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Wednesday, May 24, 2006

RECESS

(Rep. Daniel Eaton in the Chair)
ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS

SB 140, relative to the acceptance of in-lieu payments for the restoration or creation of wetlands and the preservation of upland areas adjacent to wetland areas. (Amendment printed SJ 5/24/06)
Adopted.

SB 250**,** relative to lead paint poisoning prevention. (Amendment printed SJ 5/24/06)
Adopted.

SB 287-FN, making certain changes to the eminent domain statute and establishing a committee to study eminent domain issues. (Amendment printed SJ 5/24/06)
Adopted.

SB 352-FN**,** relative to the regulation of real estate appraisers. (Amendment printed SJ 5/24/06)
Adopted.

SB 359-FN**,** relative to the regulation of plumbers and water treatment technicians by the plumbers' board. (Amendment printed SJ 5/24/06)
Adopted.

SB 388**,** relative to farm composting and pesticides. (Amendment printed SJ 5/24/06)
Adopted.

RECESS

(Speaker Scamman in the Chair)
ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 349, 5206, 582, 287, 678, 690, 1167, 1335, 1346, 1407, 1429, 1463, 1646, 1508, 1581, 1590, 1696, 1720, 1724, 1741, 1747, and Senate Bills numbered 336, 358, 371, 374, and 403.

Rep. Currier, Sen. D'Allesandro for the Committee

RECESS

(Rep. Gale in the Chair)
ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS

HB 37-FN, relative to health insurance coverage for full-time students on medical leaves of absence.

Amendment (2394-EBA)

Amend RSA 415:18, V(b) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

(b) If the coverage for dependent children under paragraph IV includes

Amend RSA 415:18, V(b) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing line 12 with the following:

date the insurance coverage under this subparagraph commences.

Adopted.

HB 76, relative to distribution of state aid to charter schools; relative to establishing the 21st century scholars program and making an appropriation therefor; and relative to funding charter schools.

Amendment (2397-EBA)

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

AN ACT relative to distribution of state aid to charter schools and relative to funding for charter schools.

Amend section 2 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

2 State Aid; Education Trust Fund. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:39, I to

Adopted.

HB 1459-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of regional community-technical colleges for tuition maintenance; authorizing the temporary use of the department of regional community-technical colleges nonlapsing account for tuition maintenance; and making a bonded capital appropriation to the department of regional community-technical colleges for construction of a health education center nursing wing at the New Hampshire technical institute in Concord.

Amendment (2395-EBA)

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

AN ACT making an appropriation to the department of regional community-technical colleges for tuition maintenance; authorizing the temporary use of the department of regional community-technical colleges' nonlapsing account for tuition maintenance; and authorizing the use of the department of regional community-technical colleges' nonlapsing account for construction of a health education center nursing wing at the New Hampshire technical institute in Concord.

Adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. Buxton in the Chair)
ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS

HB 1126, relative to licenses for first mortgage bankers, brokers, pawnbrokers, and money lenders and relative to licensing of money transmitters.

Amendment (2408-EBA)

Amend section 5 of the bill by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:

5 Licensing of Sales Finance Companies and Retail Sellers Required. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 361-A:2, II(a) and RSA 361-A:2, II(a)(1) to read as follows:

Amend RSA 399-G:1, V(d) as inserted by section 35 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) In the case of an owner that is a limited liability company (LLC):

(1) Those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25 percent or more of the LLC's capital; and

(2) If managed by elected managers, all elected managers; and

Adopted.

HB 1315, relative to the definition and classification of dams and relative to the acceptance of Jericho Lake dam and dike in Berlin.

Amendment (2390-EBA)

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

AN ACT, relative to the definition and classification of dams, the acceptance of Jericho Lake dam and dike in Berlin, the fish and game department's acquisition of property rights to Big Brook Bog dam in Pittsburg, and the study of potential sources of funding for the repair and maintenance of dams by the state.

Adopted.

HB 1343, relative to the duties of the council on resources and development, and making bonded appropriations to the department of environmental services and the New Hampshire veterans' home.

Amendment (2396-EBA)

Amend paragraph I of section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. $510,000 from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund established in RSA 146-D:3.

Adopted.

HB 1491, extending certain deadlines relating to the Great Bay Estuary Commission.

Amendment (2388-EBA)

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

AN ACT, extending certain deadlines relative to the Great Bay Estuary Commission and the Estuary Alliance for Sewage Treatment, and establishing a commission to study the publicly owned treatment plant needs of New Hampshire and state laboratory water tests and fees.

Adopted.

HB 1474, relative to membership on the public employees deferred compensation commission and relative to criminal penalties for certain securities violations.

Amendment (2393-EBA)

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 Contingency. If HB 716-FN of the 2006 legislative session becomes law, section 1 of this act shall not take effect.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 3 of this act.

II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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

Adopted.

HB 1697-FN, relative to certain state salaries; establishing the position of director of homeland security and emergency management in the department of safety; authorizing the commissioner of safety to reorganize certain divisions, responsibilities, and activities of the department; relative to appeals of reclassification of positions; relative to a study of the unclassified salary schedule; and relative to the registration of apprentices by the board of barbering, cosmetology, and esthetics.

Amendment (2407-EBA)

Amend section 13 of the bill by replacing lines 5-6 with the following:

II Department of safety, director of emergency services, communications, and management

Amend section 14 of the bill by replacing lines 5-7 with the following:

management from the division of emergency services, communications, and management to the director of homeland security and emergency management, and transferring the bureau of emergency management from the division of emergency services, communications, and management

Adopted.

HB 1744-FN-A, authorizing the pari-mutuel commission to regulate games of chance conducted by charitable organizations and relative to tournaments conducted by charitable organizations where chips have no monetary face value.

Amendment (2400-EBA)

Amend section 6 of the bill by replacing lines 1-2 with the following:

6 New Section; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 1-a the following new section:

Amend section 11 of the bill by replacing lines 1-2 with the following:

11 New Sections; Licensing of Game Operators. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 2-b the following new sections:

Amend paragraph I(d) of section 16 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) The executive director of the pari-mutuel commission, or the executive director's designee.

Adopted.

HB 1761, relative to hold over tenants in vacation or recreational rental units.

Amendment (2401-EBA)

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

AN ACT, relative to hold over tenants in vacation or recreational rental units and relative to lobbyist reporting requirements.

Amend section 1 of the bill by replacing line 5 with the following:

540-C:1 Covered Units. This chapter shall apply to all dwelling units which are:

Amend section 1 of the bill by replacing line 20 with the following:

540-C:4 Civil Penalty. Any person who directs a law enforcement officer to remove a tenant

Adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. MacKay in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS

HB 656-FN, relative to medical decision making for those adults without capacity to make

health care decisions for themselves and establishing procedures for Do Not Resuscitate Orders.

Amendment (2403-EBA)

Amend RSA 153-A:20, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Protocols approved and issued by the emergency medical services medical control board for provision of emergency medical care, which shall address living wills established under RSA [~~137-H~~] ***137-J***, durable powers of attorney for health care established under RSA 137-J, and patient-requested, physician generated orders relative to resuscitation. Notwithstanding RSA 541-A:12, III, the department may incorporate by reference into such rules protocols pertaining solely to medical and pharmaceutical patient care processes issued by the emergency medical services board and approved by the commissioner.

Amend section 4 of the bill by replacing lines 1-2 with the following:

4 Guardians; Reference Change. Amend RSA 464-A:25, I(e) to read as follows:

(e) If a ward has previously executed a valid living will, under RSA [~~137-H~~] ***137-J***, a

Amend section 5 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

5 Jurisdiction; Reference Change. Amend RSA 547:3, I(j) to read as follows:

Adopted.

HB 1194, relative to job protection for volunteer firefighters, rescue workers, and emergency medical personnel, and relative to health insurance claim review and the qualifications and responsibilities of a medical director.

Amendment (2402-EBA)

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

AN ACT relative to job protection for firefighters, rescue workers, and emergency medical personnel, and relative to health insurance claim review.

Amend RSA 415-A:4-b, V(a)(6)-(8) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

(6) [~~If the claim denial is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the denial, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request;~~

~~(7)~~] The following statement: "You and your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor Office and your state insurance regulatory agency;" and

[~~(8)~~] ***(7)*** A statement describing the claimant's right to contact the insurance commissioner's office for assistance which shall include a toll-free telephone number and address of the commissioner.

Adopted.

HB 1238-FN, relative to centralized voter registration database information and relative to interference with campaign communications.

Amendment (2387-EBA)

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Right to Know Exemption; Public Information; Mailing Address. Amend RSA 654:31-a to read as follows:

654:31-a Right to Know Exemption. The information contained on the checklist of a town or city, specifically, the name, street address, ***mailing address,*** town or city, and party affiliation, if any, of registered voters, except as otherwise provided by statute, is public

information subject to RSA 91-A. All other information on the voter registration form, absentee registration affidavit, citizenship and domicile affidavits, and application for absentee ballot shall be treated as confidential information and the records containing this information shall be exempt from the public disclosure provisions of RSA 91-A, except as provided by statutes other than RSA 91-A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, citizenship and domicile affidavits are public records subject to RSA 91-A for the sole purpose of challenging an individual registering to vote or voting, challenging ballots to be recounted, to the extent that such ballot challenges are specifically authorized by law, or determining the accuracy of any citizenship or domicile affidavit. Election officials and law enforcement personnel in furtherance of their official duties may access and may disclose information from the voter registration form, citizenship and domicile affidavits, absentee registration affidavits, and applications for absentee ballots, if necessary to resolve a challenge to an individual registering to vote or voting, or if necessary to investigate or prosecute election law violations or any crime. Law enforcement access and use of such records for the investigation or prosecution of crimes unrelated to election law violations shall be limited to the records of the specific individuals who are the subject of the investigation or prosecution.
Adopted.

HB 1331, relative to the New Hampshire Temporary assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program and making an appropriation therefor.

Amendment (2406-EBA)

Amend section 5 of the bill by replacing lines 1 and 2 with the following:

5 Definition of Specialized Services Replaced with Definition of Interim Activities. RSA 167:78, XXII is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Amend RSA 167:82, II, (i)-(j) as inserted by section 8 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

(i) A person with significant employment-related barriers, as determined by the department by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A, that prevent the person from accepting immediate employment.

(j) Any other person as determined by the department by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A as necessary to promote the purpose and goals of this subdivision.

Amend RSA 167:85, V as inserted by section 14 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

V. A person temporarily exempted under RSA 167:82, II may participate in the employment

Amend RSA 167:91, I as inserted by section 16 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I.(a) Each participant less than 20 years of age, who is not enrolled in school and who does not have a general education diploma (GED) or a high school diploma (HSD) shall:

(1) Actively pursue an education designed to prepare such person to qualify for a high school equivalency diploma; or

(2) Enroll in school to pursue a high school diploma.

(b) Each participant required to pursue an education under subparagraph I(a) and who is unable to obtain a GED or HSD in a specified period of time may participate in activities intended to enhance basic literacy and work skills.

(c) A participant shall be permitted to volunteer to participate under paragraphs I and II as funding and resources permit.

Amend section 19 of the bill by replacing line 6 with the following:

adopted under RSA 167.

Adopted.

HB 1474-FN, relative to unemployment compensation contribution rates and benefits and establishing a commission to investigate the feasibility of merging the department of employment security into the department of labor.

Amendment (2404-EBA)

Amend section 6 of the bill by replacing lines 1-2 with the following:

6 Chairperson. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 8 with the following:

9 Minimum Rate. Amend RSA 282-A:2, II to read as follows:

II. The minimum contribution rate under this section shall be not less than [~~.01~~] ***.10*** percent.

10 Nullification; 2006, 130:10. The provisions of 2006, 130:10 shall not take effect.

11 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

III. Section 9 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2007.

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

Adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. Boyce in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

HB 1692-FN, establishing the New Hampshire sexual predators act.

Amendment (2409-EBA)

Amend RSA 651-B:1, V(a) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:

the offense, RSA 632-A:2, RSA 632-A:3, RSA 633:1, RSA 633:2, RSA 633:3, RSA 639:2, or RSA 645:2; or

Amend RSA 651-B:1, VIII as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

VIII. Notwithstanding RSA 21:6-a, "residence" means a place where a person

Amend RSA 651-B:3, II as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing line 12 with the following:

system. This paragraph shall not apply to a sexual offender or offender against children who has moved to New Hampshire and has registered with a local law enforcement agency.

Amend RSA 651-B:4, I(a)(3) as inserted by section 7 of the bill by replacing line 5 with the following:

vehicle make, model, color, and license tag number. A post office box shall not be provided in

Amend the bill by replacing section 9 with the following:

9 Registration of Criminal Offenders; Duration of Registration. Amend RSA 651-B:6, III to read as follows:

III. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II, any sexual offender or offender against children who is required to register as a result ***of a violation*** of more than one offense listed in RSA 651-B:1, III or RSA 651-B:1, V, or who is sentenced to an extended term of imprisonment pursuant to RSA 651:6, I(b) shall be registered for life.

Amend RSA 651-B:7, II(a)(1)-(4) as inserted by section 11 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

(1) RSA 632-A:2, I(j).

(2) RSA 632-A:2, I(k).

[~~(1)~~]***(3)*** [Repealed.]

[~~(2)~~]***(4)*** [Repealed.]

Amend RSA 651-B:7, IV(c) as inserted by section 11 of the bill by replacing line 3 with the following:

by the agency pursuant to subparagraph IV(a) is residing in the community.

Amend RSA 651-B:9, II as inserted by section 12 of the bill by replacing line 5 with the following:

for an additional 10 years from the date of conviction for violating this paragraph. The

Amend RSA 651-B:9, VII(a) as inserted by section 12 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:

about the offender's noncompliance with the requirements of this chapter, and, if known,

Amend RSA 651-B:11, II as inserted by section 13 of the bill by replacing lines 3-6 with the following:

commissioner. If such a request is made, the commissioner shall promptly schedule and conduct a hearing pursuant to rules adopted under RSA 541-A. At the hearing the offender shall have the burden to prove that the offender cannot afford to pay the fee because the offender is indigent. After hearing, the decision of the commissioner shall be final, and the offender shall have a right to appeal

Amend RSA 632-A:10-a, V(c) as inserted by section 16 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

(c) Prior to granting any petition pursuant to subparagraph V(b), the court shall provide

Amend the bill by replacing section 18 with the following:

18 Sentences; Extended Term of Imprisonment. RSA 651:6, I(k)-(l) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(k) Has committed or attempted to commit negligent homicide as defined in RSA 630:3, I against a person under 13 years of age who was in the care of, or under the supervision of, the defendant at the time of the offense;

(l) Has committed or attempted to commit any of the crimes defined in RSA 637 or RSA 638 against a victim who is 65 years of age or older or who has a physical or mental disability and that in perpetrating the crime, the defendant intended to take advantage of the victim's age or a physical or mental condition that impaired the victim's ability to manage his or her property or financial resources or to protect his or her rights or interests;

(m) Has committed or attempted to commit aggravated felonious sexual assault in violation of RSA 632-A:2, I(l) or RSA 632-A:2, II where the defendant was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense;

(n) Has committed or attempted to commit aggravated felonious sexual assault in violation of RSA 632-A:2, III, and one or more of the acts comprising the pattern of sexual assault was an offense under RSA 632-A:2, I(l) or RSA 632-A:2, II, or both, and the defendant was 18 years of age or older when the pattern of sexual assault began;

(o) Has purposely, knowingly, or recklessly with extreme indifference to the value of human life committed an act or acts constituting first degree assault as defined in RSA 631:1 against a person under 13 years of age where the serious bodily injury has resulted in brain damage or physical disability to the child that is likely to be permanent; or

(p) Has committed murder as defined in RSA 630:1-b against a person under 13 years of age.

Amend RSA 651:6, IV as inserted by section 20 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

IV. If authorized by subparagraphs I(m), (n), or (o) and if notice of the possible application of

Amend RSA 651:6, IV(c) as inserted by section 20 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

(c) Any decision by the superior court under subparagraph (a) may be reviewed by the

Amend RSA 651:6, V as inserted by section 20 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

V. If authorized by subparagraph I(p) and if notice of the possible application of this section

Amend section 21 of the bill by replacing lines 2-3 with the following:

inserting after chapter 135-D the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 135-E

INVOLUNTARY CIVIL COMMITMENT OF

Amend RSA 135-E:11, I as inserted by section 21 of the bill by replacing line 6 with the following:

previous trial, unless the subsequent proceeding is continued in accordance with RSA 135-E:9, III.

Amend RSA 135-E:13 as inserted by section 21 of the bill by replacing lines 3-8 with the following:

commit acts of sexual violence if discharged, the commissioner or his or her designee shall notify the court and the court shall hold a hearing. The petition shall be served upon the court and the county attorney or attorney general. The court, upon receipt of such notice, shall schedule a hearing within 60 days, unless continued for good cause.

II. The county attorney or attorney general shall represent the state, and has the right to have the person examined by professionals of the county attorney's or attorney general's choice. The

Amend RSA 135-E:17 as inserted by section 21 of the bill by replacing line 3 with the following:

the county attorney or attorney general and the county attorney's or attorney general's employees; and

Amend RSA 135-E:18 as inserted by section 21 of the bill by replacing lines 2-3 with the following:

or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the

Amend RSA 169-B:19, III-a(f) as inserted by section 24 of the bill by replacing line 4 with the following:

provided, the court retains jurisdiction over the case.

Amend the bill by replacing section 29 with the following:

29 Effective Date.

I. Sections 26, 27, and 29 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

II. Section 2, RSA 651-B:3, II as inserted by section 6, RSA 651-B:7, II(a) as inserted by section 11, section 18, and RSA 651:6, IV-V as inserted by section 20 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2007, at 12:01 a.m.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2007.

Adopted.

RECESS

(Speaker Scamman in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 37, 76, 656, 1126, 1194, 1238, 1315, 1331, 1343, 1459, 1474, 1491, 1574, 1697, 1744, 1761 and Senate Bills numbered 140, 250, 251, 287, 295, 325, 352, 359, 386 and 394.

Rep. Currier, Sen. D'Allesandro for the Committee

RECESS

(Rep. Gionet in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bill numbered 1692 and Senate Bill numbered 388.

Rep. Currier, Sen. Clegg for the Committee

RECESS

Rep. O'Neil moved that the House adjourn.
Adopted.

HOUSE JOURNAL No. 19

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

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

His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch, joined the Speaker on the rostrum for the day's opening ceremonies.

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Jared Rardin, Pastor of the South Congregational Church in Concord.

God of infinite patience, mercy and wisdom whose heart is always open and whose vision never relents. Still for just a moment our busy thoughts and our rushing lives that underneath the din of technological advances and pressing speech, we may again listen for Your still, small voice which has spoke from the beginning of time and speaks still.

Make of us superb listeners today, O God. Teach us to listen for what is true and not merely what sounds pleasing; what is just and not merely convenient; what is grand and not simply petty. Teach us to listen to our colleagues with fresh patience and intention. Tune our hearing to the dictates of Your heart and the desires of Your mind. In our listening during this session and during our lives, let there be enough Holy silence and sufficient pause that every now and then our breath would be taken away by the sound of You.

We give You thanks, on this day in particular, for one another's presence and participation during this long, warm session, whether in times of agreement or discord. We give You thanks for the commitment of time and energy of all who serve this House of Representative and in particular Speaker Scamman, whose service to this legislative body comes to a close after today. We also give thanks for those representatives who will not be returning next session. We recognize and give thanks for the privilege we have of living in a state and a nation where freedom is honored, responsibility encouraged and where the open exchange of differing ideas makes us stronger, not weaker. Finally, we offer You this day our prayers for those whose personal presence with us today is not possible because of illness or hospitalization: Robert Chabot, Bruce Hunter, Ed Putnam and Clair Snyder, and all those in our hearts we have not yet named out loud but whose names we repeat within our spirits. May the heat and humidity of today prompt clarity and brevity, and may we return safely at the end of the day to our homes and our families in Your name. Amen.

Rep. Sheila T. Francoeur, member from Hampton, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Diane E. Cammarata, a student from Fall Mountain Regional High School.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Bridle, Chabot, Hebert, Hofemann, Hunter, Oliver, Putnam, Robinson, Snyder and Whiting, the day, illness.
Reps. Chandler, Claire Clarke, Coates, Converse, DeJoie, Domingo, Donahue, Egbers, Foose, Golding, Goley, Gould, Hollinger, Newton, Pelkey, Prichard, Serlin, Shattuck and Tholl, the day, important business.
Reps. Dalrymple and Moore, the day, illness in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Nicki Stoodley, Major John Cenney and Master Sergeant Craig Carmody, United States Army, and Rusty Chesanik, mother and friends of the singer, guests of the House.
Robert and Matthew Houde, sons of Rep. Houde-Quimby. Bob Ferreira, guest of Rep. Nelson Allan. Brad Galinson, guest of Rep. Rowe. Carol Packwood, guest of Rep. Butcher. Deborah Wheeler, guest of Rep. Joy Tilton. Sharon Beals and Jeremy Watts, grandchildren of Rep. Welch. Leo and Wendy Lefebvre, brother and sister-in-law of Rep. Lefebvre. Deborah Fielding, guest of Reps. Ferland and Phinizy. Honorable Frank Davis and Sally Kelly, guests of Reps. Rush and Greco. Tara Sad and Lucy Weber, guests of Reps. Pratt and Daniel Eaton. Ismael Riquelme, guest of Rep. Velez. David Pierce, guest of Rep. Sokol. Kathryn Coughlin, daughter of Rep. Coughlin.

Elizabeth Cubberly, a student from Fall Mountain Regional High School, Page for the Day.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

David Emanuel, Kirk, Bruce, Kyle, David and Christopher Scamman, nephew, sons and grandsons, of the Speaker and Stella Scamman.
Nigel Aqui and Christian DeMeillac (Trinidad/Tobago), Brendan Lee (St. Lucia), Camille Gooding (Barbados), and Kedra Phillips (Grenada), members of the 2006 Rotary International Exchange Team, guests of the House. Members of the Belarus Delegation participating in the Partners for Peace-New Hampshire 2006 Program, sponsored by the University of New Hampshire, New Hampshire National Guard and United States Department of Defense, guests of the House.

COMMUNICATIONS

	June 5, 2006

W. Douglas Scamman
Speaker of the House
Dear Mr. Speaker:
Since I have moved to Hebron, New Hampshire, I am unable to continue to represent Rockingham County District 7. Please consider this letter my resignation from the House. I do plan to run for re-election in Grafton County District 7 in November 2006.

	Sincerely,
	Michael B. Asselin
	Rockingham County, District 7

	June 14, 2006

W. Douglas Scamman

Speaker of the House
Dear Mr. Speaker:
Due to a recent move, I must resign my seat in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Unfortunately, I have moved out of District 23, Ward 4 in Nashua. It was a great honor to serve the constituents of that Ward. Hopefully, I will get the honor of returning to the House in my current District.

	Sincerely,
	Eric P. Rochette,
	Hillsborough County, District 23

These resignations were accepted with regret.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO 26

Memorializing State Representative Lee G. Slocum of Amherst

WHEREAS we have learned with great sorrow of the death of our friend and colleague Lee G. Slocum of Amherst, who was in his second term as a member of the House of Representatives serving the citizens of Hillsborough County District 6, the towns of Amherst and Milford; and
WHEREAS, Lee Slocum served with diligence and distinction during one term as a member of the Labor Committee and two terms on the Science, Technology and Energy Committee, earning the deep respect of his colleagues for the passion of his convictions and his careful and organized thought processes which enabled him to offer innovative ideas and alternative solutions to problems; and,
WHEREAS, Lee Slocum served his community in a myriad of ways, including six years of service on the Souhegan Cooperative School Board and as a Scoutmaster and committee chairman of Troop 613 of Amherst, Boy Scouts of America; and
WHEREAS, Lee G. Slocum was a man of diversified interests, including motorcycling and jogging, who enjoyed fishing with his grandson and the easy company of friends and family; and
WHEREAS, Lee G. Slocum was a man who related well to people and often used his dry sense of humor to make a point or support his position, a consummate gentleman, a man of conscience and commitment who held himself to high ethical standards, often remarking that he must always speak the truth to his colleagues; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, by the New Hampshire House of Representatives in Regular Session convened, that Lee G. Slocum be granted the highest praise and accolades for his dedicated service to his community and his state; and be it further
RESOLVED, that expressions of heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared for presentation to them.
Offered by the House of Representatives.
Unanimously endorsed by a rising moment of silent prayer.

Rep. Mirski addressed the House.
Rep. O'Neil moved that the remarks of Rep. Mirski be printed in the Permanent Journal. Adopted.

MEMORIAL REMARKS

Rep. Mirski: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and honorable members of the House. It's really an honor to have a chance to share some thoughts about Lee with you. I was sitting in the Congregational Church in Mount Vernon, in the back, and I hadn't intended to say anything. There was a beautiful service for Lee. But I couldn't help myself. So I did, when there was an opportunity, just get up, and I wanted to let his family know how much he loved this institution and what the institution felt about him. I was just asked to share a couple of those thoughts with you this morning.

When I read the report of his death in the paper, what jumped out at me was something I didn't know about Lee which was that he was an Eagle Scout. Now, that wouldn't surprise anybody here I guess. The tragedy was that he was killed on his way home from Eagle Scout ceremony in his own town where they were obviously honoring some young boys who achieved that distinction in the Scout troop. That in itself says an awful lot about Lee.

While he was from Pennsylvania, his wife told me that New Hampshire was really the place that he loved. Now, we have our characteristics of our state. I guess everyone thinks of our love of liberty, our interest in efficient government, low taxes, little government, and of course, a huge penchant for volunteerism. These were actually, if you listened to the Memorial Resolution, these were aspects that were very much a part of Lee's personality. So, when he moved here he fit right in because it was his interest to enhance personal freedom, make government efficient, and encourage public service. I think that most of us first got to know him through letters to the editor. I remember when we were looking for people to serve in the House, I guess that was about six years ago, his name was suggested. That's how I came to know him, mostly through letters to the local papers. I was surprised when I met him that he wasn't a lot taller, because he was so forceful and so dedicated to the things he believed in.

Here we know him probably most through his interest in school reform. And while people who want school reform are often characterized as being anti-union, that wasn't Lee at all. The reason he wanted school reform was because he believed strongly that schools ought to promote individual self-worth and individual potential. Anything that stood in the way of that for a child was an anathema, it was the enemy of Lee Slocum. So, if you had a system that was preventing a child from advancing somehow and developing their own personal abilities, you were going to find a very forceful enemy in our honorable friend.

Looking through legislation that was passed over the several years, you will find his fingerprints all over anything having to do with school reform —— choice, vouchers, charter schools, name it, he was everywhere.

We also knew that he had a background in physics and software development and he served on the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee. He was also a very active participant on a listserve which the Republican Alliance has, and like most lists there was often a lot of conversation about bills and what the substance is, and all that sort of thing. I was relating to the folks at the church, you know you say the word "Reggie" (Regional Greenhouse and Gas Issue), and everybody wanted to head for the doors. Well, we would ask Lee to intervene on our behalf and tell us something about what these issues were. He was a guy who could make the incomprehensible comprehensible. We found him an unbelievable resource in helping to frame our own arguments on issues that were of importance to us. The representative from Rochester posted on our list a little debate going on in this room having to do with mercury reduction. This, of course, is a very serious business for a lot of people here, but Lee thought that the standards had become so severe that is made eating fish absurd. In his remarks to the House, he encouraged us all to eat fish because it was good for us.

Volunteerism, this is one of the things I learned at the church that morning. Two folks stood up and they gave a couple of little vignettes. One woman, who I think had some medical difficulty and was spending a lot of time at the hospital, discovered that Lee volunteered to mow their lawn. So he drove a half hour to the house, got his machine out and went at it. She said that because he was such a perfectionist, he mowed the lawn at half speed to make sure it was going to be perfect. And the other one, this is the one that really gets me, because I play a musical instrument. Once upon a time I was asked to play for a daycare center as a part of a group, and I got the worst case of stage fright I've ever had. It was kind of a bizarre experience. This little story kind of appealed to me. It turns out that Lee loved to sing in the choir and he was a tenor. As the choir master said, "The tenor sings 'up here'." One Christmas they didn't have a bassist to sing in the "Messiah." So, Lee decided that he could do it. And she said, "My God, he did a credible job, he did a very good job!" I couldn't imagine that! But volunteerism, stepping up to the plate, was something we all admired in him.

Finally, for my own personal point of view, given his love of liberty, his commitment to public

service and volunteerism, I was thinking, you know we would all have been proud to have Lee represent us in Philadelphia 230 years ago this month at the preparation of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. New Hampshire would have been very proud to have him serve eleven years later when the Constitution was written. He was that kind of a man and that's how I will remember him. Thank you.

(Rep. Craig in the Chair)

	May 5, 2006

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE ON HB 345

To the Honorable Members of the General Court:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 44 of the Constitution of New Hampshire, on May 5, 2006, I vetoed House Bill 345, an act requiring photo identification to obtain a ballot.

The right to vote is a fundamental right and is the bedrock of our democracy. Our responsibility as elected officials is to protect every citizen's constitutional right to vote and to ensure that any proposed changes to our voting system do not create unnecessary barriers to voting. We should be encouraging people to vote, not discouraging them.

New Hampshire has a long and proud tradition of conducting well-run and clean elections. On April 5, 2006, the Department of Justice issued a report on its investigation of alleged voter fraud during the November 2004 general election. That investigation was completed by trained investigators and state officials with expertise in election law from the Attorney General's Office and the Secretary of State's Office. The report concluded: "The results of our investigation reflect that there are very few instances of wrongful voting in New Hampshire, the overwhelming majority of which involve people who had a right to vote somewhere in New Hampshire. New Hampshire's local election officials are the front line of defense against voter fraud and our investigations support the conclusion that most local officials do an excellent job."

This report affirms that New Hampshire's elections are well run and already have the necessary safeguards in place to prevent wrongful voting.

Part I, Article 11 of the New Hampshire Constitution guarantees that all qualified voters have an equal right to vote in any election. I am concerned that House Bill 345 will prohibit eligible voters from receiving a ballot on election day and place significant burdens on election officials, resulting in delays for all voters.

In the absence of any evidence of a voter fraud problem in New Hampshire, where New Hampshire law already provides adequate safeguards to protect the integrity of elections, and given that House Bill 345 will create new and unnecessary barriers impinging on the right to vote, I am vetoing this bill.

	Respectfully submitted,
	John H. Lynch, Governor

The question being, notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall vetoed ***HB 345***, requiring photo identification to obtain a ballot, become law?

Reps. Kennedy, Crane, Sorg, and Brassard spoke in favor.

Rep. Splaine spoke against.

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Constitution, Part II, Article 44, a roll call, requiring a two-thirds vote of the House for approval, was taken.

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BELKNAP			
Allen, Janet	Boyce, Laurie	Clark, Charles	Fitzgerald, James
Flanders, Donald	Heald, Bruce	Millham, Alida	Nedeau, Stephen
Rosen, Ralph	Russell, David	Thomas, John	Tilton, Franklin
Tobin, William	Veazey, John	Wendelboe, Fran	Whalley, Michael
CARROLL			
Ahlgren, Christopher	Babson, David Jr	Brown, Carolyn	Dickinson, Howard
Knox, J David	Martin, James	McConkey, Mark	Merrow, Harry
Patten, Betsey	Philbrick, Donald	Stevens, Stanley	
CHESHIRE			
Dexter, Judson	Emerson, Susan	Foote, Sheila	Hogancamp, Deborah
Hunt, John	Roberts, Kris	Sawyer, Sheldon	
COOS			
King, Frederick	Lary, Bruce	Morneau, Renney	Remick, William
Richardson, Herbert	Stohl, Eric		
GRAFTON			
Eaton, Stephanie	Gionet, Edmond	Giuda, Robert	Ingbretson, Paul
Maybeck, Margie	Mirski, Paul	Naro, Debra	Sorg, Gregory
Williams, Burton			
HILLSBOROUGH			
Adams, Jarvis IV	Allan, Nelson	Balboni, Michael	Barry, J Gail
Batula, Peter	Bergeron, Jean-Guy	Bergin, Peter	Biundo, Michael
Boehm, Ralph	Brassard, Paul	Brundige, Robert	Calawa, Leon Jr
Carew, James	Carlson, Donald	Carter, Mark	Christensen, D L Chris
Christiansen, Lars	Clark, Mark	Coughlin, Pamela	Crane, Elenore Casey
Desmarais, Vivian	Drisko, Richard	Dyer, Donald	Elliott, Nancy
Emerton, Larry	Francoeur, Bea	Gargasz, Carolyn	Gibson, John
Gonzalez, Carlos	Goyette, Peter Jr	Graham, John	Hagan, Barbara
Hansen, Ryan	Hawkins, Ken	Hellwig, Steve	Hinkle, Peyton
Hirschmann, Keith	Holden, Randolph	Infantine, William	Jasper, Shawn
Kurk, Neal	L'Heureux, Robert	Lawrence, James	Lessard, Rudy
Manney, Pamela	Martin, Mary Ellen	McRae, Karen	Mead, Robert
Mooney, Maureen	Moran, Edward	O'Brien, William	O'Connell, Timothy
Ober, Lynne	Pepino, Leo	Price, Pamela	Reeves, Sandra
Renzullo, Andrew	Rowe, Robert	Ryder, Donald	Scanlon, Michael
Smith, David	Stepanek, Stephen	Tahir, Saghir	Ulery, Jordan
Villeneuve, Maurice	Wheeler, James	Wheeler, Robert	
MERRIMACK			
Anderson, Eric	Currier, David	Danforth, James	Field, William
Hess, David	Kennedy, Richard	Kidder, David	Klose, John
L'Heureux, Stephen	Langlais, Thomas	Lockwood, Priscilla	MacKay, James
Marple, Richard	Maxfield, Roy	Reed, Dennis	Soltani, Tony

ROCKINGHAM			
Allen, Mary	Belanger, Ronald	Bettencourt, David	Bishop, Franklin
Buxton, Donald	Cady, Harriet	Camm, Kevin	Carson, Sharon
Charron, Gene	Coburn, James	Cooney, Richard	DiFruscia, Anthony
Dowd, John	Dumaine, Dudley	Fesh, Bob	Flanders, John Sr
Forsing, Robert	Francoeur, Sheila	Garrity, James	Gilbert, Karl
Gillick, Thomas	Griffin, Mary	Headd, James	Hopfgarten, Paul
Hughes, Daniel	Hutchinson, Karen	Ingram, Russell	Introne, Robert
Itse, Daniel	Johnson, Robert	Katsakiores, George	Katsakiores, Phyllis
Kobel, Rudolph	Lund, Howie	Major, Norman	Mason, April
McKinney, Betsy	McMahon, Charles	Morris, Richard	Nowe, Ronald
O'Neil, Michael	Packard, Sherman	Palazzo, Frank	Priestley, Anne
Quandt, Marshall Lee	Quandt, Matthew	Rausch, James	Rolston, James
Sanders, Elisabeth	Scamman, Stella	Scamman, W Douglas	Stiles, Nancy
Stone, Joseph	Waterhouse, Kevin	Weare, E Albert	Welch, David
Weldy, Norman	Wells, Roger	Weyler, Kenneth	Wiley, Robert
Winchell, George	Zolla, William		
STRAFFORD			
Albert, Russell	Brown, Julie	Campbell, W Packy	Cataldo, Sam
Chaplin, Duncan	Dunlap, Patricia	Easson, Timothy	Twombly, James
SULLIVAN			
Osgood, Philip Sr	Rodeschin, Beverly		
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Buco, Thomas	Olimpio, J Lisbeth		
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Dunn, J Timothy	Eaton, Daniel	Espiefs, Peter	Mitchell, Bonnie
Parkhurst, Henry	Plifka, Stanley Jr	Pratt, John	Richardson, Barbara
Robertson, Timothy	Tilton, Anna	Weed, Charles	
COOS			
Buzzell, Bernard	Mears, Edgar	Merrick, Scott	Theberge, Robert
GRAFTON			
Aguiar, James	Almy, Susan	Andersen, Gene	Benn, Bernard
Bleyler, Ruth	Cooney, Mary	Hammond, Lee	Harding, A Laurie
McLeod, Martha	Mulholland, Catherine	Nordgren, Sharon	Sokol, Hilda
Solomon, Peter			

HILLSBOROUGH			
Baroody, Benjamin	Beaulieu, Jane	Buhlman, David	Campbell, David
Chase, Claudia	Clemons, Jane	Cote, David	Cote, Peter
Daniuk, Caitlin	DeVries, Betsi	Dokmo, Cynthia	Essex, David
Foster, Linda	Garrity, Patrick	Ginsburg, Ruth	Gorman, Mary
Haley, Robert	Hall, Betty	Harvey, Suzanne	Irwin, Anne-Marie
Jean, Claudette	Johnson, Paula	Kopka, Angeline	Lasky, Bette
Lefebvre, Roland	Matarazzo, Anthony Sr	Messier, Irene	Movsesian, Lori
Pappas, Christopher	Pilotte, Maurice	Rosenwald, Cindy	Schulze, Joan
Shaw, Barbara	Shaw, Kimberly	Sullivan, Francis	Sullivan, Peter
Vaillancourt, Steve	Velez, Hector		
MERRIMACK			
Blanchard, Elizabeth	Bouchard, Candace	Brueggemann, Donald	DeStefano, Stephen
French, Barbara	Gile, Mary	Greco, Vincent	Hager, Elizabeth
Hamm, Christine	McMahon, Patricia	Osborne, Jessie	Owen, Derek
Potter, Frances	Reardon, Tara	Rush, Deanna	Ryan, Jim
Shurtleff, Stephen	Tilton, Joy	Tupper, Frank	Wallner, Mary Jane
Walz, Mary Beth	Williams, Robert	Yeaton, Charles	
ROCKINGHAM			
Abbott, Dennis	Blanchard, MaryAnn	Brown, C. Pennington	Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
Casey, Kimberley	Flockhart, Eileen	Langley, Jane	Moody, Marcia
Norelli, Terie	Pantelakos, Laura	Powers, James	Robertson, Carl
Splaine, James			
STRAFFORD			
Berube, Roger	Brown, Jennifer	Brown, Lawrence	Cilley, Jacalyn
Creteau, Irene	Goodwin, Earle	Grassie, Anne	Heon, Richard
Hilliard, Dana	Johnson, Nancy	Kaen, Naida	Keans, Sandra
Knowles, William	Miller, Joseph	Rollo, Michael	Rous, Emma
Schmidt, Peter	Smith, Marjorie	Spang, Judith	Taylor, Katherine
Taylor, Kathleen	Wall, Janet		
SULLIVAN			
Cloutier, John	Donovan, Thomas	Ferland, Brenda	Franklin, Peter
Gale, Harry	Houde-Quimby, Charlotte	Jillette, Arthur Jr	Phinizy, James

and the veto was sustained, lacking the necessary two-thirds.

	May 23, 2006

(Speaker Scamman in the Chair)

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1566

To the Honorable Members of the General Court:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 44 of the Constitution of New Hampshire, on May 23, 2006, I vetoed HB 1566, an act relative to the definitions of resident for motor vehicle law purposes and domicile for voting purposes and relative to vehicle registration and driver's license requirements.

We need to encourage all New Hampshire citizens to vote and to participate fully in our democracy. We also need to ensure that our election laws do not unfairly burden those voters that have recently established a domicile in New Hampshire and are qualified to vote in this state.

I cannot support HB 1566 because this bill would make it more difficult for our younger voters and our newest residents to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Whether intended or not by its sponsor, HB 1566 would prohibit otherwise qualified citizens from registering to vote on election day in New Hampshire if they had registered a motor vehicle in another state, or possessed a driver's license issued by another state. I cannot support a bill that will disenfranchise New Hampshire voters through amendments to motor vehicle registration laws. This bill is also likely to create confusion and new difficulties for senior voters who own second homes in other states and may maintain motor vehicles in other states.

Our election laws clearly establish that voters must be domiciled in New Hampshire in order to vote in this state, and that all New Hampshire residents must comply with motor vehicle registration and licensing requirements. This bill is unnecessary, and I will continue to ensure that any changes to our election laws do not operate to place undue barriers on any citizen's constitutional right to vote.

	Respectfully submitted,
	John H. Lynch, Governor

The question being, notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall ***HB 1566***, relative to the definitions of resident for motor vehicle law purposes and domicile for voting purposes and relative to vehicle registration and driver's license requirements, become law?

Reps. O'Neil and Mirski spoke in favor.

Rep. Clemons spoke against.

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Constitution, Part II, Article 44, a roll call, requiring a two-thirds vote of the House for approval, was taken.

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Tobin, William	Veazey, John	Wendelboe, Fran	Whalley, Michael
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Richardson, Herbert	Stohl, Eric		

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Maybeck, Margie	Mirski, Paul	Naro, Debra	Sorg, Gregory
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Manney, Pamela	McRae, Karen	Mead, Robert	Messier, Irene
Mooney, Maureen	Moran, Edward	O'Brien, William	Ober, Lynne
Price, Pamela	Reeves, Sandra	Renzullo, Andrew	Ross, Lawrence
Rowe, Robert	Ryder, Donald	Scanlon, Michael	Stepanek, Stephen
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Charron, Gene	Coburn, James	DiFruscia, Anthony	Dowd, John
Dumaine, Dudley	Fesh, Bob	Flanders, John Sr	Forsing, Robert
Francoeur, Sheila	Garrity, James	Gilbert, Karl	Gillick, Thomas
Griffin, Mary	Headd, James	Hopfgarten, Paul	Hughes, Daniel
Hutchinson, Karen	Ingram, Russell	Introne, Robert	Itse, Daniel
Johnson, Robert	Katsakiores, George	Katsakiores, Phyllis	Kobel, Rudolph
Langley, Jane	Lund, Howie	Major, Norman	Mason, April
McKinney, Betsy	McMahon, Charles	Morris, Richard	Nowe, Ronald
O'Neil, Michael	Packard, Sherman	Palazzo, Frank	Priestley, Anne
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Sanders, Elisabeth	Scamman, Stella	Stiles, Nancy	Stone, Joseph
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Chase, Claudia	Clemons, Jane	Cote, David	Cote, Peter
Craig, James	Daniuk, Caitlin	DeVries, Betsi	Essex, David
Foster, Linda	Garrity, Patrick	Ginsburg, Ruth	Gorman, Mary
Haley, Robert	Hall, Betty	Harvey, Suzanne	Holden, Randolph
Irwin, Anne-Marie	Jean, Claudette	Johnson, Paula	Kopka, Angeline
Lasky, Bette	Lefebvre, Roland	Martin, Mary Ellen	Matarazzo, Anthony Sr
Movsesian, Lori	O'Connell, Timothy	Pappas, Christopher	Pilotte, Maurice
Rosenwald, Cindy	Schulze, Joan	Shaw, Barbara	Shaw, Kimberly
Smith, David	Sullivan, Francis	Sullivan, Peter	Velez, Hector
MERRIMACK			
Blanchard, Elizabeth	Bouchard, Candace	Brueggemann, Donald	DeStefano, Stephen
French, Barbara	Gile, Mary	Hamm, Christine	McMahon, Patricia
Osborne, Jessie	Owen, Derek	Potter, Frances	Reardon, Tara
Rush, Deanna	Ryan, Jim	Shurtleff, Stephen	Tilton, Joy
Tupper, Frank	Wallner, Mary Jane	Walz, Mary Beth	Williams, Robert
Yeaton, Charles			

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Abbott, Dennis	Blanchard, MaryAnn	Brown, C. Pennington	Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
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Splaine, James			
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Berube, Roger	Brown, Jennifer	Brown, Lawrence	Cilley, Jacalyn
Creteau, Irene	Goodwin, Earle	Grassie, Anne	Heon, Richard
Hilliard, Dana	Johnson, Nancy	Kaen, Naida	Keans, Sandra
Knowles, William	Miller, Joseph	Rollo, Michael	Rous, Emma
Schmidt, Peter	Smith, Marjorie	Spang, Judith	Taylor, Katherine
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Gale, Harry	Houde-Quimby, Charlotte	Jillette, Arthur Jr	Phinizy, James

and the veto was sustained, lacking the necessary two-thirds.

MOTION TO DISPOSE OF BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

Reps. O'Neil and Craig moved that bills currently laid on the table be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

***HB 646-FN-L*,** relative to teachers who are not deemed highly qualified pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act.

***HB 1229-FN*,** prohibiting the use of false documentation for employment, government services, or permits.

***HB 1603-FN*,** relative to administration and enforcement by the division of forests and lands over forest resources and timber harvesting.

HB 1703-FN, requiring certain employers to report on the percentage of payroll which is being spent on health insurance premiums for employees.

HB 1726-FN, requiring the state to pay legal fees for certain supreme court justices.

HB 1752, requiring notice regarding the classifications of employee and independent contractor.

SB 22, authorizing Holden College to confer degrees and exempting certain teachers from additional certification requirements imposed by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

***SB 324*,** requiring notification concerning certain offenders against children.

SB 354-FN, requiring security officers of the New Hampshire hospital security force to be fully certified as police officers and including such security officers in group II of the New Hampshire retirement system.

Adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

The Rules Committee offered the following:

Amend House Rule 64 by adding:

Monday, September 18, 20	First day for House **incumbents** running for re-election to file LS with complete information.
Friday, October 6, 2006	Last day prior to the General Election for House **incumbents** running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information.

Wednesday, November 1, 2006	Last day to file **Interim Study** reports.
Wednesday, November 15, 2006	First day for **all Representatives-elect** to file LSRs with complete information.
	10-day sign off period begins.
Friday, December 8, 2006, 3:00 p.m.	Last day to file LSRs with complete information.
Friday, January 19, 2007, 3:00 p.m.	Last day **to sign off** all House LSRs.

Reps. O'Neil and Craig moved adoption of the amendment to House Rule 64 and spoke in favor. Adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following bills:
SB 249, allowing a master electrician to have 2 apprentice electricians under his or her supervision, and relative to examinations of electricians by the electricians' board.
SB 318-FN, relative to the use of deadly force to protect oneself.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THE EARLY SESSION

Rep. O'Neil 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.
Adopted.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Reps. Stone, Pepino, Mary Cooney, Naro, Wendelboe, Crane, Bergeron, Stephanie Eaton, Lawrence Brown, Bergin, Zolla, Itse, O'Neil, Craig, Sheila Francoeur and Speaker Scamman addressed the House.

(Deputy Speaker Weyler in the Chair)

Rep. Crane moved that the remarks of Reps. Moody and Naro be printed in the Permanent Journal.
Adopted.

REMARKS

Rep. Mary Cooney: There is a little boy, not quite a year and a half old, who will only know his father through stories and pictures his mother, Uncle Dan, grandparents and other relatives will tell him. Little Dakin won the hearts of everyone at the funeral service for his father, Army Captain Douglas DiCenzo. He wandered around the large crowd interacting with all who had come to honor his father who had been killed in Baghdad, along with his friend, PFC. Robert Blair of Ocala, Florida, when their Humvee was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device on May 25th. Doug was with the First Armored Division, Second Brigade.
Doug grew up in Plymouth with his younger brother, Dan, and graduated fifth in his class from Plymouth Regional High School in 1995. Everyone who had kids in the Plymouth schools knew or knew of Doug. He was a leader and a role model even as a teenager, especially to his younger brother Dan. He was captain of the wrestling team and captain of the 1994 NH championship Plymouth football team, winning the Dana Bourassa Award as top wrestler three years in a row and the National Football Foundation's Scholar-Athlete Award for the State of New Hampshire. He was also the class president and a stellar student. He received a coveted appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating from there in 1999. He asked for the Airborne and Ranger Training at Fort Benning, GA. It was here where he met his future wife, Nicole Knox. They were married in 2000 and moved to Fort Wainwright near Fairbanks, Alaska where Doug had been assigned. After Captain training in Georgia, they moved to Heidelberg, Germany where he joined the Fifth Army headquarter

staff. He later took command of Charlie Company, First Armored Division and headed to Kuwait and then Iraq. His mother, Cathy Crane said this was what Doug wanted and he believed in serving his country. The high points of Doug's service were working with children and building facilities for the Iraqi people. Doug was glad he was going where his skill and training would be put to use.

Doug's stepfather, Mark Burzynski, described him as kid who worked hard to achieve his success; he was not necessarily the naturally gifted athlete or student, but he was a natural leader. Doug's football coach, Chuck Lenahan, described "Dougy", as he was known, as a born leader. "It's hard to get your peers to look up to you and follow you. Whatever Dougy said or did, that's what everyone assumed should be done." Jake Miller, Doug's roommate from West Point, wrote a letter which was read at the service and gave a wonderful testimonial and description of Doug's character. He described Doug's passion, tenacity and competitive spirit. In the summer of 1997, Doug went out to Oregon to visit Jake and his family. They all headed to a lake for the weekend. Always in the mood for competition, they decided to play the game of inner tube war. This involved riding tubes being towed behind a speed boat. The game was to see who could hang on the longest as the boat driver tried to shake them off, as well as trying to knock each other off. Jake thought he had won when he kicked Doug's tube on a turn and saw it flip upside down as the boat continued on without its rider. Jake, the inner-tube victor, his father and brother were all laughing until they stared in disbelief as they saw the tube flip over at the next turn with Doug emerging, still hanging on to the tube. This event is a metaphor for the way Doug lived his life; passionate in his love for his family and being a soldier; persevering in the face of defeat and in the pursuit of excellence, leadership, and honor. Tragically for his wife, Nicole, his family, friends, for the town of Plymouth, and especially, for a little guy named Dak, Doug DiCenzo, at 30 years old, lost his life doing the job his country asked of him. A life he chose. We will always honor him for his service and his sacrifice.

REMARKS

Rep. Naro: Mr. Speaker and Honorable members of this House, thank you for the opportunity to remember and honor one of Plymouth's best and brightest, US Army Captain Douglas DiCenzo. Three weeks ago, more than 1,000 friends, military, and dignitaries joined the family of Captain DiCenzo for a memorial service overlooking the mountain views and football field of Plymouth Regional High School. There were many powerful tributes given that day and I believe one especially captured the essence of Doug. Doug the man, the soldier and the hero. This letter was written by Doug's West Point roommate and close friend, US Army Captain Jake Miller and read by Jake's parents, as he is presently serving in Iraq. I was deeply moved by his heartfelt tribute and would like to share a few excerpts from Jake's letter with you today. He wrote:

"To Doug,

> It is hard to quantify a man's impact on the world or to explain how very special someone is when limited by the constraints of ink and paper. I suppose I could write volumes about how much it meant to me as a friend and the positive impact you had on everybody around you, but I lack the literary grace to truly and accurately convey what I really feel. That said, please let me attempt to give you just an inkling of what an amazing person you were and what a gift your life was to the rest of us. To Doug's family and friends, passionate, hardworking, optimistic and loving, these are the four adjectives that begin best to describe the amazing person Doug DiCenzo was to me.
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> I met Doug when we arrived at West Point in the summer of 1995. Immediately, Doug struck me as motivated. His motivation far exceeded that of our peers. After spending just a few moments with Doug, it was obvious that his motivation was routed in his passion. Doug was a passionate person in everything he did. During our first year at West Point, Doug was passionate about being the best cadet he could be. He worked tirelessly to excel physically, academically, and most importantly to Doug, militarily. I figure anybody else would burn out living such a passionate life and always working so hard. Maybe Doug

would have burnt out, if it weren't for a third trait he always displayed optimism. Doug was the most optimistic person I have ever met. He was the kind of guy that would go looking for a cloud just so he could gaze at its silver lining. Anytime something went wrong, Doug would dismiss it as the only negative and focus his energy on what was going right.

As we grew and matured as cadets, Doug's new passion was to become the very best infantry officer he could be. On May 30, 1999, the day after he graduated from West Point, Doug and I drove out the Washington gate, took a picture of the Academy in our rear view mirror, and began our lives as officers in the United States Army. By this point, Doug has internalized the old infantry adage, "Follow me," and was ready to begin leading soldiers. It was while Doug was in the Infantry Officer Basic Corp, that I really started to see how loving he was as well. Doug called me one day and told me he had met a girl. The excitement in his voice was amazing and he was so anxious for me to meet Nicole. We made plans and all got together in Birmingham, Alabama, where I finally had the chance to meet this girl Doug was so smitten with. What a perfect match they were and it was no surprise that they were soon engaged and planning their wedding. Doug, who was always smiling, smiled even bigger when he was with Nicole. Every time I saw them together, he was smiling like he was on his first date with the girl of his dreams. A few years down the road, Doug's heart found a way to love even more, as Nicole gave birth to their beautiful boy, Dakin.

Deploying to Kuwait, and eventually to Iraq was bittersweet for Doug. Doug did not want to be away from Nicole and Dak for a minute more than he had to. At the same time, he was proud to command his company as they moved forward and welcomed the opportunity to make an impact on the world. In an e-mail shortly after he arrived in Baghdad, Doug told me where he was located and where his company worked. He went on to talk abut being in Iraq as opposed to Kuwait. This is what he said, "It is good to be here and the fourth infantry division commanding general talked to us today. He thinks we will stay through the seating of the government. I hope he is right. Our task force has lost three soldiers already and we need some time to make an impact on this area. How was your R & R leave? I can't wait to see Nic and Dak. Nic sent some great pictures of him finger pointing the other day. It rocked. Doug was passionate about being a soldier and making a difference in his unit and Iraq. Doug was passionate about being a husband and a father, and could not wait to finish his duty here in Iraq so he could be with his loving wife and beautiful son again. Nicole, never forget how much Doug loves you. He was passionate about you and you made him a better man than he already was. Dakin, know your Daddy loves you with all his heart, he was a wonderful man and an example for all of us to live by. Please learn from his memory. He believed in what he was doing. When we were cadets at school, he would yell out the New Hampshire motto, "Live Free or Die".

He was passionate about our freedom. He was willing to work hard to ensure our continued freedom. He was optimistic that his effort would help secure our freedom and he was loving enough that he would sacrifice his life so we can live free. Doug still lives with us in our hearts and in our memories."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Rep. Ober moved that the remarks of Rep. Bergeron be printed in the Permanent Journal. Without objection, the Chair ordered the remarks be printed.

REMARKS

Rep. Bergeron: Mr. Speaker, honorable members and honored guests. On June 4th on a road outside of Bagdad, Army Specialist Daniel Gionet from the 4th Infantry Division died in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Daniel was 23 years old. In the horrors of war when a soldier is wounded, he looks to his God and to the medics. Specialist Daniel Gionet was a medic. Daniel Gionet was the soldier other soldiers looked to and Daniel was there for them.

During the services at St. Patrick's Church, the priest shared with we mourners, Daniel's last moments.

After the explosive device destroyed the tank in which he was riding, Daniel ignored his own wounds and treated his wounded comrades. When other medics reached the scene, Daniel insisted that they first treat the badly wounded Lieutenant. "Don't deal with me," demanded Daniel. "Help the Lieutenant. He is in greater danger than me." Daniel then died of his wounds. Greater love has no man then he lay down his life for his friend.

This was Daniel's second tour of duty. He joined the Army shortly after graduating from Pelham High School. He served in Afghanistan as a cook, but he wanted to do more. In May of 2004, he re-enlisted. "I can't just be a cook," he told a friend. "I want to help people." Five months later, he was a medic.

With Daniel it was never about him. It was about others. Daniel Gionet was a young man you wanted to be around. The patriotic young man with the big smile, with the big hug, and the positive attitude. He was the one you wanted to be on your team, not because he was a star, but because he gave 110% and never quit. In an eulogy, his baseball coach noted that because he played behind one of the best catchers in the Pelham High School's history, Daniel started only ten innings during his varsity career. Yet, his selfless attitude earned him the Athlete of the Year Award because he represented the best of Pelham on and off the field. With Daniel it was never about him, it was about others.

Last November, Daniel married Katrina. They had their life planned out. They planned a more formal ceremony when he returned home. When writing to his family, he went out of his way to reassure them. He played down the danger. "I'm safe, Mom. I'm in a camp where nothing penetrates." With Daniel it was never about him, it was about others.

All of us hope to leave a legacy to those we love and leave behind. Nature normally expects the legacy to be from the old to the young. Daniel left a legacy to his wife, his family and his community that we can all envy. In an era when "hero" is so overused, Daniels' wife, Daniel's parents, Daniel's grandparents, Daniel's brother and sister can truly say, "My husband, my son, my grandson, my brother actually was the genuine article —— a real American hero. For what is a hero other than someone who inspires others by words and deeds, and when the chips are down is willing to put it all on the line for his family, for his country and for those around him? That is the legacy of Daniel Gionet. With Daniel it was never about him, it was about others. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the delegation of 27 to be here to support me. Thank you.

Rep. Craig moved that the remarks of Rep. O'Neil be printed in the Permanent Journal. Adopted.

REMARKS

Rep. O'Neil: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For someone who has prided himself in being a man of few words, there certainly has been many words written and spoken about Doug Scamman. In the days since he announced his retirement from public service, *The Union Leader* wrote, "Scamman is a public servant first, a politician second. New Hampshire needs more like him." Over on the seacoast, where we both live, *Fosters Daily Democrat* wrote, "He lent a common sense, honest approach to state government." Truer words were never written and I couldn't put it much better. Regardless, on what side of the aisle you sit, and regardless of whether you agree with Doug on any issue, one thing is for certain. He has treated everyone as his equal. He has been a guardian of the legislative process for the people of this state, a bipartisan consensus builder among his peers and a man who stood by every word he spoke.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to have worked with my friend, Doug Scamman, over the past two years. I think if you had to look up the words for "citizen legislator" in the encyclopedia you might find a picture of Doug Scamman. One editorial referred to him as a "throwback" to the old days when relationships mattered more than partisanship. Well, his values and methods may be old fashioned to some, but no one can argue the results of what he has accomplished in the last two years.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to have served with you as the Majority Leader. I wish you and Stella well as you sit back and enjoy your children and grandchildren, something that I hope to experience, also. Doug, you've spoken often of being proud of the fact that you have been able to follow in the footsteps of your father in these halls, but I can also tell you that your staff and the House Majority office have been proud to have followed in your footsteps these last two years. Doug and Stella, thank you both for what you have done for this legislature, for me personally and thank you for what you have done for the people of the State of New Hampshire.

Rep. Sheila Francoeur moved that the remarks of Rep. Craig be placed in the Permanent Journal.
Adopted.

REMARKS

Rep. Craig: Mr. Speaker, I had signed up to speak before because this is my last day here, and then I took my name off because Dave Nixon first told me a long time ago, when I first got here, "Learn your lessons and make friends." And the first lesson I learned is you don't create hot air on a "coats off" day.

But I do want to join Rep. O'Neil in expressing my gratitude and admiration for what you have done for the State of New Hampshire. Let me just say that two years ago when I didn't know you, I went to the source that I knew who did know you, and that was my father who served with your father here and at other places. What he said to me was that "He might smell like a cow" [He said that. You've got to know my father] "but you can trust him and he's an honorable man and I'll be shocked if the two of you don't get along." I think, except for the cow part, my father was absolutely right.

Again, I think I speak for most Democrats when I say, we express our sincere gratitude for all that you have done for the state, for the State House and for everyone in here.

I have one last bit of business, if I may. Rep. Lefebvre, when he was up here before, he forgot that he wanted to give his First Sergeant stripes to the Sergeant-at-Arms, so he asked me, rather than coming down here again, to present them to her.

Rep. Sheila Francoeur moved that the remarks of Speaker Scamman be printed in the Permanent Journal.
Adopted.

REMARKS

Speaker Scamman: Since this is my last day, I thought that I would make a few remarks, too. It's going to be a little bit of history. It's going to be a lot of things in the same category that have already been talked about but a little bit different approach, naturally. I just want to say this — I certainly have fond memories of being here at the State House as a youngster following the footsteps of my dad as he conducted business, first as a legislator and then as a Speaker. Little did I know that one day I would return, along with my wife Stella, to follow in his footsteps for the next five decades, first as a legislator and, eventually, as Speaker of the House.

The Scamman name has certainly come full circle in this chamber, and now it is time for us to bid farewell to the State House to spend quality time with our children and grandchildren. Perhaps one day there will be yet another Scamman, who will follow in our footsteps and they may be sitting right up there. And we hope that some day one of them will be elected to serve in the legislature at the State House.

Times were certainly different back when my father served. There were no computers in this building. Electronic voting was a thing of the future. In fact, it didn't come in until either my fourth or fifth term, I think it was my fourth term we had it. We used to sit here through those verbal roll calls. Blackberries were just a fruit. You certainly didn't have to worry about a cell

phone going off in the middle of a committee meeting. And, everyone built strong personal friendships through gatherings at both the old Highway and the old Eagle Hotel. Just as a side bar, one of my most prized photographs I have at home is a picture of two young bucks sitting over in the Eagle Hotel, sitting around the couches, talking with quite a few legislators. One of them was Doug Scamman, the other was Bob Johnson. He still sits in this House and I certainly appreciate that Bob gave me that photo several years ago.

But one thing has not changed since those days and hopefully they never will. That is the importance of protecting the process by which we do business for the people who send us here. I strongly believe, as my father believed before me, that it is the "*process*" that makes this legislative body work so well. I hope that the Scamman legacy that is left behind is one of protecting this process. The strength of this legislative body lies in the committee structure and the brain power that resides with all of you, the most representative body in the United States. The committee structure is, without question, the most important element to a successful legislative session. We have proven it over the past two years through the creation of many good, public policies and in many areas, including laws to protect private property rights, laws to protect our children, and laws to boost our economy and create jobs, and certainly many to protect the environment.

As many of you know, I decided to return to the legislature two years ago because I felt strongly that we needed to address two very important issues: the education funding problem and fixing a budget that many experts projected was headed toward a $300 million dollar deficit. Together, we were successful in both areas, but we didn't do it by accident. We allowed the committees to do their work. The body, as a whole, built a foundation of knowledge on the pending subject matters. This, and a lot of hard work, resulted in well- thought-out solutions.

I feel very strongly that we should always protect the work done by both chambers of this legislature. The House and joint rules disallowing non-germane amendments to be added to legislation by committees of conference are essential if we are to have open government, if we are to insure open government and protect the work done by this body. Creating successful legislation is achieved by letting the committees do their work and then by debating and voting on the issue on this floor and that floor — not by circumventing the entire process through the tactic of non-germane amendments. The important work done by our committees and the interest of the people we serve need to be protected, now and in the future. Our constituents have a right to demand open government. Open government does not happen when an amendment is added in the committee of conference that was not in either the House or Senate version of that bill.

Throughout my many years of service in these hallowed halls, I have always shown a great interest in working on the budget. I believe that we, as legislators, must serve as watchdogs for the taxpayers of this state when it comes to the budget and spending their dollars. We also need to ensure that the services people need to have delivered — because government exists, because people fall through the cracks of the family, of religion, or the economics of society —— we have to make sure that whatever is needed is budgeted also. The budget process should begin, and it did this time, with the Finance Committee, who reviews requests from the department heads along with the Governor's proposal. Following due diligence, House Bill 1 is then created by the House Finance Committee.

It makes good budgetary sense to first take a close look at what monies are available. We did that. Norm Major and the Ways and Means Committee certainly did a good job doing that. Then, set realistic goals and allow the process to lead you to a balanced budget that allows us to live within our means and also to deliver what services have to be delivered. It's a lot of work. The Finance Committee did a lot of work to make that budget the way it was and I want to thank them. Just as we all must do in our personal lives, once again, I urge you to always keep the process open. I can't say enough about Fred King. He made sure that that process was always open. I really want to make mention of it because he came to us from the Senate. Fred, thank you very much.

Keep the people informed and let them know in which direction you are headed. Rely on your

department heads. They're the ones that know their budgets, they know their departments. They'll tell you what they can afford to live without and what they absolutely have to have. They have the knowledge to help you to arrive at your budget goal. Aim to see what you would fund with the estimated revenue. In this past budget, we spent fewer general fund dollars than in the previous biennium. We did it by first using the available revenue and we then prioritized the reductions from there. At the same time, we can be prioritizing what goes back into the budget, if necessary, and what people may deem is necessary.

In closing, I would like to personally thank my leadership team who worked so hard over the past two years to help us reach our goals. Mike O'Neil, there's nothing I can say about him except that he understands subject matter, he understands the process. He made sure that we kept going forward and he was of great assistance to making sure that wet me our goals of doing what we set out to and making sure we met the goal of getting done in a reasonable time. Ken Weyler did a great job when I wasn't in the Chair. He was up there, he said, "You did me a great favor, I was in the Chair 18% of the time." These engineers, you've got to careful about them, they keep track of everything. I do appreciate his support and loyalty. Pam Price, what a wonderful job she did, just a second-term legislator, as the Whip, she's well organized, well structured, she'd let us know when we were supposed to be doing things and I think she was one of the essential parts of why this legislature was so productive in the last two years. We brought in Mary Griffin towards the end of the first session. She was working like heck for us and was doing so much work, we felt she deserved a title and the recognition of what she did and she never stopped. Thank you, Mary. We brought Fran Wendelboe in towards the end of the session because we thought we needed some help on the health and human services issues within our front office. One of the things that did was allow Mike and myself to talk more and I think that helped us a lot in the last two months of the first session. I also would like to thank minority leadership, under the guidance of Jim Craig, whose dad, as he mentioned earlier, once served alongside my father. He was Minority Leader when my father was Speaker. I want to thank all of the Democrats in the House for their loyalty of serving, and doing what they think is right. I think that we as Republicans went forward and overcame you, when you weren't doing the right thing.

I thank all the State House and LOB legislative staff for their hard work. Certainly the LOB staff works with your people in your committees, they work for you personally when you have some personal things to do. They did a great job, they do a great job and I am proud to have had that type of service for you. You certainly needed it as you went forward and executed all the work that you did in the last two years. I want to thank the Clerk's staff. The Clerk, as we all know, was out for a while, the Assistant Clerk, and all the members of the Clerk's staff did a great job. I want to thank the Sergeant-at-Arms staff. The Sergeant-at-Arms staff did a great job and we all appreciate. I want to thank all of them for their loyalty, their hard work. I want to thank especially the staff in my office. My Chief of Staff, Dick Amidon, he has been with me all the six years office I was in this position. He's very loyal, his skills of dealing with all the staff are amazing and I didn't worry about that. I wish him well as he goes forward. I want to thank Sandy Guinan. She keeps Dick and me straight, and a lot of other people. She's a tremendous asset to this legislature and I know she's probably cringing as she sits upstairs hearing this because she doesn't like publicity. But, she is a blessing to us in our office and to the whole legislature. Lucy, who is out because she had an operation on her knee, has been there all through the two years, is very loyal. Teresa we brought in, there is a young lady who can work. She does more work than one can imagine. The four legislative aides who served with us through this process did a great job. Jim and Paul are still working with us. Erin left us and went to work on the other side of the legislature and Lynn Merrill did a great job when she was here in the first session.

I want to thank my committee chairs and vice chairs. They have done a great job in working within the structure of the committee process. We could not have had as many successes without your leadership in committee.

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to thank my wife, Stella, for her undying support,

not only over the past two years but throughout my many decades of public service. Her ability to lead a household, raise a family, run a business, even while serving her time in the legislature, has been amazing. Thank you. You can see she's pretty patient, she stands up there a long time. I certainly could not have accomplished what I have without Stella at my side.

The road I have traveled certainly has not been without a few bumps along the way, but, I have no regrets in the way I chose to run this body. All in all, from the day I first followed my father through these hallowed halls to this moment in time, I have been fortunate, very fortunate, to have made many good friends on both sides of the aisle that have helped me to accomplish many, many things. I can only hope that as I leave this chamber and return to private life that people will say, there goes Doug Scamman — an honest, hard-working man, who believed in the process, and who worked hard to make New Hampshire a better place to work, live and raise a family. God bless you all and God bless the State of New Hampshire.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Rep. O'Neil moved that the House adjourn to the Call of the Chair.

Adopted.

The House adjourned to the Call of the Chair at 1:35 p.m.