. Pratt, Coos 4; Phinney, Graf 8: Local and Regulated Revenues)

HB 171, relative to the citizens advisory committee which advises the pesticide control board. (Babson, Carr 5; Hall, Hills 20: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 172, extending the reporting date for the committee studying the issue of the use and disposal of sludge or septage. (Babson, Carr 5: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 173-L, prohibiting further establishment or expansion of casino or video gambling in New Hampshire for 2 years. (French, Merr 3; Hansen, Hills 2; Haettenschwiller, Hills 29; Lovett, Graf 6; Sabella, Rock 13: Local and Regulated Revenues)

HB 174-L, relative to budgetary official ballot. (Jacobson, Merr 2; Rubens, Dist 5: Municipal and County Government)

HB 175-FN, authorizing the commissioner of the department of transportation to open the Hooksett toll to southbound traffic during the conclusion of the Winston Cup races. (Cobbin, Graf 11: Public Works and Highways)

HB 176-FN, increasing the license fee to hunt wild turkey. (Abbott, Rock 19: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 177-FN, increasing the wild black bear license and tag fee. (Abbott, Rock 19: Wildlife and Marine Resources)

HB 178-L, limiting property taxes to 3 percent of the fair valuation of property in the city or town. (M. Brown, Merr 10; Dodge, Rock 4; Emerton, Hills 7; Steere, Ches 11; Beaulieu, Rock 10: Local and Regulated Revenues)

HB 179, permitting elected city officials to serve as election officials. (Snyder, Straf 14; McCann, Straf 11: Election Law)

HB 180, establishing a study committee to examine changes to the law necessary to allow electronic corporations to incorporate in New Hampshire. (Aranda, Rock 13; Hunt, Ches 10; Below, Graf 13; S. Holley, Hills 28; Kurk, Hills 5; Russman, Dist 19; Pignatelli, Dist 13: Commerce)

HB 181, prohibiting the sale or distribution of exotic aquatic weeds. (Lamach, Merr 3: Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 182-FN, requiring the department of transportation to hold a public hearing relative to the construction of a truck safety station on route 4 in Chichester. (M. Brown, Merr 10; Barnes, Dist 17: Public Works and Highways)

HB 183, relative to the state representative districts of towns. (Adams, Merr 9; Hall, Hills 20; Arnold, Hills 20; Flanagan, Rock 14: Election Law)

HB 184-A, requiring the state to reopen Mittersill ski area and making an appropriation therefor. (Hess, Merr 11; W. Williams, Graf 3; F. King, Dist 1: Public Works and Highways)

HB 185-FN-A-L, requiring the state to maintain the veterans' portion of the Park Cemetery in Tilton and making a continuing appropriation therefor. (Laflam, Belk 2: Public Works and Highways)

HB 186-FN, relative to fees for number plates. (Wheeler, Hills 7: Transportation)

HB 187-FN-A, relative to groundwater monitoring for pesticides and making an appropriation therefor. (Philbrick, Carr 4; Belanger, Rock 26; Owen, Merr 6; L. Pratt, Coos 4; F. King, Dist 1; Johnson, Dist 3; Pignatelli, Dist 13: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 188-FN, relative to the authority of the boxing and wrestling commission. (Beaulieu, Rock 10; Langer, Merr 11: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 189, exempting occupants of rooms in transitional housing units operated by charitable organizations from the definition of "tenant" for the purposes of landlord/tenant laws. (Franks, Hills 26: Judiciary and Family Law)

HB 190, relative to interstate banking and branching. (B. Gage, Rock 26: Commerce)

HB 191, reducing the number of categories of pesticides from 3 to one. (Babson, Carr 5; Hall, Hills 20: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 192, exempting certain people from laws relative to the licensing of engineers. (Durham, Hills 22: Commerce)

HB 193, to amend the procedures for the election of officers in the Lebanon school district. (C. Brown, Graf 14; Akins, Graf 14; Guaraldi, Graf 14, Almy, Graf 14: Municipal and County Government)

HB 194-FN, requiring any person erecting, installing, maintaining or exercising control over a mooring on Ossipee Lake to obtain a mooring permit from the division of safety services, department of safety. (Lyman, Carr 5: Resources, Recreation and Development)

CACR 1, relating to a 4-year term for the office of governor. Providing that the governor shall be elected every 4 years. (Keans, Straf 16; Clay, Hills 4; Metzger, Ches 13: Election Law)

CACR 2, relating to reimbursement for travel expenses for members of the general court. Providing that members of the general court shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel expenses incurred for legislative business with certain limitations. (Jacobson, Merr 2: Legislative Administration)

CACR 3, relating to authorizing counties to implement an income tax. Providing that a county may implement an income tax, provided that there is a binding referendum of the voters of the county and approval by the legislature. (Robertson, Ches 18: Local and Regulated Revenues)

CACR 4, relating to returning annual legislative sessions to biennial legislative sessions. Providing that the general court shall meet biennially. (J. McCarthy, Rock 24; Mock, Carr 3; Barnes, Dist 17: Legislative Administration)

CACR 5, relating to the status of supreme court rules. Providing that the supreme court rules shall no longer have the force and effect of law. (Adams, Merr 9; Stritch, Rock 5; Pepino, Hills 40: Judiciary and Family Law)

CACR 6, relating to term limits for state representatives and senators. Providing that the terms of office for members of the New Hampshire house and senate shall be limited to 12 consecutive years. (Weber, Graf 11; Cobbin, Graf 11: Election Law)

CACR 7, relating to term limits for United States Representatives and Senators. Providing that the terms of office for the members of the United States Congress from New Hampshire shall be limited to 12 consecutive years, so long as such restriction does not violate the United States Constitution. (Weber, Graf 11; Cobbin, Graf 11: Election Law)

RESOLUTION

Rep. Wheeler offered the following: RESOLVED, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of bills be by title only and resolutions by caption only and that all bills ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of bills be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time, and when the House adjourns today it be to meet Thursday, January 9, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Adopted.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Wheeler moved that the House stand in recess for the purpose of introduction of bills only.

Adopted.

The House recessed at 1:45 p.m.

RECESS