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HOUSE JOURNAL No. 15 (cont.)

Thursday, May 28, 1998

(Rep. David Welch in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS

SB 320, relative to notice by a state agency to certain persons of proposed rulemaking activity.
(Amendment printed SJ 18, 6/4/98)

Adopted.

SB 371, requiring health carriers to provide certain information to health care providers and
consumers. (Amendment printed SJ 18, 6/4/98)

Adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. Amanda Merrill in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered
1215 and 1630.

Rep. Pfaff, Sen. Barnes for the Committee

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

HB 1597-FN, relative to providing more cost-effective special education services.

Amendment (1864-EBA)

Amend RSA 186-C:2, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing line 9 with the following:

placement prior to his or her incarceration in an adult correctional facility was not actually

Adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. Jacobson in the Chair)

RESOLUTION

Rep. Alukonis offered the following: RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, Senate Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution numbered 51 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed title, and referred to the therein designated committee.

Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE CACR

First, second reading and referral

CACR 51, relating to establishing a restricted education trust fund. Providing that: an education trust fund be established, that all moneys designated for the purpose of state aid to education shall be directly transferred to such trust fund, and that the moneys in such trust fund shall be used exclusively for state aid to education. (Finance)

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS

SB 140, relative to the obligations of joint owners to the nuclear decommissioning financing fund and relative to the membership of the nuclear decommissioning financing committee. (Amendment printed SJ 18, 6/4/98)

Adopted.

SB 301, relative to teacher renomination and the application of teacher professional and performance standards. (Amendment printed SJ 18, 6/4/98)

Adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. Hunt in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

SJ 486, relative to old age and survivors' insurance. (Amendment printed SJ 18, 6/4/98)

Adopted.

RECESS

(Speaker Sytek in the Chair)

Rep. Channing Brown moved that the House adjourn.

Adopted.

HOUSE JOURNAL No. 16

Thursday, June 4, 1998

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Her Excellency, Governor Jeanne Shaheen, joined the Speaker on the rostrum for the day's opening ceremonies.

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Edward G. Horstmann.

O God of great encouragement, as these representatives enter a season of their work which requires of them exceptional perseverance and collegiality, grant unto them Your enthusiasm that they may not grow weary in their labors and bestow upon them Your kindness so that they may welcome each other with care and consideration. May all representatives and staff members who support them find in the midst of their work the presence of Your grace and the abundance of Your wisdom. Amen.

Rep. Fenton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Champagne, Robert Foster, Healy, Mears, Noyes, Pepino, Sabella, Paul Taylor, Tholl and Weber, the day, illness.

Reps. Allen, Allison, Barry, Paula Bradley, Carney, Cegelis, Coes, Colburn, Connolly, Ham, Heon, Robert Kelley, Laflam, Lavoie, Lynde, Messier, Moynihan, O'Keefe, Marsha Pelletier, Phinney, Neil Reardon, Salatiello, Simmons, Marjorie Smith, Steere, Trelfa and Vaughn, the day, important business.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Jenni Virtanen and Annika Ilveskoski, guests of Rep. Robertson. Bob Batchlder, guest of Rep. John Pratt. Shannon McNamara, Erica Dorland and James LiChoulas, daughter and guests of Rep. McNamara. The American Government class from Kingswood Regional High School, guests of Reps.

Babson and Jeb Bradley. The fourth grade class from the Kensington Elementary School, guests of the Exeter Delegation.

SPECIAL GUESTS

University of New Hampshire student Jerry Azumah, recipient of the 1997 Gold Helmet Award, guest of Rep. D'Allesandro and the House.

Winners of the 1998 Granite State Challenge from Salem High School, Mike Smith, Carolyn LaChance, Mark Vareschi, Bernie Campbell, Kate Ciarametaro and Shian Sung, their coach, John Sytek, and Salem High School Principal Patrick Corbin, guests of the House.

CONFEREE APPOINTMENTS

HB 1371, requiring the collection of certain data on Children and parents in the state case registry for use in child support enforcements.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Pfaff, Keans, Kurk and Wall.

SENATE MESSAGES

CONCURRENCE

HB 1121, making technical corrections to the election laws.

HB 1435, relative to board of tax and land appeals jurisdiction over town line disputes, relative to time limits for abatement and appeal of a land use change tax, relative to the vote required for a legislative body of a municipality to accept a street, and relative to allowing municipalities to except islands from certain requirements concerning streets.

HB 1447, relative to approval by the legislative body of cost items in a collective bargaining agreement.

HB 1543-FN-L, relative to disbursement of income of persons held or imprisoned in a county department of corrections facility.

CONCURRENCE WITH AMENDMENTS

SB 161-FN-A, relative to a master plan of Odiorne Point State Park.

SB 319, establishing a committee to study the parole system and methods to increase its efficiency.

SB 321-FN-L, relative to creating a joint maintenance high school in certain towns.

SB 341, relative to the implementation of electric utility restructuring.

SB 377, authorizing the organization of merchant banks to provide equity financing and related services to small businesses.

SB 415, relative to the authority of zoning boards of adjustment to grant variances from certain zoning ordinances.

SB 471-FN, creating the presumption that a juvenile charged with a driving while intoxicated felony offense, shall be certifiable as an adult.

SB 495, relative to the university system study committee.

NONCONCURRENCE

HB 1170-FN, allowing municipalities to designate areas and conditions for the placement of political advertising and relative to the removal of improperly placed political advertising.

HB 1204, relative to political party expenditures.

HB 1446, relative to certain private employers under workers' compensation.

HB 1488, amending the definition of candidate and requiring additional reporting under the political expenditures and contributions act.

HB 1622-FN, relative to remedies and appeals under the whistleblowers' protection act.

REFERRED FOR INTERIM STUDY

HB 1252, relative to the right to farm.

HB 1500, relative to powers of appointment.

REFUSES TO ACCEDE TO REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

HB 505, relative to smoking in indoor public places.

ACCEDES TO REQUESTS FOR COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

HB 1448, relative to confidential communication between victims and counselors.

The President appointed Sens. Gordon, Pignatelli and David Wheeler.

HB 1291-FN, relative to management of the state ski areas at Mount Sunapee and Cannon Mountain.

The President appointed Sens. Frederick King, Johnson and Hollingworth.

NONCONCURS WITH AMENDMENTS

REQUESTS COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

SB 197-FN, relative to final dispositional orders in child protection cases.

The President appointed Sens. Gordon, Squires and Pignatelli.

Rep. John McCarthy moved that the House accede.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Julie Brown, Richardson, Pfaff and Dowling.

SB 397, relative to the composition of the pharmacy board.

The President appointed Sens. Danaïs, John King and Francoeur.

Rep. Mercer moved that the House accede.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Goulet, Stickney, Sapareto and Gile.

REQUESTS CONCURRENCE WITH AMENDMENTS

HB 485, relative to limited electrical energy producers. (Amendment printed SJ 16, 5/21/98)

Rep. Jeb Bradley moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1109, allowing prepayment of property taxes before April 1. (Amendment printed SJ 15, 5/14/98)

Rep. Hess moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1129, relative to the penalty and substance abuse treatment for multiple DWI offenders who have previously successfully completed a multiple DWI offender intervention detention center program. (Amendment printed SJ 17, 5/28/98)

Rep. David Welch moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1196, relative to coordinating and compiling studies and establishing a lead education program concerning the effects of lead on water birds and other wildlife. (Amendment printed SJ 16, 5/21/98)

Rep. Mock moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Mock, Nowe, Carlson and Rollo.

HB 1224, requiring the department of environmental services to test sludge or biosolids to be used for land application and assessing fees to sludge quality certification holders. (Amendment printed SJ 14, 5/7/98)

Rep. McRae moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1226, creating the educational credential of master teacher. (Amendment printed SJ 17, 5/28/98)

Rep. O'Hearn moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1279, relative to the procedures for vacating uninhabitable or unsafe buildings. (Amendment printed SJ 17, 5/28/98)

Rep. David Welch moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1314, relative to enforceable provisions in retail installment contracts for motor vehicles. (Amendment printed SJ 16, 5/21/98)

Rep. Hunt moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1369, revising the student membership of the university system of New Hampshire board of trustees. (Amendment printed SJ 15, 5/14/98)

Rep. O'Hearn moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Henderson, Dearborn, Luebker and Guest.

HB 1411, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of creating a nonprofit, public corporation to facilitate the availability of affordable health insurance for the uninsured and underinsured by organizing large purchasing groups of subsidized and non-subsidized subscribers and establishing the individual health insurance market mandatory risk sharing plan.

Rep. Hunt moved that the House concur.

Adopted.

HB 1430, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts. (Amendment printed SJ 9, 4/2/98)

Rep. Arndt moved that the House nonconcur and request a Committee of Conference.

Adopted.

The Speaker appointed Reps. Arndt, Horton, Joseph Foster and Pfaff.

HB 1444, requiring a special primary for all parties if there are at least 2 candidates for election from one party. (Amendment printed SJ 16, 5/21/98)

Rep. Arndt moved that the House concur and spoke in favor.

Adopted.

HB 1496, relative to energy facility evaluation. (Amendment printed SJ 17, 5/26/98)

Rep. Jeb Bradley moved that the House concur and spoke in favor.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rep. Wheeler moved that the Consent Calendar with the relevant amendments as printed in the day's House Record be adopted.

Consent Calendar adopted.

SB 417-FN, continuing the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert G. Holbrook for Finance : This bill re-establishes the Court Modernization Fund until June 30, 2001 and the amendment appropriates \$59,780 to the Department of Administrative Services for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration building as it appears to be ready for occupancy earlier than expected. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (1890h)

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

AN ACT continuing the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments and making an appropriation for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration building.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 3 with the following:

4 Appropriation; Administrative Services. The sum of \$59,780 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, is hereby appropriated to the department of administrative services to provide funding for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration building. This sum shall be utilized for the following purposes: \$4,000 for current expense; \$47,880 for utilities; \$1,000 for building security safety; and \$6,900 for building and grounds maintenance. This appropriation shall be in addition to any other sums appropriated to the department of administrative services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

5 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect June 29, 1998.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill continues the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments until July 1, 2001.

The bill also makes an appropriation to the department of administrative services for maintenance of the new judicial branch administration building.

SB 423-FN, relative to eligibility for cost of living adjustments for retired members or beneficiaries in the New Hampshire retirement system. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Arthur P. Klemm, Jr. for Finance: This bill allows COLAs on the members' latest anniversary date of their retirement. The amendment changes the waiting period a person must be retired before they are eligible for a COLA from 24 months to 12 months. The reason for this is that as of June 30, 1997 there was \$234.6 million in the special account with the expected balance as of June 30, 1998 to increase to \$267 million. The cost of a COLA depending upon the percentage of increase would be between \$1 million and \$5 million. The Committee felt that, since this was the members' own money, they should be allowed a COLA after 12 months instead of 24. Vote 17-0.

Amendment (1841h)

Amend RSA 100-A:41-A, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. ~~[On July 1, 1994, and on every July 1 thereafter,]~~ Any retired member of the New Hampshire retirement system or any of its predecessor systems, who has been retired for at least ~~[24]~~ **12** months, or any beneficiary of such member who is receiving an allowance, shall be entitled to receive supplemental allowances, also known as cost of living adjustments or COLA's, ***on the retired member's latest anniversary date***. The amount of such supplemental allowances shall be limited to from one percent to 5 percent, with increments of no less than 1/2 of one percent.

SB 457-FN, relative to the eligibility of employment program participants for workers' compensation. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Robert G. Holbrook for Finance: This bill clarifies certain statutory provisions whereby participants in the New Hampshire employment program are eligible for workers' compensation benefits. The participants are to be considered employees of the state and the sponsor for workers' compensation purposes only. There is no fiscal effect on the state budget. Vote 19-0.

SB 490-FN, relative to life and accident and health insurance and relative to certain salaries. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Arthur P. Klemm, Jr. for Finance: This bill as it came over from the Senate clarified the definition of indebtedness with respect to credit life insurance, clarifies the coverage for mental and nervous conditions under HMO's and swaps the salary grades of two positions in the Department of Insurance. Since the salary level of the two positions was approved in the current budget, there is no additional fiscal impact to this bill. Vote 19-0.

SB 503-FN, relative to the New Hampshire community technical college system. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. David J. Alukonis for Finance: This bill initiates the first step in assisting the regional community technical college system to attain a greater level of independence from the state in accordance with the recommendations made by the joint legislative university oversight committee. The bill will allow greater flexibility in the operation of the college system while allowing the legislature to maintain its current level of budgetary control. The bill will also exempt instructional staff from the hiring freeze which affects the current biennium. This exemption will impact the general fund by a maximum of \$60,000 during the last six months of FY 1999. Vote 19-0.

SB 346, establishing a task force to study the foster care system. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Daniel M Burnham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: This bill establishes a task force to study the foster care system, including the issues of overall efficiency, retention, foster parent training, and monetary reimbursement within the system. Vote 16-0.

REGULAR CALENDAR

SB 312, relative to the health care transition fund. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Neal M. Kurk for Finance: This bill is intended to protect the principal of the Health Care Transition Fund. The Committee amendment provides that, after the current biennium, the principal in the fund cannot be diminished except by separate legislation whose content relates to the fund only. A non-germane amendment, on which a public hearing was held, was added to the bill. Through it, the legislature approves a settlement of a suit by the NH Health Care Association against the state. This is required by RSA 14:35-b for any settlement the value of which exceeds $\frac{1}{4}$ of one percent of state general fund revenues. The settlement involves the payment in FY 1998 of some \$2.6 million to private and county nursing homes and provides for two 3% nursing home rate increases in the future. The Department of Health and Human Services states that current appropriations in their budget's nursing home line are sufficient to cover the cost of the settlement in this biennium. Vote 13-6.

Amendment (1914h)

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

AN ACT relative to the health care transition fund and approving the settlement between the department of health and human services and the county nursing homes.

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

1 New Paragraphs; Limitations Added. Amend RSA 167:74 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraphs:

IV. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary and beginning with the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2001, the amount of principal in the health care transition fund established in RSA167 shall remain at least the same at the end of each biennium as it was at the beginning of the biennium, unless specifically authorized by both houses of the general court in separate legislation, specifically containing only legislation relative to the health care transition fund established in RSA167.

V. Notwithstanding paragraph IV or any other law to the contrary, the cap on the health care transition fund shall be \$100,000,000

2 Legislative Approval of Settlement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the agreement executed by and between the New Hampshire department of health and human services, Terry L. Morton, commissioner, the New Hampshire Health Care Association by and on behalf of all its members and member facilities and the New Hampshire Association of Counties by and on behalf of all of its members and member facilities, in resolution of the dispute between them including all issues related to the amendments to the New Hampshire Medicaid state plan implemented in October 1995 and October 1996 and the lawsuit entitled *The New Hampshire Health Care Association on behalf of all its association members, Petitioner v. Terry L. Morton, individually and as he is the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services of the State of New Hampshire and the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Respondents* (Docket No. 97-E-0106), is a settlement of a court claim against the state requiring the approval of the legislature pursuant to RSA 14:35-b and the legislature hereby approves such settlement.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

The bill requires the principal in the health care transition fund to remain at least the same amount at the end of each biennium as at the beginning of such biennium, unless specifically authorized by the general court. The bill caps the fund at \$100,000,000.

The bill also establishes that the agreement by and between the department of health and human services and the county nursing homes is a settlement of a court claim which, if it is in excess of $\frac{1}{4}$ of one percent of the total reported general fund revenues for the previous fiscal year, shall be subject to the approval of the legislature and that the legislature approves such settlement.

Rep. Kurk yielded to questions.

On a division vote, 219 members having voted in the affirmative and 96 in the negative, the amendment was adopted.

Report adopted and ordered to third reading.

SB 462-FN, relative to any general fund surplus at the close of the current biennium. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Rep. Robert G. Holbrook for Finance: This amended bill creates three study commissions as described in HB 1075, dealing with the cost of a constitutionally adequate education, special education and school facilities. \$55,000 is appropriated to the commissions to facilitate this work. These studies need to be started this year. Also, the sum of \$163,000 is appropriated to the New Hampshire Veterans' Home for unanticipated expenses, especially medical expenses and utility costs. Vote 16-2.

Amendment (1892h)

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

AN ACT establishing certain commissions relative to educational issues, and making an appropriation therefor, and making an appropriation to the New Hampshire Veterans' Home.

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

1 Creation of a Commission to Study Costs of Providing an Adequate Education and Methods of Distributing Grants to Municipalities.

I. Within 14 days after the effective date of this section, a commission shall be established to undertake a rigorous and complete review of both the methodology used to calculate the cost of a constitutionally adequate education and the formula used to distribute grants to municipalities. The department of justice shall provide the commission with such legal assistance as the commission deems necessary.

II. The issues considered shall include, but not be limited to, education system delivery efficiencies and geographic and demographic factors.

III.(a) The voting members of the commission shall be:

(1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(2) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(3) Three individuals appointed by the governor.

(b) The nonvoting members of the commission shall be:

(1) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

(2) The commissioner of the department of revenue administration, or designee.

(c) The commission shall elect its own chairperson from among the membership of the commission.

IV. The commission shall issue its report and recommendation to the speaker of the house, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the state library, and the governor no later than December 1, 1998.

V. The sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this section. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for this sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2 Creation of a Commission to Study Special Education Issues.

I. Within 14 days after the effective date of this section, a commission shall be established to review and analyze special education issues. Such issues shall include, but not be limited to, identification of students with disabilities, delivery of special education and educationally-related services, unique needs or circumstances of individual districts, and costs and funding of services. The department of justice shall provide the commission with such legal assistance as the commission deems necessary.

II.(a) The voting members of the commission shall include:

(1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(2) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(3) Three individuals appointed by the governor.

(b) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the commission.

(c) The commission shall elect its own chairperson from among the membership of the commission.

III. The commission's final report shall be filed with the speaker of the house, the senate president, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the state library, and the governor by December 1, 1998.

IV. The sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this section. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for this sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Commission Study Concerning Public School Facilities and the Distribution of Building Aid. By July 1, 1999, the state board of education shall commission a statewide qualitative study to determine the adequacy and condition of all New Hampshire public school facilities and to review the current method for distributing school building aid. Based on this study, the board shall make recommendations to the legislature and the governor by September 1, 2000.

4 Appropriation; New Hampshire Veterans' Home. The sum of \$163,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire veterans' home. This appropriation shall be in addition to any other sums appropriated to the New Hampshire veterans' home. Of this \$163,000, \$153,000 is appropriated to PAU 05, 02, 01 to fund unanticipated increases in the costs of prescription drugs and medical supplies, the payment of holiday pay for the remainder of the fiscal year, and the payment of compensatory pay for direct care personnel accumulated for more than one year, and \$10,000 is appropriated to PAU 05, 02, 02 to fund higher than expected utility costs. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, federal revenue received by the New Hampshire veterans' home in excess of the amounts provided in the operating budget shall be transferred to the general fund until the total of such transfers equals \$163,000.

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

Adopted.

Rep. Alger requested that the question be divided. The Speaker ruled that the question was divisible.

The question now being the adoption of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the bill.

Reps. Alger and Root spoke against.

Reps. O'Hearn and Kurk spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

On a division vote, 246 members having voted in the affirmative and 73 in the negative, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the bill were adopted.

The question now being the adoption of Sections 4 and 5 of the bill.

The remainder of the bill was adopted.

Ordered to third reading.

SENATE MESSAGE

ACCEDES TO REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

HB 1430, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts.

The President appointed Sens. Roberge, Patenaude and Whipple.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL 1291

HB 1291-FN, relative to management of the state ski areas of Mount Sunapee and Cannon. (Report printed SJ 18, 6/4/98)

Rep. Wiggins spoke against.

Reps. Royce and Merritt spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Franklin Torr yielded to questions.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Rogers moved that the Committee of Conference report on **HB 1291-FN**, relative to management of the state ski areas of Mount Sunapee and Cannon, be laid upon the table.

Rep. Wheeler requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 127 NAYS 198			
YEAS 127			

BELKNAP			
None			
CARROLL			
Babson, David, Jr.			
CHESHIRE			
Bonneau, Sarah	Burnham, Daniel	Doucette, Richard	Lynch, Margaret
Lynott, Margaret	Pratt, Irene	Pratt, John	Richardson, Barbara
Robertson, Timothy	Vogl, John		
COOS			
Hawkinson, Marie			
GRAFTON			
Akins, Ralph	Almy, Susan	Copenhaver, Marion	Guest, Robert
Lovett, Sidney	Nordgren, Sharon		
HILLSBOROUGH			
Ackerman, Philip	Ameen, W.	Baroody, Benjamin	Bernier, Shannon
Briefs, Geoffrey	Brundige, Robert	Buckley, Raymond	Cardin, Lori
Clemons, Jane	Cote, David	Daigle, Robert	Dwyer, Paul, Sr.
Foster, Joseph	Foster, Linda	Gage, Ruth	Ginsburg, Ruth
Gosselin, Gerald	Haettenschwiller, Alphonse Hall, Betty	Hart, Nick	
Jean, Claudette	Johnson, Lionel	Konys, Christine	L'Heureux, Robert
Lefebvre, Roland	Leishman, Peter	Leonard, Peter	Marcinkowski, Michael
Martin, Mary	McCarthy, William	Melcher, Harold	Milligan, Robert
Murphy, Robert	Perkins, Paul	Reidy, Frank	Turgeon, Roland
Vaillancourt, Steve	Welch, Donald	Wright, George	
MERRIMACK			
Burney, Carol	Crosby, Toni	Daneault, Gabriel	DeStefano, Stephen
Dunn, Miriam	French, Barbara	Gile, Mary	Jacobson, Alf
Krueger, Patricia	Langer, Ray	Owen, Derek	Reardon, Tara

Rogers, Katherine	Seldin, Gloria	St. Cyr, Gerard	Wallin, Jean
Wallner, Mary Jane	Whittemore, James	Yeaton, Charles	
ROCKINGHAM			
Abbott, Dennis	Battles-Peirce, Marjorie	Blanchard, MaryAnn	Clark, Martha
Cushing, Robert	Dolan, Richard	Dunham, Vivian	Heath, John
Hutchinson, Rebecca	Kane, Cecelia	Kelley, Jane	Langone, John
Malcolm, Kenneth	Micklon, Stephanie	Norelli, Terie	Pantelakos, Laura
Pitts, Jacqueline	Sapareto, Frank	Schanda, Frank	Stickney, Nancy
Stone, Joseph	Syracusa, Anthony		
STRAFFORD			
Berube, Roger	Bickford, David	Brennan, William	Callaghan, Frank
DeChane, Marlene	Dunlap, Patricia	Estabrook, Iris	Grassie, Anne
Keans, Sandra	Lundborn, Raymond	McCann, William, Jr.	Merrill, Amanda
Pelletier, Arthur	Rogers, Rose Marie	Rollo, Michael	Snyder, Clair
Taylor, Kathleen	Tsiros, William	Twardus, Joseph	Wall, Janet
SULLIVAN			
Burling, Peter	Cloutier, John	Donovan, Thomas	Ferland, Brenda
Flint, Gordon	Leone, Richard	Palmer, Lorraine	Robb-Theroux, Amy
Wiggins, Celestine			
NAYS 198			
BELKNAP			
Bartlett, Gordon	Boriso, Thomas	Boyce, Robert	Calvert, Alice
Golden, Paul	Holbrook, Robert	Hurt, George	Pilliod, James
Rosen, Ralph	Thomas, John	Turner, Robert	Veazey, John
CARROLL			
Bradley, Jeb	Chandler, Gene	Dickinson, Howard, Jr.	Howard, Godfrey
Kenney, Joseph	Lyman, L. Randy	MacDonald, Kenneth	Mock, Henry
Patten, Betsey	Philbrick, Donald		
CHESHIRE			

Avery, Stephen	Hunt, John	Manning, Joseph	McGuirk, Paul
McNamara, Wanda	Meader, David	Metzger, Katherine	Riley, William
Royce, H. Charles	Russell, Ronald	Smith, Edwin	
COOS			
Davis, Perley	Guay, Lawrence	Horton, Lynn	Merrill, Gerald
Pratt, Leighton	St. Hilaire, Paul		
GRAFTON			
Alger, John	Below, Clifton	Brown, Channing	Eaton, Stephanie
Guaraldi, Lawrence	Hill, Richard	Hinman, Harry	LaMott, Paul
MacNeil, Allen	Mirski, Paul	Root, John	Teschner, Douglass
Williams, William, Jr.			
HILLSBOROUGH			
Amidon, Eleanor	Arnold, Thomas, Jr.	Batula, Peter	Belvin, William
Bergin, Peter	Boutin, David	Burke, M. Virginia	Calawa, Leon, Jr.
Carlson, Donald	Chabot, Robert	Christiansen, Lars	Clegg, Robert, Jr.
D'Allesandro, Lou	Daniels, Gary	Dawe, Eileen	Dokmo, Cynthia
Drabinowicz, A. Theresa	Durham, Susan	Dyer, Merton	Emerton, Lawrence, Sr.
Fenton, James	Flora, Kathleen	Franks, Suzan	Gagnon, Eugene
Golding, William	Goulet, Maurice	Hansen, Herbert	Herman, Keith
Holley, Sylvia	Holt, David	Hunter, Bruce	Jean, Loren
Kurk, Neal	LaRose, Richard	Lessard, Rudy	Letendre, Evelyn
Lozeau, Donnalee	Luebker, Bernard	MacGillivray, Jeffrey	MacIntyre, Doris
McCarty, Winston	McDonald, James, Sr.	McGough, Tim	McRae, Karen
Mercer, Robert	Mittelman, David	Morello, Michael	Murch, George
O'Hearn, Jane	Peterson, Andrew	Piteri, Dawn	Riley, Frances
Rowe, Robert	Sargent, Maxwell	Searles, Stanley, Sr.	Tate, Joan
Thulander, O. Alan	Wheeler, Robert	White, Donald	
MERRIMACK			
Adams, Stephen	Anderson, Eric	Brown, Mary	Chandler, Earle
Crowell, Peter	Davis, Francis	Feuerstein, Martin	Fraser, Marilyn

Hager, Elizabeth	Hess, David	Hoadley, Elizabeth	Larrabee, David
Leber, William	Lockwood, Robert	Marshall, Kenneth	Maxfield, Roy
Morrill, Olive	Nichols, Avis	Pfaff, Terence	Whalley, Michael
ROCKINGHAM			
Arndt, Janet	Beaulieu, Jon	Belanger, Ronald	Bishop, Franklin
Camm, Kevin	Carson, Gregory	Case, Margaret	Christie, Andrew, Jr.
Cooney, Richard	Cote, Patricia	Dalrymple, Janeen	Dearborn, Bruce
Dodge, Robert	Dowd, Sandra	Downing, Michael	Fesh, Robert
Flanagan, Natalie	Flanders, David	Flanders, John, Sr.	Francoeur, Sheila
Frechette, Joseph	Gibbons, Paul	Gleason, John	Griffin, Mary
Guthrie, Joseph	Henderson, Warren	Johnson, Robert	Katsakiores, George
Katsakiores, Phyllis	Klemm, Arthur, Jr.	Kobel, Rudolph	Langley, Jane
Letourneau, Robert	Lovejoy, Marian	Major, Norman	McCarthy, John, Jr.
McKinney, Betsy	Mikowski, Walter	Moore, Benjamin	Morris, Debbie
Nowe, Ronald	Packard, Sherman	Rabideau, Marie	Raynowska, Bernard
Rubin, George	Smith, Kevin	Stritch, C. Donald	Tufts, J. Arthur
Varrell, Thomas	Verani, Giovanni	Welch, David	Weyler, Kenneth
STRAFFORD			
Brown, Julie	Cossette, Larry	Kaen, Naida	Knowles, William
McKinley, Robert	Merritt, Deborah	Spear, Barbara	Sullivan, Henry
Torr, Ann	Torr, Franklin	Vincent, Francis	
SULLIVAN			
Adler, Rudolf	Kibbey, David	Lindblade, Eric	Schotanus, Merle

and the motion failed.

The question now being the adoption of the Committee of Conference report.

Reps. Rogers and Jacobson spoke against and yielded to questions.

Reps. Whalley and Gene Chandler spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Wheeler requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 221 NAYS 101			
YEAS 221			
BELKNAP			
Bartlett, Gordon	Boriso, Thomas	Boyce, Robert	Calvert, Alice
Golden, Paul	Holbrook, Robert	Hurt, George	Pilliod, James
Rosen, Ralph	Thomas, John	Turner, Robert	
CARROLL			
Babson, David, Jr.	Bradley, Jeb	Chandler, Gene	Dickinson, Howard, Jr.
Howard, Godfrey	Kenney, Joseph	Lyman, L. Randy	MacDonald, Kenneth
Mock, Henry	Patten, Betsey	Philbrick, Donald	
CHESHIRE			
Avery, Stephen	Hunt, John	Manning, Joseph	McGuirk, Paul
McNamara, Wanda	Meader, David	Metzger, Katherine	Riley, William
Royce, H. Charles	Smith, Edwin		
COOS			
Davis, Perley	Guay, Lawrence	Hawkinson, Marie	Horton, Lynn
Merrill, Gerald	Pratt, Leighton	St. Hilaire, Paul	
GRAFTON			
Akins, Ralph	Alger, John	Below, Clifton	Brown, Channing
Eaton, Stephanie	Guaraldi, Lawrence	Hill, Richard	Hinman, Harry
LaMott, Paul	Mirski, Paul	Root, John	Teschner, Douglass
Williams, William, Jr.			
HILLSBOROUGH			
Ackerman, Philip	Amidon, Eleanor	Arnold, Thomas, Jr.	Batula, Peter
Belvin, William	Bergin, Peter	Boutin, David	Briefs, Geoffrey
Brundige, Robert	Burke, M. Virginia	Calawa, Leon, Jr.	Carlson, Donald
Chabot, Robert	Christiansen, Lars	Clegg, Robert, Jr.	Daniels, Gary
Dawe, Eileen	Dokmo, Cynthia	Durham, Susan	Dyer, Merton

Emerton, Lawrence, Sr.	Fenton, James	Fields, Dennis	Flora, Kathleen
Foster, Linda	Franks, Suzan	Gagnon, Eugene	Ginsburg, Ruth
Golding, William	Gosselin, Gerald	Goulet, Maurice	Haettenschwiller, Alphonse
Hansen, Herbert	Herman, Keith	Holley, Sylvia	Holt, David
Hunter, Bruce	Jean, Loren	Kurk, Neal	L'Heureux, Robert
LaRose, Richard	Leishman, Peter	Lessard, Rudy	Letendre, Evelyn
Lozeau, DonnaLee	Luebker, Bernard	MacGillivray, Jeffrey	MacIntyre, Doris
McCarty, Winston	McGough, Tim	Mercer, Robert	Mittelman, David
Morello, Michael	Murch, George	O'Hearn, Jane	Peterson, Andrew
Piteri, Dawn	Riley, Frances	Rowe, Robert	Sargent, Maxwell
Searles, Stanley, Sr.	Tate, Joan	Thulander, O. Alan	Vaillancourt, Steve
Wheeler, Robert	White, Donald	Wright, George	
MERRIMACK			
Adams, Stephen	Anderson, Eric	Brown, Mary	Chandler, Earle
Crosby, Toni	Crowell, Peter	Daneault, Gabriel	Davis, Francis
DeStefano, Stephen	Feuerstein, Martin	Fraser, Marilyn	Hager, Elizabeth
Hess, David	Hoadley, Elizabeth	Krueger, Patricia	Langer, Ray
Larrabee, David	Leber, William	Lockwood, Robert	Marshall, Kenneth
Maxfield, Roy	Morrill, Olive	Nichols, Avis	Pfaff, Terence
Reardon, Tara	Whalley, Michael	Whittemore, James	
ROCKINGHAM			
Arndt, Janet	Beaulieu, Jon	Belanger, Ronald	Bishop, Franklin
Blanchard, MaryAnn	Camm, Kevin	Case, Margaret	Christie, Andrew, Jr.
Clark, Martha	Cooney, Richard	Cote, Patricia	Dearborn, Bruce
Dodge, Robert	Dolan, Richard	Dowd, Sandra	Downing, Michael
Fesh, Robert	Flanagan, Natalie	Flanders, David	Flanders, John, Sr.
Francoeur, Sheila	Frechette, Joseph	Gleason, John	Griffin, Mary
Guthrie, Joseph	Henderson, Warren	Hutchinson, Rebecca	Johnson, Robert
Katsakiores, George	Katsakiores, Phyllis	Klemm, Arthur, Jr.	Kobel, Rudolph
Langley, Jane	Langone, John	Letourneau, Robert	Lovejoy, Marian

Major, Norman	McCarthy, John, Jr.	McKinney, Betsy	Mikowski, Walter
Moore, Benjamin	Morris, Debbie	Norelli, Terie	Nowe, Ronald
Packard, Sherman	Rabideau, Marie	Raynowska, Bernard	Rubin, George
Schanda, Frank	Smith, Kevin	Stritch, C. Donald	Syracusa, Anthony
Tufts, J. Arthur	Varrell, Thomas	Verani, Giovanni	Welch, David
Weyler, Kenneth			
STRAFFORD			
Berube, Roger	Bickford, David	Brown, Julie	Cossette, Larry
Estabrook, Iris	Grassie, Anne	Kaen, Naida	Knowles, William
McKinley, Robert	Merritt, Deborah	Spear, Barbara	Sullivan, Henry
Torr, Ann	Torr, Franklin	Tsiros, William	Vincent, Francis
SULLIVAN			
Kibbey, David	Schotanus, Merle		
NAYS 101			
BELKNAP			
None			
CARROLL			
None			
CHESHIRE			
Bonneau, Sarah	Burnham, Daniel	Doucette, Richard	Lynch, Margaret
Lynott, Margaret	Pratt, Irene	Pratt, John	Richardson, Barbara
Robertson, Timothy	Russell, Ronald	Vogl, John	
COOS			
None			
GRAFTON			
Almy, Susan	Copenhaver, Marion	Guest, Robert	Lovett, Sidney
Nordgren, Sharon			
HILLSBOROUGH			

Ameen, W.	Baroody, Benjamin	Bernier, Shannon	Buckley, Raymond
Cardin, Lori	Clemons, Jane	Cote, David	D'Allesandro, Lou
Daigle, Robert	Drabinowicz, A. Theresa	Dwyer, Paul, Sr.	Foster, Joseph
Gage, Ruth	Hall, Betty	Hart, Nick	Jean, Claudette
Johnson, Lionel	Konys, Christine	Lefebvre, Roland	Leonard, Peter
Marcinkowski, Michael	Martin, Mary	McCarthy, William	McDonald, James, Sr.
McRae, Karen	Melcher, Harold	Murphy, Robert	Perkins, Paul
Reidy, Frank	Turgeon, Roland	Welch, Donald	Williams, Carol
MERRIMACK			
Burney, Carol	Dunn, Miriam	French, Barbara	Gile, Mary
Jacobson, Alf	Owen, Derek	Rogers, Katherine	Seldin, Gloria
St. Cyr, Gerard	Wallin, Jean	Wallner, Mary Jane	Yeaton, Charles
ROCKINGHAM			
Abbott, Dennis	Battles-Peirce, Marjorie	Cushing, Robert	Dalrymple, Janeen
Dunham, Vivian	Gibbons, Paul	Heath, John	Kane, Cecelia
Kelley, Jane	Malcolm, Kenneth	Micklon, Stephanie	Pantelakos, Laura
Pitts, Jacqueline	Sapareto, Frank	Stickney, Nancy	Stone, Joseph
STRAFFORD			
Brennan, William	Callaghan, Frank	DeChane, Marlene	Dunlap, Patricia
Keans, Sandra	Lundborn, Raymond	McCann, William, Jr.	Merrill, Amanda
Pelletier, Arthur	Rogers, Rose Marie	Rollo, Michael	Snyder, Clair
Taylor, Kathleen	Twardus, Joseph	Wall, Janet	
SULLIVAN			
Adler, Rudolf	Burling, Peter	Cloutier, John	Donovan, Thomas
Ferland, Brenda	Flint, Gordon	Lindblade, Eric	Palmer, Lorraine
Robb-Theroux, Amy	Wiggins, Celestine		

and the Committee of Conference report was adopted.

Rep. Wall voted nay and intended to vote yea.

RECONSIDERATION

Having voted on the prevailing side, Rep. Boutin moved that the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted the Committee of Conference report on ***HB 1291-FN***, relative to management of the state ski areas of Mount Sunapee and Cannon.

Reconsideration failed.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Reps. Wheeler and Burling move that Rules be so far suspended as to permit the deadlines in House Rule 64 to read:

June 10, 1998 - Last day to act on all bills, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

June 16, 1998 - Final day to sign-off all Committee of Conference Reports at 5:00 p.m., excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

June 18, 1998- Last day to act on Committee of Conference Reports, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

June 22, 1998- All bills to the Governor, excluding those related to the Claremont decision.

Adopted by the necessary two-thirds.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Reps. Wheeler and Burling move that the rules be so far suspended as to permit consideration at the present time, without the proper notice, of the Committee of Conference report on ***HB 1430***, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts.

Adopted by the necessary two-thirds.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORT on House bill 1430

HB 1430, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts. (Report printed SJ 18, 6/4/98)

Rep. Arndt spoke in favor.

Adopted.

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 Wednesday, June 10, 1998.

Adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third reading and final passage

SB 417-FN, continuing the court modernization fund and its source of funding from penalty assessments.

SB 423-FN, relative to eligibility for cost of living adjustments for retired members or beneficiaries in the New Hampshire retirement system.

SB 457-FN, relative to the eligibility of employment program participants for workers' compensation.

SB 490, relative to life and accident and health insurance and relative to certain salaries.

SB 503-FN, relative to the New Hampshire community technical college system.

SB 346, establishing a task force to study the foster care system.

SB 312, relative to the health care transition fund.

SB 462-FN, relative to any general fund surplus at the close of the current biennium.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Schotanus addressed the House.

Rep. Teschner moved that the remarks made by Rep. Schotanus be printed in the Journal.

Adopted.

Rep. Schotanus: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is something new to me. I have never taken Unanimous Consent before, but I feel deeply enough about this to take it this time to express my very deep appreciation for the 14-year journey that I have taken through the legislative process as a member of this House. As you know, this is my last session. I am going to seek a seat in the upper chamber. So, six months from now I am either going to be a retired representative or the senator from the fifth district. But, I am not here to talk to you about where I intend to go, I am here to talk to you about where I have been and to express my very deep appreciation for this long and wonderful journey that I've had since 1985 when my good friend Ann Torr and I were freshmen.

My days started on the Environment and Agriculture committee. In those days we used to call it the cows and garbage committee. Unfortunately, we had more garbage then we did cows. In fact, we were such a close knit committee in those days that we had a little gold lapel button that we wore to identify ourselves as members of the committee. It was a gold garbage can, with cover on. We worked under the tutelage of the grand dame of today's environmental policy in this great state, a woman who has since passed to heaven, Representative Betty Greene from Rye. We were very busy in those days setting solid waste laws. We had just gotten into the air emissions problem. We were talking about superfund, current use, pesticides and a whole array of other problems, and she gave me a piece of advice which I took heed to and it made me recall something that happened to me 30 years earlier. She said, "Merle, as a freshman the best advice that I can give you is to learn how the system works before you decide how you are going to work the system." That was good advice that was given to me 30 years earlier when I reported to the Pentagon in Washington as a young Army officer on the Army General Staff. Some crusty old two-star general said the same thing and it came back to me in

a rush. So, I didn't do much the first year but the second year I began to work the system. I cut my teeth in floor debate the second year on a subject very close to my heart, the historic rehabilitation of the Cornish covered bridge over the Connecticut River. I went to the floor and debated that and I won the debate. Of course I did, I was the only one that spoke. I requested a roll call vote and in those days it didn't take so many seconds because in those days we didn't use the roll call vote so frequently as we do today. I got as close to a perfect roll call vote as anybody I've ever seen. I got a 350 to 1 vote which passed the bill. What I was really trying to do was to set-up a situation where I could take the bill over to then Senator Torr, in the Senate Capital Budget committee and convince him that this was the way we ought to go on the Cornish-Windsor bridge. After the debate that day I found out who was the one dissenting vote. It was Maurice Doucette of Manchester. I walked up to him and asked him why he thought he didn't like my position. He said, "Well, it's very simple. You just talked too long." Well, folks, I must tell you I learned a lesson that day but I also made a friend and that was the beginning of the rest of the journey. It went from there to eight years on the Appropriations committee, what is now called the Finance committee and to my present position on the Public Works committee. Through those remaining ten years I have crossed many, many milestones in many, many subjects including building four biennial budgets and a capital budget and a ten-year highway plan and highway fund diversions, diabetes, shoreland protection, dams and dam fees, firetowers and you name it, many, many more and kindergarten incentive and wound up here with the ABCs. I still remember what Betty Greene told me in those days, the system and how it works. I can tell you that I would not have ever been able to successfully negotiate that wonderful trip without the support or the advice and the guidance of the hundred or so folks that we call our legislative staff. I'd like to take an opportunity to thank personally Madam Clerk who was also a classmate of mine in 1985 and her outstanding staff and Mr. Callahan who works for her and has an uncanny talent of committing puddles of purple passion to house resolutions which he wrote many of for me. Ann Fitzgerald and her house research staff who, without the work of that staff, the committees could not function. Rob Johnson and his hardworking staff who take care of protocol, security and keeps the bills moving. The LBA which always kept me straight on financial data whether I liked it or not and a couple of committee assistants, Ruth Page from the Finance committee and Anna Mae Twigg from Public Works and all of the other committee assistants that make the engines of this legislature run, that is the committees.

Now, many of you who are finishing up your freshman year, in fact of those who are probably in your second year, have probably reached that time of the year when the frustration levels have gone up because we are, after all, into the hardball season. You are beginning to have some doubts about the efficiency of the place, the number of bills we're required to pass, the size, the pay and everything else that goes with it. I think you need to know that the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire enjoys one of the best reputations in the country among our other 49 legislative bodies. I can tell you that with some confidence because I had the pleasure of serving this state as its representative on a standing committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. I can tell you that they stand in awe of us. They stand in awe of us because they can't understand how we can work so hard for so little pay. They also hold us in great esteem because of the efficiency with which this 400-member body works. I can tell you that New Hampshire was one of the first states in the nation to computerize its legislative process thanks to the leadership of this House and thanks to Stan Kelley and his absolutely outstanding computer staff. In fact, bills that this state produces are held up as examples of the right way to do things. I can tell you that reputation is in no small measure due to the efforts of a couple of our own representatives. I'd like to thank personally our Majority Leader Emeritus and my very good friend from Dover, Ann Torr, who spent three years on the Executive Committee of the NCSL, and our Madam Speaker who now serves on the Executive Committee of that body. It is due to their leadership that we are in, in great part, that we hold the reputation that we do. So, those folks who are frustrated, take heart, stick around, stay tuned. There is a lot more to come and it is all good, I can guarantee that. So, whatever happens come November, folks, I can assure you of one thing, I can assure you that I know where my legislative roots are and I shall not forget them. Thank you.

Reps. Buckley, Benjamin Moore, Lefebvre and Mirski addressed the House.

Rep. Rogers addressed the House.

Rep. Jeb Bradley moved that the remarks made by Rep. Rogers be printed in the Journal.

Adopted.

Rep. Rogers: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you, members of the House, for giving me a few moments. I rise today to take my last opportunity to speak to this body. I am resigning my seat representing Merrimack District 22 as of June 12th in order to take a seat on the Merrimack County Board of Commissioners. It is with great anticipation and excitement for the work ahead that I take this step. However it is with genuine sadness and regret that I leave the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

I came to the New Hampshire House full of ideas and plans for great change. I also came here with many prejudices and great impatience. I believed that most issues were partisan and every issue was black and white. I believed there would never be a difficult choice to make and that anyone who was my friend would always vote with me and my enemies would always vote against me. Since that beginning I have changed and become more realistic and yes, even more impatient. I now know that my support, my guidance, and my impatience come from the most unexpected places.

I want to thank certain individuals for helping me to evolve into what, I hope, is a better public servant. First, Rep. Gene Chandler. On my first day in the New Hampshire House, I understood that my committee chairman went to the then Speaker and asked why he was being punished with me as a member of his committee. I was contentious, argumentative, and downright difficult, and this was just when we were talking about committee procedures. I am still contentious, argumentative and difficult, but now, thanks to Rep. Chandler, I know how to do all this without stepping on every single toe in the room. Gene, thank you for your fairness, your patience and your lessons in vote counting.

Rep. Neal Kurk. I never thought I would find myself in the position of agreeing with you, much less actually working with you on anything. You have taught me that allies come in the strangest places. I thank you for your continued words of encouragement when others shied away or suggested I back off. Thank you, Neal, for your lessons in informed judgment, civil and thoughtful disagreement, and your willingness to listen - not agree, but listen.

To my greatest teacher, Rep. Jean Wallin. You are one of the bravest, most determined and persistent people I have ever known. You have listened to my ideas, challenged me to be better and taught me that true courage never backs away from a fight or lacks humor.

The Democratic Leader, Rep. Peter Burling. I admire your determination, your loyalty and your willingness to let everyone be heard. You have the knack of making everyone feel part of the solution and bringing us all together to make us better than our separate selves could ever be. Thank you for your leadership and your support.

The former Democratic Leader and my dear friend, Rick Trombly. Rick taught me never to give up, never to back down and to believe in my judgment. In short Rick taught me to be strong in the face of difficult odds. I have missed him this term in the House.

And finally, my best friend, Rep. Raymond Buckley, who has known me for more years than either of us want to mention, then you would know how old we really are. Raymond has taught me much in

this House as in my life. Thank you, Raymond, for sticking by me even when I wanted to move trees. And, thank you for teaching me that "it is never the wrong time to do the right thing."

I want to leave this House by quoting a Democratic President of the United States, Andrew Jackson. Mr. Jackson was a man who often spoke for those not considered to be "civilized members of society", my kind of folks. He once said, "Every man is equally entitled to protection by laws; but when laws undertake to add...exclusive privileges to make the rich richer and the potent more powerful, the humble members of society - who have neither the time nor the means of securing like favors to themselves, have a right to complain of the injustice of their government."

This Legislature has the opportunity and the responsibility to correct the injustices thrust upon the citizens of New Hampshire and my biggest impatience with this body has been its continued willingness to put off action in the hope that problems will be forgotten. I have fought that in my time here and hope that others will continue to fight that inaction in the future.

And, lastly, in light of what I've usually said up here, I hope that you will remember the words of the great radical thinker, Karl Marx. "The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways. The point, however, is to change it."

I leave this body as I entered, committed to change and committed to equity and justice in all things.

Thank you and goodbye.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Wheeler moved that the House stand in recess for the purpose of introduction of bills, enrolled bill amendments, enrolled bill reports and forming of Committees of Conference only.

Adopted.

The House recessed at 1:15 p.m.

RECESS

(Rep. Avery in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 147, 1112, 1167, 1189, 1262, 1374, 1407, 1421, 1428, 1527, 1529, 1597 and 1605, and Senate Bills numbered 100, 308, 319, 331, 365, 379, 392, 396, 446, 487 and 506.

Rep. Pfaff, Sen. Barnes for the Committee

RECESS

(Rep. Christie in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

HB 1430, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts.

Amendment (2031-EBA)

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

AN ACT relative to waiver of filing fees and petitions for candidates for certain offices.

Adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. Burling in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 1430 and 1444.

Rep. Pfaff for the Committee

RECESS

(Rep. Pfaff in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bill numbered 1291.

Rep. Pfaff for the Committee

RECESS