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

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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the Speaker. Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Bob Stewart, Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Manchester.

Good morning, New Hampshire House of Representatives. Good morning Mr. Speaker. Let us prepare our hearts for prayer. Good morning God. It is with gratitude that we thank You for this day. Today and every day we always seek Your guidance and direction. In Genesis 1 and 2 we read about the creation story and when You had created the world we live in today, You rested and said all is good. O God, today we see the brokenness of that which You have created. But with Your one pair of hands, we know it can be mended and healed as we put our trust in You, and we are willing to do our part. God, today, perhaps there may be legislation that is presented to help in the areas we see the brokenness within this great state of New Hampshire. Let us read, listen and discern each piece of legislation with the wisdom that You have given each of us. Through us may we help in mending some of the brokenness we experience today. O God of love, I again ask for a special blessing upon all the New Hampshire State Representatives and the leaders that are present today. Place Your guiding hand on each of them as they navigate through the business before them today. Bless each one O God and help them to feel Your presence amongst us today. And O God may I ask for a special healing prayer for our young friend, Henry Smith at home today with the flu. O Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us and use us. O Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us today. To You O God be the glory. Amen.

Representative Tim McGough, member from Merrimack, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Chloe Hardy, a senior at Merrimack High School.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Bickford, Booras, Linda Gould, O'Brien, Piemonte, Ryan, Treleaven and Vincent, the day, illness.

Reps. Cole, Kenny and Soucy, the day, important business.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Abigail Blanchard, student from Goffstown High School, and Audrey Page, student from Bedford High School, Pages for the day.

Jenna, Scott and Debbie Hardy, parents and grandmother of the singer, guests of Rep. McGough. Corado Ambler, son of Rep. Newell. Leadership Greater Manchester, guests of Rep. Wilhelm.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The Speaker introduced special guests, Arun Alexander, Canada's Deputy Ambassador to the United States and Bernadette Jordan, Canada's Consul General to New England.

Consul General Jordan addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Weber moved that the remarks made by Canada's Consul General Jordan be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

ADDRESS**Canada's Consul General to New England
The Honorable Bernadette Jordan**

Thank you, Mister Speaker, merci beaucoup, for that warm introduction and for granting me this opportunity to address this distinguished body. I have only been in my role as Consul General of Canada to New England for a little over a month now, but I have come to understand that yours is a truly unique citizen legislature, so it is a great honor for Deputy Ambassador Alexander, my team and me to be so graciously welcomed by all of you. I also know you have had quite a few visitors to the Granite State these last few months as presidential candidates reached out to voters at your diners, legion halls and school auditoriums. So, thank you for lending me your ears, at a time when I'm sure you're all quite exhausted by speeches of any kind. Now, unlike those candidates, I'm not here seeking your vote. Instead, I would simply like to take a moment to reflect on where we currently find ourselves, and to provide you with some context on the Canada New Hampshire relationship. It just so happens that 75 years ago, the Government of Canada opened its first office in Boston to represent Canada's interests throughout New England. But of course, the strong connections between Canadians and New Englanders date back long before then. Our communities, starting with the indigenous peoples who were the first to inhabit the land, have found reason to exchange, create, innovate and build together for centuries. The people of New Hampshire know this better than anyone. Some of your families may have been among those who migrated from Quebec or Acadia to work in the mill towns of New Hampshire over a century ago, contributing to vibrant francophone communities, and an affinity for poutine, that continue to this day in Berlin, Laconia, Nashua and Manchester. As a side note, my home in Canada is about 20 minutes from Laconia, NS, and the exchanges between our communities have only grown from there. There are the fun exchanges, like when your local hockey and volleyball teams cross the border to participate in tournaments with their Canadian neighbors. Or the Canadian musicians, who travel south to play in your concert halls, night clubs, like the Word Barn in Exeter, owned and operated by a Canadian/American. There are the helpful exchanges, like when New England firefighters travelled north last summer to assist us as we battled wildfires not far from my home on the South Shore of Nova Scotia, just as Canadian linesmen and women have been known to come south when a Nor'easter knocks out power lines down here. The point is, we've always been there for one another and I'm here today to tell you, you can continue to count on Canada. Because friends, we are at a critical moment: for Canada, the U.S., and the world. We are on the edge of a generational shift, as issues like climate change and artificial intelligence demonstrate the potential to profoundly alter the way we live our lives. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic that isolated our communities and in the face of ongoing conflicts like those in Ukraine and the Middle East that continue to stretch supply chains, we are also seeing a historic global geopolitical realignment. In the face of these many complex challenges, we know the solutions to these problems will not emerge from just one country. They are challenges that we must all tackle together. For Canada, the path to successfully meeting these challenges runs straight through the U.S. And for the U.S., the path to success runs straight through Canada. Our two countries share more than a border. We share the same values: Democracy. Rule of law. Respect for human rights. Free markets. The balance between individual freedom and collective responsibility. These shared values have been the basis for our strong partnership and international cooperation for decades. And as we look to the future, these shared values will continue to be the bedrock foundation of a deep mutual trust and collaboration that will help our two countries reach our greatest potential. I'll give you an example: As New Hampshire aims to meet its decarbonization and energy security goals, your best path to success runs straight through Canada. Your path to net-zero emissions lies with the people in Ontario who will make electric vehicle batteries that will power that Chevy Volt in your driveway. Or the people at the mine in Quebec, who will source the critical minerals necessary to power the battery in that car. Globally, the race is on to secure access to critical minerals like lithium, graphite, and nickel. These critical minerals are essential building blocks not only for electric vehicles, but for renewable energy production and storage like the wind turbines off the coast; or the semi-conductors found in your iPhone or the MRI machine at the local hospital. If New Hampshire is to be a leader in the green and digital economies, you will need a reliable, trusted source of critical minerals you can count on. Canada has 31 such critical minerals. Count on us. Count on us not only because we have the resources, but because we share your values. Values of free competition. And strong labor and environmental standards. It's thanks to those shared values that North America has become an economic powerhouse. The strength of the Canada-US economic relationship simply cannot be understated: we trade over one trillion dollars in goods and services annually. That's over 250 million dollars each day! As your colleagues on the New Hampshire – Canadian Trade Council know, the New Hampshire - Canada economic relationship alone accounts for over 3.5 billion dollars of that two-way trade.

China may be the United States' largest trading partner, but the fact is, Canada is your largest customer. We buy more from the United States than China, France and Japan combined! And New Hampshire companies have a strong role in that. You exported over 1.3 billion dollars in goods and services to Canada in 2022! But what is truly remarkable about our free and balanced trading relationship is that we not only sell things to each other. We make things together. In fact, most Canadian exports to the U.S. are inputs that contribute to U.S. manufactured goods which are then sold around the world. Whether it's the Saskatchewan oats that are manufactured into Cheerios in upstate New York, or that specialized piece of machinery tooled here in New Hampshire that eventually finds its way into an aircraft built in Montreal. Or perhaps it's the auto that crosses the border 7-8 times before its final assembly in Mississauga or Michigan. Or maybe it's the energy that flows on one of the 70+ pipelines and transmission lines that cross our border every day, keeping the lights on in the factories and homes in each of our communities. No matter the sector, we build things together. It's that trade that directly contributes to New Hampshire's economic prosperity and competitiveness. Friends, Canadians and New Hampshireites share the same goal: We want good jobs that will help our communities keep up with the rising cost of living, that will pave the way for a healthier, more sustainable economy for the people of the Granite State and for Canada. Good jobs like those at Canadian-owned businesses like Highliner Foods in Portsmouth, which employs over 100 New Hampshire workers. Or the various TD bank branches around the state that employ over 200 people, from North Conway down to Nashua. In total, there are 97 Canadian companies employing over 5,100 New Hampshire workers. And there are even more New Hampshire companies and workers in every one of your ten counties, from Coos County in the north to Cheshire County in the south, who rely on exporting the goods and services created right here, to the reliable customer just north of here in Canada. In 1987, when President Reagan addressed the Canadian Parliament, he described the border between our two countries as more of a meeting place than a dividing line. Don't get me wrong, there is indeed still a border between us. After all, we are two sovereign nations. But at 5,500 miles long (or 8850 kilometers, as we would say), it's the longest and most peaceful shared border, one that I would hazard to say is the envy of the world. Our respective law enforcement agencies are working hand-in-hand to ensure our shared border is safe and protected 24/7, 365 days a year, keeping threats at bay while making vital cross-border trade and travel as efficient as possible. This co-management of our shared border is a shining example of a healthy, predictable partnership with built-in standards to solve problems together. Together, we are also committed partners in the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the only binational military command in the world. Just down the road, at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts, you have members of the Canadian Armed Forces serving side-by-side with their American counterparts. The same is true at military bases across the United States. Our militaries also serve shoulder-to-shoulder in theatres around the world, whether it's our naval officers participating in joint operations to intercept illicit drugs, our air force officers patrolling for threats in the Arctic, or our battalions in eastern Europe who are bolstering security for our NATO partners. Our collective commitment to peace and security, along with our shared values, have allowed our communities and countries to flourish. Let's not let this moment be the high watermark of Canada-U.S. relations. Canada and New Hampshire have a long history together, and we have a bright future ahead of us. A future built on shared values and goals. A future that every person in this room will play a vital role in building. Our success stories will not be what we do independently, but what we can achieve together. Let's continue to walk the path to the future united because Canada always has been and will remain your strongest friend, partner, and ally. Thank you. Merci.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

HB 1228, relative to establishing a fish and game guides committee to determine qualifications for licensure of fish and game guides, removed by Reps. Burnham, Peternel, McCarter, Panek, Gerhard, Wherry, Granger, Kofalt, Belcher and Bailey.

Consent Calendar was adopted.

HB 1340, relative to exclusion of incarceration as voluntary unemployment for purposes of calculating child support. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Bickford for Children and Family Law. This bill is one of eight recommendations from the recent "Review of the New Hampshire Child Support Guidelines." It codifies New Hampshire Supreme Court decision in the matter of the State of New Hampshire and Cory Lounder, opinion issued: June 13, 2014. The decision stated that incarceration is not to be considered voluntary unemployment. This would bring New Hampshire into compliance with 2016 federal requirements. Within the requirement to not treat incarceration as voluntary employment, there should be no exception in the provision based on reasons of incarceration. Vote 16-0.

HB 279-FN, increasing the penalty for on-premises licensees overserving alcohol. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would increase the penalties on liquor license holders who are found to have overserved members of the public. It would also make public when a licensee has negative action taken on their license. The committee agreed that this was necessary. Testimony revealed

that establishments who had their license suspended for overserving, were found to have claimed they were closing for the holidays vs being due to their license having been suspended. It was suspended after an investigation by the liquor commission and state police determined that the death of someone was attributed to one of their clientele, who had been overserved. The bill also incentivizes licensees to have their employees take the free training provided by the liquor commission with regard to serving alcohol to the public. The committee, after hearing testimony from the liquor commission, the sponsor, and family members of a young woman killed by an overserved driver, agreed that this bill ought to pass. Some members of the committee felt that it did not go far enough, and while that may be true, in an effort to immediately strengthen the ability of the liquor commission to sanction establishments found to have overserved, compromise is in order and further legislation is likely to follow. Vote 18-0.

HB 1137-FN, relative to trafficking offences and special restitution for human trafficking victims **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee, at the request of the sponsor, agreed to find this bill inexpedient to legislate. The sponsor related to the committee that more work was needed. Vote 17-0.

HB 1177-FN, relative to the electronic filing of domestic violence and stalking petitions in the circuit court family and district court divisions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee heard testimony that 95% of current petitioners file using paper petitions. We also heard testimony from the New Hampshire Domestic Violence Coalition that currently, a person can file via paper in person, use the computer in the courts, or go to a safe place or organization and file electronically. The committee believes that it's important that the 3 options remain in place. There were significant concerns regarding the impact this legislation would have on victim safety, and it may create unnecessary barriers for victims when they need immediate relief from abusive relationships. Vote 18-0.

HB 1058, relative to school employee and designated school volunteer criminal history records checks. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

Rep. Stephen Woodcock for Education. This bill's intent was laudable, but questions arose regarding the phrase "failure to report" as it appears very difficult to verify. Vote 19-0.

HB 1066, relative to the graduation requirement of filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Rep. Kristin Noble for Education. This bill would repeal the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) graduation requirement that was passed in 2021. The requirement would be replaced with a school board policy requiring districts to provide FAFSA information to students and their parents. Although the current law was well-intentioned and designed to direct more students into college, there are a few reasons for repealing. A high school diploma should be awarded based on a student's knowledge and skills and not contingent upon an administrative requirement. Not all students will choose college. Some will choose military service, joining the workforce, or pursuing a career in the trades; all can lead to success. If a student has the desire to go to college and they cannot afford to pay out of pocket, then they will fill out the FAFSA without it being a requirement to do so. There is an issue of overreach as some parents will not want to be forced to share private information with schools. This bill would apply a more balanced approach to FAFSA. There is wide support for this bill with both our school districts and parents. Vote 16-4.

HB 1088, enabling schools to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors. **OUGHT TO PASS**.

Rep. Linda Tanner for Education. This bill allows school districts to maintain a supply of stock epinephrine auto-injection for use in the event of an allergic emergency. Details about who can administer, training requirements, storage, and immunity from liability are already included in the chapter into which this enabling language is inserted. Vote 19-0.

HB 1107, relative to public school curriculum frameworks. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**.

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill, as amended, defines curriculum frameworks and requires the Department of Education to institute procedures for maintaining them. An instructional framework provides a road map for effective teaching and student learning. For a school district, it's an essential tool to ensure students receive a high-quality education that supports state board approved academic standards. Curriculum frameworks do not establish a statewide curriculum, as the lessons and academic content taught at grade levels or in a specific course or program is by statute a local responsibility. In accordance with amending language, curriculum framework means an organized plan of study that serves as a guide and reference to what New Hampshire's students should know and be able to do in a learning area and identifies the academic standards for each learning area. The frameworks also offer instructional approaches, and provide a scope, organization, and well-coordinated sequence of subject matter. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0344h)

Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, VI(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) “Curriculum framework” means an organized plan of study that serves as a guide and reference to what New Hampshire students should know and be able to do in a learning area and identifies the academic standards aligned with each learning area pursuant to RSA 193-E:2-a, I(a).

HB 1161, relative to use of the public school infrastructure fund for energy efficient school buses. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. As amended, this bill supports the use of public school infrastructure funds for school buses. The Public School Infrastructure Commission, with technical support from the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE) and Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has prioritized and awarded over \$50 million to New Hampshire’s public elementary, secondary, and charter schools to enhance school security (surveillance, access control, and emergency alerting/communication) since the establishment of the program in 2018. The grant program has addressed recommendations contained in the 2018 New Hampshire School Safety Preparedness Task Force Report established by Governor Sununu. Safety and security in New Hampshire’s schools is a paramount priority with the overarching goal of ensuring that our kids are in a safe and secure environment. This bill will allow the commission to allocate funds toward bus security needs (cameras, communication equipment, etc.), not just in energy efficient buses. This legislation is supported by the Infrastructure Commission that involves DOE and Homeland Security. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (0174h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Public School Infrastructure Fund. Amend RSA 198:15-y, III(f) to read as follows:

(f) ~~[Energy efficient]~~ School buses or other vehicles used for transportation of students.

HB 1165, relative to procedures for school facilities under the department of education. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill, as amended, is a request of the Department of Education and revises requirements for school district receipt and use of school building aid and clarifies rulemaking and administration of the school building aid and public school infrastructure fund. If a school district accepts school building aid funds for construction, the district shall now engage the services of an “owner’s project manager” to oversee construction projects exceeding \$1,000,000. The state board shall develop rules relative to the required services, responsibilities, and qualifications for the owner’s project manager. All school building aid grants shall be deposited into an established school district expendable trust created pursuant to RSA 198:20-c, with unused building aid grant funds remaining invested at all times. This legislation also states that the General Court recognizes that there is a need to provide building aid grants and infrastructure projects for approved public school preschool programs, public elementary school, and public secondary schools. Lastly, amending language requires the department to notify every public New Hampshire school explaining how to access federal programs to help provide and maintain good indoor air quality in public buildings. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0322h)

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3-6 with the following:

3 New Paragraph; School Building Aid; Use of Grant. Amend RSA 198:15-b by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. All school building aid grants shall be deposited into an established school district expendable trust created pursuant to RSA 198:20-c, with unused building aid grant funds remaining invested at all times. School construction project funds maintained in the expendable trust shall not be commingled with non-project funds of the district. All interest accrued shall be used for operation and maintenance cost or capital improvement projects for the related school facility.

4 School Building Aid; Approval of Plans. Amend RSA 198:15-c, III to read as follows:

III. A school district that accepts school building aid for construction shall engage the services of [a] **an owner’s** project manager for construction or reconstruction projects of \$1,000,000 or more, unless the commissioner waives such requirement as unnecessary. The school district’s **owner’s** project manager shall have his or her own comprehensive liability and auto insurance, worker’s compensation coverage, and professional liability coverage. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to the required services, responsibilities, and qualifications for the school district’s **owner’s** project manager.

5 Public School Infrastructure Fund; Authorization. Amend RSA 198:15-y, I through the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:15-y, III to read as follows:

I. The general court recognizes that there is a need to provide funding for infrastructure projects for public **preschools**, elementary, and secondary schools. Therefore, it is the intent of this chapter to designate certain surplus funds in the 2016-2017 biennial budget to provide grants to fund select school infrastructure projects in accordance with this chapter.

II. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer the public school infrastructure fund which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds and which shall be administered by the department of education. After transferring sufficient funds to the revenue stabilization reserve account to bring the balance of that account to \$100,000,000, the state treasurer shall transfer the remainder of the general fund surplus for fiscal year 2017, as determined by the official audit performed pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), to the fund. Any earnings on fund moneys shall be added to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated. The department of education may retain up to 3 percent of the total annual appropriation of the public school infrastructure fund on or after July 1, 2019, to be used to administer the public school infrastructure program.

III. The ~~[governor, in consultation with the]~~ public school infrastructure commission~~;~~ may authorize ***the department of education*** to fund expenditures ~~[with approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and the executive council. Funds may be expended]~~ for the following purposes:

6 Public School Infrastructure Commission. Amend RSA 198:15-z, IV to read as follows:

IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. ~~[The commission shall meet at least monthly.]~~ The commission shall provide a report on or before ~~[June 30, 2021]~~ ***November 30 of each year*** to the general court with information on fund expenditures for the year, projects begun or completed during the previous year, the balance in the public school infrastructure fund, and any other information the commission deems appropriate.

Amend RSA 200:11-a, II as inserted by section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The department of education shall ~~[ensure that]~~ ***notify*** every public school in New Hampshire ~~[possesses a copy of]~~ ***how to access*** the United States Environmental Protection Agency Tools for Schools program and shall encourage public schools to implement the program to help provide and maintain good indoor air quality in public school buildings.

HB 1436, relative to requiring institutions of higher education to maintain certain statistical information on their website. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mike Belcher for Education. This bill would require colleges to maintain a website of statistical data regarding their degree programs and demographics and would establish harsh penalties for failure to maintain a 99% up-time of the website. It has come to the committee's attention that a 99% up-time of a website is not an industry standard and may not be within the realm of reasonable possibility. As such, it is very unlikely that this proposed law would survive a court challenge. The penalties enacted are extremely strict, stripping colleges of all public funds for failure to comply. Though the intent of the bill, to provide transparency regarding degree programs, debt, career outlook, and discriminatory behaviors is laudable, the bill, as written, is unworkable. Vote 19-0.

HB 1443, relative to special education dispute resolution. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. Resolving special education disputes is a complex process. The interest of parents and professional educators in determining the special education services to a child may create conflict. All want what is best for the child. There are various options open to parents to resolve a dispute. The committee recognizes that it is important for the parties to conclude the best possible services for a special needs child. However, determining the best process for a dispute resolution needs the necessary time to review and consider best approaches and alternatives to resolve a dispute. The committee believes that Interim Study will provide an opportunity to delve into and understand approaches to assisting parents and educators to mutually agree on what is best for the student. Vote 20-0.

HB 1469, relative to the retention of individualized education program records. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for Education. This bill is a request of the Department of Education to establish the same special education retention of individualized education program (IEP) records to the same process as New Hampshire school districts. Vote 16-0.

HB 1471, declaring the total solar eclipse a school holiday. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for Education. On April 8, 2024, an amazing astronomical event, a total Solar Eclipse, will travel across the northern part of New Hampshire. The committee thanks the bill sponsors for bringing information and attention to this amazing event. HB 1471 requires the Department of Education to make rules for a two-day excused absence for any student traveling to view the total eclipse. We recommend this bill Inexpedient to legislate because school calendars and excused absences are a local decision. Vote 19-1.

HB 1480, relative to alternative dispute resolution within individualized education programs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for Education. This bill was filed at the request of the Department of Education. The language in the amendment authorizes the "State Board of Education" to make rules and not the "Department of Education." Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0269h)

Amend RSA 186-C:23, VI as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VI. The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, for the methods of alternative dispute resolution in this section.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands alternative dispute resolution regarding the provision of special education services for individualized education plan facilitation and authorizes the state board of education to make rules for this purpose.

HB 1534-FN, relative to establishing a program to earn tuition credits for state of New Hampshire higher education institutions through community service. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Valerie McDonnell for Education. This bill establishes a program for students to earn tuition credits for completed community service hours. The committee believes further investigation is needed into the prospective program administration, existing local policies, and the student debt crisis as a whole. Recognizing the economic burden tuition places on students, the committee would like to examine the bill further with information unavailable to date. Vote 20-0.

HB 1555, relative to special meetings for changes in education funding. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. David Luneau for Education. School districts are authorized to hold special meetings when certain situations arise. This bill would allow a district to call a special meeting when the actual state adequacy grant is substantially different from the estimated amount. The committee believes additional study and consideration needs to be done. Vote 18-2.

HB 1570-FN-A-L, relative to administration of school building aid funds by the department of education and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill, as amended, directs the Department of Education to contract with a vendor to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and public charter schools. This bill is in support of the 10-year plan that identifies school facility goals, provides projected capital expenditures, and outlines procedures and guidelines to be followed to accomplish goals. Facility assessments shall be conducted and based upon consistent criteria and qualified personnel. Facility assessments will assist the department and districts to better plan, prioritize, and project anticipated capital construction and renovation expenditures relative to the state building aid program. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0336h)

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

AN ACT requiring the department of education to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and public chartered schools.

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

1 Grant for School Construction; Facility Assessment Required. Amend RSA 198:15-a, V to read as follows:

V.(a) The department of education shall develop and maintain a 10-year school facilities plan of potential school building grant projects. Potential projects shall include, but not be limited to, criteria pursuant to RSA 198:15-c, II(b). The 10-year plan is intended to create a method to identify and enhance school facilities in a safe, healthy, and efficient manner while providing adequate learning environments for New Hampshire's students. The 10-year plan shall be updated every biennium to provide the department a summary of projects and school facility capital expenditures that are anticipated for the next 10 years. The plan shall identify new construction, renovation, and emergency projects, and describe the overall condition of projects contained in the plan. In support of the 10-year plan, it is recommended that each district have in place and provide the department a long-range capital improvement program that identifies school facility goals, provides projected expenditures, and outlines procedures and guidelines to be followed to accomplish goals. Each district is encouraged to review and update the district's anticipated school facility capital improvement plan on a 2-year recurring basis or as needed. The department shall use this information to better plan, prioritize, and project new anticipated capital construction and renovation expenditures relative to the state building aid program. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to this paragraph.

(b) To comply with requirements in subparagraph V(a), the department of education shall contract with a vendor to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and chartered public schools, and to create a ranked list of schools most in need of construction or renovation. The contractor will be selected through the statewide contracting process, pursuant to RSA 4:15.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of education to contract with a vendor to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and public chartered schools.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1639-FN-L, relative to children with disabilities placed at state facilities for adjudicated youth. **ought to pass with amendment.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for Education. This bill is at the request of the Department of Education. The bill will revise the reference language from “Youth Development Center” to “In-State Facilities for Adjudicated Youth and County Correctional Facilities.” Vote 16-0.

Amendment (0277h)

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

AN ACT relative to children with disabilities placed at state facilities for detained or adjudicated youth.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 2-4 with the following:

2 Children with Disabilities at the Youth Development Center, County Correctional Facilities and the Youth Services Center. Amend RSA 186-C:19-a to read as follows:

186-C:19-a Children with Disabilities ~~[and the Youth Services Center]~~ ***in State Facilities for Detained or Adjudicated Youth and County Correctional Facilities.***

I. For a child with a disability ~~[at the youth development center]~~ ***at a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth*** or county correctional facilities, ~~[or who is placed at the youth services center maintained by the department of health and human services]~~ ***including*** while awaiting disposition of the court following arraignment pursuant to RSA 169-B:13, the school district responsible for the development of an individualized education program and the child’s special education expenses shall be as follows:

(a) If such child is in the legal custody of the parent, the school district in which the child’s parent resides shall be responsible.

(b) If such child is not in the legal custody of the parent or if the parent resides outside the state, the school district in which the child most recently resided other than in a state institution, home for children or health care facility as defined in RSA 193:27 shall be responsible.

(c) For the purposes of this section a parent shall not have legal custody if legal custody has been awarded to some other person or agency, even if that parent retains residual parental rights. An award of legal custody by a court of competent jurisdiction, in this state or in any other state, shall determine legal custody under this section.

II. The school district liability for educational expenses for a child with a disability ~~[in the youth development center]~~ ***in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth*** or county correctional facilities, ~~[or who is placed in the youth services center while awaiting disposition of the court following arraignment pursuant to RSA 169-B:13;]~~ shall not exceed the state average elementary cost per pupil, as determined by the state board of education for the preceding school year.

3 Liability for Children With Disabilities in Certain Court Ordered Placements. Amend RSA 186-C:19-b, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section “children in placement for which the department of health and human services has financial responsibility” means all children receiving special education or special education and related services whose placements were made pursuant to RSA 169-B, 169-C, or 169-D, except children ~~[at the youth development center and children placed at the youth services center maintained by the department of health and human services while awaiting disposition of the court following arraignment pursuant to RSA 169-B:13;]~~ ***placed in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth.***

4 Special Education Program of the Youth Services Center. Amend RSA 186-C:20 to read as follows:

186-C:20 Special Education Program ~~[of the Youth Services Center]~~ ***in a State Facility for Detained or Adjudicated Youth.*** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the expenses for a child with a disability receiving services at the special education program ~~[at the youth services center maintained by the department of health and human services]~~ ***in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth*** shall be the responsibility of the liable school district so assigning the child. Such a school district shall pay the rate established for the special education program of the ~~[center]~~ ***facility.***

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the requirements for special education services for youth in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth or county correctional facilities, and for alternative dispute resolution.

HB 1657-FN, relative to prohibiting hazing at educational institutions. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Mike Belcher for Education. This bill would significantly expand the scope of behaviors considered to be “hazing,” as well as establish broader powers of enforcement and a fund dedicated to this end. Though the general concept of prohibiting hazing, within reasonable boundaries, is good and admirable, the language of this bill is extremely vague, and could be construed to include behaviors such as cramming for an examination late at night, having to participate in outdoors activities in the rain, or even simply denying an applicant or pledge access to an organization to be “hazing” behavior. This apparently harmless behavior could then form the basis for strict punishments, and the expenditure of substantial amounts of public funds. This bill needs substantial work if it is to be acceptable to this committee. In-

terim Study is the obvious mechanism to look at this bill further to determine what, if anything, might be done to bring it in line with constitutional provisions and general concepts of just law, while adequately protecting persons in college from unreasonable predations of hazing. Vote 19-0.

HB 1670-FN-L, relative to including all special education costs under state education grants. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. This bill adds the full amount of state aid for special education services to the grants made for adequate education and assesses the costs under the statewide education tax. The issue of special education funding is complex and important. The growth of special education expenses on local school districts has been dramatic. The state portion of special education reimbursement to local school districts has been inadequate. A resolution to the funding of special education is needed. The committee believes that more time is needed to address the complexity of this issue and thus believes that Interim Study is the best way forward. Vote 19-1.

HB 1690-FN, relative to hiring, promotion, graduation, or admission in higher education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Katy Peternel for Education. This bill prohibits any institution of higher education that discriminates in admission, hiring, promotion, graduation, or admission to any program on the basis of sex, race, sexuality, national origin, ethnicity, or ideology, including but not limited to permitting diversity, equity, and inclusion statements, from accepting funds from the state or any local government or any subdivision thereof. This bill further establishes procedures for enforcement of this prohibition. This bill would establish a new chapter of law which would apply to public, private, non-profit and for-profit which would be difficult to enforce. Students and employees are protected from discrimination under current statute. If this bill were enacted and penalties needed to be enforced, the colleges and universities would not be able to fulfill their commitments. Vote 19-1.

HB 1057, relative to provisional licenses for new applicants for state emergency medical services licensure. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill allows EMT applicants who meet all licensure requirements but are awaiting their background check for a period that exceeds 3 weeks, the ability to work under a provisional license. Upon receipt of the background check, depending on the results, the license will be issued, or the initial license will be revoked. This bill supports municipalities in NH who seek to employ EMTs and is similar to provisions for other licensed professions. Vote 13-0.

HB 1267-FN, relative to prohibiting environmental, social, and governance standards in the selection of government investments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill prohibits environmental, social, and governance standards in the selection of government investments. Although the committee heard information from both sides of the issue, the committee stands consistent with previous recommendations of inexpedient to legislate because the New Hampshire Retirement System has established investment policies that provide the return expected by the board. Vote 13-0.

HB 1292-FN, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. Today, children of retirees of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) are allowed to remain on their parents' healthcare plan up through age 25, if they are a full-time student. This bill allows children of retirees who are between the ages of 19 and 25 to receive healthcare benefits, whether or not they are students. The retiree pays 100% of the cost. The committee considered this pool of young people low risk and helpful in retaining young people in our state as they establish themselves in their community. Vote 11-0.

HB 1333-FN, relative to prohibiting state agencies from buying or leasing fleet electric vehicles for 10 years. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Tony Lekas for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would prohibit state agencies from buying or leasing fleet electric vehicles for 10 years. The committee heard testimony concerning the problems and costs of electric vehicles as well as the benefits. Even if it were reasonable to wait before purchasing or leasing them, it's not clear that 10 years is the appropriate amount of time. This is an area of ongoing development where more is being learned as experience is gained. Interim study will provide the House and possibly the other body to consider new information. Vote 12-0.

HB 1435-FN, relative to retirement system allowances for former spouses of retirees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dianne Schuett for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill provided that if a retirement system retiree returns to being a member of the system, the portion of the retiree's allowance paid to a former spouse under a domestic relations court order would continue. Testimony from the New Hampshire Retirement System cited legal concerns. Namely, these kinds of adjudications provide for a specific portion of a retiree's pension allotment be paid to the former spouse. So, if the member is no longer retired and not receiving that

allotment, there would be no allotment to take a portion from. Internal Revenue Code and state statute would be violated by providing a benefit to a person who is not a bona fide member of the system. Therefore, the committee voted the bill inexpedient to legislate. Vote 11-0.

HB 1451-FN, relative to mandatory overtime and the calculation of base rate of compensation. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. Currently, overtime is not always considered part of an employee's base pay compensation when pension benefits are calculated. With the workforce shortage, some state or municipal workers are mandated to work overtime. This bill requires that mandatory overtime is added to base pay when pension benefits are considered. Employers are responsible for setting the definition of mandatory overtime. Vote 12-0.

HB 1077, relative to allowing the use of any-action carbines in certain hunting areas. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jonathan Smith for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee voted unanimously to recommend this bill as inexpedient to legislate. The bill is not needed since a duplicate and improved version, HB 1116, was recommended Ought to Pass with amendment in committee. Vote 17-0.

HB 1424, relative to pistols permitted for taking game. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James Spillane for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee agreed that this housekeeping bill would be a better way to manage the growing list of approved handgun calibers for hunting in New Hampshire. The amendment removed the .38 from the list, as it was not in the original acceptable caliber list, and it added back into the list the .327 Federal Magnum, which was inadvertently missed by the original bill. Passage of this bill will correct the incorrectly listed .50 Magnum and ensure that the future addition of handgun calibers will not require yet another bill. Vote 17-0.

Amendment (0350h)

Amend RSA 208:3-d as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

208:3-d Pistols Permitted. Pistols permitted under RSA 208:3, 3-a, 3-b, and 3-c shall include [~~a .357 Magnum, 10mm Automatic, .41 Remington, .44 Magnum, .45 Long Colt, .480 Ruger, .50 Magnum, .45 ACP (Automatic Colt Pistol), .460 Rowland, .45 Super, .50 AE (Action Express), .357 SIG Sauer, .327 Federal Magnum, and .400 Corbon~~] **.327 Federal Magnum, and any caliber .357 Magnum and greater**, provided that a pistol used for taking deer under this section shall be loaded with no more than 6 rounds of ammunition at any time.

HB 1245, relative to release of confidential records of a person appointed a guardian. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub for Judiciary. This bill will ensure a person who is appointed a guardian shall retain the right to access their medical and other confidential records, unless the court specifically finds it would not be in the ward's best interests to do so. Records are often needed for the ward to demonstrate that s/he no longer requires a guardianship or a conservatorship. But under current law, the guardian can frustrate the ward's ability to be relieved from the restrictions of the guardianship by denying or slow walking the ward's access to the very information needed to show that the guardianship is no longer necessary. The committee believes this bill empowers people to have as much control over their own lives as possible and ensures a movement like #FreeBritney will not be needed in our state. Vote 15-0.

HB 1096, enabling the state house visitors center to sell state symbols that may have intellectual property right holders. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nikki McCarter for Legislative Administration. This bill, if passed, would enable the NH State House Visitors Center to sell state symbols, such as state songs, which may have intellectual property right holders. The legislation did not require that the artist/property right holder be consulted prior to the sale or that the artist/property right holder would need to authorize the use for commercial purposes. The director of the visitor's center did not indicate the legislation was needed and the committee unanimously recommends Inexpedient to Legislate primarily for that reason. Vote 15-0.

HB 1309, relative to the secretary of state's procedures for enrolled bills. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Nikki McCarter for Legislative Administration. Questions arise from the public frequently about how long it will take for legislation that passes the House and Senate to be signed into law by the Governor. A large part of the difficulty in providing an answer to what seems to be a simple question is related to our current inability to know exactly where the bill jacket physically is located in the process. A bill, once passed by both houses, first must be re-reviewed by the Office of Legislative Services for any imperfections or conflicts. Once past that scrutiny, this legislation would require the Secretary of State to monitor and publish on its public website the location of all reviewed legislation all the way to the Governor's desk. The committee heard testimony that this process would be a vast improvement and long overdue. Vote 16-0.

HB 1367, relative to establishing immunity for certain testimony in public legislative hearings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nikki McCarter for Legislative Administration. This bill authorizes the granting of immunity to members of the public appearing before the legislative committees for testimony concerning potential criminal conduct

related to the statute that is the subject of the hearing. The sponsor believes the idea of granting immunity to those who might otherwise be fearful of self-incrimination might lead to more and better information arising from their testimony. Serious questions arose for which no answers were provided. For example, what qualifications would be necessary for committee chairman to be in the position to grant such immunity and what lasting effects would the immunity have beyond the legislative hearing and would the immunity carry beyond the jurisdiction of New Hampshire courts. It was for a lack of solid answers to these and other questions that the committee unanimously voted to recommend the bill be Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 16-0.

HB 1434, relative to the Honor and Remember Flag. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James Tierney for Legislative Administration. This bill would designate the Honor and Remember Flag as the state symbol of remembrance for those who died in the line of duty or as the result of service. The organization behind the flag is a commercial enterprise and has yet to garner widespread support from traditional national service organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) or the American Legion. In point of fact, a state-wide representative of the State Veterans Advisory Committee testified in opposition to the bill. The flag currently flies at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, New Hampshire, at their discretion. The flag can be purchased directly from the company, and it can be personalized for individual service members. Overwhelmingly, the correspondence received by the committee indicated that it is the US flag that our service members fought and died for and the one that drapes their coffins and is presented to their spouse, parent or child is the one that honors them. The committee unanimously voted to recommend this bill Inexpedient to Legislate, not as a rebuke of the Honor and Remember Flag, but as a recognition of the US flag as our official symbol of remembrance. Vote 16-0.

HB 1495, making provisions for the prospective of all legislative acts on a sliding scale based on the vote count when passed by the house of representatives. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Deb Hobson for Legislative Administration. This bill offers an innovative suggestion to automatically repeal all legislation that passes the General Court based solely on the number of “yes” votes that the legislation received to pass the measure in the House of Representatives. Nothing is mentioned about the support the bill got in the Senate. Testimony was received that the intention of the prime sponsor is to minimize the number of duplicative and weakly supported laws on the books, but nothing currently prohibits any legislator from submitting repeal legislation year after year. Concerns voiced by the committee include the possibility of laws being in limbo. In other words, that time period of uncertainty between having been automatically repealed, but not yet reinstated. Serious consequences could arise with criminal justice laws if that were to occur and that would be but one example. Additionally, the amount of additional work and systems, and possibly expense, needed to track the votes, given that all bills would henceforth need to be roll-called in the House, as well as all the additional number of bills that would come automatically to the committees, makes this suggestion less and less attractive for a citizen legislature the deeper one analyzes. The potential repercussions and unintended consequences could be enormous. Vote 16-0.

HB 1034, relative to enabling municipalities to adopt a homestead property tax exemption. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill proposes enabling legislation that would address a major aspect of New Hampshire’s housing crisis by allowing municipalities to adopt a homestead property tax exemption. Said exemption would be limited to homeowners whose principal domiciles are their homes and would exclude homes with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) or attached units used for commercial purposes. In many New Hampshire towns, property taxes have increased disproportionately because of a concentration of second homes, short-term rentals, and tourist attractions, making it extremely difficult for those on fixed incomes or working in vital industries and businesses to stay in their homes. Unlike many other property tax exemptions already existing in New Hampshire law, this bill, if passed, would be revenue neutral. If adopted by a municipality, this proposed bill would stabilize residential communities by making it possible for homeowners to retain their homes and continue to contribute to their communities. Vote 17-1.

HB 1342-FN, relative to the licensing of electronic literary materials by libraries. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Len Turcotte for Municipal and County Government. The committee found that trying to get in between the voluntary contracts of libraries and publishers for access to eBooks would have unintended consequences as this is a relatively new market. The sponsor agreed that there was much additional work needed for the bill to work and asked the committee to find the bill Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 19-0.

HB 1461-FN, relative to live-streaming all properly noticed meetings and hearings of elected and appointed municipal bodies. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. David Preece for Municipal and County Government. This bill would require all meetings and hearings conducted by all elected and appointed municipal bodies to be live-streamed or recorded. While the proposed legislation would increase transparency in local government, the committee believes the funding and administration aspects, as required of the legislation, require further study. Vote 18-1.

HB 1544, relative to indemnification for municipalities adopting policies to address homelessness. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Eric Gallager for Municipal and County Government. The bill attempts to assist municipalities that are seeking to take measures to aid the homeless but are deterred from doing so by the threat that potential litigation can have. While the bill may have been well-intentioned, a last-minute amendment that attempted to address some of the concerns raised by trial lawyers in the committee hearing was not heard. The bill's granting of immunity was considered to be excessive, therefore the majority of the committee believes interim study would be the best avenue for giving this legislation the necessary consideration. Vote 18-1.

HB 1641-FN-L, relating to requiring large parking lots to have a solar power canopy. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill would institute a broad, statewide mandate for those owning property with various sized parking lots to install and operate solar panel canopies over a certain percentage of those parking lots. It would also require all new construction that included parking lots of a certain size to install such solar arrays. While well-intentioned, the bill would be unworkable for several reasons. Most importantly, the committee believes it would impose an unfunded mandate on all property owners in the state. But of equal concern is its placement in RSA 674, and its imposition of a statewide land use requirement in a statute that expressly calls for local control by land use boards. Vote 18-1.

HB 1046-FN, requiring a boat owner who is not the operator to notify law enforcement and file an accident report in certain circumstances. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert Healey for Resources, Recreation and Development. Similar to accidents involving motor vehicles, the law requires a boat operator involved in an accident involving death, injury and property damage in excess of \$2000 to report the accident to the Department of Safety. This bill requires the vessel's owner, who is not operating the boat at the time of a boating accident, to notify law enforcement and file an accident report in certain circumstances where the operator is unable, unwilling, fails to or refuses to make such notification. The bill was amended to provide clarification of procedural requirements. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (0252h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Accident Reports. Amend RSA 270:1-a, I to read as follows:

I. The operator of a vessel who knows or reasonably should have known that he or she has just been involved in any accident that involved death, personal injury, or damage to property, shall immediately stop said vessel at the scene of the accident, render any assistance that he or she is capable of giving to the occupants of any other vessel involved in the accident, and give the operator or owner of any other vessel involved in such accident, and to any person injured, and to the owner of any property damaged, the operator's name and the owner's name and address, the vessel registration number, and the name and address of each occupant. If by reason of injury or absence or removal from the place of the accident or other cause, such injured person, or operator of such other vessel, or owner of the property damaged, or any of them, is unable to understand or receive the information required in this section, such information shall be given to any marine patrol officer or other police officer with jurisdiction arriving at the scene of the accident or immediately to a marine patrol officer or other police officer at the nearest police station or at marine patrol headquarters. Any person operating a vessel that is in any manner involved in the accident shall, within 15 days after such accident, report in writing to the department of safety the facts required hereunder together with a statement of the circumstances if any person is injured or killed or if damage to property is in excess of \$2,000. If the operator is physically or mentally incapable of making such report, ***or fails or refuses to make the report or provide required information***, the owner of the vessel involved in the accident or the owner's representative shall, after learning of the accident, forthwith ***notify any marine patrol officer or other police officer with jurisdiction and*** make such report. The operator or the owner shall furnish to the department such relevant information as the department shall require.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

HB 1103-FN, relative to revising the penalties of the shoreland protection act. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill seeks to remove impediments to the New Hampshire Department of Environment Services' (NHDES) ability to enforce the Shoreland Protection Act. The current statute requires evidence that a violation damages the public waterway, but such damages are cumulative over time and may coincide with other impacts to the waterway, making it impossible to isolate the damage of one specific violation. Additionally, current statute requires NHDES to assess when a "good faith effort" is made to remediation and restoration, which requires proof of the violator's state of mind. The passage of this bill will allow NHDES to meet the legal standard for enforcement of violations which threaten the water quality of New Hampshire waterways. Vote 20-0.

HB 1139, relative to location of conventional septic systems relative to the seasonal high water table. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill would allow conventional septic systems for residential properties to be constructed 24 inches above the seasonal high water table (SHWT). Currently the bed bottom is 48 inches above the SHWT, but the state allows 24 inches when the septic system is being replaced, provided that a six-inch layer of sand is under the leach field. This lower vertical separation has proven effective at treating on-site wastewater. By allowing a 24-inch requirement for new septic systems, homeowners and developers will save significant costs and remove an obstacle facing new home construction. Vote 13-0.

HB 1141, relative to requirements for approval to increase load on a sewage disposal system. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill clarifies when someone needs to obtain state septic system approvals when modifying a structure. Currently owners are required to submit an application for approval of a septic system prior to expanding the structure or lengthening occupancy, for example, living in the structure year-round versus seasonally, as this increases the load the system must manage. However, changes in use of the structure can also increase load, for example, operating a home-based business requiring higher water usage and/or waste disposal to the septic system. This bill would add changes in use to the statute governing septic system increased load approvals. Additionally, this bill closes a loophole that exempts septic systems from approval for increased load when they exist on properties greater than five acres. There may be situations where mobile home parks within a five-acre parcel may move or replace residences without having to secure a new septic system approval. This bill would only allow that to occur if the septic system receive construction and operation approval from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Vote 12-0.

HB 1477-FN, relative to environmental surety bonds for businesses that pose a significant risk to the state's natural resources. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jessica LaMontagne for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill directs the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to develop environmental surety bonds for businesses as a deterrent to pollution and in order to provide funds for environmental clean-up of the pollution. While the intent of the bill, to make polluters pay has merit, the vaguely termed "persons working in such industries" is overly broad and could potentially impose bonding requirements on thousands of businesses, owners and employees. The value of the bond would have to be enormous in order to be effective as a deterrent and not written off as a cost of business. It would also entail NHDES setting up a new bureau to administer and enforce the program. A better approach would be to prevent pollution in the first place with diligent licensing, regulation, and monitoring of businesses that could pollute our natural resources. Vote 19-0.

HB 1044-FN, relative to the non-mandatory issuance of certificates of title for certain vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Charles Foote for Transportation. This bill's intent is to allow the non-mandatory issuance of certificates of title for transfers with a gross weight less than 3001 pounds; and any meter vehicle manufactured prior to the year 2000. The committee recently heard another bill which exempts titles for vehicles manufactured within twenty years of the current date, excluding heavy trucks and truck tractors exceeding 18,000 pounds, which the committee felt is more reasonable and applicable. Vote 19-0.

HB 1083, relative to vehicles held in joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Gregory Hill for Transportation. Individuals in New Hampshire may currently obtain a title to their vehicle as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. The question is whether it should be required that upon the death of one of the individuals, the title must be retitled to remove the deceased individual. The law currently allows the survivor to transfer ownership with one signature and a copy of the death certificate but only until the vehicle needs its annual registration. The legislation maintains that same opportunity until the vehicle is sold. The committee recommends Ought to Pass as the process of retitling accomplishes nothing. Vote 19-0.

HB 1122-FN, relative to lights on motor vehicles. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. This bill clarifies the use of headlight colors allowed and the use of light bars and fog lights. A new section regulates when ride share signage may be illuminated. Vote 19-0.

HB 1127, relative to the revocation and suspension of drivers' licenses. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Charles Foote for Transportation. This bill is simple and straight forward and is at the request of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). In June 2022, the DMV went live with state to state and made the necessary internal process changes that eliminated the need for individuals to physically surrender their driver's license due to a suspension. By eliminating the need to turn in the actual license, individuals can retain the physical license for identification. This also alleviates the potential for lost or misplaced licenses. With the state-to-state computer system, an individual can be tracked and identified as suspended. The second part of this bill adds the term "upon a way" and aligns with current laws such as ALS, DWI, and reckless driving laws which require driving "upon a way" to enforce. Vote 19-0.

HB 1304-FN-L, relative to vessel registration and boat fee decals. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. John Sellers for Transportation. This bill is the result of a study done last year. It separates the state vessel registration fees from the vessel registration and brings our state in compliance with the United States Coast Guard vessel registration. Without being in compliance, the state could lose federal funds. There will now be two stickers on the vessel, one for the actual vessel registration and the other for the state fee vessel registration. The amendment makes some technical corrections. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (0069h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Display of Numbers and Decals. Amend RSA 270-E:8 to read as follows:

270-E:8 Display of Numbers *and Decals* Required.

I. Every vessel required to be registered in this state shall display the *boat fee decal under RSA 270-E:5-a and the* vessel numbers issued to the vessel as part of the registration process, unless the vessel is exempt under the provisions of RSA 270-E:9.

II. ~~[The owner shall paint on, attach or otherwise display to each side of the forward half of the vessel the numbers assigned by the department not less than 3 inches in height, with block letters of contrasting color, and they shall be clearly readable when the vessel is being operated. The numbers shall be maintained in legible condition. No numbers other than the numbers validly assigned to a vessel shall be painted, attached or otherwise displayed on either side of the forward half of such vessel.]~~

HH-] Any person who operates a vessel on the inland or tidal and coastal waters of this state without displaying the vessel numbers ~~[and the]~~, *boat fee decal, or other decal* required by this chapter in the manner required by this chapter, unless exempt under the provisions of RSA 270-E:9, shall be guilty of a violation for a first offense and a misdemeanor for a second offense.

Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

10 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

The Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1445, relative to electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric unicycles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. This is one of two bills that attempt to update existing law regarding personal electric vehicles (PEVs). The committee agrees that the proliferation of PEVs and the introduction of new uncategorized PEVs require an update to the laws; however, more time is needed to evaluate the options that have been presented. Vote 19-0.

HB 1543-FN, relative to personal electric vehicles (PEVs). **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. This is one of two bills that attempt to update existing law regarding personal electric vehicles (PEVs). The committee agrees that the proliferation of PEVs and the introduction of new uncategorized PEVs require an update to the laws; however, more time is needed to evaluate the options that have been presented. Vote 19-0.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Smart moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 193-179, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment on **HB 1002**, relative to fees for records under the right-to-know law.

Reps. Smart, Hoell, Potenza and Kenney spoke in favor.

Reps. Maggiore and Lynn spoke against.

On a division vote, with 195 members having voted in the affirmative, and 183 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

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

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Rep. Lynn moved that **HB 1002**, relative to fees for records under the right-to-know law, be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Hoell moved that **HB 1002**, relative to fees for records under the right-to-know law, be laid on the table. On a division vote, with 126 members having voted in the affirmative, and 254 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the motion to recommit to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR

HB 1048, relative to the commission on Holocaust and genocide education. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for the Majority of Education. This bill, as amended, extends the date of the issuance of the final report of the Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Studies from 2024 to 2026. Holocaust and geno-

cide studies are part of the substantive criteria of an adequate education and the commission is responsible for identifying existing teaching materials and curriculum as well as strategies and content for providing and enhancing genocide education to students. Further, the commission is tasked with recommending model district policies for Holocaust and genocide education. During the previous year, the commission met seven times; however, further time is necessary to accomplish all responsibilities identified in RSA 193-E:2-f. The General Court has found that through education about the Holocaust and other forms of genocide, their causes, the consequences of intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and hate, and the lesson to be drawn for the present, students will better understand the fragility of democracy, the principles of democracy, and the power of individual choices in preventing genocide. Lastly, the commission is required to provide annual reports on or before November 1, 2024 and November 1, 2025, and a final report on or before November 1, 2026. Vote 16-4. Rep. Mike Belcher for the Minority of Education. This bill seeks to extend the deadline for reporting by the Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education by several years. As amended, it would extend the deadline by two years. The current deadline is this November. At this both world and national historic time, where circumstances of hatred and anti-Semitism are noted both anecdotally, and by studies, to be precipitously rising, this legislature must be seeking quality information to inform actions and make necessary reforms. It has been reported that approximately one-quarter of students do not believe the Holocaust occurred, and another quarter believe it is significantly exaggerated by historical accounts. We, as a state, are awaiting the report from this commission to assist us in contextualizing our current circumstances as it relates to historical circumstances – we require this report in-hand that we might review data and consider recommendations. As such, we believe that it would be entirely inappropriate to delay this report by extending the deadline for the commission. We have no time to waste, and any extension of this deadline may require this legislature move forward with reforms without any input from this commission.

Majority Amendment (0244h)

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

1 Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education; Extended. Amend RSA 193-E:2-f, VI to read as follows:

VI. Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over education, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the state board of education, the governor, and the state library. A preliminary report shall be submitted on or before January 1, 2021. An annual report shall be submitted on or before November 1, 2021 and each year thereafter. The commission shall monitor the implementation by grade, curriculum, and hours of instruction. A final report shall be submitted on or before November 1, [2024] **2026**.

2 Prospective Repeal; Effective Date. Amend 2020, 29:19, II to read as follows:

II. Section 18 of this act shall take effect November 1, [2024] **2026**.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the date of the issuance of the final report of the commission on Holocaust and genocide studies from 2024 to 2026.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Belcher spoke against.

Majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1166, adding an exception from required civics competency assessments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. This bill would exempt students participating as a member of either the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program or the Civil Air Patrol Program from taking the naturalization examination developed by the 2020 United States Citizen and Immigration Services. Clearly, these two programs provide students with solid educational experiences. However, the majority believes that no student should be exempt from taking the naturalization examination. The law states that all graduating seniors should take and pass the examination prior to graduation. Exempting a single class of students does not meet the intent of the current statute mandating that all students must take the naturalization examination. Vote 12-8.

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

Rep. Moffett spoke against.

Rep. Myler spoke in favor.

Committee report was adopted.

HB 1206, relative to prohibiting educator indoctrination. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for the Majority of Education. This bill states “educators shall not present unproved theories as fact,” or “compel students to express belief in, or support for, any particular theory or ideology.” The teacher

cannot “push or assert” value statements. Under this directive teachers who express a value judgment that tells student A that it is wrong to hit student B could be in violation of the law. If they present theories of relativity or evolution as foremost scientific beliefs of the 20th and 21st century, they could be subjected to investigation and a possible loss of their teaching license. New Hampshire educators work every day to ensure students grow and learn and are prepared with the skills to find information, observe, debate, discuss, and draw their own conclusions. Educators should be allowed to do their job, without looking over their shoulder for the culture war police. Vote 17-3.

Rep. Alicia Lekas for the Minority of Education. This bill prohibits educators and school administrators from pushing or asserting, advocating for, or otherwise compelling belief in, any particular theory or ideology. Teachers and administrators already understand that they can’t do this regarding religion. But they shouldn’t be pushing any other ideology either. They wondered how they could tell the difference between a theory and a fact, or how they could tell if something was their opinion rather than fact. The easiest way is to note whether there are people who believe differently. Generally, if it is a fact, then you don’t have a group of people with a different idea. If you know there are people who believe something different, however wrong you think they are, then you are probably dealing with an opinion, theory, or ideology. In that case, the different sides need to be presented as theories rather than facts. A student should not be able to tell which side you are on. This bill does not hamper discussion in the classroom of any topic. It only concerns the manner in which topics are presented. The minority have heard indoctrination is taking place in our schools. In fact, the sponsor of this bill was encouraged by her constituents to introduce this bill as they were tired of the indoctrination happening in their schools. And teachers from around the state have told the minority that they quit teaching, or were thinking of doing so, because they were tired of being expected to push ideology in which they themselves did not believe. If no indoctrination were happening in schools, then this bill wouldn’t be necessary. Unfortunately, indoctrination is happening so this bill needs to be passed.

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

HB 1553-FN, relative to establishing a pilot program under the department of education to offer “spelling to communicate” services to students with autism or apraxia. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for the Majority of Education. The Spelling to Communicate program or services is not evidenced or scientifically based. Providing these services to students creates a dependence on another person and is a means of facilitated communication. Prompting and physically guiding letter recognition with students who are identified with autism or apraxia is not always in their best interests. Spelling to Communicate is not supported nor recommended by The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. It is not in the purview of the New Hampshire Department of Education to promote any one program or process for highly specialized needs of students with autism or apraxia. Vote 13-7.

Rep. Mike Belcher for the Minority of Education. This bill proposes to create a pilot program of “spelling to communicate” for disabled students demonstrating inability or difficulty communicating through traditional means. The foremost opposition to this bill hinges on the argument that the goal of educating students to communicate is autonomous communication, and that the introduction of an intermediary is definitionally not autonomous. This, however, is not a technical matter, but a value judgment saying, essentially, that no communication at all is preferable to communicating through an intermediary. It is certainly a theoretical possibility that some portion of disabled students, given our current knowledge, technology and techniques will not successfully attain autonomous communication competency. It is further possible that some segment of this population might achieve a degree of communication utilizing an intermediary and spelling board. Therefore, we believe that these students should be given the opportunity to attempt this method, and we should gather data regarding efficacy through this pilot. While it is certainly true that this process introduces an inherent possibility of bias, we believe that this concern is outweighed by the possibility of allowing those non-communicative disabled persons an opportunity to be heard for the first time, and a possible breakthrough in pedagogy enabling social participation.

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

Rep. Kofalt spoke against.

Rep. Cascadden spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 202 members having voted in the affirmative, and 178 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Spillane moved that the debate on **HB 1553-FN**, relative to establishing a pilot program under the department of education to offer “spelling to communicate” services to students with autism or apraxia, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HB 1553-FN

Representative Kofalt: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker I would like to ask my colleagues to imagine for a moment what it might be like if you were never able to speak. You have the capacity for language. You can understand it and you can even think it, but for your entire life, you have never been able to speak. Now, imagine on top of that you have a neurological condition that inclines you not to make eye contact with people. People around you see someone who appears to be staring off into space. They assume perhaps that you are not very intelligent. This is the fate that many people with autism and specifically with apraxia suffer from. They are locked in a prison of non communication for their entire lives. Now imagine that somebody comes to you and says I know you are smart. I know you are in there. I have found a way to teach people to communicate, people like you and I'm going to work with you, and we can do this. I have never met somebody yet who can't do it. Gregory Tino, a young man who lives in the Philadelphia area describes that as the day that his life began. He wrote that several years ago people thought he had the intellect of a 3-year-old, then he learned to use a letter board. He has since learned how to use a keyboard. He types on a keyboard. His iPad and his Apple iPhone speak for him. Gregory has written four books. He has his own blog, *The Autistic Mind Finally Speaks*. In the hearing on this bill, we had people ask, so in the early stages of this process do you have to teach people letters? They said oh no, they already know the letters. In fact, one parent testified that her son knows Spanish. We have no idea how he knows Spanish, but he likes to answer some of the questions in Spanish. This bill would create a modest pilot program to make Spelling to Communicate available to families in New Hampshire. The total money authorized under this bill would be \$250,000 over two years, roughly the equivalent of one full time person for two years. After three years, the bill repeals itself. There were two primary arguments made against this bill. Number one, this is facilitated communication. The answer is no it's not. There is a methodology called facilitated communication that was discredited years ago because the communication was not coming from the person with autism. It was coming from the helper. That was discredited. Spelling to Communicate enables free and independent communication. I've seen it myself. People typing on a keyboard. No one is sitting with them. No one is helping them. They are fully communicating, answering questions from an audience. The second criticism is that there is a lack of studies. There are a number of studies in progress about this methodology. I would argue though that for \$250,000 we could invest in a tremendously promising innovation. Innovation doesn't wait five, ten, fifteen years for a raft of peer reviewed studies to come out. We have an opportunity today for a very modest amount of money to create a program and expand options for people and families with autism. I'm asking you. I'm asking my colleagues to give innovation a chance. The much better rebuttal to the argument that there are no peer reviewed studies is the long list of highly accomplished people who have discovered this and who's lives have changed as a result. I mentioned Gregory Tino who has a blog and who has authored four books. Vince Rinicella is a political blogger. He aspires to be the first non speaking US Senator. J.B. Handley co-authored a book called *Underestimated* and was the subject of, one of many subjects of the award-winning film *Spellers* that came out early last year. Ido Kedar whose book, *Ito in Autism Land*, has become reading material for courses on disabilities studies. Thomas Pruyn, disability rights activist and blogger. Mitchel Robbins, another disability rights activist who describes this as a human rights issue. Ian Nordling, who has been named to the Youth Advisory Council in Herndon, VA and sits on the advisory council of the I-ASC. Hari Srinivasan, who was told over and over again that he would not amount to much and he certainly would not go to college. Today he is a PhD student in UCAL Berkeley's prestigious psychology program. His writing has appeared in Time, Newsweek, Fortune, the Boston Globe, Psychology Today, The Daily Californian, two anthologies and numerous other publications. Elizabeth Bonker, she has autism and has never been able to speak. She uses an iPad to type. She was named valedictorian in 2022 of Rollins College in Florida. She has since gone on to found an organization called Communication4All. Elizabeth describes this by saying that communication is a human right. That is the mission of her organization. She also sits on the Advisory Board of the National Autism Society as Hari Srinivasan. That doesn't include the numerous New Hampshire residents whose lives have been changed by this. What I hear from parents is that for the first time my son or daughter can explain to the doctor exactly what is wrong with them. It gives them dignity. I heard a story of one young man. The first thing he said when he could spell was, "Mom, could you ask dad to stop telling me, asking me if I need to go potty. I'm 21 years old." This is about dignity. It's about independence. I can't tell you how many people I've heard from who said we have worried all of our lives what is going to happen to our son or daughter when we are not around any more. For the first time ever, we know that he can communicate. She can communicate. They won't have that utter and complete dependency on us anymore. If this bill passes today, it will go on to the Finance Committee. This House will have another opportunity to hear about the bill, hear objections to the bill and vote on it again. I'm asking my colleagues today to give innovation a chance. Give people with autism and apraxia a chance and press the red button so that an alternate motion can be made. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Cascadden.

Representative Cascadden: Thank you, Mister Speaker. HB 1553 is to allow the Department of Education to purchase a commercial program to service students who are identified on the autism spectrum or diagnosed with apraxia. The program, Spelling to Communicate, is intended for students who are enrolled in an individu-

alized education program and not necessarily public schools. Autism spectrum disorder means a developmental disability significantly affecting verbal or non-verbal communication and social interaction, usually evident by age 3. Autistic children have difficulty understanding what others are thinking or feeling, get anxious about social situations, have difficulty making friends or prefer to be on their own. They may seem blunt, rude or not interested. Behavioral approaches are implemented on changing behaviors by understanding what happens before and after that behavior. Behavioral approaches have the most evidence for treatment systems of autism spectrum disorder. They've become widely accepted among educators and healthcare professionals and are used in many schools and treatment clinics. A notable behavioral treatment for people with autism spectrum disorders is called applied behavior analysis, known as ABA. ABA encourages desired behaviors and discourages undesired behaviors to improve a variety of skills. The progress is tracked, and it is measurable. Apraxia on the other hand is a speech disorder of the brain and nervous system in which a person is unable to perform tasks or movements when asked, even though the command is understood, and students are willing to perform the tasks. The best treatment known is sign language and/or digital literacy via keyboarding on a computer. Now comes Spelling to Communicate, a program that implements a facilitated communication. The technique of facilitated communication requires an adult to hold a letter board and the student must use a pointer to spell out the words. It's reinforced by physically moving the student's hand. This method has been proven ineffective by multiple scientific studies. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, also known as ASHA, does not support this program because it requires physical guidance and prompting, and it creates dependence on another person. It lacks research and scientific evidence and focuses on spelling, not speech. The Association for Science in Autism Treatment has conducted many studies in the 1990's and the 2000's on facilitated communication programs such as Spelling to Communicate. Repeated evidence refuted the use of this program. Regardless of the name of any facilitated communication program that requires ongoing support from a facilitator, the Association opposed and rejected. Spelling to Communicate should not be considered as a valid means of communication. After having a discussion with a board-certified behavioral analyst who specializes in services for children with autism, she was clear that, "It is unfathomable that a New Hampshire department would consider this program as a technique that has no scientific research to support it and has been scientifically discredited as a technique." Now, this is not to say that Spelling to Communicate didn't work with some. Why would we want our public dollars to be spent on such a program that has no scientifically based evidence of positive results and involves physical contact and reinforcement. This program and house bill is not in the best interest of our students. I urge my colleagues to support the bipartisan committee recommendation to ITL House Bill 1553. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 1553. A division has been requested. Rep. Kofalt has requested it. Members take your seats. The House will be in order. The motion before us is the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 1553. This is a division vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Kofalt for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Kofalt: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that numerous Spelling to Communicate beneficiaries are spelling and communicating independently with keyboards. Furthermore, if I know this bill does not offer grants to any single vendor or organization. If I know that the National Autism Society has come out in support of this bill. And if I know that this would make New Hampshire the first state in the country to formally introduce Spelling to Communicate into our schools. And, finally Mister Speaker, if I know that this bill will go to Finance and it will come back to the House and we will have an opportunity in the meantime to learn a great deal more about Spelling to Communicate, would I then press the red button so that a new motion can be made? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Balboni for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Balboni: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know as a former special education teacher, that public school districts already provide a variety of evidence-based speech and language services to students with Autism and Apraxia based upon their individual needs. And I know that the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and other medical organizations do not support facilitated communication programs like Spelling to Communicate because there is no scientific research to support its efficacy, then would I now press the green button to agree with the bipartisan committee recommendation to ITL? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 1553. This is a division vote. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 202 voting Yea, 178 voting Nay the committee report is adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1561-FN, relative to qualifications for student eligibility in the education freedom accounts program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill expands eligibility to the popular Education Freedom Account (EFA) program to students in nine specialized categories, regardless of family income. The expansions include

persistently bullied students and students who may be immunocompromised or otherwise concerned with the spread of disease. Proponents believe the aforementioned students may benefit from untraditional school models, such as decreased class size. In addition, the bill extends eligibility to under-performing students and/or students in under-performing schools as determined by standardized tests from the most recent academic year. Proponents also recognize the struggles of students with divergent gender identities and sexual orientations. The bill expands eligibility to students who identify as LGBT and/or non-binary, as well as students afflicted with mental illness and/or eating disorders -- all of which are prevalent in student populations. The bill also makes students attending districts with exceptional PFAS contaminants eligible for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program. Finally, upon passage of the bill, students would be eligible upon recommendation from the student's guidance counselor. All in all, the bill allows for more New Hampshire students to seek educational opportunities. Proponents believe both the bill and the underlying program are essential to all students being successful, considering every student is a unique learner.

Rep. Valerie McDonnell

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill wildly expands the eligibility for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) voucher program to include reasons, a concern that attending public school could lead to the spread of contagious diseases (COVID-19, the common cold, seasonal flu), or living in a district which exceeds PFAS standards in drinking water as well as seven other random reasons. EFA vouchers were intended to provide taxpayer resourced money to parents who did not have the financial means to send their child to an alternate educational program. This an unchecked effort to expand this program to almost every student with no cap on spending and will end up in a wildly expanding tax burden for the businesses and citizens of New Hampshire. We should be giving resources to the community and public schools serving 165,000 New Hampshire children to mitigate PFAS in the drinking water and address these other qualifying issues rather than fund the privatizations of our education system.

Rep. Patricia Cornell

Rep. McDonnell moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Germana spoke against.

(Rep. Steven Smith in the Chair)

Reps. Alexander and Sweeney spoke in favor.

Rep. Tanner spoke against.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim

Abare, Kimberly
Berry, Ross
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Hynes, Dan
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Infantine, William
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin

Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony
Wherry, Robert

Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yuri
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

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Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttub, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len
Potenza, Kelley

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Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

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Trottier, Douglas

Huot, David

O'Hara, Travis

St. Clair, Charlie

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Buco, Thomas
McAleer, Chris

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Crawford, Karel

Paige, David

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Harvey, Cathryn
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

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Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

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Almy, Susan
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Murphy, James
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

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Stavis, Laurel

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Jack, Martin

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Beaulieu, Jane
Calabro, Karen
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean

Boyd, Bill
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis

Kennedy, Stephen
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

Foxx, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
Perez, Maria
Ming, Ben
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Seibert, Christine
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Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina

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Gallager, Eric
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
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Wallner, Mary Jane

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Meuse, David
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Edgar, Michael
Guthrie, Joseph
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
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Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

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Cloutier, John
Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion of Ought to Pass failed.

Rep. Myler moved Inexpedient to Legislate.
Motion was adopted.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Weber moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a voice vote, the House adopted the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate on **HB 1561-FN**, relative to qualifications for student eligibility in the education freedom accounts program.

Rep. Weber spoke against.

Rep. Berry requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Abare, Kimberly
Berry, Ross
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
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Mooney, Maureen
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Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yuri
Walsh, Thomas

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Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

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Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

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Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

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Morse, Corinne
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Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

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Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
Perez, Maria
Ming, Ben
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
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Staub, Kathy
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Wilhelm, Matthew

Boyd, Bill
Bouchard, Donald
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Davis, Fred
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Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
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Long, Patrick
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
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Raymond, Heather
Seibert, Christine
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Bouldin, Amanda
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Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
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Meuse, David
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

Edgar, Michael
Guthrie, Joseph
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Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1634-FN, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill removes the household income criteria from eligibility requirements for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program. Over and over, we hear from both sides that these are all our kids, and we need to provide them all with a good education. And yet if you ask, many just mean as long as they are attending a traditional public school. If they happen to be one of those kids who just can't learn well in that environment, or who lives in the wrong zip code, then too bad for them. If the legislature chooses to give grants for kids to be educated, then the most fair and constitutional way for that to be done would be for every child to receive that money, not just certain students. Some argue that the EFA program was always just for poor kids and that we are now changing the rules. But that is not so. When the EFA program was first introduced there was no cap. Many other states were looking at our initial bill and we were written up across the country as having the best proposed program and they were looking to follow suit. Unfortunately, in order to get it passed, we had to amend it and place an income cap on it. Other states were disappointed and passed their own bills without a cap. But the money which goes to the EFA students is the adequacy money from the state, that money promised to provide an adequate education to every student.

If we limit it to only certain students then we are not actually doing our job, to educate every student. Some argue that we have insufficient guardrails on the program. But we have more guardrails than other states. The way things are set up, a parent can't even buy a pencil without approval. The organization running it has to file regular reports to the Department of Education for every penny spent. And while they are allowed 10% (the average spent by traditional public schools) for administration of the program, the organization comes in at just 7%. In fact, our EFA program was recently awarded "Most Effective Implementation."

Rep. Alicia Lekas

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill removes the household income criteria from eligibility requirements for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program. When the EFA program was introduced, it was advocated as a program to assist families under the 300% federal poverty line. It was later amended to 350% of the federal poverty level. This bill would open up the EFA program to families with no limitations whatsoever. There is an indeterminable fiscal impact for the cost of the proposal because it is impossible to project the budget impact should this become law. Under this bill any student would qualify for an EFA voucher. This bill is contrary to the stated purpose of the EFA program – an opportunity for poorer families and students to receive financial assistance for their education outside the public school system. Eighty percent of students who took advantage of the EFA program were already in private or religious schools. Consequently, public taxpayer money has gone to support students already attending independent, private, and religious schools. This bill violates the intent of the program and expands it with no guard rails to its management and use of taxpayers' money.

Rep. Mel Myler

Rep. Alicia Lekas moved Ought to Pass, spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

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

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Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
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Santonastaso, Matthew

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King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

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Berezhny, Lex
Ladd, Rick

Brown, Carroll
Rochefort, David

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Sellers, John

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Ulery, Jordan

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 Pitre, Joseph

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 Schapiro, Joe

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 Tatro, Bruce

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 Weber, Lucy

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 Fellows, Sallie
 Murphy, James
 Morse, Corinne
 Sykes, George

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 Sullivan, Jared
 Muirhead, Russell

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 Hakken-Phillips, Mary
 Lovett, Peter
 Stavis, Laurel

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and the motion failed.

Rep. Myler moved Inexpedient to Legislate.
Motion was adopted.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Weber moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a voice vote, the House adopted the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate on **HB 1634-FN**, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Trotter, Douglas

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Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
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 Manos, Zoe
 O'Neil, Candice
 Simpson, Alexis
 Ward, Gerald

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 Conlin, Bill
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Pare, Gail

Bixby, Peter
 Fitzpatrick, Daniel
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Howland, Allan
 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
 Grassie, Chuck
 Kenney, Cam
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
 Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion failed.

The House recessed at 11:55 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1665-FN, relative to student eligibility for the education freedom accounts program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill increases the household income eligibility cap for Education Freedom Accounts (EFA) from 350% to 500% of federal poverty guidelines. Based on 2022 poverty guidelines, the income eligibility for a mom and her child increases to \$91,500. The median income for a family of two was \$87,260. Thus, the income cap will be just over the median household income. This is the median income. The bill is not proposing providing EFAs to wealthy families. The intent is to provide education options to children who need a different education environment and need assistance to make that a reality.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: The Education Freedom Account (EFA) program was created in 2021 as a means for lower income families to afford private alternatives to public schools for their children. Back then, the program was open to students from nearly 50% of families. Last year, the eligibility was expanded to include families making up to \$105,000 per year for a family of four. And now this bill would expand eligibility even further to include families making up to \$150,000 per year. Reports from the Department of Education show that most of the students who receive taxpayer money through the EFA program were already attending private schools or being home schooled. This bill will only continue to move the EFA program away from its intended purpose.

Rep. David Luneau

Rep. Cordelli moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Luneau spoke against.

Rep. Cordelli spoke in favor and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
O'Hara, Travis
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Coker, Matthew
McCarter, Nikki
Beaudoin, Richard

Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Smart, Lisa

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
Smith, Jonathan

Cordelli, Glenn
McConkey, Mark

Costable, Michael
Petermel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Tatro, Bruce

Qualey, James
Thackston, Dick

Rhodes, Jennifer
Nutting, Zachary

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Durkin, Sean
Tierney, James

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Ladd, Rick

Brown, Carroll
Rochefort, David

Coulon, Matthew
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kennedy, Stephen
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony
Wherry, Robert

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Creighton, Jim
Fedolli, Jim
Healey, Robert
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Infantine, William
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yuri
Walsh, Thomas

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
Gerhard, Jason
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Spillane, James
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Brouillard, Jacob
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harley, Tina
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Summers, James
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Hobson, Deb
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Weyler, Kenneth

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Ankarberg, Aidan
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len
Potenza, Kelley

Bailey, Glenn
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

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Huot, David

St. Clair, Charlie

Trottier, Douglas

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
McAleer, Chris

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Crawford, Karel

Paige, David

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Monteil, Renee
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

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Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Murphy, James
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Beaulieu, Jane
Calabro, Karen
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
Perez, Maria
Ming, Ben
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
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Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Dolan, William

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Sofikitis, Catherine
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Thomas, Wendy

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Bradley, Amy
Ford, Damond
Dutzy, Sherry
Gibbons, Candace
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

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Ebel, Karen
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McWilliams, Rebecca
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina

Brennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
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Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

Carey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
MacKay, James
Richards, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wolf, Dan

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Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
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Paige, Mark
McBeath, Rebecca
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

Edgar, Michael
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Knab, Allison
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Read, Ellen
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and the motion of Ought to Pass was adopted and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

HB 1580-FN, relative to the prohibition of government procurement of electric vehicles containing components created through the use of forced labor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, although well meaning, is not practical for use by state agencies. It would require a state agency, that might possibly purchase an electric vehicle (EV), the burden of certifying that any component of that EV is not made with forced labor; the due diligence would be prohibitive and costly. Vote 12-0.

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

Rep. Notter spoke against.

Rep. Grote spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 294 members having voted in the affirmative, and 84 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

HB 1116, relative to certain firearms to be used for taking of game. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mike Ouellet for the Majority of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. Amending RSA 207:3, this bill, as amended, updates the current law to remove the restriction on the action of the rifle, and adds the use of straight-walled pistol cartridges of .357 or greater. The majority of the committee agreed that the action of the rifle has a negligible impact on the ballistics or power of the pistol round fired. The majority of the committee also sympathized with the large number of hunters looking for more options in pistol cartridges and agreed that limiting the use to straight-walled pistol cartridges ensured comparable ballistics to the handguns already permitted, but with greater accuracy and safety. Vote 11-6.

Rep. Will Darby for the Minority of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The minority believes this bill excessively expands the range of pistol calibers in areas where hunting is restricted to pistols and shotguns. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission opposed this bill believing that municipalities deserved a say in the firearms used for hunting in their communities. While the bill's provision allowing for pistol calibers greater than 357 reduces future legislation for new firearms that come on to the market, removing the lever action requirement opens the door to pistol caliber semi-automatic rifles.

Majority Amendment (0349h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Lawful Methods of Taking; Lever Action Carbine. Amend RSA 207:3, I to read as follows:

I. Wildlife shall be taken in the daytime between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset with a gun, firearm, muzzleloader, or air rifle, fired at arm's length, bow and arrow or crossbow, or a ~~[lever-action carbine]~~ **rifle** chambered in ~~[-.357, .44 Magnum, or .45 Colt]~~ **a straight-walled pistol cartridge of .357 caliber or greater** in any area where hunting is restricted to handgun or pistol, unless otherwise specifically permitted. An air rifle may be used to take small game, but shall not be used to take moose, bear, turkey, or deer. The executive director shall specify the method and manner of taking small game with an air rifle in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Spillane spoke in favor.

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

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McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
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Hoell, J.R.
Polozov, Yury
Seaworth, Brian
Testerman, Dave

Aylward, Deborah
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Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Phillips, Emily
Pratt, Kevin
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
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Wallace, Scott

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Khan, Aboul
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McDonnell, Valerie
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Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
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Weyler, Kenneth

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Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

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Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Smith, Steven
Tanner, Linda

Sullivan, Brian
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

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Huot, David

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
Woodcock, Stephen

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

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COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

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Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Stringham, Jerry

Baldwin, Heather
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

Bolton, Bill
Hoyt, Tommy
Muirhead, Russell

Cormen, Thomas
Murphy, James
Stavis, Laurel

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Nutting-Wong, Allison
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Fedolfi, Jim
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Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
Chretien, Jacqueline
Dutzy, Sherry
Gibbons, Candace
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Lloyd, Christal
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Beaulieu, Jane
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
Long, Patrick
Ming, Ben
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

Bouldin, Amanda
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Jack, Martin
Lanza, Judi
Murray, Megan
Morton, Jennifer
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Seibert, Christine
Tellerski, Laura
Dolan, William

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Turcotte, Alisson
Gallager, Eric
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schamberg, Thomas

Brennan, Angela
Gibbs, Merryl
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schultz, Kristina

Caplan, Tony
Hall, Muriel
MacKay, James
Richards, Beth
Wallner, Mary Jane

Ebel, Karen
Hicks, Matthew
McWilliams, Rebecca
Roesener, James
Wolf, Dan

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Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
O'Neil, Candice
Turer, Eric

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Harley, Tina
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Rafter, Hal
Ward, Gerald

Gilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
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Meuse, David
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Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

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Damon, Hope

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Palmer, William

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

REFERRAL DECLINED

Rep. Weyler, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, under the provisions of House Rule 47 (f), declined the referral of **HB 1665-FN**, relative to student eligibility for the education freedom accounts program.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Sweeney moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 190-189, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass on **HB 1665-FN**, relative to student eligibility for the education freedom accounts program.

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

YEAS 186 - NAYS 192**YEAS - 186
BELKNAP**

Bordes, Mike	Huot, David	St. Clair, Charlie
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CARROLL

Buco, Thomas	Burroughs, Anita	Paige, David	McAleer, Chris
Woodcock, Stephen			

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael	Ames, Richard	Harvey, Cathryn	Fox, Dru
Eaton, Daniel	Faulkner, Barry	Germana, Nicholas	Jones, Philip
Monteil, Renee	Newell, Jodi	Parshall, Lucius	Schapiro, Joe
Tatro, Bruce	Toll, Amanda	Weber, Lucy	

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne	Kelley, Eamon	Noël, Henry
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GRAFTON

Almy, Susan	Baldwin, Heather	Bolton, Bill	Cormen, Thomas
Fellows, Sallie	Fracht, David	Hakken-Phillips, Mary	Hoyt, Tommy
Murphy, James	Sullivan, Jared	Lovett, Peter	Massimilla, Linda
Morse, Corinne	Muirhead, Russell	Stavis, Laurel	Stringham, Jerry
Sykes, George			

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alistandra	Nutting-Wong, Allison	Baroody, Benjamin	Beauchemin, Paige
Beaulieu, Jane	Bouchard, Donald	Bouldin, Amanda	Bradley, Amy
Calabro, Karen	Chretien, Jacqueline	Cornell, Patricia	Ford, Damond
Darby, Will	Devine, Shelley	DiSilvestro, Linda	Dutzy, Sherry
Elberger, Susan	Davis, Fred	Freitas, Mary	Gibbons, Candace
Goley, Jeffrey	Gregg, Alicia	Grill, Jessica	Hamer, Heidi
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	Heath, Mary	Herbert, Christopher	Jack, Martin
Jeudy, Jean	Smith, Juliet	Juris, Louis	Foxx, Loren
Lanza, Judi	Leapley, Nicole	LeClerc, Daniel	Leishman, Peter
Lloyd, Christal	Long, Patrick	Howard, Molly	Murray, Megan
MacKenzie, Mark	Mangipudi, Latha	McGhee, Kat	Ming, Ben
Morton, Jennifer	Murphy, Nancy	Nutter-Upham, Frances	Pedersen, Michael
Petrigno, Peter	Plamondon, Marc	Preece, David	Newman, Ray
Raymond, Heather	Rombeau, Catherine	Rung, Rosemarie	Newman, Sue
Seibert, Christine	Sofikitis, Catherine	Spier, Carry	Staub, Kathy
Telerski, Laura	Tellez, Trinidad	Vail, Suzanne	Veilleux, Daniel
Dolan, William	Thomas, Wendy	Wheeler, Jonah	Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson	Brennan, Angela	Caplan, Tony	Carey, Lorrie
Ebel, Karen	Gallager, Eric	Gibbs, Merryl	Hall, Muriel
Hicks, Matthew	Lane, Connie	Luneau, David	MacKay, James
McWilliams, Rebecca	Myler, Mel	Payeur, Stephanie	Richards, Beth
Roesener, James	Gould, Sherry	Schamberg, Thomas	Schuett, Dianne
Schultz, Kristina	Shurtleff, Steve	Wallner, Mary Jane	Wolf, Dan

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy	DiLorenzo, Charlotte	Edgar, Michael	Gilman, Julie
Grossman, Gaby	Grote, Jaci	Hamblet, Joan	Haskins, Linda
Murray, Kate	Knab, Allison	Cahill, Michael	Paige, Mark
Maggiore, Jim	Malloy, Dennis	Manos, Zoe	McBeath, Rebecca
Meuse, David	Muns, Chris	O'Neil, Candice	Rafter, Hal
Raynolds, Ned	Simpson, Alexis	Turer, Eric	Vallone, Mark
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Sullivan, Brian	Cloutier, John	Damon, Hope	Merchant, Gary
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Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
O'Hara, Travis
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Ploszaj, Tom
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and the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1662-FN, relative to restricting simultaneous employment of certain department of health and human services staff with adoption or child placement agencies. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill eliminates the possibility for a conflict of interest within the Department for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). It would ensure that an agent, who is responsible for assessing parents and children, making findings of abuse or neglect that are later submitted in court as evidence, as well as petitioning and serving as witness in court in support of the removal and adoption of children from their families, is prohibited from simultaneously being employed by an adoption or child placing agency. The amendment clarifies that this prohibition shall not restrict the ability of DCYF agents from serving as foster parents for children for whom they had no involvement in the removal and placement process. The legislature must take due care to ensure agencies and programs it creates cannot be unfairly leveraged against the People's fundamental rights, child-rearing being one of them. Even the appearance of a conflict of interest lends to mistrust among the public and allegations of corruption. Passing an anti-corruption bill such as this will at the very least improve public perception of the department. More importantly, it will prevent a conflict of interest of a deeply serious degree from lawfully occurring within the department and therefore the members of the committee recommend Ought to Pass as Amended by amendment 2024-0191h.

Rep. Leah Cushman

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: HB 1662 is a solution in search of a problem. No evidence was given of past incidences of this type of a conflict of interest. Children under the care of DCYF are adopted directly through DCYF, not private adoption agencies, to which this bill seems to apply. This bill will continue to erode public trust in a public agency essential to the protection of our State's children. It is an unwarranted and unneeded intrusion into the employment conditions of DCYF workers and will make it even harder to hire qualified DCYF workers. Amendment 1662-0191h allows for DCYF employees to continue serving as foster parents for children for whom they had no involvement in the removal and displacement process.

Rep. Gerri Cannon

Rep. Cushman moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (0191h).

Amendment (0191h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Restriction on Simultaneous Employment. Amend RSA 126-A:4 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. No person shall be simultaneously employed by the department of health and human services, division for children youth and families, and a licensed adoption or child placing agency. This prohibition shall not restrict the ability of employees of said department from serving as foster parents for children for whom they had no involvement in the removal and placement process.

Amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Weber spoke against.

A point of order was raised by Rep. Layon. Speaker Packard accepted the point of order.

Rep. Hoell spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 188 members having voted in the affirmative, and 190 in the negative, the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment failed.

Rep. Weber moved Inexpedient to Legislate.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Hoell moved that **HB 1662-FN**, relative to restricting simultaneous employment of certain department of health and human services staff with adoption or child placement agencies, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 188 members having voted in the affirmative, and 190 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Comtois requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 190 - NAYS 187

YEAS - 190

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St. Clair, Charlie

Buco, Thomas
Woodcock, Stephen

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Monteil, Renee
Tatro, Bruce

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi
Thackston, Dick

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Toll, Amanda

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe
Weber, Lucy

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Murphy, James
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Beauchemin, Paige
Bradley, Amy
Ford, Damond
Dutzy, Sherry
Gibbons, Candace
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxx, Loren
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Ming, Ben
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Dolan, William

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Beaulieu, Jane
Calabro, Karen
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Morton, Jennifer
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

Boyd, Bill
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne
Wheeler, Jonah

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson
Ebel, Karen
Hicks, Matthew
Mason, James
Richards, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wolf, Dan

Brennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Lane, Connie
McWilliams, Rebecca
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina

Caplan, Tony
Gibbs, Merryl
Luneau, David
Myler, Mel
Gould, Sherry
Shurtleff, Steve

Carey, Lorrie
Hall, Muriel
MacKay, James
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

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Knab, Allison
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Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horriggan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

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Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
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and the motion was adopted.

HB 1396, relative to prohibiting municipal inspections of owner-occupied units of multi-unit housing.
MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. David Preece for the Majority of Municipal and County Government. This bill prohibits municipal inspections of owner-occupied units within residential structures of four units or less. Housing codes set minimum standards for housing conditions that all rental housing, new or existing, must meet to protect the health of

residents, especially property maintenance codes or sanitation codes. Building codes set the standards for the design and construction of buildings. Building codes protect the public from the health and safety risks of improperly constructed buildings or building improvements without proper inspections and code enforcement. Allowing the owner to make any improvements without code compliance and necessary inspection jeopardizes the lives of the other housing occupants. Therefore, the majority of the committee felt that the health and safety of the multi-unit rental housing residents outweighed the owner's property rights and privacy. Vote 11-8. Rep. Josh Yokela for the Minority of Municipal and County Government. The minority of the committee found that a unit not being rented out should not lose its right to privacy because other adjoining units are being rented on the same property. The claims to safety of one unit possibly harming another unit fall flat when we have condos that also have shared walls with adjoining units. Condos have the same potential structural safety issues while having complete privacy protections based on the ownership arrangement of the buildings.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.
Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 195 - NAYS 182

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Huot, David St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

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Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael Ames, Richard Harvey, Cathryn Fox, Dru
Eaton, Daniel Faulkner, Barry Germana, Nicholas Jones, Philip
Monteil, Renee Newell, Jodi Parshall, Lucius Schapiro, Joe
Tatro, Bruce Toll, Amanda Weber, Lucy

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Davis, Arnold Cascadden, Corinne Kelley, Eamon Noël, Henry
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Almy, Susan Baldwin, Heather Bolton, Bill Corman, Thomas
Fellows, Sallie Fracht, David Hakken-Phillips, Mary Hoyt, Tommy
Murphy, James Lovett, Peter Massimilla, Linda Morse, Corinne
Muirhead, Russell Stavis, Laurel Stringham, Jerry Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra Nutting-Wong, Allison Boyd, Bill King, Bill
Baroody, Benjamin Beauchemin, Paige Beaulieu, Jane Berry, Ross
Bouchard, Donald Bouldin, Amanda Bradley, Amy Calabro, Karen
Chretien, Jacqueline Cornell, Patricia Ford, Damond Darby, Will
Devine, Shelley DiSilvestro, Linda Dutzy, Sherry Elberger, Susan
Davis, Fred Freitas, Mary Gibbons, Candace Goley, Jeffrey
Gregg, Alicia Grill, Jessica Hamer, Heidi Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Heath, Mary Herbert, Christopher Jack, Martin Jeudy, Jean
Smith, Juliet Juris, Louis Foxx, Loren Lanza, Judi
Leapley, Nicole LeClerc, Daniel Leishman, Peter Lloyd, Christal
Long, Patrick Howard, Molly Murray, Megan MacKenzie, Mark
Mangipudi, Latha McGhee, Kat Ming, Ben Morton, Jennifer
Murphy, Nancy Nutter-Upham, Frances Pedersen, Michael Pettrigno, Peter
Plamondon, Marc Preece, David Newman, Ray Raymond, Heather
Rombeau, Catherine Rung, Rosemarie Newman, Sue Seibert, Christine
Sofikitis, Catherine Spier, Carry Staub, Kathy Telerski, Laura
Tellez, Trinidad Vail, Suzanne Veilleux, Daniel Dolan, William
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McWilliams, Rebecca Myler, Mel Payeur, Stephanie Richards, Beth
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Tripp, Richard
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Kuttab, Katelyn
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Popovici-Muller, Daniel
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Sweeney, Joe
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Potenza, Kelley

Bailey, Glenn
Harrington, Michael
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Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
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Rollins, Skip
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and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 1045, relative to requiring a powerboat operator to wear an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) while operating certain powerboats traveling over headway speed. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ron Dunn for Resources, Recreation and Development. The committee believes this device is a safety issue and will save lives. This device can save the lives of boat operators and public safety officials. This device will prevent boats from running out of control when the operator falls out of the boat or has a medical condition while operating the boat. This is a simple device that is easy to use and will save lives. Vote 19-1.

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

Committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1049, relative to the prohibition on overnight mooring of houseboats. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne Vail for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill repeals RSA 270-A:3 to allow owners and operators of houseboats to drop anchor and/or beach a houseboat overnight on water body that is held in public trust (inland waters over 10 acres in size), as long as the boat has both temporary or permanent sleeping facilities and a temporary or permanent sanitation facility that would have to be pumped out or dumped once back on land, thus not in the lake. The committee learned that this repeal lifts restrictions on houseboats in a broad manner. It applies to any boat, from any place, mooring anywhere on any inland waterway greater than 10 acres in size, for any reason and any length of time. This might open up inland waterways to houseboats parked indefinitely as housing, commercial enterprises such as restaurants, short term rentals, and other difficulties, as there is no restricted usage or provision for mooring and beaching of houseboats. Vote 18-2.

MOTON TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Peternel moved that **HB 1049**, relative to the prohibition on overnight mooring of houseboats, be Indefinitely Postponed.

The question being adoption of the motion to Indefinitely Postpone.

Rep. Griffin spoke against.

Rep. Potenza requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
McCarter, Nikki
Beaudoin, Richard
Trottier, Douglas

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Nagel, David
Smart, Lisa
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Huot, David
O'Hara, Travis
St. Clair, Charlie

Coker, Matthew
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Ploszaj, Tom
Terry, Paul

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Cordelli, Glenn
MacDonald, John
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
Costable, Michael
Smith, Jonathan
Brown, Richard

Buco, Thomas
Crawford, Karel
McAleer, Chris
Woodcock, Stephen

Burroughs, Anita
Paige, David
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry

Harvey, Cathryn
Germana, Nicholas

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip

Monteil, Renee
Rhodes, Jennifer
Toll, Amanda

Newell, Jodi
Schapiro, Joe
Weber, Lucy

Parshall, Lucius
Tatro, Bruce
Nutting, Zachary

Qualey, James
Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Noël, Henry

Cascadden, Corinne
Ouellet, Mike

Kelley, Eamon
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Brown, Carroll
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Ladd, Rick
Muirhead, Russell
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Cormen, Thomas
Hoyt, Tommy
Lovett, Peter
Rocheftort, David

Berezhny, Lex
Fellows, Sallie
Murphy, James
Massimilla, Linda
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Fracht, David
Sullivan, Jared
Morse, Corinne
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Boyd, Bill
Beaulieu, Jane
Bouldin, Amanda
Corcoran, Travis
Kelley, Diane
Dutzy, Sherry
Fedolfi, Jim
Goley, Jeffrey
Hamer, Heidi
Herbert, Christopher
Smith, Juliet
Lascelles, Richard
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Morton, Jennifer
Pank, Sandra
Plamondon, Marc
Newman, Ray
Rung, Rosemarie
Sheehan, Vanessa
Staub, Kathy
Ulery, Jordan
Thomas, Wendy

Nutting-Wong, Allison
King, Bill
Berry, Ross
Bradley, Amy
Cornell, Patricia
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Freitas, Mary
Gorski, Ted
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Infantine, William
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
Mazur, Lisa
Murphy, Nancy
Pauer, Diane
Plett, Fred
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Sirois, Shane
Telerski, Laura
Vail, Suzanne
Wherry, Robert

Abare, Kimberly
Baroody, Benjamin
Boehm, Ralph
Calabro, Karen
Creighton, Jim
Devine, Shelley
Erf, Keith
Gagne, Larry
Gregg, Alicia
Healey, Robert
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Notter, Jeanine
Pedersen, Michael
Post, Lisa
Reid, Karen
Seibert, Christine
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Veilleux, Daniel
Wilhelm, Matthew

Alexander, Joe
Beauchemin, Paige
Bouchard, Donald
Colcombe, Riché
Ford, Damond
DiSilvestro, Linda
Davis, Fred
Gibbons, Candace
Grill, Jessica
Heath, Mary
Judy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Ming, Ben
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Petrigno, Peter
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Seidel, Sheila
Spier, Carry
Tenczar, Jeffrey
Dolan, William

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Gallager, Eric
Hicks, Matthew
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Gould, Sherry
See, Alvin
Wolf, Dan

Aures, Cyril
Caplan, Tony
Gerhard, Jason
Hoell, J.R.
MacKay, James
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Shurtleff, Steve
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Carey, Lorrie
Gibbs, Merryl
Lane, Connie
McWilliams, Rebecca
Roesener, James
Schuett, Dianne
Testerman, Dave

Brennan, Angela
Ebel, Karen
Hall, Muriel
Leavitt, John
Myler, Mel
Boyd, Stephen
Schultz, Kristina
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Edgar, Michael
Grossman, Gaby
Harb, Robert
Nelson, Jodi
Perez, Kristine
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lynn, Bob
Maggiore, Jim
McDonnell, Valerie
Muns, Chris
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Quaratiello, Arlene
Simpson, Alexis
Sytek, John
Turer, Eric
Vose, Michael

Ball, Lorie
Thomas, Douglas
Doucette, Fred
Edwards, Jess
Grote, Jaci
Harley, Tina
Janigian, John
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Cahill, Michael
Malloy, Dennis
McMahon, Charles
O'Neil, Candice
Porcelli, Susan
Rafter, Hal
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Vallone, Mark
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Guthrie, Joseph
Haskins, Linda
Janvrin, Jason
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Melvin, Charles
Ford, Oliver
Potucek, John
Raynolds, Ned
Summers, James
Tripp, Richard
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wallace, Scott

Brouillard, Jacob
DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Dunn, Ron
Gilman, Julie
Hamblet, Joan
Hobson, Deb
Murray, Kate
Knab, Allison
Lundgren, David
Pearson, Mark
McBeath, Rebecca
Meuse, David
Osborne, Jason
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Verville, Kevin
Ward, Gerald

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Cannon, Gerri
Granger, Michael
Horgan, James
Levesque, Cassandra
Pare, Gail
Selig, Loren

Bixby, Peter
Conlin, Bill
Grassie, Chuck
Horrigan, Timothy
Smith, Marjorie
Phinney, Brandon
Southworth, Thomas

Burnham, Claudine
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Howard, Heath
Howland, Allan
Newton, Clifford
Pitre, Joseph
Wall, Janet

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Harrington, Michael
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Potenza, Kelley

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Drye, Margaret
Spilsbury, Walter

Sullivan, Brian
Merchant, Gary
Stone, Jonathan

Cloutier, John
Palmer, William
Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope
Rollins, Skip

NAYS - 53**CHESHIRE**

Hunt, John

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Durkin, Sean

GRAFTON

Coulon, Matthew

Greeson, Jeffrey

Sellers, John

Simon, Matthew

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Griffin, Gerald
Lewicke, John
Noble, Kristin
Lekas, Tony

Ammon, Keith
Kennedy, Stephen
McGough, Tim
Proulx, Mark
Mannion, Tom

Chretien, Jacqueline
Kofalt, Jim
McLean, Mark
Prout, Andrew
Wheeler, Jonah

Cushman, Leah
Leishman, Peter
Mooney, Maureen
Renzullo, Andrew

MERRIMACK

McGuire, Carol
Moffett, Michael

McGuire, Dan
Polozov, Yury

Hill, Gregory
Seaworth, Brian

Mason, James
Walsh, Thomas

ROCKINGHAM

Emerick, Tracy
Pratt, Kevin
True, Chris

Layon, Erica
Roy, Terry
Weyler, Kenneth

Milz, David
Spillane, James
Yokela, Josh

Phillips, Emily
Dolan, Tom

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
Turcotte, Len

Bailey, Glenn
LaMontagne, Jessica

Connor, James

Kaczynski, Thomas

SULLIVAN

Smith, Steven

Stapleton, Walter

and the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 1429-FN-A, establishing a procedure for the department of environmental services to transfer ownership of dams to municipalities or others, including making loans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dan Wolf for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill establishes a procedure for state notification to municipalities before any dam is removed by the state. It requires the state to give notice at least 1 year before any planned removal. Further, the bill provides a procedure to transfer ownership of dams to the municipalities in which the dam is located. The bill also authorizes the Department of Environmental Services to provide loan access to the municipalities from the Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund and appropriates \$1 to the fund. The bill was amended specifying the procedures to effectuate the transfer. To wit, the legislative body of the municipality must vote to accept the transfer and, in addition, agree to accept the issuance of any long-term debt necessary to effectuate the transfer and address any deficiencies in the dam. This bill received broad support. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (0227h)

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

1 New Section; Department of Environmental Services; Dams; Transfer Procedures. Amend RSA 482 by inserting after section 51 the following new section:

482:51-a Dams; Transfer to Municipality or Association.

I. At least one year prior to removing any state-owned dam, the department shall offer to transfer ownership of the dam and associated property to the municipality in which the dam and impoundment created by

it are located. Upon notice by the department, the governing body shall cause the legislative body to answer the question of whether the legislative body wants to accept the transfer of ownership of the dam. At the same meeting, the legislative body shall consider the issuance of any long term debt necessary to effectuate the transfer and address any deficiencies. If the legislative body votes to accept the transfer but denies issuance of the debt, the department shall consider that to be a rejection of the offer. Upon rejection of the offer by the municipality, the department shall offer to transfer ownership of the dam and impoundment created by it to any association of landowners or any interested parties, registered as a public entity in good standing and capable of issuing long term debt which have an interest in perpetuating the dam and its impoundment. Those interested parties shall have 90 days to consider whether to accept the transfer of ownership. After those 90 days have elapsed with no accepted offers for a transfer of ownership, the department may proceed with removal of the dam.

II. The procedure in paragraph I shall not apply if, upon receipt of information reasonably believed to be valid, the commissioner of environmental services believes the dam to be in imminent danger of failure and a threat to the lives and property downstream.

III. When offering a transfer of a dam under paragraph I, the department shall provide to the offerees any existing documentation regarding the dams condition, a good faith estimate of costs of necessary repairs, a list of ongoing maintenance, inspection, or licensing needed, and all other relevant information regarding the costs of taking ownership of the dam with associated property.

IV. The department shall develop by administrative rules under RSA 541-A a process by which municipalities, or other interested parties who are capable of assessing local property taxes or issuing debt, may apply for a loan necessary for the repair and maintenance of non-state-owned dams. Loans shall be funded by moneys in the dam maintenance revolving loan fund established in RSA 482:55-b.

2 New Section; Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund Established. Amend RSA 482 by inserting after section 55-a the following new section:

482:55-b Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund Established.

I. There is established a dam maintenance revolving loan fund to provide loans to fund the maintenance, repair, removal, or improvement of any municipally owned dam, when such maintenance, repair, removal, or improvement is required under this chapter. This fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department for the purposes of RSA 482:51-a. No loans shall be made from this fund until the fund has accrued a balance of at least \$2,500,000.

II. Loans made from the fund shall be issued at the discretion of the department of environmental services.

III. A sum equal to up to 5 percent or not more than \$200,000 of the balance of the fund each year shall be set aside to pay the department costs of administering the fund. The funds set aside shall be deposited into the dam maintenance fund and shall be continually appropriated to the department exclusively for the purposes of this section and RSA 482:51-a.

IV. The department shall adopt rules for the revolving loan fund including the interest rate charged on loans and oversight of the administration of the fund. In providing loans, the department shall evaluate the risk posed by the dam, the public benefit of the dam, the private benefit of the dam to lakefront owners, the ecological impacts of the dam, the potential for contributions to needed maintenance, repair, or reconstruction, the financial resources of the applicant, and the relative cost of maintaining, repairing, or improving the dam as compared to removing or breaching the dam.

V. Sources of revenue that may be accepted and deposited into the dam maintenance revolving loan fund include:

- (a) Any funds that may be appropriated from the general fund;
- (b) Principal and interest received from the repayment of loans made from the fund;
- (c) Grants and awards made to the state by the federal government for the purpose for which the fund was established;
- (d) Interest earned from the investment of fund balances;
- (e) Private gifts, bequests, and donations made to the state for the purpose for which the fund was established; and
- (f) Any other funds from any public or private source intended to be used for the purpose for which the fund was established.

3 New Subparagraph; Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (394) the following new subparagraph:

(395) Moneys deposited in the dam maintenance revolving loan fund established in RSA 482:55-b.

4 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund. The sum of \$1 is appropriated to the department of environmental services for deposit in the dam maintenance revolving loan fund established in RSA 482:55-b, for the purpose of providing loans under RSA 482:51-a. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a procedure for the department of environmental services to transfer ownership of a dam and associated property to the municipality in which the dam is located, or to other associations or parties, and includes the authority of the department to make loans from a dam maintenance revolving loan fund. Committee amendment was adopted.

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

Committee report was adopted, and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 1700-FN, prohibiting the intentional release of polluting emissions, including cloud seeding, weather modification, excessive electromagnetic radio frequency and microwave radiation and making penalties for violation of such prohibition. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for Science, Technology and Energy: This bill identified a very wide range of items that if intentionally dispersed in the air would be illegal and subject to heavy fines. The committee found that polluting emissions such as cloud seeding, weather modification, excessive electromagnetic radio frequency and microwave radiation had no credible proof of their proposed ill effects or if being dispersed in state. Various amendments were found wanting and the proposal for interim study thought non effective. Vote 16-3.

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

Reps. Brouillard and Gerhard spoke against.

Rep. Harrington spoke in favor.

Rep. Gerhard requested a roll call; not sufficiently seconded.

On a division vote, with 315 members having voted in the affirmative, and 58 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

HB 1062, relative to the use of special cover plates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Alvin See for Transportation. This bill clarifies that a person may use one cover plate, a legislative plate for example, on one end of their vehicle and one regular plate on the other end. Vote 10-9.

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

On a division vote, with 198 members having voted in the affirmative, and 177 in the negative, the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 1138-FN, equalizing the fines for operating an OHRV with a driver's license suspended and operating a snowmobile with a driver's license suspended. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for Transportation. This bill raises the fine to \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for a second or subsequent offense for operating an OHRV or snowmobile with a suspended driver's license. This would match the fines for similar offenses for an automobile. Vote 16-3.

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

Committee report was adopted, and the Speaker referred the bill to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HB 1228, relative to establishing a fish and game guides committee to determine qualifications for licensure of fish and game guides. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kimberly Abare for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee expressed concerns that the proposed bill did not address the underlying issue of applicants failing licensure tests due to diverse learning styles and challenges with an oral testing board. As a recommendation, instead of adding a new law onto the books in New Hampshire, the committee suggested that the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department consult with the commissioner of the Department of Education to improve the oral board component of testing, ensuring a more effective evaluation of demonstrative skills, and thus increasing the number of licensures in New Hampshire. Vote 15-2.

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

Rep. Kofalt spoke against.

Rep. Spillane spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 312 members having voted in the affirmative, and 61 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

REFERRAL DECLINED

Rep. Roy, Chairman of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, under the provisions of House Rule 47 (f), declined the referral of **HB 1138-FN**, equalizing the fines for operating an OHRV with a driver's license suspended and operating a snowmobile with a driver's license suspended.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Osborne offered the following: RESOLVED, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of bills be by title only and resolutions by caption only and that all bills ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of bills be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time, and when the House adjourns today it be to meet, Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Motion was adopted.

LATE SESSION**Third Reading and Final Passage**

HB 1340, relative to exclusion of incarceration as voluntary unemployment for purposes of calculating child support.
HB 279-FN, increasing the penalty for on-premises licensees overserving alcohol.
HB 1066, relative to the graduation requirement of filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
HB 1088, enabling schools to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.
HB 1107, relative to public school curriculum frameworks.
HB 1161, relative to use of the public school infrastructure fund for energy efficient school buses.
HB 1165, relative to procedures for school facilities under the department of education.
HB 1469, relative to the retention of individualized education program records.
HB 1480, relative to alternative dispute resolution within individualized education programs.
HB 1639-FN-L, relative to children with disabilities placed at state facilities for detained or adjudicated youth.
HB 1057, relative to provisional licenses for new applicants for state emergency medical services licensure.
HB 1292-FN, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan.
HB 1451-FN, relative to mandatory overtime and the calculation of base rate of compensation.
HB 1424, relative to pistols permitted for taking game.
HB 1245, relative to release of confidential records of a person appointed a guardian.
HB 1309, relative to the secretary of state's procedures for enrolled bills.
HB 1103-FN, relative to revising the penalties of the shoreland protection act.
HB 1139, relative to location of conventional septic systems relative to the seasonal high water table.
HB 1141, relative to requirements for approval to increase load on a sewage disposal system.
HB 1083, relative to vehicles held in joint tenancy with rights of survivorship.
HB 1122-FN, relative to lights on motor vehicles.
HB 1127, relative to the revocation and suspension of drivers' licenses.
HB 1048, relative to the commission on Holocaust and genocide education.
HB 1116, relative to certain firearms to be used for taking of game.
HB 1045, relative to requiring a powerboat operator to wear an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) while operating certain powerboats traveling over headway speed.
HB 1062, relative to the use of special cover plates.
HB 1138-FN, equalizing the fines for operating an OHRV with a driver's license suspended and operating a snowmobile with a driver's license suspended.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Ming requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding the Lunar New Year and addressed the House.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Schultz moved that the remarks made by Rep. Ming during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS

Representative Ming: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Happy Chinese New Year, and Happy Lunar New Year. I'm so pleased to be able to share this day with my Black colleagues, as we all celebrate Black History Month. Honoring the past, addressing the challenges of the present, and holding a vision of the future that unequivocally holds Black, Latino, and Asian history as American history, and our humanity as equally worthy of that recognition. For those who observe Lunar New Year, it's a time to reset at home, eat well, and above all, be with family. In other words, universal ideas. Ideas that I think serve many of us well, whether you celebrate Lunar New Year or not. There are many New Year's traditions; far too many to share them all right now, so I'd just like to finish up by speaking to everyone in New Hampshire who will be celebrating the beginning of the Year of the Dragon this Saturday. No single legislator can know all and be all, but I like to think that what we say before the full House becomes part of the collective understanding of our state and our place in this world. So please keep that in mind during your celebrations, Gung Hay Fat Choy, and we wish you all a Happy Lunar New Year. Thank you.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Dan McGuire requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding the state's finances and addressed the House.

RECESS MOTION

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

Motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 3:00 p.m.

RECESS

(Rep. Yokela in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 68 and 39 and Senate Bills numbered 106.

Rep. Osborne, Sen. Avard for the Committee

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT

SB 255-FN, relative to the expectation of privacy. (Amendment printed SJ 2/8/24)

Motion was adopted.

RECESS

(Rep. Read in the Chair)

RESOLUTION

Rep. Schamberg offered the following: **RESOLVED**, that late drafting and introduction having been approved by a 2/3 vote of the membership in House Session, House Bill numbered 1712 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed title, sent for printing and referred to the therein designated committee. Motion was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILL**First, second reading and referral**

HB 1712, renewing the committee to study non-pharmacological treatment options for patients with chronic pain. (Nagel, Belk. 6; Merchant, Sull. 6; Lundgren, Rock. 16; Calabro, Hills. 45; Chandley, Dist 11; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

RECESS