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HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 2 (Cont'd)

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Rep. Ley moved that the House adjourn.
Motion adopted.

HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 3

Thursday, February 13, 2020

The House assembled at 1:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Kate Atkinson, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Concord. My predecessor at St. Paul's Church, the Rev. David Jones, was Chaplain to the NH Senate for most of his time in Concord, David died this week after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, and, as a tribute to his ministry to your fellow legislators, I would like to share with you the meditation he wrote for February 10, 2005 - fifteen years before the day he departed this life.

Those who drive the highways of New Hampshire on February days like this one need a combination of skill, quick reflexes and foresight. Such drivers also need wisdom. There are some who are tempted to drive too fast and push too hard. They can endanger themselves and those they might encounter if they try to get too far out front. But equally hazardous are those who are overly timid and who drive much too slowly. They also risk themselves and others by lagging ominously behind.

Driving in New Hampshire today is not too different from being a member of the (legislature) in New Hampshire today. Skills to manage this machine well; quick reflexes to respond to constant change; and foresight to anticipate that which you cannot yet see. You need to cultivate all those things.

And don't drive too fast, for you may run us off the road. But for goodness sake, don't drive too slowly either, or else you may find yourself overtaken from behind by some very big surprises.

Let us pray: Keep this House and those who work with them under Your watchful protection, O God. We pray today for freedom from legislative hydroplaning, partisan loss of control and any procedural collision. Make them skillful, quick, perceptive and wise, for then the highways of our welfare will be safe. Amen.

Representative Jennifer Bernet, member from Wilton, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Hadi Lancaric, a freshman student at ConVal Regional High School in Peterborough.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Steven Beaudoin, Callum, Comeau, Desjardin, DesMarais, Eaton, Keans, Klose, Migliore, Sofikitis, Stack, Vose and Warner, the day, illness.

Reps. Acton, Bucu, Chase, Cote, Crawford, DiSilvestro, Ellis, Faulkner, Fothergill, Frost, Fulweiler, Gourgue, Barbara Griffin, Hall, Indruk, Janigian, Kanzler, Komi, MacDonald, McKinney, McWilliams, Merlino, Merner, Morrill, Nordgren, O'Hearne, Oxenham, Pantelakos, Parkhurst, Rooney, Seaworth, Marjorie Smith, Timothy Smith, Southworth, Tatro, Varney, Von Plinsky and Walsh, the day, important business.

Rep. L'Heureux, the day, illness in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Karen, Marc and Nile Lancaric, mother, father and brother of the singer, guests of Rep. Bernet. Katie Dow, guest of Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien. Jacob Taylor, Abby Buxton, and Mark Boisvert, guests of Rep. Lascelles. Dawn Johnson, guest of Rep. Plumer. Tricia Aiston, and Glenn Copatch, guests of Rep. Cordelli. Lora Painter, daughter of Reps. Alicia and Tony Lekas.

MOTION TO SUSPEND HOUSE RULES

Reps. Ley and Hinch moved that House Rules be so far suspended as to allow consideration at the present time of **SJR 2**, awarding the New Hampshire Medal of Honor to Captain Ryan S. Phaneuf of Hudson, New Hampshire, without the required referral to committee, public hearing and report from committee, and if passed, allow for immediate third reading.

Motion adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Ley offered the following: RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, Senate Joint Resolution numbered 2 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed title.

Motion adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**First, second reading**

SJR 2, awarding the New Hampshire Medal of Honor to Captain Ryan S. Phaneuf of Hudson, New Hampshire.

Rep. Lynne Ober moved Ought to Pass.

Motion adopted.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of Captain Ryan S. Phaneuf of Hudson.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Ley moved that **SJR 2** be read by title only and that it be read a third time by this resolution, and that its title be the same as adopted, and that it be passed at the present time.

Motion adopted.

MOTION TO SUSPEND HOUSE RULES

Rep. Cloutier moved that House Rules be so far suspended as to allow the deadline for reporting of **HB 2020**, relative to the 10-year transportation improvement plan, be extended to March 19, 2020.

Rep. Cloutier spoke in favor.

Motion adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

HB 1549-FN-A, establishing the office of school counseling and psychology, establishing the position of school counselor coordinator, and making an appropriation therefor, removed by Rep. Piemonte.

HB 1698-FN, relative to equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in co-curricular activities and making an appropriation therefor, removed by Rep. Sylvia.

HB 1213, repealing the prohibition on hunting with a ferret, removed by Rep. Abramson.

Consent Calendar adopted.

HB 1505, relative to compensation of college athletes. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Luneau for Education. This bill allows college athletes to seek compensation for their name, image, and likeness; and to seek representation from an attorney or agent. It also enables, but does not mandate, an institution of higher education in the state to provide compensation to athletes. This bill is modeled after the language signed into law in California last year and introduced in over a dozen other states. In April 2021, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) plans to announce new rules to provide college athletes with the rights guaranteed by this bill. The amendment moves the effective date of this bill to July 2022, after the new NCAA rules take effect, in order to give the legislature time to amend the policy if necessary. The committee feels that this bill will promote economic opportunity and fairness for the college athletes of New Hampshire and recommends that the bill pass as amended. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0089h)

Amend RSA 356-D:2, II(c) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) Professional representation provided by athlete agents, financial advisors, and/or attorneys shall be by persons licensed or registered by the state.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

HB 1714, relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Executive Departments and Administration. Last year, when we adopted legislation updating the state building and fire codes, we also changed the process of amending the codes so that any amendment requires legislative ratification before becoming effective. This bill ratifies the amendments reviewed and approved by the Building Code Review Board and the State Board of Fire Control since then. The amendment removes a reference to an obsolete rule that formerly incorporated the fire code. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (0194h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 State Fire Code; Ratification of Amendments. Pursuant to RSA 153:5, the general court hereby ratifies the amendments to the state fire code adopted by the state fire marshal and the state board of fire control on January 15, 2020.

HB 1573, establishing a safari hunting license for hunting certain exotic game. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kevin Craig for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. Having considered the merits and constitutionality of the bill, the committee finds the bill lacking in both respects and therefore cannot support the bill. The state hunting license that would be required under the bill would be for the taking of exotic animals owned by a private entity, not by the public, thereby making the bill unpalatable. Vote 16-1.

HB 1113-FN, relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Dan Toomey for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill repeals the length of time the presumption of heart or lung disease is occupationally related to firefighting. Vote 19-0.

HB 1168, commemorating the first labor strike in the United States by women. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Harrison Kanzler for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill will commemorate the actions taken by the Dover Mill Girls in December of 1828. This is an important day for New Hampshire and the United States in regards to both labor and women's rights. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0152h)

Amend RSA 4:13-aa as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

4:13-aa The Dover Mill Girls Recognition Day. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling for a proper observance of December 30 in recognition of the first all-women labor strike in the state of New Hampshire, which took place over 3 days in Dover, starting December 26, 1828. This was a seminal event in United States history for both labor and women's rights movements. Schools and libraries are encouraged to commemorate the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities as close to the date as possible.

HB 1304-FN, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for critical exposure. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Cahill for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The bill removes previous language stating that there must be visible blood in "sufficient magnitude" within saliva to which first responders are exposed. Medical decisions on treatment will be made by the physician in consideration of exam and history. Vote 20-0.

HB 1488, prohibiting conditioning of employment or student enrollment on approved housing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Linda DiSilvestro for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The prime sponsor did not appear at the committee hearing and no one spoke, therefore the committee had no information on this bill. Vote 19-0.

HB 1544, relative to the department of employment security job training program. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. William Bordy for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The committee supports the addition of adult education programs approved by the department of education. Vote 20-0.

HB 1576-FN-A, establishing a targeted workforce development program. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.** Rep. Donald Bouchard for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill is incomplete as written. The committee did not approve the bill and is waiting for a Senate bill that addresses the concerns. Vote 19-0.

HB 1288, relative to the form of a candidate's name on the official ballot in nonpartisan town elections. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jim Maggiore for Municipal and County Government. It is logical for Robert "Renny" Cushing to sponsor this bill. Many candidates are well-known by a nickname, "Renny," "Jim," "Liz," "Kate," etc., but they may not be as well-known by their given name. This bill ensures that a person's surname must appear on the ballot and therefore the candidate's name recognition is preserved. Vote 19-1.

Amendment (0128h)

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

1 Nominations; Nominations by Primary; Form of Candidate's Name on Ballot. Amend RSA 655:14-b, I-II to read as follows:

I. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name printed upon the ballot of any party for a primary shall designate in the declaration of candidacy, or on the primary petitions and assents to candidacy, the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot. The designated name may include the candidate's given name or a shortened form of the candidate's given name or a one-word nickname customarily related to the candidate, and by which the candidate is commonly recognized. The designated name may also include an initial for the first or middle name, or both. No candidate may designate a nickname that implies that the candidate is some other person, that constitutes a slogan or otherwise associates the candidate with a cause or issue, that has an offensive or profane meaning, or that creates a perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach." No candidate may designate a name or nickname that includes characters other than the 26-letter English alphabet, a dash, an apostrophe, a period, or a comma. A candidate shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot. ***The requirement that a candidate's surname be included on the ballot shall not be waived.***

II. Every candidate for state or federal office who intends to have his or her name placed on the ballot for the state general election by means other than nomination by party primary shall designate in the declaration of intent the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot. The designated name may include the candidate's given name or a shortened form of the candidate's given name or a one-word nickname customarily related to the candidate, and by which the candidate is commonly recognized. The designated name may also include an initial for the first or middle name, or both. No candidate may designate a nickname that implies that the candidate is some other person, that constitutes a slogan or otherwise associates the candidate with a cause or issue, that has an offensive or profane meaning, or that creates a perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach." No candidate may designate a name or nickname that includes characters other than the 26-letter English alphabet, a dash, an apostrophe, a period, or a comma. A candidate shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot. ***The requirement that a candidate's surname be included on the ballot shall not be waived.***

2 New Section; Form of Candidate's Name on Ballot; Nonpartisan Ballot System. Amend RSA 669 by inserting after section 19 the following new section:

669:19-a Form of Candidate's Name on Ballot; Nonpartisan Ballot System. Every candidate for town officer who intends to have his or her name printed upon the ballot shall designate in the declaration of candidacy the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot. The designated name may include the candidate's given name or a shortened form of the candidate's given name or a one-word nickname customarily related to the candidate, and by which the candidate is commonly recognized. The designated name may also include an initial for the first or middle name, or both. No candidate may designate a nickname that implies that the candidate is some other person, that constitutes a slogan or otherwise associates the candidate with a cause or issue, that has an offensive or profane meaning, or that creates a perception of a professional or vocational affiliation, such as "Doc" or "Coach." No candidate may designate a name or nickname that includes characters other than the 26-letter English alphabet, a dash, an apostrophe, a period, or a comma. A candidate shall include his or her surname in the designation of the form in which the candidate's name shall be printed on the ballot. The requirement that a candidate's surname be included on the ballot shall not be waived.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill specifies the form that a candidate's name may take on a town election ballot when the town in which the candidate intends to run for office has adopted the nonpartisan ballot system. The bill also clarifies that the requirement that a candidate's surname be included on the ballot may not be waived.

HB 1296, requiring certain candidates for municipal office to comply with certain campaign finance laws. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Clyde Carson for Municipal and County Government. The committee strongly supports transparency in campaign financing. However, this bill would require the involvement of the NH Secretary of State's office in local elections, which is currently not the case. Neither the Secretary of State's office nor local officials are in favor of this bill. There are existing statutes which enable cities and towns to require reporting of contributions and expenditures by candidates in local elections. The committee believes those statutes better serve NH municipalities. Vote 20-0.

HB 1439, relative to notification of zoning determination announcements and to appeals to the zoning board of adjustment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bruce Tatro for Municipal and County Government. This bill intends to change notification requirements in regards to the time frame within which zoning decisions may be appealed. The bill changes "reasonable time" to 30 days restricted time to research needed information for the appeal of the decision. Also, there was no fiscal note of costs associated with the notification. Vote 19-1.

HB 1572-L, establishing the New Hampshire local election participation act. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Tom Dolan for Municipal and County Government. Concerns exist for the presentation of voting system integrity. This bill could erode public confidence in the election results and would restrict the public's ability to observe the voting process and ability to challenge voters. Vote 20-0.

HB 1123, relative to reporting a collision between a cat and a motor vehicle. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Casey Conley for Transportation. This bill, as amended, would add a cat to the existing statute that requires notification when a motorist hits a dog. Under this measure, someone who strikes a cat must report the incident to the owner of the cat or to the police as soon as possible. Failure to meet provisions of this law would subject the motorist to a violation level offense. Vote 18-1.

Amendment (0255h)

Amend RSA 264:31 as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

264:31 Report of Injury to Dog **or Cat**. The driver of any vehicle who knowingly strikes a dog **or cat** and fails to report the incident to the dog's owner or custodian **or the cat's owner or custodian** or to a police officer as soon as possible, shall be guilty of a violation.

HB 1142-FN, allowing the New Hampshire Masons to issue decals for motor vehicle plates. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Sherman Packard for Transportation. This bill adds the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire as part of the approved multi-use decal plate organizations. Vote 19-0.

HB 1284-FN, relative to organizations authorized to issue decals for multi-use decal number plates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Casey Conley for Transportation. This bill adds the Knights of Columbus (KOC) as part of the multi-use decal plate program. The KOC is a 501(c)(8) organization and qualifies for the program as described in RSA 261-B:9. Vote 19-0.

HB 1523, authorizing the American Radio Relay League to issue decals for multi-use plates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Larry Gagne for Transportation. This bill authorizes the American Relay League to issue decals for multi-use plates. This organization fulfills all of the requirements of RSA 261-B:9. It is a good organization especially in times of crises and emergencies as they work as ham radio operators, and are able to fill the gaps when normal communications are down. Vote 19-0.

HB 1556-FN, relative to requirements for commercial motor vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne Vail for Transportation. This bill was brought forth to address a problem that occurs when a person is carrying a personal load with a truck that is assumed to be engaged in commerce, due to weight restrictions. The committee heard testimony that the proposed change in the law would conflict with federal guidelines, putting New Hampshire out of compliance with federal law. Vote 19-0.

HB 1583-FN, relative to the identification of law enforcement vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Daniel Pickering for Transportation. This bill described specific types of markings and identification that should be placed on all emergency vehicles used by law enforcement. The committee found unanimously that the requirements were excessive and expensive. Vote 19-0.

HB 1618-FN-L, relative to fines for littering on public ways. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter Torosian for Transportation. While the majority agrees that more needs to be done to combat littering on public ways, this legislation would not solve the problem, and would be unenforceable. There is no way to implement and enforce the community service provision. Further, the committee feels that license suspension for 48 hours is too harsh for the third offense. Vote 16-0.

REGULAR CALENDAR

MOTION TO SPECIAL ORDER

Rep. Cloutier moved that **HB 1135**, naming a portion of route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau, be made a Special Order as the first order of business.

Motion adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

HB 1135, naming a portion of route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John Graham for Public Works and Highways. Specialist Marc P. Decoteau perished on January 29, 2010 while serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. This bill, naming a portion of NH Route 49, in his name is an appropriate honor in light of his sacrifice. The select board of his hometown was unanimous in support of this action. The committee recommends that the House support the passage of this bill. Vote 17-0. Rep. Stringham spoke in favor.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Baldasaro moved that the debate on **HB 1135**, naming a portion of route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau, be printed in the Permanent Journal.
Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE

Representative Stringham: Thank you, Mister Speaker. It's a special time when we can come together as a body with a bill that clearly defines our common values and shared gratitude for a native son. I'm pleased to stand here and support HB 1135, the naming of a portion of Route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau. PFC Decoteau served in the Army in Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom and died on January 29, 2010. He had enlisted in the Army after his 2008 graduation from Plymouth Regional High School where he was an outstanding student athlete, helping to win two state football championships. He was raised in and still has family in Waterville Valley. PFC Decoteau was stationed in Afghanistan as part of the psychological operations unit based in Fort Bragg, NC. He was known as hard working, reliable, a great team player, well-liked by his classmates and neighbors. His sacrifice and that of his family will be memorialized with the passage of this bill. Route 49 is the main road into Waterville Valley, the only road this time of year, will be named in his honor. Specialist Decoteau's father Marc and mother Nancy are here today and present in the balcony. PFC Decoteau's brother, who serves in the military as well as his sister were able to attend the committee hearing on this bill and share on this honor as well. I ask for your support for this bill in honor of Private First Class Marc P. Decoteau. Thank you very much.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1103, relative to the submission of evidence in divorce proceedings. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Skip Berrien for the Majority of Children and Family Law. This bill creates conflicts with current court time frames, problems with ex parte proceedings and leaves opposing parties vulnerable to prolonged loss of support. Vote 11-7.

Rep. Deanna Jurius for the Minority of Children and Family Law. It is the opinion of the minority that this bill appropriately addresses a major concern of ambush of evidence in divorce proceedings. This bill permits a party to request a continuance if the opposing party brings in evidence fewer than 5 days before a hearing. As written, this bill allows for the introduction of new evidence within the 5-day restriction if the evidence was not available before. It also allows for a judge to declare evidence as de minimis and record reasoning for not granting a continuance. The committee has heard numerous testimonies of the necessity of this legislation to level the playing field and allow for appropriate amounts of time to review evidence that may be used against a party.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Jurius spoke against.

Rep. Long spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 188 members having voted in the affirmative, and 136 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1258, establishing a committee to study the impact on youth of media concerning them available on the Internet. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Patrick Long for the Majority of Children and Family Law. The committee recognizes that the internet and its effects on youth is a prevalent problem. However, the scope of this bill does not specify the expertise of field professionals needed for such a broad topic. Vote 10-7.

Rep. Werner Horn for the Minority of Children and Family Law. It is established that New Hampshire youth are being victimized by content on the internet. Facilitating a conversation on the subject would allow for ideas and information to be exchanged in a setting where state departments could be active participants in the process. The minority feels that ignoring the topic by voting down the study committee is doing a disservice to New Hampshire youth.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Horn spoke against and yielded to questions.

Rep. Berrien spoke in favor.

Rep. Rice requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Knirk, Jerry

Woodcock, Stephen

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Faulkner, Barry
Hunt, John
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Fenton, Donovan
Ley, DouglasBerch, Paul
Gomarlo, Jennie
Swinburne, SandyBordenet, John
Harvey, Cathryn
Pearson, William**COOS**Craig, Kevin
Noel, HenryHatch, William
Tucker, EdithLaflamme, Larry
Thomas, Yvonne

Moynihan, Wayne

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Dontonville, Roger
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Mulligan, Mary Jane
Stavis, Laurel
Weston, JoyceAlmy, Susan
Egan, Timothy
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Bosman, James
Connors, Erika
Espitia, Manny
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Pedersen, Michael
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Judy, Jean
Long, Patrick
McGhee, Kat
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Cleaver, Skip
Dargie, Paul
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King, Mark
Murray, Megan
Mombourquette, Donna
Porter, Marjorie
Radhakrishnan, Julie
Shaw, Barbara
Telerski, Laura
Vann, IvyBaroody, Benjamin
Bordy, William
Cohen, Bruce
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Heath, Mary
Klee, Patricia
Mangipudi, Latha
O'Brien, Michael
Prout, Andrew
Riel, Cole
Snow, Kendall
Toomey, Dan
Thomas, Wendy**MERRIMACK**Bartlett, Christy
Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Rodd, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Walz, Mary Beth
Yakubovich, MichaelBuchanan, Ryan
Ellison, Arthur
MacKay, James
Rogers, Katherine
Schultz, Kristina
Wazir, SafiyaCarson, Clyde
Fox, Samantha
Myler, Mel
Saunderson, George
Soucy, Timothy
Wells, KennethDoherty, David
Lane, Connie
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane
Woods, Gary**ROCKINGHAM**Altschiller, Debra
Bushway, Patricia
Cushing, Robert Renny
Eisner, Mary
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Verville, KevinBerrien, Skip
Cahill, Michael
Davis, Dan
Gilman, Julie
Le, Tamara
McBeath, Rebecca
Ward, GeraldBershtein, Alan
Costable, Michael
DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grossman, Gaby
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McConnell, Liz
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Edgar, Michael
Grote, Jaci
Maggiore, Jim
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Grassie, Chuck
Levesque, Cassandra
Towne, MatthewCannon, Gerri
Harrington, Michael
Schmidt, Peter
Treleaven, SusanConley, Casey
Higgins, Peg
Rich, Cecilia
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Horriggan, Timothy
Sandler, Catt
Wall, Janet**SULLIVAN**

Cloutier, John

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Howard, Raymond
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Jurius, Deanna
Beaudoin, Richard
Tilton, FranklinFeeney, George
Lang, Timothy
Spanos, Peter
Viens, Harry

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Ticehurst, Susan

Cordelli, Glenn

Marsh, William

Nelson, Bill

CHESHIRE

Meador, David

O'Day, John

Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Furbush, Michael

GRAFTON

Adjutant, Joshua

Gordon, Edward

Hennessey, Erin

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boehm, Ralph
Danielson, David
Gagne, Larry
Gunski, Michael
Klein-Knight, Nicole
Marzullo, JP
Notter, Jeanine
Plett, Fred
Rice, Kimberly
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Burns, Charles
Erf, Keith
Gould, Linda
Hinch, Richard
Ober, Lynne
McLean, Mark
Nunez, Hershel
Proulx, Mark
Sanborn, Laurie

Balch, Chris
Burt, John
Fedolfi, Jim
Graham, John
Hopper, Gary
Langley, Diane
Mullen, Sue
Panasiti, Reed
Ober, Russell
Somero, Paul

Barry, Richard
Camarota, Linda
Flanagan, Jack
Greene, Bob
Jack, Martin
Lascelles, Richard
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Renzullo, Andrew
Stevens, Deb

MERRIMACK

Allard, James
Karrick, David
Pearl, Howard
Wolf, Dan

Forsythe, Robert
Kotowski, Frank
Pimentel, Roderick

Hill, Gregory
McGuire, Carol
Testerman, Dave

Horn, Werner
Moffett, Howard
Turcotte, Alan

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Abbas, Daryl
Barnes, Arthur
DeClercq, Edward
Edwards, Jess
Green, Dennis
Hoelzel, Kathleen
Khan, Aboul
Griffin, Mary
McMahon, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Somssich, Peter
True, Chris
Weyler, Kenneth

Abrami, Patrick
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
DeSimone, Debra
Elliott, Robert
Guthrie, Joseph
Osborne, Jason
Kolodziej, Walter
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Piemonte, Tony
Read, Ellen
Spillane, James
Vallone, Mark

Abramson, Max
Chirichiello, Brian
Dolan, Tom
Fowler, William
Harb, Robert
Janvrin, Jason
Love, David
Major, Norman
Milz, David
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sytek, John
Wallace, Scott

Baldasaro, Al
Thomas, Douglas
Doucette, Fred
Gay, Betty
Hobson, Deborah
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Lundgren, David
McBride, Everett
O'Connor, John
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Torosian, Peter
Welch, David

STRAFFORD

Fontneau, Timothy
Opderbecke, Linn
Wuelper, Kurt

Hayward, Peter
Perreault, Mona

Horgan, James
Pitre, Joseph

Kenney, Cam
Spang, Judith

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Rollins, Skip

Laware, Thomas
Stapleton, Walter

Lucas, Gates
Smith, Steven

Merchant, Gary
Sullivan, Brian

and the majority committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Spillane moved that the debate on **HB 1258**, establishing a committee to study the impact on youth of media concerning them available on the Internet, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Motion failed.

The House recessed at 1:45 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

(Speaker Shurtleff in the Chair)

RESOLUTION

Reps. Ley and Hinch offered the following: RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives notify the Honorable Senate that it is ready to meet in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the State of the State Address by his Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu.
Motion adopted.

SENATE MESSAGE

The Senate is ready to meet with the honorable House of Representatives in Joint Convention for the purpose of hearing the State of the State Address by his Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu.
The Clerk introduced and the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the Honorable Senate and Senate President, Donna Soucy of Manchester.

JOINT CONVENTION

(Speaker Shurtleff presiding)

INTRODUCTION AND SEATING OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The Clerk introduced and the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted the following: Secretary of State, William M. Gardner. State Treasurer, William F. Dwyer. Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court, David D. King. Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Patrick E. Donovan, Barbara Hantz Marconi and James P. Bassett. Senior Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, Gary E. Hicks. Executive Councilors, Michael J. Cryans, Andru Volinsky, Russell E. Prescott and Theodore L. Gatsas.

The Sergeant-at-Arms introduced Governor Christopher T. Sununu.

Governor Sununu presented his State of the State Address to the Joint Convention.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Good Afternoon Mister Speaker, Madame Senate President, Honorable members of the House, the Senate, the Executive Council, Commissioners, and of course, members of the Supreme Court, and our fellow citizens joining us today, welcome! Today, I stand before you to deliver the State of the State. To update you on where we are, and where we will go. You've heard me say it before. New Hampshire does things differently. We challenge ourselves to find innovative solutions. We don't subscribe to a one-size fits all approach and that has allowed our State to be stronger and better than ever before. When New Hampshire's people do it New Hampshire's way, we set the course and provide a great model for the entire nation. We don't get bogged down like the dysfunction in Washington. We work together, whenever possible, to make sure our state is the best it can possibly be. And this past week, the Granite State took that responsibility once more as the eyes of the world were upon us. In a year with high stakes, we saw record turnout in our First in the Nation Primary. It isn't the Governor, Legislature, or political parties that deliver a successful primary, but our city and town officials, moderators, clerks, supervisors of the checklist, and the hundreds of Granite Staters who help out on Primary Day and especially Bill Gardner, Dave Scanlon, and the great team at the Secretary of State's office. We say Thank you, thank you, thank you. NH isn't one to follow the whims of other states; other states follow us. When times are good, we do not raise taxes and create bureaucracy, we create opportunity. Doors of opportunity that solve problems. We problem solve, innovate, and get the job done.

In just the last year we:

- Stopped unnecessary new taxes
- Eliminated the Merrimack tolls once and for all
- Legalized sports betting
- Took historic action to protect our environment
- Prevented business tax increases
- Made record investments into our education system, child protection programs, and the mental health
- Fully funded the Developmental Disability waitlist,
- Ended the order of selection in our Vocational Rehabilitation Program,
- Lowered health insurance costs
- and Ensured health insurance protections for those with pre-existing conditions.

2019 was a banner year for the New Hampshire economy. Over the last year, New Hampshire families have benefited greatly from record levels of economic growth. Our focus on our workforce, while making high-paying, quality jobs available has paid enormous dividends. Business taxes are at their lowest this century, and more people are working than ever before. The model works — and it's proven. In just the last year and in study after study, New Hampshire has been recognized on a national level for our unparalleled quality of life.

- We are the number one state for economic freedom.
- We have the lowest poverty rate in the nation.
- The number one state for taxpayer return on investment
- And the number one state for opportunity.

We must increase opportunity for all, and build a workforce for everyone, at every stage of life. My administration has taken on the task of ensuring we are leaders in developing a 21st century workforce. As part of a strong economy and workforce, we must ensure that everyone is treated with fairness and respect. As part of that effort, I have asked Senator Jeb Bradley to sponsor the New Hampshire Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which will ensure that pregnant women are treated fairly on the job and are provided with reasonable workplace accommodations. No woman should be forced out of a job or denied employment opportunities simply because she is pregnant. And at the same time, we must provide greater flexibility in our workforce. That's why we established our Infants in the Workplace Initiative, one of the first in the country which will allow state employees to bring their infants to work in the early stages of life, which will keep our state competitive and provide immense benefits to family. Another area where we have great opportunity is Paid Family Leave. Senator Jeb Bradley's bill which I wholeheartedly support, has been vetted by insurance officials and is the only shot at delivering a viable voluntary paid family leave program that does not contain an income tax. Let's not miss this opportunity & get it done for our citizens. Just last year, while states like Connecticut, Vermont and Massachusetts saw decreases in population, New Hampshire saw an increase. These workforce initiatives are more critical than ever because we are now ranked as the most popular destination in the Northeast for millennials and if we want to keep up that momentum it is these game-changing initiatives that will be critical. Our record of success is no accident; it has happened as a result of our deliberate pro-jobs, pro-growth agenda. From your prices at the gas pump to taxes and energy costs, I fought against raising costs on our citizens. It wasn't always easy, but it was the right thing to do. I strongly urge you, my friends in the legislature, to continue with me down this path. As you know, much of the 2019 Legislative Session was consumed with our state's budget negotiations. Both sides worked over the summer in good faith to secure a budget that works for New Hampshire. Members from both parties came together and worked out a compromise that everyone could be proud of. The budget was a big win for New Hampshire families. We held the line on taxes, returned cash to cities and towns for property tax relief, and provided historic investments into our education system. The budget did not make financial promises that could not be kept, and that is something the people of New Hampshire can be proud of. Budgets serve as roadmaps for the future which is why we made historic investments into our education system. In 2019, even before this new budget, New Hampshire invested more money per pupil on public education than at any time in history and with our strong economy, our new budget does even more.

- We sent \$62 million back to local school districts for school infrastructure projects
- We restored stabilization grants to school districts across the state
- We increased funding for full-day kindergarten
- Fully funded special education aid.
- We froze the tuition at the University and Community College Systems
- Doubled our nursing programs at UNH and restarted the long absent LPN nursing program at our Community Colleges

Despite these amazing education investments, an individual's educational path does not always fit in the traditional four walls of a classroom. We have to be bold and allow our system to be flexible around the needs of the student. Last year we announced the creation of the New Hampshire Career Academy, an innovative program that allows for students in New Hampshire schools to receive a high school diploma, associate degree, and a guaranteed job interview, all at no extra cost to the student or taxpayer. And just last week, we officially opened enrollment in the program at our community colleges. Students can start signing up now. This initiative is a win for students, families, and the businesses that power our economy. We also continue to push the limits on early childhood education. If you want to build the best workforce, it starts with providing the best education at the earliest stages of life. My approach since day one has been to increase family engagement in every setting. So last year, I proposed a \$6 million one-time cash infusion into UNH to rebuild the Early Childhood Center of Excellence to serve as a model for the rest of the country and ensure that New Hampshire never again falls behind the curve for our kids. Unfortunately, this investment was removed from the budget by the Legislature. But undeterred, the state worked with UNH and The NH Charitable Foundation to secure a \$26 million federal grant for Preschool Development, the biggest of its kind which will build capacities for learning and wellbeing at home, in childcare, and community-based settings. This investment is unprecedented and will help the UNH Early Childhood Center of Excellence become that gold standard of innovation we envisioned. It's a win we can all be proud of. And when it comes to education, we know we have to work at both ends of the spectrum. Last year, I budgeted for a \$160 million, ten-year investment in student debt relief that would have cost the taxpayers nothing. Unfortunately the legislature killed that proposal, but I am hopeful we can find compromise and finally deliver this opportunity to provide student debt-relief and direct scholarships, again, at no expense to the taxpayer. This opportunity for graduating students, along with our workforce housing legislation which are moving through the House now can help ensure when retain our students to be the workforce of tomorrow. I am thankful to have bipartisan support for these efforts, and I am confident we will get this done. There are many things that the people of New Hampshire take pride in. Our high quality

of life, our low cost of living and our Live-Free-Or-Die spirit. But another area in which we all have a stake in, and all have a deep appreciation for, is our environment. Here in New Hampshire, we take the obligation of environmental stewardship very seriously. That stewardship does not just take the form of more spending on yesterday's ideas. We have the responsibility to be smarter and more innovative in our approach. Weighing the impacts, large and small, and not just committing to what is politically convenient. My administration began an aggressive approach to environmental responsibility first by taking on the issue of clean drinking water. Ensuring that a problem did not become a crisis, and with the leadership of Senator Chuck Morse the Clean Drinking Water Fund was established and to date the state has awarded over \$100 million of clean drinking water infrastructure projects to cities and towns around the state. We then set out giving our best and brightest to the task of creating the most accurate, science-based drinking water standards in the country. Standards based on the best available data and standards that are allowing Gordon McDonald and his team at the Attorney General's office to lead the nation in holding these polluting companies accountable. They are fighting for NH families and we are going to win this battle. Then you add in all of the common-sense environmental measures we have taken:

- Banning oil drilling off our pristine Seacoast. We got it done
- Using the strongest offshore winds in the country for clean renewable energy - we're moving forward.
- Dozens of new electric charging stations around the state coming on-line
- And when other states tried to shake down our residents for hundreds of millions of dollars in a gas tax – known as TCI – a scheme to pay off their failing public transportation systems, New Hampshire was the first to stand up and say absolutely not.

I'd like to take a moment and take a step back to some core issues that we've been discussing since day one, have made great strides in, but we know there is still so much to do with issues of addiction and drug use. It continues to afflict our communities. No one is left untouched by this crisis. In 2017, we knew that we had to take bold and innovative steps to make a difference. The federal government provided New Hampshire with the opportunity to take a whole-new approach to fighting addiction when it awarded New Hampshire an unprecedented \$55 million grant to create a new system. One year after getting it up and running, the Doorway is a success. Addiction treatment providers, the spokes in the hub-and-spoke delivery system, they agree the Doorway is working. It has ensured that we have statewide distribution of Narcan and access to Medication-Assisted Treatment not just in the southern tier, but throughout New Hampshire. People are entering treatment; services are better coordinated and lives are being saved. Those communities that have embraced and worked collaboratively with The Doorway have seen incredible results. This new system has served over 7,000 individuals in just the first year with the number of overdose deaths continue to fall. But the only way to truly solve this crisis, is with Prevention. I want to take a moment to thank Patrick Tuffs of Granite United Way, who leads the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, and the entire Commission itself who this year made the largest investments into prevention programs New Hampshire has ever seen. Millions of dollars into school programs, workforce initiatives and community centers. We owe you a big Thank You! We all know that a critical issue facing our citizens, especially our senior citizens, is the cost of prescription drugs. We know must lower our prescription drug prices, and it starts with allowing the importation of drugs from Canada, greater transparency in pricing and preventing price gouging of low-income families. I want to thank everyone in the legislature involved with those efforts for helping move the bipartisan bills along. Please get them to my desk so we can get these initiatives moving forward and provide some relief to our citizens. I also believe there is another big challenge that our state faces. It is rarely discussed but has great impact on the care of our seniors. Specifically those who are waiting for placement in assisted living facilities or nursing homes. It is a fact that NH is a state with an older population which has given us the advantage of constantly being ranked as having one of the most educated and experienced workforces in the country. But with that comes the challenge of long-term care services for seniors. No one would deny that they deserve the highest quality care in the least restrictive environment, within a system that supports their needs. Unfortunately, too often their only choice is to live in a hospital bed for an extended period of time because there are no other options available while they wait for appropriate long-term care. I always say that governments biggest responsibility is create doors of opportunity for our citizens. ALL of our citizens. We cannot wait for the current challenges surrounding senior health care turn into a crisis. I believe government, local, county and state, should be removing barriers to access and opening up those doors of opportunity, especially for senior citizens. So today, I am announcing the formation of a working group, led by our new Commissioner of Health and Human Services, Lori Shabinette. Their charge will be to immediately begin to work with stakeholders and within 90 days provide the ideas and solutions to get long term care back on track in New Hampshire. Thank you Commissioner Shabinette for taking this on. When I took office, I called the state of mental health in New Hampshire our unspoken crisis. We have taken mental health out of the shadows, and brought it to the forefront. So many people deserve credit for that undertaking, tackling the core issues and making meaningful strides. Rebuilding our mental health system has been a priority since day one and I still believe we can become the best state in the country for community based

mental health services. We've made investments and I am pleased to have data showing that our efforts are paying off. We brought in a first-class team and they are delivering results. It has taken a lot of hard work and cooperation to get to the point that we finally have a significantly declining waitlist at New Hampshire Hospital. Since taking office the average length of time an individual patient waits for an admission has been nearly cut in half.

- In the last two years, the number of days that patients spent waiting in hospital emergency departments decreased by 60%.

- We've added dozens of new Designated Receiving Facility beds across NH.
- We've ensured suicide prevention training in our schools
- Mental health services for kids are being provided in appropriate facilities
- And after 20 years of talking about it we are finally moving forward with building a state Secure Psychiatric Unit to give those patients the dignity they deserve.

Another area we are making strides in is suicide prevention for our veterans. It's on us to make sure that we stand for those who stood tall for us defending the freedoms we enjoy every day. Today, I am proud to announce that the state of New Hampshire is partnering with the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs to combine, and streamline all of our resources, to put suicide prevention for our veterans at the forefront. This new effort will allow us to share best practices and join forces. As part of this effort, the first order of business is reaching out to every single New Hampshire veteran, to let them know every federal and state resource available to them and ensure there is no wrong door to getting mental health services. They are not alone! As we come into this next year, I ask you to be very reflective of what New Hampshire is all about. While the rest of the country is drowning in national negative political rhetoric, let's reflect on how we here in NH do it a little different and a lot better. Let's remember what brings us together and brings out the best in one another. There are a few people who I invited to join us today that I really think exemplify that strength. We all remember the horrific crash in Randolph back on June 21st, that took the lives of seven motorcycle riders, the Jarheads, a motorcycle club of Marines. And with us today are Manny Riberio and Dawn Brindley, survivors of that tragedy. Manny and Dawn, thank you so much for being here today with your strength and spirit. Following that crash there was a small group of individuals that decided to do a memorial ride in the honor of the victims. And I've asked the organizers of the Ride for The Fallen Seven to join us today as well:

- Brian DeSimone
- Steve Allison
- And Bob Wagner

The amazing story is this. The organizers were hoping a couple hundred riders might come out to join them. The ride quickly became so popular and met with such overwhelming response. Soon, thousands of riders were looking to come to the Granite State. And our teams got together and some said it was going to be too much, not enough time to plan, great idea but it would be too overwhelming to manage. But that's not who we are, and that's not what we did. We all knew how important this was for not just the riders but for the entire state. This was a moment to drop everything, come together and get it right. The organizers, our state police, emergency management, DOT, and local police and fire departments. And when the time came it worked. Roads were shut down. American Flags were flying from overpasses above the highways. Granite Staters were lined up along the roads saluting the thousands of memorial riders. It was awe-inspiring. And that's the spirit I want us to remember. Everyone coming together and appreciating that the job is bigger than ourselves. It's not about us, it about those we serve. And those who served before us. I believe we all share the same pride in New Hampshire. And when come together as a state, we do it better than anyone. Washington could learn a thing or two from us up here. We don't spend countless days locked in gridlock, we roll up our sleeves and get to work. There is so much more we still have to accomplish. Let's Get It Done. Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the great State of New Hampshire.

Rep. Ley and Sen. Feltes moved that the Joint Convention arise.

Motion adopted.

The Joint Convention adjourned.

HOUSE SESSION (Speaker Shurtleff in the Chair)

The House recessed at 2:35 p.m.

RECESS

(Rep. Porter in the Chair) ENROLLED BILL REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled Senate Joint Resolution numbered 2.

Rep. Ley, Sen. Soucy for the Committee

RECESS

The House reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

(Rep. Ebel in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1335, relative to private rights of action regarding pupil safety. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Sue Mullen for the Majority of Education. This bill would establish a parent's right to sue school districts as a way to resolve disputes in bullying situations. A subcommittee determined that there are already many ways to resolve contested cases in statute and within the Department of Education. This bill opens the risk of frivolous lawsuits that would put a burden on school districts already operating under lean budgets, ultimately burdening local taxpayers. Vote 13-7.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for the Minority of Education. This bill would provide private right of action when there has been gross misconduct by a school district in bullying cases. Current statutes prevent that right. There was concern about suits against individual employees but they have immunity under law. We heard that parents just need to be better informed about their appeal rights, but these laws have been in place for nearly 10 years with no change in the number of reports of bullying. Last year we passed legislation allowing parental suits in cases of discrimination in schools. Are we now saying that parents can sue in discrimination cases, but not when there has been district gross misconduct in a bullying case?

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Cordelli spoke against and yielded to questions.

Rep. Mullen spoke in favor.

HB 1681-FN, relative to school lunch reimbursements. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Sue Mullen for the Majority of Education. This bill, as amended, seeks to establish a study committee to review current federal and state law, rules, and regulations regarding school meals programs; to work with the Department of Education (DOE) to determine what is currently being implemented in New Hampshire public and nonsectarian private schools; and to identify potential legislation intended to reduce childhood hunger in New Hampshire schools. Vote 12-8.

Rep. Rick Ladd for the Minority of Education. This second-year committee will most likely have only a few working months to thoroughly address defined duties. During summer months and into the fall, school personnel are rarely available for needed data and information. The bill's school meal program study is a huge task, and time allocated is simply not adequate to effectively produce a thorough, meaningful report.

Majority Amendment (0250h)

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

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

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Examine existing state and federal laws and regulations regarding school meal programs.

II. Work with the department of education, to determine how school meal programs are being implemented in New Hampshire.

III. Identify potential legislation intended to reduce student hunger among students whose families meet the federal income eligibility guidelines.

IV. Work with other state agencies, as needed.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

Majority committee report adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1691-FN-L, relative to kindergarten adequate education grants. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Luneau for Education. This bill restores the full-day kindergarten startup grant that was implemented three years ago. Under current law, adequate education grants are distributed based on previous year student counts, which would mean a district operating a new full-day kindergarten program would not receive full-day adequate education grant for kindergarten pupils until the following year. Under this bill, a one-time payment would be made in the year of implementation equal the difference between half- and full-day adequacy, effectively eliminating the year lag for full-day kindergarten funding in the startup year. Vote 20-0. On a division vote, with 263 members having voted in the affirmative, and 64 in the negative, the committee report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(Speaker Shurtleff in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1339, relative to damage to crops or livestock done by animals. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dennis Ruprecht for the Majority of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The majority of the committee cannot support this bill due to concerns that changing the current burden of proof from actual and substantial damage to property, (which allows the taking of a wild animal), to just actual damage would lead to the excessive taking of wild animals without good cause. The Fish and Game Department is not in support of the bill. Vote 13-3.

Rep. David Love for the Minority of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. It is the opinion of the minority that this bill, as amended, provides much needed relief to farmers from depredation by wild animals. The removal of the word "substantial" damage from existing statute allows the farmer to remove an animal that is causing damage before the damage reaches hundreds and possibly thousands of dollars. Often, because of the short staffing of Fish and Game Conservation Officers, it can be days before the department investigates. The amendment separates the "home gardener" from "farmer."

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Baldasaro requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Huot, David

Spanos, Peter

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Ticehurst, Susan

Butler, Edward
Woodcock, Stephen

Knirk, Jerry

Nelson, Bill

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Faulkner, Barry
Ley, Douglas
Pearson, William

Ames, Richard
Fenton, Donovan
Meador, David
Weber, Lucy

Berch, Paul
Gomarlo, Jennie
Schapiro, Joe

Bordenet, John
Harvey, Cathryn
Swinburne, Sandy

COOS

Hatch, William
Tucker, Edith

Laflamme, Larry
Thomas, Yvonne

Moynihan, Wayne

Noel, Henry

GRAFTON

Abel, Richard
Diggs, Francesca
Ford, Susan
Massimilla, Linda
Ruprecht, Dennis
Sykes, George

Adjutant, Joshua
Dontonville, Roger
French, Elaine
Mulligan, Mary Jane
Stavis, Laurel
Weston, Joyce

Almy, Susan
Egan, Timothy
Josephson, Timothy
Muscatel, Garrett
Stringham, Jerry

Campion, Polly
Fellows, Sallie
Maes, Kevin
Osborne, Richard
Smith, Suzanne

HILLSBOROUGH

Bouldin, Amanda
 Beaulieu, Jane
 Bosman, James
 Cohen, Bruce
 Dargie, Paul
 Freitas, Mary
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jeudy, Jean
 Langley, Diane
 Mangipudi, Latha
 Mullen, Sue
 Petrigno, Peter
 Newman, Ray
 Shaw, Barbara
 Telerski, Laura
 Vann, Ivy
 Woodbury, David

Bouldin, Andrew
 Bergeron, Paul
 Bouchard, Donald
 Connors, Erika
 Dutzy, Sherry
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Heath, Mary
 King, Mark
 Leishman, Peter
 Martin, Joelle
 Murphy, Nancy
 Pickering, Daniel
 Riel, Cole
 Snow, Kendall
 Toomey, Dan
 Thomas, Wendy

Backus, Robert
 Bernet, Jennifer
 Chretien, Jacqueline
 Cornell, Patricia
 Espitia, Manny
 Griffith, Willis
 Herbert, Christopher
 Klee, Patricia
 Long, Patrick
 McGhee, Kat
 O'Brien, Michael
 Porter, Marjorie
 Rung, Rosemarie
 St. John, Michelle
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Baroody, Benjamin
 Bordy, William
 Cleaver, Skip
 Danielson, David
 Davis, Fred
 Hamer, Heidi
 Jack, Martin
 Klein-Knight, Nicole
 Murray, Megan
 Mombourquette, Donna
 Pedersen, Michael
 Query, Joshua
 Newman, Sue
 Stevens, Deb
 Van Houten, Constance
 Williams, Kermit

MERRIMACK

Allard, James
 Doherty, David
 Karrick, David
 MacKay, James
 Richards, Beth
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Wallner, Mary Jane
 Wolf, Dan

Bartlett, Christy
 Ebel, Karen
 Kotowski, Frank
 Moffett, Howard
 Rodd, Beth
 Schuett, Dianne
 Walz, Mary Beth
 Woods, Gary

Buchanan, Ryan
 Ellison, Arthur
 Lane, Connie
 Myler, Mel
 Rogers, Katherine
 Schultz, Kristina
 Wazir, Safiya

Carson, Clyde
 Fox, Samantha
 Luneau, David
 Pimentel, Roderick
 Saunderson, George
 Soucy, Timothy
 Wells, Kenneth

ROCKINGHAM

Abrami, Patrick
 Bushway, Patricia
 Cushing, Robert Renny
 Eisner, Mary
 Harb, Robert
 Maggiore, Jim
 McConnell, Liz
 Ward, Gerald

Altschiller, Debra
 Cahill, Michael
 DiLorenzo, Charlotte
 Gilman, Julie
 Murray, Kate
 Malloy, Dennis
 Meuse, David
 Welch, David

Berrien, Skip
 Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
 Doucette, Fred
 Grossman, Gaby
 Le, Tamara
 McBeath, Rebecca
 Read, Ellen

Bunker, Lisa
 Coursin, David
 Edgar, Michael
 Grote, Jaci
 Lovejoy, Patricia
 McBride, Everett
 Somssich, Peter

STRAFFORD

Bixby, Peter
 Fontneau, Timothy
 Kenney, Cam
 Schmidt, Peter
 Treleaven, Susan

Cannon, Gerri
 Grassie, Chuck
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Rich, Cecilia
 Vincent, Kenneth

Conley, Casey
 Higgins, Peg
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 Spang, Judith
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Fargo, Kristina
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Aldrich, Glen
 Fields, Dennis
 Mackie, Jonathan
 Tilton, Franklin

Bean, Harry
 Howard, Raymond
 Plumer, John
 Viens, Harry

Comtois, Barbara
 Jurius, Deanna
 Beaudoin, Richard

Feeney, George
 Lang, Timothy
 Sylvia, Michael

CARROLL

Marsh, William

CHESHIRE**COOS****GRAFTON**

Ladd, Rick

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia

Alexander, Joe

Barry, Richard

Boehm, Ralph

Burns, Charles
Fedolfi, Jim
Graham, John
Hopper, Gary
McLean, Mark
Plett, Fred
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

Burt, John
Flanagan, Jack
Greene, Bob
Ober, Lynne
Notter, Jeanine
Proulx, Mark
Rice, Kimberly
Ulery, Jordan

Camarota, Linda
Gagne, Larry
Gunski, Michael
Lascelles, Richard
Nunez, Hershel
Prout, Andrew
Sanborn, Laurie
Warden, Mark

Erf, Keith
Gould, Linda
Hinch, Richard
Marzullo, JP
Panasiti, Reed
Ober, Russell
Somero, Paul

MERRIMACK

Forsythe, Robert
Pearl, Howard

Hill, Gregory
Turcotte, Alan

Horn, Werner
Yakubovich, Michael

McGuire, Carol

ROCKINGHAM

Abbas, Daryl
Bershtein, Alan
Thomas, Douglas
Dolan, Tom
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Hoelzel, Kathleen
Khan, Aboul
Griffin, Mary
Melvin, Charles
Piemonte, Tony
Roy, Terry
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Wallace, Scott

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1450, relative to the powers of the zoning board of adjustment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Timothy Josephson for Municipal and County Government. This bill would significantly rewrite the five criteria to be considered when a zoning board of adjustment hears an appeal. The existing criteria have been crafted carefully over many years and, as such, a great deal of case law is based upon these five requirements. Notably, it would remove the phrase "unnecessary hardship" - this would cause almost every variance to be granted. As such, a majority of the committee finds the bill should be inexpedient to legislate. Vote 18-2. Committee report adopted.

HB 1452, relative to employees of public libraries. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Marjorie Porter for the Majority of Municipal and County Government. RSA 202-A:17 grants public library employees, if they so choose, the right to a public hearing prior to dismissal or removal from their jobs. This provision has been in place for more than seventy years and has worked well. This bill would amend the statute by denying the right to a public hearing to employees who have been employed by the library for less than six months. It was filed on behalf of a library that had an unpleasant experience with a discharged employee. Although we have sympathy for the aggrieved library, the majority believes existing law which has been working well for the entire state for many decades should not be changed because of one community's unhappiness. The majority also believes we should not be taking away any employee rights, especially not long-held rights such as those provided by RSA 202-A:17. Vote 13-7.

Rep. Max Abramson for the Minority of Municipal and County Government. Under current law, newly hired library employees are granted the unusual right to a public hearing to challenge a dismissal, even if they didn't show up for their first day of work--let alone showed up only to aggravate others in the job. This makes it more difficult for the librarian to take a chance on someone unproven, and could even discourage libraries from hiring temporary help. Instead, the bill hopes to mimic past practice that we see everywhere else, that new hires are brought on in a probationary basis and given a chance to prove themselves. Why are we now granting the benefits of tenure for those who choose a career in the atheneum from the moment of hire, a benefit not conferred upon anyone else in society? The minority raised concerns that these public hearings in the past have only turned into a public nightmare or an imbroglio cadenza, unlikely to enlighten, and could merely open up the town to increased liability, since every statement made on video could be taken out of context in court. Several revelations could come of such a public hearing--all bad.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Dolan spoke against.

Rep. Porter spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 202 members having voted in the affirmative, and 124 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

Rep. Wells declared a conflict of interest and did not participate.

HB 1568-FN-L, prohibiting town employees and elected officials from profiting from businesses with which the town does business. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Paul Dargie for the Majority of Municipal and County Government. While the intent of the bill of prohibiting personal profits by municipal employees or elected officials not available to the general public due to their employment or elected status is laudable, the language of the bill is vague and there may be unintended consequences. It is possible that common offerings that everyone would agree are above board would be deemed a tangible benefit, and would therefore be banned. The majority of the committee therefore finds this bill should be inexpedient to legislate. Vote 12-8.

Rep. Tony Lekas for the Minority of Municipal and County Government. This bill prohibits payments or other benefits such as discounts to employees or officials of a municipality from a municipal contract. Such payments or benefits are not appropriate and even if they do not affect the awarding of a contract they could appear to. This bill would remove both the temptation for and the appearance of corruption in the awarding of municipal contracts. It would not prevent a town employee or official from contracting with the municipality for goods or services if the contract were available to the general public.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Roy spoke against.

Rep. Dargie spoke in favor.

Rep. Baldasaro requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 181 - NAYS 148

YEAS - 181 BELKNAP

Huot, David St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita Butler, Edward Knirk, Jerry Ticehurst, Susan
Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael Ames, Richard Berch, Paul Bordenet, John
Fenton, Donovan Gomarlo, Jennie Harvey, Cathryn Ley, Douglas
Meador, David Schapiro, Joe Swinburne, Sandy Pearson, William
Weber, Lucy

COOS

Hatch, William Laflamme, Larry Moynihan, Wayne Noel, Henry
Tucker, Edith Thomas, Yvonne

GRAFTON

Abel, Richard Almy, Susan Campion, Polly Dontonville, Roger
Egan, Timothy Fellows, Sallie Ford, Susan French, Elaine
Josephson, Timothy Maes, Kevin Massimilla, Linda Mulligan, Mary Jane
Muscatel, Garrett Osborne, Richard Ruprecht, Dennis Stavits, Laurel
Stringham, Jerry Smith, Suzanne Sykes, George Weston, Joyce

HILLSBOROUGH

Bouldin, Amanda Bouldin, Andrew Backus, Robert Baroody, Benjamin
Beaulieu, Jane Bergeron, Paul Bernet, Jennifer Bordy, William
Bosman, James Bouchard, Donald Chretien, Jacqueline Cleaver, Skip
Cohen, Bruce Connors, Erika Cornell, Patricia Dargie, Paul
Dutzy, Sherry Espitia, Manny Freitas, Mary Goley, Jeffrey
Griffith, Willis Hamer, Heidi Harriott-Gathright, Linda Heath, Mary
Herbert, Christopher Jack, Martin Jeudy, Jean King, Mark
Klee, Patricia Langley, Diane Leishman, Peter Long, Patrick
Murray, Megan Mangipudi, Latha McGhee, Kat Mombourquette, Donna
Mullen, Sue Nutting-Wong, Allison O'Brien, Michael Pedersen, Michael
Petrigno, Peter Pickering, Daniel Piedra, Israel Porter, Marjorie
Proulx, Mark Query, Joshua Newman, Ray Riel, Cole
Rung, Rosemarie Newman, Sue Shaw, Barbara Snow, Kendall
St. John, Michelle Stevens, Deb Telerski, Laura Toomey, Dan
Vail, Suzanne Van Houten, Constance Vann, Ivy Thomas, Wendy
Wilhelm, Matthew Williams, Kermit Woodbury, David

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Bartlett, Christy
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Rogers, Katherine
Soucy, Timothy
Wazir, Safiya

Buchanan, Ryan
Ellison, Arthur
Luneau, David
Pimentel, Roderick
Saunderson, George
Turcotte, Alan
Wells, Kenneth

Carson, Clyde
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Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane
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and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1615-FN, requiring criminal background checks for persons brought into a library to interact with minors in library-sponsored events. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Meader for the Majority of Municipal and County Government. If there is a venue that is the quintessential definition of public place, it is a library. Libraries are where people go to learn, communities come together, and social programs are held for the betterment of our society. This bill would create a barrier to programs held at libraries by requiring libraries to conduct criminal background checks on program participants and using the results to exclude community members, the New Hampshire Library Association strongly opposed this legislation, both because of the cost and administrative burdens it would impose and the precedent it would set. Multiple librarians testified about how they take seriously a library's responsibility to prioritize both safety for visitors and public access. This bill does not advance public safety but will instead impede public access. For these reasons, a majority of the committee believes this bill should be found inexpedient to legislate. Vote 19-1.

Rep. Max Abramson for the Minority of Municipal and County Government. The committee was warned both during and after the hearing of four instances where convicted sex offenders had led children's events at public libraries. While we were assured that further abuse of children would never happen at the library itself, no mention of subsequent encounters were discussed. However, in most of these cases of abuse of children, the victim had been seen at a previous event. Children who are abused are four times as likely to turn to drugs or develop PTSD and three times as likely to develop major depressive episodes. The FBI warns parents to be sure that your children are, "under the watchful eyes of trusted and vetted adults." Yet if the library and parents are not allowed to know about a history of felonies against children by someone involved in one of these children's programs, how will leads be developed later on if one of those children goes missing? How much time will be lost by investigators when minutes count? When confronted with dark subject matter addressing the safety of children, we don't kill a poorly drafted bill and change the subject. We redraft it to remove the unfunded mandates and address mechanical problems within it.

Majority committee report adopted.

Rep. Wells declared a conflict of interest and did not participate.

HB 1649-FN-A, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Abbott for Public Works and Highways. The intent of the road usage fee is to ensure that motor vehicles using our state's roads and bridges provide their fair share of funds for the maintenance of the roads and bridges. Presently, vehicles are becoming more fuel-efficient, saving gasoline and benefiting our natural environment. But this situation results in less money, raised from the road toll, more popularly known as the "gas tax," and thus less money going into New Hampshire's Highway Fund that helps pay for our roads and bridges. This bill establishes a road usage fee for motor vehicles registered to travel on our roads based on the combined Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) city/highway miles per gallon (MPG) rating of the vehicle at the time of registration. This fee would be collected at the time of the annual vehicle registration and deposited into the Highway Fund. This bill also makes an appropriation of \$330,000 to the Department of Safety to help implement the fee. Additional provisions would allow city or town clerks, who usually register all vehicles, to keep up to \$1 of the fee to recoup the administrative costs of collecting it. Furthermore, along with helping to pay for state's roads and bridges, the same percentage of this fee as collected from the road toll would be allocated to municipalities for their roads and bridges. Exempted from the bill would be motorcycles as defined in RSA 259:63, mopeds as defined in 259:57, off highway recreational vehicles (OHRVs) as defined in RSA 259:69, and motor vehicles model year 1985 and older. The amendment would simply extend the effective date of section 1 of the bill from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021, so as to coincide with the start of the new fiscal year. Vote 17-3.

Amendment (0168h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Implementation of Road Usage Fee. Before July 1, 2021, the commissioner of safety, in conjunction with the commissioner of transportation, shall develop the linked data system required under RSA 260:32-d and adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to establish road usage fees based on the requirements and mileage per gallon ranges (MPG) established in RSA 260:32-d, I.

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Bordy moved that **HB 1649-FN-A**, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor, be laid on the table.

Rep. Edgar requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bean, Harry
Spanos, Peter

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Viens, Harry

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Beaudoin, Richard

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Cordelli, Glenn

Ticehurst, Susan

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Hunt, John

O'Day, John

Schapiro, Joe

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Treleaven, Susan

Harrington, Michael
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Horgan, James
Perreault, Mona

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Aron, Judy
Smith, Steven

Laware, Thomas

Lucas, Gates

Stapleton, Walter

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Aldrich, Glen
 Jurius, Deanna
 St. Clair, Charlie

Fields, Dennis
 Lang, Timothy
 Sylvia, Michael

Howard, Raymond
 Mackie, Jonathan
 Tilton, Franklin

Huot, David
 Plumer, John

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 Marsh, William

Burroughs, Anita
 Nelson, Bill

Butler, Edward
 Woodcock, Stephen

Knirk, Jerry

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
 Faulkner, Barry
 Ley, Douglas

Ames, Richard
 Fenton, Donovan
 Pearson, William

Berch, Paul
 Gomarlo, Jennie
 Weber, Lucy

Bordenet, John
 Harvey, Cathryn

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Moynihan, Wayne

Noel, Henry

Tucker, Edith

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 Gordon, Edward
 Osborne, Richard
 Sykes, George

Almy, Susan
 Egan, Timothy
 Josephson, Timothy
 Stavis, Laurel
 Weston, Joyce

Campion, Polly
 Fellows, Sallie
 Maes, Kevin
 Stringham, Jerry

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 Bosman, James
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 Dutzy, Sherry
 Flanagan, Jack
 Gould, Linda
 Hamer, Heidi
 Jeudy, Jean
 Leishman, Peter
 Marzullo, JP
 Murphy, Nancy
 Petrigno, Peter
 Query, Joshua
 Snow, Kendall
 Ulery, Jordan
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Bouldin, Amanda
 Beaulieu, Jane
 Bouchard, Donald
 Cornell, Patricia
 Espitia, Manny
 Freitas, Mary
 Graham, John
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 King, Mark
 Long, Patrick
 McGhee, Kat
 Nunez, Hershel
 Piedra, Israel
 Newman, Ray
 Somero, Paul
 Van Houten, Constance
 Williams, Kermit

Bouldin, Andrew
 Bergeron, Paul
 Burns, Charles
 Danielson, David
 Davis, Fred
 Gagne, Larry
 Griffith, Willis
 Heath, Mary
 Klee, Patricia
 Murray, Megan
 Mombourquette, Donna
 O'Brien, Michael
 Plett, Fred
 Riel, Cole
 St. John, Michelle
 Thomas, Wendy
 Woodbury, David

Baroody, Benjamin
 Bernet, Jennifer
 Cleaver, Skip
 Dargie, Paul
 Fedolff, Jim
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Gunski, Michael
 Herbert, Christopher
 Klein-Knight, Nicole
 Martin, Joelle
 Mullen, Sue
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 Porter, Marjorie
 Newman, Sue
 Telerski, Laura
 Warden, Mark

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 Luneau, David
 Pimentel, Roderick
 Saunderson, George
 Soucy, Timothy
 Wolf, Dan

Bartlett, Christy
 Horn, Werner
 MacKay, James
 Richards, Beth
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Wallner, Mary Jane
 Yakubovich, Michael

Doherty, David
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 Moffett, Howard
 Rodd, Beth
 Schuett, Dianne
 Walz, Mary Beth

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 Gilman, Julie
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 Weyler, Kenneth

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 Davis, Dan
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and the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the committee amendment.

Committee amendment adopted.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Somssich spoke against and yielded to questions.

Rep. Major spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Cloutier spoke in favor.

Rep. Pedersen spoke against and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Fields, Dennis
Tilton, Franklin

Huot, David

Jurius, Deanna

Lang, Timothy

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Butler, Edward

Marsh, William

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Howard, Raymond	Mackie, Jonathan	Plumer, John
Spanos, Peter	St. Clair, Charlie	Sylvia, Michael
CARROLL		
Avellani, Lino	Cordelli, Glenn	Knirk, Jerry
Woodcock, Stephen		
CHESHIRE		
Fenton, Donovan	Hunt, John	Meador, David
Schapiro, Joe	Swinburne, Sandy	
COOS		
Craig, Kevin	Furbush, Michael	Hatch, William
GRAFTON		
Adjutant, Joshua	Campion, Polly	Diggs, Francesca
Gordon, Edward	Josephson, Timothy	Ladd, Rick
Mulligan, Mary Jane	Ruprecht, Dennis	
HILLSBOROUGH		
Lekas, Alicia	Alexander, Joe	Bouldin, Amanda
Backus, Robert	Bergeron, Paul	Bernet, Jennifer
Bordy, William	Burt, John	Camarota, Linda
Cohen, Bruce	Connors, Erika	Erf, Keith
Greene, Bob	Gunski, Michael	Hamer, Heidi
Hopper, Gary	Jack, Martin	Jeady, Jean
Langley, Diane	Lascelles, Richard	Leishman, Peter
Marzullo, JP	McLean, Mark	Mombourquette, Donna
Notter, Jeanine	Nunez, Hershel	Pedersen, Michael
Pickering, Daniel	Prout, Andrew	Renzullo, Andrew
Rung, Rosemarie	Newman, Sue	Sanborn, Laurie
Stevens, Deb	Lekas, Tony	Vail, Suzanne
Vann, Ivy	Warden, Mark	Wilhelm, Matthew
MERRIMACK		
Buchanan, Ryan	Carson, Clyde	Ellison, Arthur
Hill, Gregory	Horn, Werner	Kotowski, Frank
McGuire, Carol	Pearl, Howard	Pimentel, Roderick
Turcotte, Alan	Wazir, Safiya	Wells, Kenneth
Yakubovich, Michael		
ROCKINGHAM		
Abbas, Daryl	Altschiller, Debra	Baldasaro, Al
Bershtein, Alan	Cahill, Michael	Chirichiello, Brian
Coursin, David	Davis, Dan	Thomas, Douglas
Desilets, Joel	DiLorenzo, Charlotte	Dolan, Tom
Edwards, Jess	Elliott, Robert	Green, Dennis
Grote, Jaci	Guthrie, Joseph	Harb, Robert
Khan, Aboul	Le, Tamara	Maggiore, Jim
McConnell, Liz	Melvin, Charles	Meuse, David
Potucek, John	Pratt, Kevin	Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Roy, Terry	Pearson, Stephen	Spillane, James
True, Chris	Vallone, Mark	Verville, Kevin
Ward, Gerald	Welch, David	Yokela, Josh
STRAFFORD		
Bixby, Peter	Conley, Casey	Fargo, Kristina
Harrington, Michael	Horgan, James	Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra	Schmidt, Peter	Perreault, Mona
Treleaven, Susan	Wuelper, Kurt	
SULLIVAN		
Aron, Judy	Laware, Thomas	Lucas, Gates
Smith, Steven	Tanner, Linda	

and the committee report failed.

Rep. Jason Osborne voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

Rep. Bordy moved Inexpedient to Legislate.

Motion adopted.

HB 1605-FN, requiring children under the age of 2 years be restrained in a motor vehicle. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Donovan Fenton for the Majority of Transportation. This bill provides for better protection to infants, and younger and smaller children, as they ride in rear-facing car seats in the event of a motor vehicle crash. It requires children to be rear facing up to two years of age. If the child is over 40 pounds or 40 inches, this requirement does not apply. This bill is supported by New Hampshire State Child Passenger Safety Office, as well as the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police. Vote 10-9.

Rep. Steven Smith for the Minority of Transportation. This bill is a flawed implementation of new restraint requirements. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends that children use rear-facing seats from 1-3 years of age, and that manufacturers' height and weight limits be followed. This bill requires that people ignore the NHTSA recommendations and manufacturers' specifications by imposing an arbitrary limit of 2 years old, 40 pounds, and 40 inches. Interim Study would allow time to craft guidelines that do not conflict with federal safety standards.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. True moved that **HB 1605-FN**, requiring children under the age of 2 years be restrained in a motor vehicle, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 134 members having voted in the affirmative, and 175 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Steven Smith spoke against.

Rep. Fenton spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 184 members having voted in the affirmative, and 128 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 1700-FN, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Casey Conley for the Majority of Transportation. This bill would allow the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles to issue temporary licenses for no more than 180 days to legal immigrants in New Hampshire awaiting an asylum hearing. Current law already grants licenses to legal immigrants awaiting an asylum hearing if the hearing occurs after more than 180 days. This bill aims to address the up to 180-day gap that exists while legal immigrants await their asylum hearing. The license itself would expire after no more than 180 days. Vote 10-9.

Rep. Peter Torosian for the Minority of Transportation. We believe that the current law already addresses licensure of non-resident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. Further, the minority is concerned about the state issuing drivers' licenses (that are identical) to those issued to permanent residents, thus making it more challenging for town clerks to ascertain who is a legal citizen for voting purposes.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Torosian spoke against and yielded to questions.

Rep. Conley spoke in favor.

Rep. Notter requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 177 - NAYS 128

YEAS - 177

BELKNAP

Jurius, Deanna

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Butler, Edward

Knirk, Jerry

Ticehurst, Susan

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Faulkner, Barry
Ley, Douglas
Pearson, William

Ames, Richard
Fenton, Donovan
Meader, David
Weber, Lucy

Berch, Paul
Gomarlo, Jennie
Schapiro, Joe

Bordenet, John
Harvey, Cathryn
Swinburne, Sandy

COOS

Craig, Kevin
Noel, Henry

Hatch, William
Tucker, Edith

Laflamme, Larry

Moynihan, Wayne

GRAFTON

Abel, Richard
Diggs, Francesca

Adjutant, Joshua
Dontonville, Roger

Almy, Susan
Egan, Timothy

Campion, Polly
Fellows, Sallie

Ford, Susan
Massimilla, Linda
Ruprecht, Dennis
Sykes, George

French, Elaine
Mulligan, Mary Jane
Stavis, Laurel
Weston, Joyce

Josephson, Timothy
Muscatel, Garrett
Stringham, Jerry

Maes, Kevin
Osborne, Richard
Smith, Suzanne

HILLSBOROUGH

Bouldin, Andrew
Bernet, Jennifer
Chretien, Jacqueline
Cornell, Patricia
Davis, Fred
Heath, Mary
King, Mark
Leishman, Peter
McGhee, Kat
O'Brien, Michael
Porter, Marjorie
Newman, Sue
Stevens, Deb
Vann, Ivy
Woodbury, David

Backus, Robert
Bordy, William
Cleaver, Skip
Dargie, Paul
Griffith, Willis
Herbert, Christopher
Klee, Patricia
Long, Patrick
Mombourquette, Donna
Petrigno, Peter
Query, Joshua
Shaw, Barbara
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Baroody, Benjamin
Bosman, James
Cohen, Bruce
Dutzy, Sherry
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Klein-Knight, Nicole
Mangipudi, Latha
Mullen, Sue
Pickering, Daniel
Newman, Ray
Snow, Kendall
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Paul
Bouchard, Donald
Connors, Erika
Espitia, Manny
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Langley, Diane
Martin, Joelle
Murphy, Nancy
Piedra, Israel
Rung, Rosemarie
St. John, Michelle
Van Houten, Constance
Williams, Kermit

MERRIMACK

Bartlett, Christy
Ebel, Karen
MacKay, James
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane
Wolf, Dan

Buchanan, Ryan
Ellison, Arthur
Moffett, Howard
Rodd, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Walz, Mary Beth
Woods, Gary

Carson, Clyde
Karrick, David
Myler, Mel
Rogers, Katherine
Schultz, Kristina
Wazir, Safiya

Doherty, David
Luneau, David
Pimentel, Roderick
Saunderson, George
Soucy, Timothy
Wells, Kenneth

ROCKINGHAM

Altschiller, Debra
Cahill, Michael
DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grossman, Gaby
Maggiore, Jim
Read, Ellen

Berrien, Skip
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
Edgar, Michael
Grote, Jaci
Malloy, Dennis
Somssich, Peter

Bunker, Lisa
Coursin, David
Eisner, Mary
Murray, Kate
McConnell, Liz
Ward, Gerald

Bushway, Patricia
Cushing, Robert Renny
Gilman, Julie
Lovejoy, Patricia
Meuse, David

STRAFFORD

Bixby, Peter
Fontneau, Timothy
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Vincent, Kenneth

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Levesque, Cassandra
Rich, Cecilia
Wall, Janet

Conley, Casey
Higgins, Peg
Smith, Marjorie
Spang, Judith

Fargo, Kristina
Horrigan, Timothy
Opderbecke, Linn
Towne, Matthew

SULLIVAN

Cloutier, John

Merchant, Gary

Sullivan, Brian

Tanner, Linda

NAYS - 128

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Fields, Dennis
Plumer, John
Tilton, Franklin

Bean, Harry
Howard, Raymond
Beaudoin, Richard
Viens, Harry

Comtois, Barbara
Lang, Timothy
Spanos, Peter

Feeney, George
Mackie, Jonathan
Sylvia, Michael

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino

Cordelli, Glenn

Marsh, William

Nelson, Bill

CHESHIRE

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O'Day, John

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Danielson, David

Erf, Keith
Gould, Linda
Hinch, Richard
McLean, Mark
Plett, Fred
Somero, Paul

Fedolfi, Jim
Graham, John
Hopper, Gary
Notter, Jeanine
Prout, Andrew
Lekas, Tony

Flanagan, Jack
Greene, Bob
Lascelles, Richard
Nunez, Hershel
Renzullo, Andrew
Ulery, Jordan

Gagne, Larry
Gunski, Michael
Marzullo, JP
Panasiti, Reed
Rice, Kimberly
Warden, Mark

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Kotowski, Frank

Forsythe, Robert
McGuire, Carol

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Turcotte, Alan

Horn, Werner
Yakubovich, Michael

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Abbas, Daryl
Bershtein, Alan
Thomas, Douglas
Dolan, Tom
Green, Dennis
Hoelzel, Kathleen
Kolodziej, Walter
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Piemonte, Tony
Roy, Terry
Torosian, Peter
Welch, David

Abrami, Patrick
Chirichiello, Brian
DeClercq, Edward
Edwards, Jess
Guthrie, Joseph
Osborne, Jason
Love, David
Major, Norman
Milz, David
Potucek, John
Pearson, Stephen
True, Chris
Weyler, Kenneth

Baldasaro, Al
Costable, Michael
Desilets, Joel
Elliott, Robert
Harb, Robert
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Lundgren, David
McBride, Everett
O'Connor, John
Pratt, Kevin
Spillane, James
Verville, Kevin
Yokela, Josh

Barnes, Arthur
Davis, Dan
DeSimone, Debra
Gay, Betty
Hobson, Deborah
Khan, Aboul
Griffin, Mary
McMahon, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Sytek, John
Wallace, Scott

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Wuelper, Kurt

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and the majority committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HB 1549-FN-A, establishing the office of school counseling and psychology, establishing the position of school counselor coordinator, and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. David Doherty for Education. This bill re-establishes the position of School Counselor Coordinator to the Department of Education and guarantees funding from the state for this position. The amendment ensures that the coordinator works with a broad constituency beyond just counselors. This would include the Bureau of Career Development, post-secondary education representatives, and workforce business leaders. The support and advocacy that this position provides all counselors K-12 is invaluable. Vote 18-2.

Amendment (0133h)

Amend RSA 21-N:6-b, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. There is established within the office of school counseling and psychology the position of school counselor coordinator who shall be a classified employee. The school counselor coordinator shall be certified as a school guidance counselor or school psychologist by the state board of education and shall be qualified to hold such position by reason of education and experience. The position shall be subject to any other employment requirements as determined by the department. The school counselor coordinator shall coordinate and provide assistance to guidance counselors, career counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers. The school counselor coordinator shall assist schools and districts in developing counseling programs and shall work with school counselors, the bureau of career development, representatives of postsecondary education, and New Hampshire's workforce business leaders to better provide students with an awareness of career pathway opportunities and career readiness training needed in the 21st century workplace.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1698-FN, relative to equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in co-curricular activities and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Stephen Woodcock for Education. This bill provides an opportunity to expand Unified Sports for students with disabilities beyond athletics and into co-curricular activities in schools. This bill additionally provides an annual allocation of \$50,000 per year administered by Department of Education, to assist with the implementation of this program. Vote 19-0.

Committee report adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1213, repealing the prohibition on hunting with a ferret. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Larry Laflamme for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. This bill was introduced to repeal the prohibition on hunting with a ferret. Even if this bill were passed, hunting with a ferret would still be illegal in New Hampshire. There is no administrative rule in place regarding the use of ferrets for hunting, and the type of ferret used in hunting is an endangered species and is illegal to possess in New Hampshire. Vote 15-1. Committee report adopted.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Ley offered the following: **RESOLVED**, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of bills be by title only and resolutions by caption only and that all bills ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of bills be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time, and when the House adjourns today it be to meet, Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Motion adopted.

LATE SESSION**Third Reading and Final Passage**

HB 1714, relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code.

HB 1113-FN, relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters.

HB 1168, commemorating the first labor strike in the United States by women.

HB 1304-FN, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for critical exposure.

HB 1544, relative to the department of employment security job training program.

HB 1288, relative to the form of a candidate's name on the official ballot in nonpartisan town elections.

HB 1123, relative to reporting a collision between a cat and a motor vehicle.

HB 1142-FN, allowing the New Hampshire Masons to issue decals for motor vehicle plates.

HB 1284-FN, relative to organizations authorized to issue decals for multi-use decal number plates.

HB 1523, authorizing the American Radio Relay League to issue decals for multi-use plates.

HB 1135, naming a portion of route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau.

HB 1605-FN, requiring children under the age of 2 years be restrained in a motor vehicle.

HB 1700-FN, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Ley moved that the House stand in recess for the purposes of the introduction of bills, receiving Senate messages, enrolled bill amendments and enrolled bill reports.

Motion adopted.

The House recessed at 5:00 p.m.

RECESS

(Speaker Shurtleff in the Chair)

SENATE MESSAGE**LAI ON THE TABLE**

HB 263, relative to department of health and human services family reunification practices involving convicted sex offenders.

RECESS