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HOUSE JOURNAL No. 2 (cont.)

Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Rep. Wallner moved that the House adjourn.
Adopted.

HOUSE JOURNAL No. 3

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The House assembled at 11:00 a.m., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the Speaker.

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

O gracious and loving God, on this festive day of inauguration and of oath taking, we pause to ground ourselves in the realities of our own lives and to lift up for just a moment in our own hearts the prayers that we hold for those who are near and dear to us; family and friends who may be in need or under great stress or duress; people who are in the hospital or in need of Your care. These we offer up to You in our hearts. We pray for a spirit of community during this day of celebration and inauguration and ask that Your presence be ever present. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

Rep. Whalley, member from Alton, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Bleyler, Flockhart, Hunt, Lessard and Major, the day, illness.

Reps. Aguiar, Ahlgren, Janet Allen, Gene Andersen, Arsenault, Beaulieu, Carolyn Brown, Larry Brown, Butler, Chris Christensen, Converse, David Cote, Coughlin, DeJoie, DiFruscia,

Stephanie Eaton, Emiro, Espieffs, Donald Flanders, Gargas, Goodwin, Greco, Heald, Henson, Hilliard, Hopfgarten, Hutchinson, Hutz, Infantine, Ingbertson, Introne, Jean, Stephen Johnson, Phyllis Katsakiores, Sally Kelly, Kepner, Kjellman, Lasky, Lister, Manney, Martin, Matheson, McEachern, McGuirk, McKinney, Charles McMahon, Mears, Merrow, Mesa, Mooney, Bennett Moore, Nagle, Neddeau, Nielsen, O'Connell, O'Keefe, Patten, Peterson, Priestley, Reagan, Reed, Reeve, Reeves, Reuschel, Carl Robertson, Michael Rollo, David Russell, Sanders, Schmidt, Schulze, Serlin, Spang, Spaulding, Stevens, Stohl, Sysyn, Tahir, Tholl, Weed and Wickson, the day, important business.
Rep. Butcher, the day, illness in the family.
Rep. Jennifer Brown, the day, death in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Pauline Chabot, partner of Rep. Morrison. Patricia Holmes, Ken and Jodi Roos and Tammy Clark, partner and guests of Rep. DeChane. Faith Tobin, wife of Rep. Tobin. Kathy Walsh and Larry Murphy, guests of the Speaker.

RESOLUTION

Reps. Wallner and Whalley offered the following:

RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives inform the Honorable Senate that it is ready to meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the report of the Joint Committee appointed to compare and count the votes for Governor and Executive Council, for the Inauguration of the Governor and for the taking of the oath by the Executive Council.
Adopted.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate is now ready to meet with the Honorable House of Representatives in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the report of the Joint Committee appointed to compare and count the votes for Governor and Executive Council, and for the Inauguration of the Governor, the Honorable John H. Lynch, and for the taking of the oath by the Executive Council.

JOINT CONVENTION (Speaker Norelli presiding)

The Sergeant-at-Arms introduced the Honorable Senate and Senate President, Sylvia B. Larsen from Concord.

REPORT

Reps. Robert Johnson, Wallner and Pantelakos and Sens. Foster and Gatsas offered the following report: The Joint Committee appointed to compare and count the votes for Governor and Executive Council reports that it has attended to its duties and the vote is correct.

INTRODUCTION AND SEATING OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The Sergeant-at-Arms introduced the following special guests who were escorted to their seats by the following Aides-de-camp: Major Daniel T. Wilson, Major Jeanne B. Jones, Captain Stephanie J. Saturno, Chief Warrant Officer Richard F. Plante, Major David A. Fink, Lieutenant Colonel James M. Moody, Lieutenant Colonel Luis N. Maldonado, Major Stephanie A. Riley, Major Strider Sulley, Major Jeffrey R. Cole, Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Ritzo, Major Baldwin Domingo.
Family and friends of Governor-elect Lynch. Mayors: Hon. Michael Donovan of Concord and Hon. Steve Marchand of Portsmouth. Commissioners and Department Heads. State Treasurer Catherine Provencher. Secretary of State William Gardner. House Leadership. Representatives of State and local law enforcement: Trooper First Class Louis A. Copponi

and Chief James S. Valiquet, Town of Bedford. Attorney General Kelly Ayotte. Ambassador to the United States: Hon. Edward Shumaker and Mrs. Polly Shumaker. Former House Speaker, Hon. W. Douglas Scamman and Hon. Stella Scamman. Administrative Judge representing New Hampshire Probate Courts, Hon. David King. Administrative Judge representing New Hampshire District Courts and the Family Division, Hon. Edwin W. Kelly. Chief Justice representing New Hampshire Superior Courts, Hon. Robert Lynn. Associate Justices of the New Hampshire Supreme Court: Hon. James Duggan, Hon. Richard Galway and the Hon. Gary Hicks. Senior Associate Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, Hon. Linda Dalianis. Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, Hon. John T. Broderick, Jr. Former Governors: Hon. Walter Peterson and Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, Hon. Stephen E. Merrill, Hon. Jeanne C. Shaheen and Mr. William Shaheen. The Reverend Clergy. Retiring Executive Councilor representing District 3, Hon. Ruth L. Griffin. The Executive Council elect: Hon. Raymond Burton, Hon. John D. Shea, Hon. Beverly A. Hollingworth, Hon. Raymond J. Wieczorek and Hon. Debora B. Pignatelli. Hayden, Julia and Jacqueline Lynch, son and daughters of Governor-elect Lynch. Hon. Mary Louise Hancock, guest of Governor-elect Lynch. Governor-elect John H. Lynch and Dr. Susan Lynch were escorted to the rostrum by the Adjutant General, Kenneth Clark.

The New Hampshire Police Association Pipes and Drums performed.

INVOCATION

Offered by Rabbi Beth D. Davidson of Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester. Nearly two thousand years ago, Rabbi Tarphon taught - you are not required to complete the work, but neither are you free to abstain from it. This new year is rich with possibilities and fraught with challenges. The governance of our state will require much from those that we have elected to lead us. Time, energy, open minds and hearts, a willingness to compromise and a commitment to the good and welfare of all of New Hampshire's residents. There will always be more to do and none of us, the Governor, the Legislature or the citizens can rest on our laurels until our state is a place where each and every one of us can dwell under the proverbial fig tree and vine in security and comfort and in peace. The enormity of the task however may not frighten or defeat us as we do our best to accomplish everything for which we hope and pray. So as we stand here today, O God, we ask that You bless all of our public servants with vision and strength, with humility and dignity, with compassion and hope, with civic pride and civil discourse, with mutual respect and true tolerance. May they lead us ever mindful of the diversity which enriches New Hampshire, with appreciation for the bounty You have given us and with care for our environment and our populace. May they continue to be committed to the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness for each of us and to a New Hampshire that is prosperous and compassionate. May our Governor, John H. Lynch, be blessed with good health and sound judgment. May he never be afraid to lead by example or to ask for help. May he be inspired not only by the acts of so many men and women who have preceded him in a life of public service, but by You, the God of the universe, who wants all of us to live in peace. And let us together say Amen.

POSTING OF COLORS

Members of the New Hampshire National Guard Honor Guard posted the Colors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kristina Abbot, Madison Noyes, Isabel Price, Johnny Silk, Matthew Stone, Maya Swope, Logan Symonds, Rusty Wilder, Fiona Morris, Galena Walker and Julia Walker from the Wells Memorial School Civics Club of Harrisville, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung by the members of Alabaster Blue from the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The Honorable John T. Broderick, Jr., Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, administered the oath of office to Governor-elect John H. Lynch. Dr. Susan Lynch, Jackie, Hayden and Julia Lynch joined the Governor on the rostrum. Governor Lynch administered the oath of office to the Honorable Executive Councilors-elect Raymond S. Burton, John D. Shea, Beverly A. Hollingworth, Raymond J. Wieczorek and Debora B. Pignatelli.

PRAYER

A Prayer for a Successful Administration was offered by Rev. Jared A. Rardin of the South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Concord. He was accompanied by Debra Douglas, Robert and Helen McGlashan and Alan McGlashan performing a musical interlude with their rendition of "We Gather Together."

Though we are many today, we are in many ways one. During this Prayer for Governor Lynch and his administration, I invite us to express that oneness in heart and voice. After the spoken prayer, the quartet will sing three verses of the Thanksgiving hymn "We Gather Together." We will then invite everyone who wishes to join in by singing or humming the first verse one last time.

O God, on this festive inaugural day of oath-taking and promise making; on this day when the high ideals and weighty responsibilities of public leadership converge, we pause. We pause to remember the human beings who find themselves in the middle of it all. We pray for Your servant, our Governor John Lynch. We give You thanks for John's willingness to lead, and for his constant invitation to collaboration. We pray that You would help him to stay human through the daily onslaught of needs and wants which find their way to him. Grant him the occasional moment to take sanctuary from the daily grind and to breathe deeply; grant him frequent laughter, and plenty of room, when he needs it, to ground himself anew in the leadings of his own conscience. And we pause to pray also for his wife Dr. Susan Lynch and their children Jacqueline, Julia and Hayden; that they might know a daily sense of Your Holy Presence. Guide them through the inevitable times of private and public challenge, and grant to them the energy and the wisdom to remain authentic and real in a world so bent on pretense. Let Your wisdom also guide the members of the Executive Council, Raymond Burton, Beverly Hollingworth, John Shea, Raymond Wieczorek and Debora Pignatelli, that together this administration might indeed be successful. And may its success be measured not only in bills passed and policies shaped, in business developed and dollars spent. May it be measured in the meeting of minds and the deepening of community. May it be measured by a sense of working together and shared humanity. May it be measured in families blessed, individual lives strengthened, strangers welcomed, hungry fed, homeless housed. May it be measured in hands outstretched and hearts awakened. Bless this Administration, we pray, and all who work to support it. And bless us all, that, together, we may indeed be a blessing to others. Amen.

POEM

New Hampshire Poet Laureate Patricia Fargnoli of Walpole recited one of her works.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Governor John H. Lynch delivered his Inaugural Address.

Thank you all very much. Madam Speaker, Madam President, Mr. Chief Justice and members of the judiciary, Honorable members of the House, Senate and Executive Council, and my fellow citizens of New Hampshire:

You have again entrusted me with the sacred responsibility of serving as a steward of our

great state, of protecting our traditions and building our future, of protecting your interests and those of generations to come. I pledge to you once again that every day, in every endeavor, I will work to honor your trust.

Let me take a moment to thank the four most important people in my life. The love of my life, my best friend and our exceptional first lady, my wife Susan. Our children; Jackie, a college student; Julia, a senior in high school; and Hayden, an eighth grader. I would not be here today without their love and support.

Many of our citizens are serving today with the New Hampshire National Guard and other armed services in Iraq, Afghanistan and other troubled spots around the world. I've had the privilege of meeting many of these brave men and women. Let us pray for their safe return to their families and please join me in thanking them for their courage and their sacrifice.

We live in the greatest state in the greatest country in the world. Today is a day of new beginnings, a day to celebrate all that makes New Hampshire so special. We celebrate the history and traditions that still guide our state. We celebrate the innovation that drives our strong economy. We celebrate the volunteer and civic spirit that makes our communities so strong. We celebrate New Hampshire's natural beauty - majestic mountains, abundant forests and clean waters. But most of all we celebrate New Hampshire's people. We celebrate the veterans who sacrificed to protect us, the seniors who built our great state. We celebrate the police officers, firefighters and EMTs who keep us safe; the teachers who shape the next generation; the state employees and the municipal employees who serve us all; the hard-working men and women who keep our state vibrant; and the children who represent our hope for the future. Our people are what make New Hampshire so strong and great. Today, we celebrate New Hampshire's past and present, and begin the next chapter of our history.

In 1819, Samuel Bell delivered the first address by a Governor to a Legislature in this State House, saying: "Important trusts have been committed to us by our fellow citizens. The general good is the object which we should have in view." It is, he said, ".....a trust of great responsibility." These are trusts we all share, regardless of political party: improving education, strengthening our economy, expanding access to health care, ensuring public safety, and preserving our natural environment.

There has been a historic change in the composition of this Legislature, but our duty to the people has not changed. Our duty is not to seek Democratic solutions or Republican solutions, but rather, we must seek New Hampshire solutions to the challenges we face. To all the members of the Legislature, please know that I am committed to working with all of you. We will not always agree, but we are united in our love for New Hampshire and its people. That common devotion is stronger than anything that may divide us. Together, we can rise to meet the expectations of our citizens. This is the lesson of the past two years; and let us go forward in that same spirit.

The New Hampshire we live in today was shaped by the decisions and ideas of all those who came before us. As we begin our work together, let us remember that the decisions that we make will shape New Hampshire and the lives of our people for 10, 20, 100 years to come. By committing ourselves to the people of this state, by embracing New Hampshire values and traditions, by working together, we will lay a strong foundation for New Hampshire's future.

Our future depends on our children and our children's future depends on their education. The state of New Hampshire plays an important role in public education - from setting clear standards for what we expect our children to learn to helping finance the costs of education. Let us embrace that responsibility and work toward a sensible and sustainable approach for ensuring a quality education for all of our children.

Too often, our education debates have focused on the frustration with the courts or the desire by some to fundamentally change our state's tax structure. The people of New Hampshire have spoken clearly. They believe, as I do, that the state has a responsibility for public education. They believe, as I do, that the state should meet that responsibility without

fundamentally changing our tax structure, particularly without a sales or income tax. Let us put these old debates behind. Let us move past distrust for one another's motives. Let us trust that we all want what's best for New Hampshire's children.

Our first step is to define more clearly an adequate education - what our students will need to know to succeed as citizens and to compete in today's economy. As a state, we already have curriculum requirements in our school approval standards that clearly spell out what we believe all students should know by the time they graduate from high school. By using these requirements as our foundation, we can most certainly meet this challenge. Our goal is to ensure educational opportunity for all of our children. We know that there are some communities that can offer more to their students, while other communities struggle to just provide the basics. A school funding formula that distributes essentially the same amount of state aid for every student, regardless of community and need, will only widen these disparities of opportunity. In contrast, directing education aid to the communities with the greatest need will help ensure fair opportunities for all of our students. We can lift up the communities that are struggling to provide a quality education and ease the burden of property taxes in communities that struggle the most.

As a state, we have a moral and a constitutional responsibility for education. To make real progress on this issue, we need to focus on how we ensure the best education possible for every child in New Hampshire. When this is our only focus, I believe most people in New Hampshire and in this Legislature would agree that we should target education aid to the children and to the communities that need it most. However, we must recognize that the court's interpretation of the Constitution makes it difficult to implement an effective targeted aid law. To implement the best education policy for our state, I strongly believe that we must be open to considering a narrow amendment to our Constitution. Not an amendment that allows the state to walk away from its responsibility for education. Not an amendment to take the courts out of education. But instead, an amendment that affirms the state's responsibility for education, and allows us to direct education aid to the children and communities which need it the most. I ask everyone in this chamber to work with me to craft a solution that is right for our children and right for our state.

In 1903, the New Hampshire Legislature passed a law requiring young people to stay in school until age 16. Their goal was to make sure children did not leave school without the basic education they needed to get good jobs and live better lives.

The world today is very different than it was in 1903. Today a high school diploma is the minimum price of admission for most jobs. Yet 20 percent of our young people are dropping out of high school. These young people will not get the opportunities they deserve. Half a high school education is now no longer enough. That's why we must increase our compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18.

In my budget, I will propose the funding necessary to expand alternative learning programs, including technical education, internships and night school, to help students who don't necessarily do well in traditional classroom settings. This is just the first step in a comprehensive approach to giving every child a chance to succeed. Quality early learning, kindergarten and early intervention are also important parts of our long-term strategy for increasing the graduation rate. Together, we will make it possible for every child in New Hampshire to graduate from high school.

To keep businesses here in New Hampshire, we must encourage more of our young people to pursue careers right here in New Hampshire. That's why we must make it possible for more of our students to attend college in our state. Two years ago, we launched a new scholarship program at the university system. Last year, we froze tuition at the community technical colleges. Now, we must continue to work together to make higher education more affordable and accessible for our families here in New Hampshire. Project Running Start opens the door to college for many students. It allows high school students to take college-level classes right at their own local schools. They can earn credits that are accepted by colleges across New Hampshire and across the nation. Let us set a goal of doubling the number of students

who can enroll in Project Running Start so we can help more families save on college costs. The door to college should be open to every student who works hard.

Let us also invest in today's workers. In every part of New Hampshire, business leaders tell me that they have the products; they have the customers; but they need skilled workers if their businesses are to stay and grow in New Hampshire. Our workers - and the companies that employ them - must continually master new skills and new technologies to compete globally. By reinstating the Job Training Fund, we can partner with companies to train New Hampshire workers for good jobs. Let's keep businesses and jobs right here in New Hampshire.

I want every person in New Hampshire to have the chance for a better life. That means helping move people off welfare into sustained employment and lasting self-sufficiency. That will not be accomplished just with sanctions, but with a helping hand - child care, transportation, and, most importantly job training. In two years, I don't want to say that we've cut our welfare rolls. I want to say that we've made it possible for more families to take care of themselves.

Our economy is strong now, and we must act to secure that prosperity for the future. Innovation spurs economic growth, and creates opportunities for all of our people. Creating a research-and-development tax credit will nurture creativity and attract emerging industries to New Hampshire. It is a small investment that will pay big dividends for our workers and for our families.

Our nation needs a comprehensive energy policy for its continued economic growth. But we can take steps here in New Hampshire to help stabilize energy costs. I have set a goal of ensuring that 25 percent of our energy comes from renewable sources by 2025. Reaching that goal will give us more choices; will make our air and water cleaner; and will help create jobs right here in New Hampshire - by expanding uses of our wood products, in building clean power plants, and in research and development. This is the future; let us put New Hampshire right at the forefront.

Many of our families in New Hampshire are working hard just to get by - to pay for food, housing and child care. There is often not enough for the basics, let alone the extras. Let us do the right thing for our families and finally increase the minimum wage. In New Hampshire we value fiscally responsible government that puts the needs of the people first. That's why I will present to this Legislature in February a responsible and balanced budget. It will be a budget that protects the interests of our people, and invests in building a stronger future. And I will work with you to address our state's long-term fiscal challenges, including safeguarding our public retirement system. Our state and municipal employees, our firefighters, our police officers, our teachers have served us well. They deserve a secure retirement.

In making appointments, I will continue to select the best and most competent people for the job, regardless of political party. Leaders who share our New Hampshire values of compassion, innovation and cooperation. We came together in the past two years to restore the people's trust in state government and to pass comprehensive ethics reform. Together, we must continue to demand the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

New Hampshire was once again named one of the healthiest states in the nation. I am confident that we can make health care even better in New Hampshire. Our population is aging and that is putting a greater strain on our Medicaid system. We should look to reform, but thoughtfully, compassionately. We should help more seniors stay in their own homes and communities. We will accomplish that goal not with arbitrary rules, or by making it difficult for eligible seniors to receive Medicaid. But by holding true to our values and ensuring that there is the community care available to give our seniors the quality care and respect that they have earned. By harnessing new technologies, we can and we will make health care more affordable and accessible to all of our citizens. My Citizens Health Initiative is putting New Hampshire at the vanguard of change, and it is doing it the New Hampshire way - by bringing providers, consumers and business leaders to find common

ground and real solutions. New Hampshire is the first state in the nation to set an aggressive timetable - October 2008 - for ensuring that all our health care providers have the ability to write prescriptions electronically. Electronic prescribing will reduce medical errors, save lives and save tens of millions of dollars a year in health care costs.

We all pay a high cost for the number of uninsured. When preventable illnesses turn into chronic diseases, or when an uninsured person is forced to seek emergency room care, we all see these costs in our insurance premiums. We must work together to reduce costs and expand access to health care for all of our citizens. That starts with making sure every child has access to health insurance and quality health care. Children with access to health care do better in school and better later in life. Our children's health insurance program is one of the best investments we make as a state. It is the right thing to do for our children and the smart thing to do for our future. We must act to expand our children's health insurance program this year.

New Hampshire is one of the safest states in the nation and this is in large part due to the commitment of our first responders. In October, we experienced a terrible reminder of the dangers these men and women face with the murder of the Police Officer from Manchester, Michael Briggs. Officer Briggs was a dedicated public servant who gave his life protecting all of us. The murder of a police officer strikes at the very heart and fabric of our society, and we all felt the loss of Officer Briggs. But, in the face of that tragedy, we also saw what makes New Hampshire strong - in the continued commitment to duty of Manchester's police officers and law enforcement all over our state and in the outpouring of support from people across Manchester and across New Hampshire. We all have a role to play in keeping our communities safer.

I will soon create a Crime Commission, with representatives of law enforcement, communities and nonprofits, to make concrete recommendations on how we can improve our laws and work together to keep New Hampshire safe. We must crack down on the crimes in the 21st century. Technology is changing the way we all work and the way we do business. But it also poses new threats. I will propose legislation to toughen penalties on people who use the Internet to prey on our children. Let's make sure that our children are safe in their neighborhoods, schools and online. Our state's breathtaking landscapes and natural resources are part of our heritage and part of the legacy we are entrusted with safeguarding for the future.

The burning of toxic construction and demolition debris poses an unnecessary danger to the health of our citizens and the health of our environment. A moratorium is not enough. The risks are too great. We must permanently ban the burning of construction and demolition debris here in New Hampshire.

Groundwater is a resource essential to the future health of our citizens, and to meeting the future demands of our economy. Without access to clean water, our businesses cannot grow and our families cannot thrive. Our state needs a comprehensive groundwater policy that balances the needs of our citizens. We must act now to protect our groundwater.

Our state parks here in New Hampshire attract tens of thousands of visitors every year. They are treasures that belong to all of our citizens, today and tomorrow. We must come together to protect our state parks for the future. Some of our most historic places are falling into disrepair and some of our most beautiful places are in danger of being lost to us forever. We must preserve what is special about New Hampshire by recommitting ourselves to the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

I've traveled to every corner of this great state. I've visited police stations and firehouses, schools, state agencies and town offices, state parks and farms, businesses, big and small. I have met with our veterans, our seniors, our workers and with our children. I've seen how the traditions of our state live on and I've seen the great promise our future holds.

Let our legacy be that we came together, Democrats, Republicans and Independents to put partisanship aside and rose to meet the real challenges our state faced. Let our legacy be that we protected what is special about New Hampshire. Let our legacy be of clean, honest

and representative government. Let our legacy be that we came together to lay the foundation for expanded opportunity for all of our citizens; the foundation for a safer, healthier and more prosperous New Hampshire. Generations before us came together to preserve and build the great state that we live in today. Let us, together, keep the promise of New Hampshire's future.

BENEDICTION

Cynthia Johnson, Minister of Education of the First Baptist Church of New London, offered the Benediction.

Creator, sustainer, our source and our center who gives wings to ideas and hopes and vision. Lift us up by the strength found from within and beyond ourselves to that place where the world's needs and where our passions meet. May we be moved today to take steps toward each other, toward the center inward and upward. May our vision be illuminated by this sustaining power of the One who lights the star fields and even still promises to burn bright as the light to our human hearts. May our ears be opened beyond distraction to this same voice that in the breath of dawn awakens us and stirs us to be agents of change in this world. Breathe in us newness and hope. And may we, O liberator God, have the courage and the commitment to diligently seek after what is good and right. To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with You, in the end, recognizing and trusting in Your sustaining hand that holds the celestial skies and even still embraces and dearly loves all of creation. O love that fires the sun, O love that fires the sun, keep us burning. And may God raise you up on eagle's wings and bear you on the breath of dawn. And make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of God's hand. And hold you; hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

Trumpeters Nick Garlow, Timothy Denoncour, Nicholas Ellis, Shannon MacKenzie and Heather Scammon from Hopkinton High School played as the Governor and special guests were escorted from the Hall.

Rep. Wallner and Sen. Foster moved that the Joint Convention arise.

Adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

HOUSE SESSION

(Speaker Norelli in the Chair)

RESOLUTION

Rep. Wallner offered the following:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, House Bills numbered 31 through 49, and 51 through 56 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed titles, sent for printing and referred to the therein designated committees.

Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

First, second reading and referral

HB 31-FN, requiring the licensure of property and casualty insurance appraisers. (Marshall Quandt, Rock 13; Matthew Quandt, Rock 13: Commerce)

HB 32, requiring photo identification to obtain a ballot. (Lund, Rock 5; Hopfgarten, Rock 5; Hinkle, Hills 19; Villeneuve, Hills 18: Election Law)

HB 33, relative to the compensation of members of the county convention. (Stohl, Coos 1; King, Coos 1; Tholl, Coos 2; Theberge, Coos 4: Municipal and County Government)

HB 34, establishing a committee to study barbering and barbering training. (Marshall

Quandt, Rock 13; Matthew Quandt, Rock 13; Welch, Rock 8; J. Flanders, Rock 8; Weyler, Rock 8: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 35, establishing a commission to study human trafficking issues in New Hampshire. (Ulery, Hills 27; Renzullo, Hills 27; L. Ober, Hills 27: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 36, relative to the reporting of municipal liens in consumer reports. (Walz, Merr 13: Commerce)

HB 37, relative to notification requirements for criminal offenders. (J. Thomas, Belk 5; J. Allen, Belk 5: Education)

HB 38, relative to terms of appointment for certain state officers. (Shurtleff, Merr 10: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 39, repealing the penalty provision in discretionary preservation easements. (Shurtleff, Merr 10: Municipal and County Government)

HB 40, relative to living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care. (Rowe, Hills 6; Mooney, Hills 19; N. Elliott, Hills 19: Judiciary)

HB 41, relative to human immunodeficiency virus education, prevention, and control. (MacKay, Merr 11: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 42, requiring zoning ordinances to encourage preservation or restoration of stone walls. (Lockwood, Merr 6; Owen, Merr 4: Municipal and County Government)

HB 43, relative to the procedure for establishing medicaid reimbursement rates. (C. McMahon, Rock 4; Emerson, Ches 7; Donovan, Sull 4; MacKay, Merr 11; Batula, Hills 19: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 44, relative to the authority of animal control officers. (Welch, Rock 8; Tholl, Coos 2; Weyler, Rock 8; J. Flanders, Rock 8: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 45, relative to addresses on motor vehicle registrations. (Almy, Graf 11; Tholl, Coos 2: Transportation)

HB 46-FN-A-L, making an appropriation to support kindergarten programs in the towns of Merrimack, Hampstead, and Goffstown. (C. Christensen, Hills 19; Batula, Hills 19; Emerton, Hills 7; Wells, Rock 8; Hinkle, Hills 19; Roberge, Dist 9; Letourneau, Dist 19: Finance)

HB 47, exempting inheritances from marital assets for purposes of divorce settlements. (Nowe, Rock 9; B. Williams, Graf 8; Gionet, Graf 3: Children and Family Law)

HB 48, relative to the definition of “party” for election purposes. (Davis, Merr 7; Greco, Merr 7; S. Kelly, Merr 7: Election Law)

HB 49, relative to eligibility for admittance to the New Hampshire veterans’ home. (D. Smith, Hills 22; Shurtleff, Merr 10; L’Heureux, Hills 19; Griffin, Rock 4; P. Garrity, Hills 14; Barnes, Dist 17; Kenney, Dist 3; Letourneau, Dist 19; Foster, Dist 13: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 51, permitting adoption by 2 unmarried adults in a familial relationship. (Lockwood, Merr 6; Bouchard, Merr 11; Tupper, Merr 6; Blanchard, Merr 10; MacKay, Merr 11: Children and Family Law)

HB 52, relative to leasing the Cannon Mountain ski area. (King, Coos 1; Chandler, Carr 1; Price, Hills 26; Gionet, Graf 3; Gallus, Dist 1: Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 53, relative to school health personnel. (Harding, Graf 11; French, Merr 5: Education)

HB 54, establishing a commission to study automobile recycling issues, including disposal fees. (Knox, Carr 4; S. Merrick, Coos 2: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 55, relative to required use of tail lamps. (Webb, Merr 2: Transportation)

HB 56, relative to the definition of agritourism. (O’Connell, Hills 6; B. Williams, Graf 8; Tobin, Belk 2; Beaulieu, Hills 17: Resources, Recreation and Development)

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Wallner moved that the House stand in recess for the purpose of introduction of bills. Adopted.

The House recessed at 1:15 to the call of the Chair.

RECESS

(Rep. Foster in the Chair) RESOLUTION

Rep. MacKay offered the following:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, House Bills numbered 57 through 74, 76 through 99, 101 through 103, House Concurrent Resolutions numbered 1 and 2 and Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolutions numbered 1 through 3 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed titles, sent for printing and referred to the therein designated committees.

Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS, HCRS AND CACRS

First, second reading and referral

HB 57, relative to advance directives for durable powers of attorney and living wills. (N. Elliott, Hills 19: Judiciary)

HB 58, requiring municipalities to establish volunteer civilian police review boards. (T. Robertson, Ches 3: Municipal and County Government)

HB 59, relative to crossbow hunting by a person with a disability. (J. Allen, Belk 5; D. Russell, Belk 6; Whalley, Belk 5; Barnes, Dist 17: Fish and Game)

HB 60, relative to the definition of an adequate education. (P. Allen, Ches 6; Foose, Merr 1: Education)

HB 61, designating segments of the Ammonoosuc River into the rivers management protection program. (Remick, Coos 2; McLeod, Graf 2; Sorg, Graf 3; Gallus, Dist 1; Reynolds, Dist 2: Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 62, relative to limiting the number of balloons released into the atmosphere. (Waterhouse, Rock 4; Ingram, Rock 4; Griffin, Rock 4; Cloutier, Sull 4: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 63, allowing counties to regulate conflicts of interest in elected and appointed county officers and employees. (Patten, Carr 4; Phinizy, Sull 5: Municipal and County Government)

HB 64-FN, establishing a criminal penalty for driving a commercial motor vehicle while violating an out-of-service order. (Rowe, Hills 6: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 65, relative to the appointment of the director of the division of ports and harbors. (Pantelakos, Rock 16; Powers, Rock 16: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 66, relative to display of antique motor vehicle plates. (Greco, Merr 7; L'Heureux, Hills 19; Phinizy, Sull 5; Barnes, Dist 17; Gatsas, Dist 16: Transportation)

HB 67, relative to liens filed with public servants. (Ingbretson, Graf 5; Itse, Rock 9: Judiciary)

HB 68, relative to the terminology used to describe public education. (King, Coos 1: Education)

HB 69, relative to the solemnization of marriages. (Itse, Rock 9: Judiciary)

HB 70, including nonresident property owners who are veterans and at least 65 years of age in the persons qualified to receive the veterans' property tax credit. (G. Katsakiores, Rock 5; P. Katsakiores, Rock 5: Municipal and County Government)

HB 71, excluding a municipality's list of owners of registered dogs from the right-to-know law. (Patten, Carr 4: Judiciary)

HB 72, relative to the payment of municipal sewage assessments. (F. Tilton, Belk 4: Municipal and County Government)

HB 73, relative to contractor bids. (Ulery, Hills 27; Renzullo, Hills 27; Crane, Hills 21; L. Ober, Hills 27: Commerce)

HB 74-FN-A-L, relative to matching funds for federal disaster assistance for the October 2005 floods and making an appropriation therefor. (Phinizy, Sull 5; Ferland, Sull 5;

Butynski, Ches 4; Parkhurst, Ches 4; Sad, Ches 2; Odell, Dist 8: Finance)

HB 76-FN, creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire. (Ryan, Merr 2; C. Chase, Hills 2; S. Merrick, Coos 2; McKenna, Rock 5; Hassan, Dist 23: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 77, prohibiting cancellation of property and liability insurance on the basis of certain political activities. (C. Chase, Hills 2; Kaelin, Hills 4; DeJoie, Merr 11; Pelkey, Ches 7; D. Eaton, Ches 2: Commerce)

HB 78, relative to health insurance coverage for certain unmarried children. (Moran, Hills 18; Gile, Merr 10; Julie Brown, Straf 1; Cooney, Graf 7: Commerce)

HB 79, relative to the safety of school bus stops. (Davis, Merr 7; Yeaton, Merr 8; Hamm, Merr 4; Greco, Merr 7; Porter, Merr 8: Education)

HB 80, relative to breast-feeding. (Serlin, Rock 16; Powers, Rock 16; Flockhart, Rock 13; Rochette, Hills 20; Fuller Clark, Dist 24: Children and Family Law)

HB 81, relative to required pay for employees called into work. (Renzullo, Hills 27: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 82, relative to communications outside meetings under the right-to-know law. (J. Thomas, Belk 5; J. Garrity, Rock 6; Espieffs, Ches 3: Judiciary)

HB 83, relative to the deliberations of certain state agencies under the right-to-know law. (J. Thomas, Belk 5; J. Garrity, Rock 6; Espieffs, Ches 3: Judiciary)

HB 84, relative to the hours of operation of vehicle inspection stations. (T. Robertson, Ches 3: Transportation)

HB 85, establishing a study committee on awarding the deferred compensation contract to AETNA/ING. (Marshall Quandt, Rock 13: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 86, establishing a committee to study educational and social services programs that serve families with children 6 years old and younger. (Gile, Merr 10; Gargas, Hills 5; Stiles, Rock 15: Children and Family Law)

HB 87, relative to the exceptions to compulsory school attendance. (Dunn, Ches 3: Education)

HB 88, establishing a committee to study single payer health care. (Weed, Ches 3: Commerce)

HB 89, relative to strikes by public employees. (Weed, Ches 3: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 90, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of imposing a luxury sales tax and an amusements tax. (Weed, Ches 3: Ways and Means)

HB 91-FN, relative to registration fees for lobbyists and requiring registration of employers of lobbyists. (Weed, Ches 3: Legislative Administration)

HB 92, decriminalizing marijuana. (Weed, Ches 3; Ingbretson, Graf 5; Vaillancourt, Hills 15: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 93, relative to use of the child support guidelines worksheet. (McRae, Hills 7; Villeneuve, Hills 18: Children and Family Law)

HB 94, relative to overpayments of child support. (McRae, Hills 7; Villeneuve, Hills 18: Children and Family Law)

HB 95-L, including charter school pupils in the average daily membership in residence in the pupil's district of residence. (Casey, Rock 11: Education)

HB 96-FN-A, relative to the replacement of the Neil Underwood bridge over the Hampton River and making a capital appropriation. (Benjamin Moore, Rock 14; Stiles, Rock 15: Public Works and Highways)

HB 97, relative to the recording of audio and video images on private property for security purposes. (Dumaine, Rock 3; Itse, Rock 9; N. Elliott, Hills 19; Headd, Rock 3; Baldasaro, Rock 3: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 98, relative to the situation of landfills on land owned by municipalities. (Tupper, Merr 6; McLeod, Graf 2; Donovan, Sull 4; Rodeschin, Sull 2; Odell, Dist 8; Janeway, Dist 7: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 99, relative to the youth employment law. (Hilliard, Straf 2; Splaine, Rock 16: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 101, relative to annual training for members of the workers' compensation appeals board. (Goley, Hills 8; DeJoie, Merr 11; D. Sullivan, Hills 8; Long, Hills 10: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 102, relative to requirements for restaurants operating cocktail lounges. (Velez, Hills 12: Commerce)

HB 103, establishing a commission to study the state highway trust fund. (Bouchard, Merr 11; Cloutier, Sull 4; Graham, Hills 18: Public Works and Highways)

HCR 1, declaring the directives of the judicial branch in the Claremont cases that the legislative and executive branches define an "adequate education," adopt "standards of accountability," and "guarantee adequate funding" of a public education are not binding on the legislative and executive branches.(Sorg, Graf 3: Judiciary)

HCR 2, urging the federal government to establish a post office and a zip code in the town of Lee. (Wall, Straf 7; Spang, Straf 7; M. Smith, Straf 7; Rous, Straf 7; Kaen, Straf 7; Estabrook, Dist 21: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

CACR 1, Relating to: the definition of marriage. Providing that: marriage between one man and one woman shall be the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state. (Dumaine, Rock 3; Itse, Rock 9; Boyce, Belk 5; Headd, Rock 3; N. Elliott, Hills 19: Judiciary)

CACR 2, Relating to: the definition and constitutionality of judicial and legislative acts. Providing that: the supreme court shall determine the constitutionality of judicial acts and the legislature shall determine the constitutionality of legislative acts. (Sorg, Graf 3: Judiciary)

CACR 3, Relating to: the appropriation of certain revenues. Providing that: the scope of appropriations from certain revenues shall be broadened. (Lockwood, Merr 6: Finance)

RECESS

(Rep. McKinney in the Chair)

RESOLUTION

Rep. Drisko offered the following:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, House Bills numbered 104 through 108 and Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution number 4 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed titles, sent for printing and referred to the therein designated committees.

Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CACR

First, second reading and referral

HB 104-FN, relative to renewal of drivers' licenses by certain national guard members. (Bishop, Rock 2; B. Shaw, Hills 16; Coughlin, Hills 4; Kjellman, Merr 5; Burling, Dist 5; Barnes, Dist 17; Letourneau, Dist 19; Kenney, Dist 3; Clegg, Dist 14: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 105, repealing the parental rights and responsibilities and child support impact seminar requirement. (Rochette, Hills 20; Francoeur, Hills 26: Children and Family Law)

HB 106, relative to leave of absences to serve as a legislator. (Cali-Pitts, Rock 16; Serlin, Rock 16; Powers, Rock 16; Splaine, Rock 16; Fuller Clark, Dist 24: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 107-L, authorizing towns to charge property owners for solid waste removal. (Rodeschin, Sull 2; Jillette, Sull 2; Odell, Dist 8: Municipal and County Government)

HB 108-FN-A, making a capital appropriation for Merrimack district court facility improvements. (C. Christensen, Hills 19; Mooney, Hills 19; N. Elliott, Hills 19; O'Neil, Hills 19; Batula, Hills 19; Roberge, Dist 9: Public Works and Highways)

CACR 4, Relating to: funding for public transportation. Providing that: revenues from the operation of motor vehicles or the sale or consumption of motor vehicle fuel may be used for public transportation. (S. Merrick, Coos 2; Phinizy, Sull 5; Edwards, Hills 26; Fontas, Hills 24; E. Merrick, Coos 2: Public Works and Highways)

RECESS

(Rep. Foster in the Chair) RESOLUTION

Rep. Wallner offered the following:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, House Bills numbered 109 through 124, 126 through 149 and 151 through 168 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed titles, sent for printing and referred to the therein designated committees.

Adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

First, second reading and referral

HB 109, eliminating straight ticket voting. (Vaillancourt, Hills 15; M. Smith, Straf 7; Messier, Hills 17; C. Chase, Hills 2; Wells, Rock 8; Hassan, Dist 23; Barnes, Dist 17; Cilley, Dist 6; Fuller Clark, Dist 24: Election Law)

HB 110, relative to commercial driver licenses when the license holder fails a drug or alcohol test. (Villeneuve, Hills 18; O'Connell, Hills 6; Roberge, Dist 9: Transportation)

HB 111, relative to county employment for Sullivan county. (Converse, Sull 4: Municipal and County Government)

HB 112, relative to the method of depositing a ballot. (Bucio, Carr 1; C. Chase, Hills 2: Election Law)

HB 113-FN, relative to interference with constitutional and lawful rights. (L. Christiansen, Hills 27: Judiciary)

HB 114, relative to the statement of purpose in the statewide education improvement and assessment program. (L. Christiansen, Hills 27: Education)

HB 115, relative to the procedure for counties to apply for, accept, and expend federal, state, or other grants. (Patten, Carr 4; Knox, Carr 4; Kenney, Dist 3; Gallus, Dist 1: Municipal and County Government)

HB 116, limiting access to certain business records. (Stepanek, Hills 6; Merrow, Carr 3; Carolyn Brown, Carr 1; Charles Clark, Belk 5; Gallus, Dist 1; Kenney, Dist 3: Commerce)

HB 117, creating an exception for the storage of black gunpowder by historical reenactors and certain nonprofit entities. (L. Hammond, Graf 11; Welch, Rock 8; Ferland, Sull 5: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 118, extending the commission to determine the appropriate use of real property destroyed in the October 2005 floods, established in 2006, 256. (D. Eaton, Ches 2; Phinizy, Sull 5; Weber, Ches 2; Sad, Ches 2; Odell, Dist 8: Finance)

HB 119, relative to the sunset provision of the system benefits charge. (Foster, Hills 4; Kaen, Straf 7; Burling, Dist 5: Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 120, relative to extending polling hours. (M. Smith, Straf 7; Wall, Straf 7; Clemons, Hills 24; Theberge, Coos 4; Kaen, Straf 7: Election Law)

HB 121-FN, expanding eligibility for special number plates for veterans to family members of soldiers killed in action. (D. Russell, Belk 6; J. Allen, Belk 5; J. Thomas, Belk 5; C. Christensen, Hills 19; Merrow, Carr 3; Gallus, Dist 1; Sgambati, Dist 4: Transportation)

HB 122, naming a bridge in the town of Henniker after Russell M. Durgin. (French, Merr 5; Kjellman, Merr 5; Shattuck, Hills 1; Kurk, Hills 7; Essex, Hills 1; Janeway, Dist 7: Public Works and Highways)

HB 123, relative to the time required between mandatory shifts or other work periods. (Renzullo, Hills 27: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 124, establishing a committee to study enhancing electricity infrastructure. (Berube, Straf 2; Hofemann, Straf 6: Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 126, relative to the definition of “school.” (Dunn, Ches 3: Education)

HB 127, relative to voter registration forms. (Weed, Ches 3: Election Law)

HB 128, establishing a committee to study ballot reform. (Weed, Ches 3: Election Law)

HB 129, relative to outsourcing of jobs. (Weed, Ches 3; Kenney, Dist 3: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 130, requiring bottled water labels to indicate the source of the water. (Weed, Ches 3: Commerce)

HB 131, revising the role of the commissioner of the department of education in the approval of home education programs. (Casey, Rock 11: Education)

HB 132, relative to domicile for voting purposes. (Pierce, Graf 9; C. Chase, Hills 2: Election Law)

HB 133, relative to voter registration forms. (Pierce, Graf 9: Election Law)

HB 134, relative to electronic prescribing for prescription drugs. (Rosenwald, Hills 22; MacKay, Merr 11; Miller, Straf 7; Case, Rock 1; Kenney, Dist 3; Estabrook, Dist 21; Fuller Clark, Dist 24: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 135, establishing the second Sunday in October as Firefighters Memorial Day. (Weare, Rock 14; DeJoie, Merr 11; DeVries, Dist 18: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 136, relative to approval of voting machines. (Pierce, Graf 9; C. Chase, Hills 2: Election Law)

HB 137, relative to food safety in restaurants. (Pilliod, Belk 5; Butynski, Ches 4; J. Tilton, Merr 6; Guthrie, Rock 8: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 138, relative to disclosure of voting machine information. (Pierce, Graf 9; C. Chase, Hills 2: Election Law)

HB 139, requiring the reporting of burn injuries. (DeJoie, Merr 11; D. Sullivan, Hills 8; Goley, Hills 8; Loll, Ches 6; Weare, Rock 14; Burling, Dist 5: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 140, reestablishing the New Hampshire task force on deafness and hearing loss. (Pilliod, Belk 5; Emerson, Ches 7: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 141, giving voters the option of bypassing voting machines. (Hall, Hills 5; Harvey, Hills 21: Election Law)

HB 142, relative to the sale of out-of-state animals. (O'Connell, Hills 6; Beaulieu, Hills 17: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 143, relative to the apportionment of damages in civil actions. (Lasky, Hills 26; Mooney, Hills 19; Powers, Rock 16; Gottesman, Dist 12; Clegg, Dist 14: Judiciary)

HB 144, relative to operation of boats on Spectacle Pond. (Welch, Rock 8; Cooney, Graf 7; Tholl, Coos 2; Reynolds, Dist 2: Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 145, establishing an education funding study committee. (Almy, Graf 11; Osborne, Merr 12: Ways and Means)

HB 146, relative to nicknames on ballots. (Vaillancourt, Hills 15; D. Eaton, Ches 2: Election Law)

HB 147, relative to counting kindergarten pupils in charter school attendance. (Casey, Rock 11: Education)

HB 148, establishing a commission to study pharmaceutical costs and the 340B Drug Pricing Program. (Rosenwald, Hills 22; MacKay, Merr 11; McLeod, Graf 2; Wendelboe, Belk 1; Nordgren, Graf 9; Estabrook, Dist 21; Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Hassan, Dist 23; Kenney, Dist 3: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 149, allowing a purchaser at a mortgage foreclosure sale to terminate a tenancy of the property by a notice to quit. (Dokmo, Hills 6; Bergin, Hills 6; Leishman, Hills 6: Judiciary)

HB 151, relative to provider contracts under the managed care law. (Headd, Rock 3: Commerce)

HB 152, relative to public access to meeting minutes. (Julie Brown, Straf 1: Judiciary)

HB 153, relative to standards for bridge and highway construction. (Waterhouse, Rock 4: Public Works and Highways)

HB 154, relative to the inclusion of certain tax information in state tourism publications. (Camm, Rock 8: Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 155, relative to membership of the state building code review board. (Harding, Graf 11; L. Hammond, Graf 11; Bergin, Hills 6; DeJoie, Merr 11; Burling, Dist 5: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 156, relative to the membership of the ballot law commission. (Vaillancourt, Hills 15: Election Law)

HB 157, establishing a committee to determine a permanent location for the old state house. (Cali-Pitts, Rock 16; Splaine, Rock 16: Public Works and Highways)

HB 158, requiring insurance companies to allow covered persons to purchase an up-to-90-day supply of life-sustaining drugs. (Cali-Pitts, Rock 16; Serlin, Rock 16; Powers, Rock 16; McEachern, Rock 16; Pantelakos, Rock 16: Commerce)

HB 159, establishing a committee to study the need for a classification system for criminal offenders. (Franklin, Sull 2: Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 160, relative to the appointment of the executive director of the public employee labor relations board. (Marshall Quandt, Rock 13; Matthew Quandt, Rock 13: Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 161, renaming the Veterans Administration Hospital the Styles Bridges Veterans Administration Hospital. (Weyler, Rock 8; Bettencourt, Rock 4; Kenney, Dist 3: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 162, relative to liability for costs, fees, and certain expenses incurred by a defendant where the court finds the defendant's conduct is justifiable. (Tobin, Belk 2: Judiciary)

HB 163, relative to the definition of "slaughterer." (Patten, Carr 4; L'Heureux, Hills 19; O'Connell, Hills 6: Environment and Agriculture)

HB 164, relative to medicating pupils to enhance learning abilities. (Hutchinson, Rock 3; G. Katsakiores, Rock 5; P. Katsakiores, Rock 5: Education)

HB 165, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of carbon reduction incentives. (Borden, Rock 18; Powers, Rock 16: Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 166, relative to the definition of a bridge. (Buco, Carr 1; Cloutier, Sull 4: Public Works and Highways)

HB 167, relative to areas of assessment required under the statewide improvement and assessment program. (Dunn, Ches 3: Education)

HB 168, expanding the purposes of the wildflower establishment program. (Graham, Hills 18; Spaulding, Hills 18; Chandler, Carr 1; Ferland, Sull 5; Lerandeau, Ches 6; Gallus, Dist 1: Public Works and Highways)

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