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HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 12 (Cont'd)

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

HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 13

Thursday, May 9, 2024

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 Guest Chaplain, Reverend Reed Loy, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hopkinton.

In my religion we speak of prayer as first of all a response to God, that is, a response to love, as we have known love. So, I will pray in a form familiar to me, but acknowledging the diversity of this chamber, I hope you might find through these words your own spirit of response to love, as you have known love. Let us pray. God, source of wisdom, whose will is life, whose rains fall upon rich and poor alike, who calls every child "my child," whose perfect love always exceeds our understanding, but who draws us ever closer. Guide the legislature of this state, that their discourse, in word and silence, may reveal our greatest wisdom, that the laws they enact may embody, through this word itself be all but absent from our RSAs, love, and sustain the welfare of all people and that their example may renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. And if these high callings are in any way unlooked for in our time or among our peers, give us strength and even good humor to depart expectations in favor of the surprise of good will and new life. By the name in which we rise to our best selves and truest efforts. Amen.

Representative John Leavitt, member from Hooksett, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by Caitlin Barbery of Hooksett.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Bucu, Gibbs, O'Brien and Stephen Pearson, the day, illness.

Reps. William Dolan, Damond Ford, Hobson, Hoell, Infantine, McBeath, O'Hara, Trottier and Verville, the day, important business.

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

Reps. Richards and Schamberg, death in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Melissa Leavitt, Kim Murphy, and Emanuel Deschryver, family of the singer, guests of Rep. Leavitt. Mairade Durkin, wife of Rep. Durkin. Lee Ann Kluger, guest of Rep. Vail. Buzz Scherr, guest of Rep. Hamblet. Suzanne Chretien, guest of Rep. Hamer. Jim Gruber, guest of Rep. Schapiro. Rachel Gagne, and Jessica Margeson, guests of Rep. Staub. William Black, and Allison Schwartz, guests of Rep. Hakken-Phillips. Fourth grade students from Moultonborough Central School, guests of Reps. Crawford, McConkey, Costable and Richard Brown. Fourth grade students from Grinnell Elementary School, guests of Rep. Potucek. Dr. John McGhee, guest of Rep. McGhee.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35***Celebrating 50 Years of NCSL***

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures was founded in 1975 as the result of the merger of three organizations that represented state legislatures who shared the belief that legislative service is one of the democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization whose mission is to advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of institutions; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures not only serves all members of the legislature across the country, but offers professional development opportunities for all legislative staff as well; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire has provided two Presidents of the National Conference of State Legislatures, members and staff have served on its executive committee and its several standing committees, staff have served as presidents, board members and chairs of the various staff associations under the umbrella of NCSL; and

WHEREAS, NCSL serves as a resource to the New Hampshire House of Representatives, expressing the importance of the First Branch of Government; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the New Hampshire House of Representatives in Regular Session convened, recognizes, commends, and celebrates the National Conference of State Legislatures as they begin their fiftieth year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution to be presented to NCSL be prepared by the Clerk of the House and duly transmitted to them.

Adopted unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The House welcomed Suzuki Kotaro, Consul General of Japan in Boston and he addressed the House.

SENATE MESSAGE**REQUESTS CONCURRENCE WITH AMENDMENTS**

HB 398, relative to notice of PFAS contamination prior to the sale of real property. (Amendment printed SJ 5/2/24)

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

Motion was adopted.

HB 1060, relative to establishing a geologic resources committee. (Amendment printed SJ 5/2/24)

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

Motion was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

SB 574, relative to the appointment of a temporary agent for a minor child or incapacitated person, removed by Reps. Kristine Perez, Kuttub, Tom Mannion, Ankarberg, Post, Popovici-Muller, Wherry, Spillane, Ball and Cushman.

SB 426-FN, relative to the transportation of marijuana in a motor vehicle or OHRV, removed by Reps. Alisandra Murray, Tom Mannion, Granger, Phillips, Yokela, Read, Noble, Tony Lekas, Coulon and Costable.

SB 508-FN, relative to the duties of the superintendent of the county department of corrections concerning mental health and substance use disorder screening of inmates and coordination for services upon reentry, removed by Reps. Ankarberg, Granger, Read, Tom Mannion, Bickford, Santonastaso, Popovici-Muller, Coulon, Wheeler and Bailey.

SB 481, relative to establishing Juneteenth June 19, as an annual holiday, removed by Reps. Alisandra Murray, Nutting-Wong, Gallagher, Damon, Selig, Heath Howard, McWilliams, Wendy Thomas, Morse and Horrigan. Consent Calendar was adopted.

SB 357, relative to expanding the definition of providers who can certify patients of the therapeutic cannabis program. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Gerri Cannon for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill expands the definition of provider under the therapeutic cannabis program to include physician assistants and any other New Hampshire provider who is licensed to prescribe drugs to humans, who possesses an active registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to prescribe controlled substances, and who is primarily responsible for the patient's care related to his or her qualifying medical condition. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (1696h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definition of Provider. Amend RSA 126-X:1, VII(a)(3) and (4) to read as follows:

(3) A physician, **physician assistant**, or advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe drugs to humans under the relevant state licensing laws in Maine, Massachusetts, or Vermont and who possesses an active registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to prescribe controlled substances and who is primarily responsible for the patient's care related to his or her qualifying medical condition; ~~or~~

(4) A physician assistant licensed pursuant to RSA 328-D and who possesses an active registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to prescribe controlled substances~~[-with the express consent of the supervising physician.]; or~~

(5) Any other New Hampshire provider who is licensed to prescribe drugs to humans and who possesses an active registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to prescribe controlled substances and who is responsible for the patient's care related to his or her qualifying medical condition.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands the definition of provider under the therapeutic cannabis program to include a provider licensed to prescribe medication and who is responsible for the patient's care related to his or her qualifying medical condition. The bill also requires, for issuance of a registry identification card to a minor, certification from 2 providers, one of whom shall provide pediatric care.

SB 560, relative to establishing a committee to study the impact of pharmacy benefit manager operations on cost, administration, and distribution of prescription drugs. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Gary Merchant for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Affordability of prescription drugs has become a major challenge for patients. Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) play a significant role in the healthcare system by managing prescription drug benefits for health insurance plans. PBMs often operate with complex pricing structures and rebate arrangements central to the pricing of prescription drugs with manufacturers, which often lacks transparency. The PBM industry has seen significant consolidation in recent years, raising concerns about market competition and potential anticompetitive behavior. PBM formulary decisions can impact patients' access to medications and quality of care. For these reasons, legislative knowledge is critical for the development of policies to ensure greater transparency in pricing of prescription medications, to ensure patient affordability of prescription medications, and to minimize pricing that could harm patients or limit patient freedom of choice. Vote 20-0.

SB 331-A, relative to certain historic commemorations. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Gregory Hill for Legislative Administration. This bill authorizes the Joint Legislative Historical Committee to accept a portrait of former Senator Martha Fuller Clark and to oversee the location of the portrait hanging at the discretion of the Joint Legislative Historical Committee. Additionally, the bill requires proceeds from the sale of commemorative liquor bottles to be saved in the American Revolution sestercentennial trust fund. Finally, the amendment authorizes the Joint Legislative Historical Committee to also accept any gift of a portrait of Wentworth Cheswell and oversee the location of the hanging of that portrait at the discretion of the Joint Legislative Historical Committee. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (1708h)

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

1 Joint Legislative Historical Committee; Martha Fuller Clark Portrait. The joint legislative historical committee established under RSA 17-I:1 may accept a gift of a portrait of former Senator Martha Fuller Clark and oversee the location of the hanging of the portrait at the discretion of the joint legislative historical committee.

2 American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission. All funds received by the liquor commission from commemorative bottles produced to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution under the historical fund program in RSA 177:8 shall be deposited in the American Revolution sestercentennial trust fund established in RSA 17-S:6.

3 Joint Legislative Historical Committee; Wentworth Cheswell Portrait. The joint legislative historical committee established under RSA 17-I:1 may accept a gift of a portrait of Wentworth Cheswell and oversee the location of the hanging of the portrait at the discretion of the joint legislative historical committee.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows the joint legislative historical committee to accept a portrait of Senator Martha Fuller Clark.

II. Directs the deposit of funds received by the liquor commission from certain commemorative bottles to the American revolution sesstercentennial trust fund.

III. Allows the joint legislative historical committee to accept a portrait of Wentworth Cheswell.

SB 605, relative to ethical standards for members of the general court. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Gregory Hill for Legislative Administration. The Senate version of the ethics-recusal bill concentrates on a different set of situations for when recusal by a legislator becomes necessary than what the House bill concentrated on. The two bills are complementary rather than adversarial or overlapping. The Senate version deals primarily with the actions of the employer and the employee of an organization who happens to be a legislator. Excluded from the definition of organization for this purpose are the state or federal government, county government, or political subdivisions of the State of New Hampshire. Legislators or their family members who work for other than the excluded organizations must recuse if they receive 1) financial remuneration, and 2) hold a position of substantial influence within that organization and, 3) recognize their organization attempts to influence the outcome of legislation. All three must be satisfied in order for the legislator to recuse. The bill also outlines some examples of those who may exercise substantial influence. The amendment expanded the exclusion to political subdivisions and made clear that all three qualifying factors were required for recusal. Additionally, the amendment changes the effective date to January 1, 2025, the next legislative session. Vote 16-0.

Amendment (1663h)

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

1 New Sections; Persons Having Substantial Influence; Members of the General Court. Amend RSA 14-C by inserting after section 4 the following new sections:

14-C:4-a Definition. "Organization" shall be construed broadly to mean any business, corporation, whether for profit, non-profit, not-for-profit, social welfare organization, or natural person. "Organization" shall not include the United States of America, the state of New Hampshire, a county within the state of New Hampshire, or any political subdivision within the state of New Hampshire.

14-C:4-b Recusal. A legislator shall recuse himself or herself from participation in any official legislative activity only when the legislator or a member of the legislator's household satisfies all of the following:

I. Receives financial remuneration from an organization;

II. Holds a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization; and

III. The organization has lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome of the official legislative activity.

14-C:4-c Persons Having Substantial Influence. Those persons who hold any of the following powers, responsibilities, or interest having substantial influence over the affairs of the organization may include, but are not limited to the following:

I. Voting members of the governing body;

II. Presidents, chief executive officers, or chief operating officers; and

III. Treasurers and chief financial officers.

14-C:4-d Facts and Circumstances Tending to Show Substantial Influence. Whether a person holds a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization shall be determined based on the totality of the circumstances. Facts and circumstances tending to show that a person has substantial influence over the affairs of an organization include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. The person founded the organization;

II. The person is a substantial contributor to the organization;

III. The person's compensation is primarily based on revenues derived from activities of the organization, or of a particular department or function of the organization, that the person controls;

IV. The person has or shares authority to control or determine a substantial portion of the organization's capital expenditures, operating budget, or compensation for employees;

V. The person manages a discrete segment or activity of the organization that represents a substantial portion of the activities, assets, income, or expenses of the organization, as compared to the organization as a whole;

VI. The person owns a controlling interest (measured by either vote or value) in a corporation, partnership, or trust or other entity.

14-C:4-e Facts and Circumstances Tending to Show No Substantial Influence. Facts and circumstances tending to show that a person does not have substantial influence over the affairs of an organization include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. The person has taken a bona fide vow of poverty as an employee, agent, or on behalf, of a religious organization;

II. The person is a contractor (such as an attorney, accountant, or investment manager or advisor) whose sole relationship to the organization is providing professional advice (without having decision-making authority or a title of authority within the organization) with respect to transactions from which the contractor will not economically benefit either directly or indirectly (aside from customary fees received for the professional advice rendered);

III. The direct supervisor of the individual does not hold a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the non-governmental organization, business, or person;

IV. The person does not participate in any management decisions affecting the organization as a whole or a discrete segment or activity of the organization that represents a substantial portion of the activities, assets, income, or expenses of the non-governmental organization, business, or person, as compared to the organization as a whole; or

V. Any preferential treatment a person receives based on the size of that person's contribution is also offered to all other donors making a comparable contribution as part of a solicitation intended to attract a substantial number of contributions.

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

SB 491, relative to authorizing legislative bodies of municipalities to enter into voluntary agreements with owners of private roads. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Brown for Municipal and County Government. This bill would have permitted municipalities to enter into contracts with owners of private roads, allowing municipalities to use those roads. Municipalities already have the right to access private roads in case of emergency. Only one person testified on behalf of this bill. The Department of Transportation did not testify for the need of this bill and no municipality chose to testify. The need for this bill was not demonstrated. Vote 18-0.

SB 531, relative to background checks of municipal health officers. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for Municipal and County Government. At the request of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), this bill amends RSA 128:9 eliminating the requirement that a town submit a criminal history record information request of a town health officer nominee to the commissioner of DHHS or his or her designee as a prerequisite to the appointment of the health officer. Pursuant to RSA 128 "Town Health Officers," the Commissioner of DHHS shall appoint a town health officer for each town upon the recommendation of the town selectmen. The bill allows a town the ability to review the criminal background check of a candidate for health officer and to select a nominee in accordance with locally established hiring practices and procedures, as town health officers are employees of the town. Importantly, the bill removes the responsibility of DHHS to receive, review, and archive criminal history record information requests of nominees, thereby streamlining the nomination process and safeguarding potentially sensitive, private information. In sum, the bill decreases unnecessary administrative burdens for DHHS related to the selection of town health officer nominees, reduces privacy concerns, and significantly affords greater local control over the selection and hiring of town health officers. Vote 17-1.

SB 451, relative to an expedited track for certain applications to the site evaluation committee. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Vose for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill adds a process to fast-track the siting of energy projects that repurpose existing energy installations, such as replacing a coal burning plant with a solar/battery project at the same location. Existing sites already have a grid interconnection in place and have been through the land-use reviews necessary to site an energy facility. The committee amendment refines the process developed in the original bill, providing more specific detail about the definition of "qualified repurposing," including restrictions on the generation capacity of the new facility and its land parcel size, along with information about how the fast-track process affects cities and towns. This bill completes the site evaluation committee overhaul, which began with 2023's HB 281 and 2024's HB 609. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (1676h)

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

1 New Paragraph; Definitions; Qualified Repurposing. Amend RSA 162-H:2 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

XI-a. "Qualified repurposing" means the modification of an existing energy facility that meets each of the following criteria:

(a) The existing energy facility holds a current certificate from the site evaluation committee, or began operations with state and local approvals prior to the site evaluation committee certification process and continues to hold those state and local approvals.

(b) The existing energy facility is certificated or permitted for electric generation or battery storage.

(c) The existing energy facility is not a hydroelectric generation facility.

(d) The existing energy facility is currently interconnected with the distribution and/or regional transmission system.

(e) The modified energy facility, would either be permitted by local zoning ordinance or could be permitted by special exception if local zoning ordinances applied, as supported by a signed opinion of legal counsel or verification by the municipality's zoning enforcement officer.

(f) The modified energy facility would not require a variance if local zoning ordinances applied, as supported by a signed opinion of legal counsel or verification by the municipality's zoning enforcement officer.

(g) The modified energy facility would be located on the same parcel or parcels of land certificated or approved for the physical location of generation equipment and supporting operational uses, or an addition on an abutting parcel of land. For purposes of this subparagraph, “abutting” means contiguous to or directly across a road, railroad, or stream from the parcels on, under, or above which the existing energy facility’s generation equipment and supporting operational uses are located.

(h) The combined generation capacity or storage capacity or both of the modified energy facility, taking into account capacity factors and any planned intermittency, would not exceed the capacity of the interconnection to the grid existing at the time of application, which capacity must be stated in the application.

(i) The modification changes the fuel type or source, adds a different fuel type or source, or adds battery storage to or replaces all or a portion of the facility with battery storage.

(j) The applicant demonstrates that the modification results in qualitative improvements to the health and safety of the state.

2 Energy Facility Siting, Construction, and Operation; Applications; Qualified Existing Energy Facilities Repurposing. RSA 162-H:7-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

162-H:7-a Application for Certificate; Qualified Existing Energy Facilities Repurposing.

I. This section applies only to repurposing qualified existing energy facilities as defined in RSA 162-H:2, XI-a.

II. All applications for a certificate for an energy facility shall be filed with the chairperson of the site evaluation committee.

III. Upon filing of an application, the chairperson of the site evaluation committee shall expeditiously conduct a preliminary review to ascertain if the application contains sufficient information to carry out the purposes of this chapter. If the application does not contain such sufficient information, the chairperson of the site evaluation committee shall, in writing, expeditiously notify the applicant of that fact and specify what information the applicant must supply.

IV. Each application shall contain sufficient information to satisfy the application requirements of each state agency having jurisdiction, under state or federal law, to regulate any aspect of the construction or operation of the proposed facility, and shall include each agency’s completed application forms, which shall be contemporaneously filed with the state agency having jurisdiction. Upon receipt of a copy, each agency shall conduct a preliminary review to ascertain if the application contains sufficient information for its purposes. If the application does not contain sufficient information for the purposes of any of the state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority, that agency shall, in writing, notify the committee and the applicant of that fact and specify what information the applicant must supply. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of the time limitations imposed by this section, any application made under this section shall be deemed not accepted either by the chairperson of the site evaluation committee, the committee at large, or by any of the state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority if the applicant is reasonably notified that it has not supplied sufficient information for any of the state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority in accordance with this paragraph.

V. Each application shall also:

(a) Describe in reasonable detail the type and size of each major part of the proposed facility.

(b) Identify both the applicant’s preferred choice and other alternatives it considers available for the site and configuration of each major part of the proposed facility and the reasons for the applicant’s preferred choice.

(c) Describe in reasonable detail the impact of each major part of the proposed facility on the environment for each site proposed.

(d) Describe in reasonable detail the applicant’s proposals for studying and solving environmental problems.

(e) Describe in reasonable detail the applicant’s financial, technical, and managerial capability for construction and operation of the proposed facility.

(f) Document that written notification of the proposed project, including appropriate copies of the application, has been given to the appropriate governing body of each affected municipality, as defined in RSA 162-H:2, I-b. The application shall include a list of the affected municipalities.

(g) Describe in reasonable detail the elements of and financial assurances for a facility decommissioning plan.

(h) Provide such additional information as the committee may require to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

VI. Upon filing the application with the committee, the applicant shall publish a public notice describing the nature and location of the proposed facility and repurposing in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the town and/or county in which the facility is located and shall provide a copy of the public notice to the city or town administrator in which the facility is located for public posting.

VII. The committee shall make a determination of whether or not to accept the application as administratively complete and that the application meets the requirements of RSA 162-H:2, XI-a, relative to qualified existing energy facility repurposing, within 30 days of filing. Notice of acceptance of the application shall be

simultaneously provided to the applicant and the applicable state agency. If the committee rejects an application because it determines it to be administratively incomplete, the applicant may choose to file a new and more complete application or cure the defects in the rejected application within 10 days of receipt of notification of rejection.

VIII. Public information sessions shall be held in accordance with RSA 162-H:10.

IX. All state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority shall report their progress to the committee within 90 days of the acceptance of the application, outlining draft permit conditions and specifying additional data requirements necessary to make a final decision on the parts of the application that relate to its permitting or other regulatory authority.

X. All state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority shall make and submit to the committee a final decision on the parts of the application that relate to its permitting and other regulatory authority, no later than 120 days after the application has been accepted.

XI. Within 180 days of the acceptance of an application, the committee shall issue or deny a certificate for an energy facility.

XII. This chapter shall not preclude an agency from imposing its usual statutory fees.

XIII. The applicant shall immediately inform the committee and applicable state agency of any substantive modification to its application.

XIV. The time to render a decision on the application may be extended by the agency of jurisdiction for good cause upon written request of the applicant. Such extensions shall be reported to the committee.

162-H:7-b Role of State Agencies in All Proceedings.

I. State agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority may participate in committee proceedings as follows:

(a) Receive proposals or permit requests within the agency's permitting or other regulatory authority, expertise, or both; determine completeness of elements required for such agency's permitting or other programs; and report on such issues to the committee;

(b) Review proposals or permit requests and submit recommended draft permit terms and conditions to the committee;

(c) Identify issues of concern on the proposal or permit request or notify the committee that the application raises no issues of concern; and

(d) When issues of concern are identified by the agency or committee, designate one or more witnesses to appear before the committee at a hearing to provide input and answer questions of parties and committee members.

II. When initiating a proceeding for a committee matter, the committee shall expeditiously notify state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority or that are identified in administrative rules.

III. Within 30 days of receipt of a notification of proceeding, a state agency not having permitting or other regulatory authority but wishing to participate in the proceeding shall advise the presiding officer of the committee in writing of such desire and be allowed to do so provided that the presiding officer determines that a material interest in the proceeding is demonstrated and such participation conforms with the normal procedural rules of the committee.

IV. The commissioner or director of each state agency that intends to participate in a committee proceeding shall advise the presiding officer of the name of the individual on the agency's staff designated to be the agency liaison for the proceeding. The presiding officer may request the attendance of an agency's designated liaison at a session of the committee if that person could materially assist the committee in its examination or consideration of a matter.

V. All communications between the committee and agencies regarding a pending committee matter shall be included in the official record and be publicly available.

VI. A state agency may intervene as a party in any committee proceeding in the same manner as other persons under RSA 541-A. An intervening agency shall have the right to rehearing and appeal of a certificate or other decision of the committee.

3 Public Hearing; Studies; Rules. Amend RSA 162-H:10 to read as follows:

162-H:10 Public Hearing; Studies; Rules.

I. At least 30 days prior to filing an application for a certificate, an applicant shall hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility is to be located~~[-and]~~ ***provided that if the proposed facility is located within a single city or town the public meeting will be held within that city or town.*** An applicant shall, at a minimum, publish a public notice for such public meeting not less than 14 days before such session in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which the session is to be held, describing the nature and location of the proposed facility. The applicant shall also send a copy of the public notice, not less than 14 days before the session, by first class mail to the governing body of each affected municipality. At such session, the applicant shall present information regarding the project and provide an opportunity for comments and questions from the public to be addressed

by the applicant. Not less than 10 days before such session, the applicant shall provide a copy of the public notice to the chairperson of the committee. The applicant shall arrange for a transcript of such session to be prepared and shall include the transcript in its application for a certificate.

I-a. Within [45] **30** days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, pursuant to RSA 162-H:7, the applicant shall hold at least one public information session as described in paragraph I in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located and shall, at a minimum, publish a public notice not less than 14 days before said session in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which the session is to be held, describing the nature and location of the proposed facility. The applicant shall also send a copy of the public notice, not less than 14 days before the session, by first class mail to the governing body of each affected municipality. Not less than 10 days before such session, the applicant shall provide a copy of the public notice to the presiding officer of the committee. The administrator, or a designee of the presiding officer of the committee, shall act as presiding officer of the information session. The session shall be for public information on the proposed facility with the applicant presenting the information to the public. The presiding officer shall also explain to the public the process the committee will use to review the application for the proposed facility.

I-b. ***Except in the case of a qualified repurposing*** upon request of the governing body of a municipality or unincorporated place in which any part of the proposed facility is to be located, or on the committee's own motion, the committee may order the applicant to provide such additional public information sessions as described in paragraph I as are reasonable to inform the public of the proposed project.

I-c. Within 90 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, pursuant to RSA 162-H:7, ***or within 45 days after acceptance of an application pursuant to RSA 162-H:7-a***, the site evaluation committee shall hold at least one public hearing in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located ***provided that if the proposed facility is located within a single city or town the public hearing will be held within that city or town***, and the applicant shall publish a public notice not less than 14 days before such hearing in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which the hearing is to be held, describing the nature and location of the proposed facilities. Not fewer than 10 days before such session, the applicant shall provide a copy of the public notice to the presiding officer of the committee. The applicant shall arrange for a transcript of such session to be prepared. Except for state agencies and programs that are required by state or federal law or regulation to comply with program specific public notice and public hearing requirements, the public hearings may be joint hearings, with representatives of the agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be deemed to satisfy all initial requirements for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to environmental impact. The hearing may be a joint hearing with the other state agencies; provided, however, if any of such other state agencies does not otherwise have authority to conduct hearings, it may not join in the hearing under this chapter; provided further, however, the ability or inability of any of the other state agencies to join shall not affect the composition of the committee under RSA 162-H:3 nor the ability of any member of the committee to act in accordance with this chapter.

II. Subsequent public hearings shall be in the nature of adjudicative proceedings under RSA 541-A and shall be held in the county or one of the counties in which the proposed facility is to be located or in Concord, New Hampshire, as determined by the site evaluation committee. The committee shall give adequate public notice of the time and place of each subsequent hearing.

III. The site evaluation committee shall consider and weigh all evidence presented at public hearings and shall consider and weigh written information and reports submitted to it by members of the public before, during, and subsequent to public hearings, but prior to the closing of the record of the proceeding. The committee shall provide an opportunity at one or more public hearings for comments from the governing body of each affected municipality and residents of each affected municipality. The committee shall consider, as appropriate, prior committee findings and rulings on the same or similar subject matters, but shall not be bound thereby.

IV. The site evaluation committee shall require from the applicant whatever information it deems necessary to assist in the conduct of the hearings, and any investigation or studies it may undertake, and in the determination of the terms and conditions of any certificate under consideration.

V. The site evaluation committee and counsel for the public shall conduct such reasonable studies and investigations as they deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter and may employ a consultant or consultants, legal counsel and other staff in furtherance of the duties imposed by this chapter, the cost of which shall be borne by the applicant or certificate holder in such amount as may be approved by the committee. The site evaluation committee and counsel for the public are further authorized to assess the applicant or certificate holder for all travel and related expenses associated with the processing of an application or other proceedings under this chapter.

VI. The site evaluation committee shall issue such rules to administer this chapter, pursuant to RSA 541-A, after public notice and hearing, as may from time to time be required.

~~[VII. As soon as practicable but no later than November 1, 2015, the committee shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the organization, practices, and procedures of the committee and criteria for the siting of energy facilities, including specific criteria to be applied in determining if the requirements of RSA 162-H:16, IV have been met by the applicant for a certificate of site and facility. Prior to the adoption of such rules, the department of energy shall hire and manage one or more consultants to conduct a public stakeholder process to develop recommended regulatory criteria, which may include consideration of issues identified in attachment C of the 2008 final report of the state energy policy commission, as well as others that may be identified during the stakeholder process. Except for the cases where the adjudicatory hearing has commenced, applications pending on the date rules adopted under this paragraph take effect shall be subject to such rules. Prior to the adoption of rules under this paragraph, applications shall be continuously processed pursuant to the rules in effect upon the date of filing. If the rules require the submission of additional information by an applicant, such applicant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to provide that information while the processing of the application continues.]~~

VII. Times for conducting public hearings and rendering a decision on the application may be extended for good cause upon written request of the applicant.

4 Applicability; Transition Period. RSA 162-H, as amended by this act, shall apply to applications submitted on or after the effective date of this act. An applicant with a pending application on the effective date of this act shall have the option to resubmit the application under RSA 162-H, as amended by this act, but shall not be required to do so.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

SPECIAL ORDER

SB 592-FN, renaming Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton as Officer Bradley Haas Memorial Highway. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Mark McConkey for Public Works and Highways. Bradley Haas was working as a security officer at New Hampshire Hospital in Concord, on November 17, 2023, when a gunman opened fire in the front lobby. Despite efforts to save him, Haas died of his injuries. Haas was working for the Department of Safety at the time of the shooting. Before that, he spent 28 years with the Franklin, New Hampshire police department, starting as a patrol officer and eventually being named chief. He retired from the department in 2008. Brad grew up in Franklin, and attended Franklin High School. He went on to serve his country as a military police officer in the U.S. Army before becoming a police officer in his hometown of Franklin. Brad served his community for 26 years, and as a respected officer and leader, he became the chief of police for the city of Franklin. After retirement, Brad worked for the U.S. Postal Service, and then as a security officer for the State of New Hampshire at the New Hampshire Hospital. We can never understand the senseless acts like what happened to Chief Haas. We are pleased to bring this bill forward to name a portion of New Hampshire Route 127 in Franklin as the Chief Bradley Haas Memorial Highway. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (1452h)

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

AN ACT renaming Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton as Chief Bradley Haas Memorial Highway.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 City of Franklin; Chief Bradley Haas Memorial Highway. Pursuant to RSA 4:43, the section of Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton shall be named the Chief Bradley Haas Memorial Highway. Appropriate signage shall be placed along the designated portion of the highway. The department of transportation shall make and install such signage. The design of any signage or other markers shall be approved by the department.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill renames Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton as Chief Bradley Haas Memorial Highway.

The question being adoption of committee amendment (1452h).

Committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. McConkey spoke in favor.

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

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Wilhelm moved that the debate on **SB 592-FN**, renaming Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton as Officer Bradley Haas Memorial Highway, be printed in the Permanent Journal. Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON SB 592-FN

Representative McConkey: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Members of the House, it is my honor today to deliver the following remarks for my committee, Public Works and Highways. Bradley Haas was working as a security officer at New Hampshire Hospital in Concord when a gunman opened fire in the front lobby. Despite efforts to save him, Haas died of his injuries. Haas was working for the Department of Safety at the time of the shooting. Before that, he spent 28 years with the Franklin, New Hampshire police department, starting as a patrol officer and eventually being named chief. He retired from the department in 2008 and he was also a U.S. veteran. I would like to share a quote from New Hampshire Attorney General John Formella, who said, "Chief Haas was already a hero when he walked into work yesterday, given his service to our country, to our state and to his community. He will now be remembered as a man who died protecting patients, staff and visitors to the New Hampshire Hospital." Brad grew up in Franklin and attended Franklin High School. He went on to serve his country as a military police officer in the U.S. Army before becoming a police officer in his hometown of Franklin. Brad served his community for 26 years, and as a respected officer and leader, he became the chief of police for the City of Franklin. After retirement, Brad worked for the U.S. Postal Service, and then as a security officer for the State of New Hampshire at the New Hampshire Hospital. While I was never fortunate enough to meet Brad, people that I have talked to have said he was a kind, loving person who was committed to his family, friends, his community, his state and his nation. That is all illustrated in his career and service. Importantly, Brad enjoyed time with his son, and they had much in common, as fathers and sons do. Brad was always there to help people. That is who he was. We can never understand the senseless act. Nothing we can say or do will bring Chief Haas back to his family, but here today we can ensure that all that drive through Franklin on Route 127 will be reminded of Brad's commitment to his town and family each time they travel this section of road to be now named the Bradley Haas Memorial Highway. May God bless Chief Bradley Haas, his family, friends and ask that he protect all those that serve in law enforcement, firefighters and first responders here in our state. Finally, we extend our deepest sympathies to your family. Please join me and unanimously vote this legislation Ought to Pass when the Speaker calls for that vote.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us in Ought to Pass on SB 592. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, say Aye; those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it on a unanimous vote.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 459-FN, establishing a committee to study the child protection act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Mark Pearson for Children and Family Law. This bill, in its original form, establishes study committee questions regarding child harm and abuse including items currently in statute and items that perhaps could be. Amendment 1688h adds three bills that unanimously came out of committee and passed the House on voice votes only to be put on Interim Study by the Senate. We trust the will of the House will prevail in a committee of conference. Vote 13-0.

Amendment (1688h)

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the child protection act; establishing a right to submit evidence and testimony in family court proceedings; relative to wage garnishment with child support payments; and relative to parenting coordinators in high-conflict cases.

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

6 New Section; Judicial Branch Family Division; Evidence and Testimony. Amend RSA 490-D by inserting after section 3 the following new section:

490-D:3-a Evidence and Testimony. If the court admits evidence or testimony over the objection of one of the parties, or the court chooses not to admit evidence or testimony offered by one of the parties, the court shall note in the record the reason for its decision.

7 New Paragraph; Assignment of Income; Notice to Parties. Amend RSA 458-B:2 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. At the time of the hearing the court shall notify each party that their income assignment of wages for child support will be automatic under RSA 458-B:2 unless both parties come to an agreement under another arrangement.

8 New Paragraph; Income Assignment. Amend RSA 458-B:3 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. The circuit court family division shall develop a standard form, which may be an addendum to the child support calculation form, to be presented prior to the temporary hearing for waiving of garnishment of wages, with such form containing the following:

- (a) The details of when garnishment of wages will become mandatory.
- (b) Allowing for both parties to detail their preferred form of payment arrangement.
- (c) Informing the payer that record keeping to prove payments in the event of a discrepancy is their responsibility.
- (d) Informing the payee how to report missed payments by the payer.

9 New Section; Domestic Relations; Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Parenting Coordinators. Amend RSA 461-A by inserting after section 6 the following new section:

461-A:6-a Parenting Coordinators.

I. The court may appoint a parenting coordinator in high-conflict cases, upon agreement by both parties, to assist the parties in creating agreed-upon structured guidelines for implementing their parenting plan, to improve communication between the parties, to assist in minimizing conflict, and/or to develop a plan to deal with disputes.

II. A list of parenting coordinators shall be maintained by the circuit court. To be eligible to be included on the circuit court's list of parenting coordinators, a person must meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) Hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in psychology, law, social work, counseling, or be a family practitioner in medicine.
- (b) Have at least 3 years of related professional post-degree experience.
- (c) Hold a current New Hampshire license in the parenting coordinator's area of practice.
- (d) Participate in 24 hours of training in fields related to the developmental stages of children, the dynamics of high conflict families, the stages and effects of divorce, problem solving techniques, mediation, domestic violence, and legal issues.

III. Only upon agreement by both parties, the trial court may, at its discretion, appoint a parenting coordinator not meeting the requirements outlined in subparagraphs II(a)-(c).

IV. The appointed parenting coordinator shall disclose to each party, the attorneys of record, and the court any familial, financial, or social relationship that the appointed person has or has had with the child, either party, the attorneys of record, or the judicial officer and, if a relationship exists, the nature of the relationship. A party shall have 7 days from the date of the disclosure to object to the appointment based upon information contained in the disclosure. If a party objects to the appointment, the court shall appoint a different person within 7 days after the date of the party's objection. If no party timely objects to the appointment, then the appointment shall be deemed confirmed.

V. Fees and costs for a parenting coordinator shall be paid by the parties equally, unless the court enters an order directing otherwise. The parenting coordinator may recommend that one party pay all or more than half of the fees and costs based upon a party's failure to work in good faith with the parenting coordinator, the other party, or both, or for other good cause. For indigent parties, the court may order that funds be used from the mediation and arbitration fund, provided in RSA 490-E:4.

VI. Parenting coordinators shall file a report with the court as soon as practicable upon matters submitted to them, only upon signed agreement by each party. Absent the agreement by both parties, the parenting coordinator shall not testify nor produce records regarding any statement, conduct, or decision that occurred during the parenting coordinator's appointment to the same extent as a family mediator of this state acting in an official capacity, except when a parenting coordinator has material information alleging abuse or sexual abuse or neglect as defined by RSA 169-C or RSA 173-B.

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VIII. The supreme court shall establish rules and take such action as necessary to effectuate the purpose of this section, including a regulation of fees.

10 Effective Date.

- I. Sections 7-9 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.
- II. Section 6 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
- III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Establishes a committee to study the child protection act.
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The question being adoption of committee amendment (1688h).

Rep. Mark Pearson spoke against.

Committee amendment failed.

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Rep. Mark Pearson offered floor amendment (1759h).

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

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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St. Clair, Charlie

Coker, Matthew

Harvey-Bolia, Juliet

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McAleer, Chris

Cordelli, Glenn
McConkey, Mark

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Woodcock, Stephen

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 Boehm, Ralph
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 Cole, Brian
 Cushman, Leah
 Dutzy, Sherry
 Fedolfi, Jim
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Hamer, Heidi
 Herbert, Christopher
 Juris, Louis
 Gould, Linda
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Long, Patrick
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Murphy, Nancy
 Petrigno, Peter
 Proulx, Mark
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Seidel, Sheila
 Staub, Kathy
 Ulery, Jordan
 Wheeler, Jonah

Murray, Alistandra
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 Booras, Efstathia
 Calabro, Karen
 Corcoran, Travis
 Darby, Will
 Elberger, Susan
 Freitas, Mary
 Gorski, Ted
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jack, Martin
 Kennedy, Stephen
 Sanborn, Laurie
 Leishman, Peter
 Howard, Molly
 Mangipudi, Latha
 Nutter-Upham, Frances
 Plamondon, Marc
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Sheehan, Vanessa
 Lekas, Tony
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wherry, Robert

Nutting-Wong, Allison
 Beauchemin, Paige
 Bouchard, Donald
 Chretien, Jacqueline
 Cornell, Patricia
 Devine, Shelley
 Erf, Keith
 Gagne, Larry
 Gregg, Alicia
 Healey, Robert
 Judy, Jean
 Kenny, Catherine
 Lanza, Judi
 Lewicke, John
 Murray, Megan
 McGhee, Kat
 Panek, Sandra
 Plett, Fred
 Raymond, Heather
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 Sofikitis, Catherine
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 Veilleux, Daniel
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Abare, Kimberly
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 Bouldin, Amanda
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 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Davis, Fred
 Gibbons, Candace
 Grill, Jessica
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 Smith, Juliet
 Fox, Loren
 Leapley, Nicole
 Lloyd, Christal
 Perez, Maria
 Ming, Ben
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 Preece, David
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 Seibert, Christine
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 Tellez, Trinidad
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 Shurtleff, Steve
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Brennan, Angela
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 Lane, Connie
 Mason, James
 Roesener, James
 Soucy, Timothy

Caplan, Tony
 Hall, Muriel
 Leavitt, John
 McWilliams, Rebecca
 Gould, Sherry
 Walsh, Thomas

Carey, Lorrie
 Hicks, Matthew
 Luneau, David
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 Grote, Jaci
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 Lundgren, David
 Maggiore, Jim
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 Muns, Chris
 Porcelli, Susan
 Reynolds, Ned
 Soti, Julius
 Dolan, Tom
 Vallone, Mark

Ball, Lorie
 DeSimone, Debra
 Foote, Charles
 Hamblet, Joan
 Janvrin, Jason
 Kuttab, Katelyn
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 Sytek, John
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Mannion, Dennis
 Donnelly, Tanya
 Grossman, Gaby
 Nelson, Jodi
 Katsakiores, Phyllis
 Love, David
 Pearson, Mark
 Manos, Zoe
 Milz, David
 Piemonte, Tony
 Rafter, Hal
 Simpson, Alexis
 Cahill, Tim
 Turer, Eric
 Weyler, Kenneth

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Bay, Luz
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 Levesque, Cassandra
 Pare, Gail
 Southworth, Thomas

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 Conlin, Bill
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 Johnson, Erik
 Smith, Marjorie
 Pitre, Joseph
 Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
 Fitzpatrick, Daniel
 Horgan, James
 Kenney, Cam
 Newton, Clifford
 Potenza, Kelley

Rich, Cecilia
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Horrigan, Timothy
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Schmidt, Peter
 Selig, Loren

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Sullivan, Brian
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 Tanner, Linda

Cloutier, John
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Damon, Hope
 Smith, Steven

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Reid, Karen
Tenczar, Jeffrey

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McLean, Mark
Pauer, Diane
Renzullo, Andrew

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Kofalt, Jim
Mooney, Maureen
Post, Lisa
Sirois, Shane

Berry, Ross
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Prout, Andrew
Mannion, Tom

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Boyd, Stephen
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Seaworth, Brian

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Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
Polozov, Yuri
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Khan, Aboul
Osborne, Jason
Quaratiello, Arlene
Vose, Michael

Drago, Mike
Guthrie, Joseph
Layon, Erica
Phillips, Emily
Sweeney, Joe
Wallace, Scott

Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Lynn, Bob
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
True, Chris
Yokela, Josh

Edwards, Jess
Perez, Kristine
Melvin, Charles
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Vandecasteele, Susan

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Bailey, Glenn
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and the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.
Rep. Love voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

SB 537-FN, allowing the processing of absentee ballots. WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill establishes a system for processing absentee ballots prior to election day. The bill was requested by municipal clerks, who want the opportunity to begin processing absentee ballots prior to election day for two reasons: to allow for better time management of the process, and to allow voters to cure any errors that they may have made to their ballot. Testimony indicated that the most common error was forgetting to sign the back of the envelope and most voters were able to correct that omission prior to election day. This process allows more Granite Staters to vote. Contrary to what you may hear, curing an absentee ballot does not create two classes of voters – you have the right to cure your ballot when you vote at the polls. The bill helps reduce the stress and anxiety of poll workers because it allows the absentee ballots to be processed prior to election day, giving workers more time to focus on other important election day duties. The process was proven to be effective in 2018 and the clerks want to codify this improvement in our election laws. Those supporting the bill want to assist our hardworking poll workers when the method has been proven effective and makes it easier to manage the polls. This is a bipartisan bill that passed the Senate unanimously and deserves the support of the House.

Rep. Connie Lane

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill mandates an election process created for COVID-19 called absentee ballot pre-processing. This means that absentee ballots will be handled, have their envelopes opened, and be examined before election day in order to make election day run smoother and “ballot cure” deficiencies that are discovered. While this process was admittedly necessary during COVID-19 due to the influx of absentee ballots used to avoid congregating at voting locations, we have since seen absentee ballot request levels return to normal (roughly 10% depending on the locality). Since this is mandatory, it was opposed by many clerks and election officials throughout the state, including the Manchester city clerk, who

has historically supported the option of pre-processing. During testimony, no one could give an answer as to why this is necessary now, and that is because it is not necessary. Opening absentee ballots before election day invites the opportunity for errors, degrades the election process, and turns Election Day into Election Weekend. Furthermore, this creates a new unnecessary burden on election workers, increasing their hours for a process that could be entirely unnecessary. A town that has 10 absentee ballots will have to establish a whole new process for something that could take them minutes on election day. This bill is unnecessary, unfunded, and unwise, and should be deemed Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Ross Berry

Rep. Lane moved Ought to Pass and offered floor amendment (1852h).

Floor Amendment (1852h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Opening Absentee Ballot Outer Envelopes. RSA 659:49-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
659:49-b Opening Absentee Ballot Outer Envelopes.

The outer envelopes of absentee ballots may be opened by:

I. The town or city clerk or their designee on dates specified by the clerk. The clerk may schedule up to 2 dates to open absentee ballot outer envelopes in the 3 weeks prior to the election. The clerk shall post, at least 5 days prior to the dates in an appropriate public place a notice of the time and place of the opening of the outer envelopes. After the outer envelope has been opened, the affidavit envelope shall be examined for errors that could cause the absentee ballot to be rejected. If correctable affidavit errors are found, the clerk or designee shall follow the guidance issued by the secretary of state for correcting such errors. Affidavit envelopes shall be secured until they are processed pursuant to RSA 659:50 or RSA 659:55-a.

II. The moderator or the moderator's designee during partial processing of absentee ballots prior to an election as authorized in RSA 659:55-a. After the outer envelope has been opened, the affidavit on the inner envelope shall be examined, the voter's name shall be announced, an opportunity for a challenge of the ballot shall be given. Information on the checklist for the absentee voter may be highlighted to help facilitate processing of the ballot on election day. If correctable affidavit errors are found, the moderator or designee shall follow the guidance issued by the secretary of state for correcting such errors. Affidavit envelopes shall be secured until they are processed pursuant to RSA 659:50.

III. The moderator or the moderator's designee may open absentee ballot outer envelopes on election day at any time after the opening of the polls. Affidavit envelopes shall be secured until they are processed pursuant to RSA 659:50.

Amend RSA 659:55-a, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Once notice of the processing has been posted, all absentee ballots received by the end of the day preceding the posted time for the meeting shall be partially processed. Only one session for the partial processing of absentee ballots may be scheduled prior to an election.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 7 and 8 with the following:

7 Processing Absentee Ballots. Amend the introductory paragraph in RSA 659:50, I to read as follows:

I. The moderator shall begin processing absentee ballots by clearly announcing that ~~[he or she is about to open the envelopes which]~~ **the processing of the absentee ballots that** were delivered to ~~[him or her]~~ **the moderator is beginning**. The moderator shall then ~~[remove the envelope containing the ballots of each absentee voter and]~~, for those absentee ballots where the absentee voter has not been verified by the clerk as provided in RSA 657:17-a, ~~[shall]~~ compare the signature on the affidavit with the signature on the application for the ballot. If:

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

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1852h).

Rep. Berry spoke against.

Rep. Lane spoke in favor.

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

On a division vote, with 180 members having voted in the affirmative, and 185 in the negative, floor amendment (1852h) failed.

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

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **SB 537-FN**, allowing the processing of absentee ballots, be Indefinitely Postponed.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Lane moved that **SB 537-FN**, allowing the processing of absentee ballots, be laid on the table.

Rep. Berry requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, LuciusEaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
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Noël, Henry

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Sullivan, Jared
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Lovett, Peter
Stavis, LaurelBolton, Bill
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Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, WendyBaroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
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Howard, Molly
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Murray, Megan
McGhee, Kat
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
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Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew**MERRIMACK**Turcotte, Alisson
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Myler, Mel
Schuett, Dianne
Wolf, DanBrennan, Angela
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Shurtleff, SteveCaplan, Tony
Hall, Muriel
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Soucy, TimothyCarey, Lorrie
Hicks, Matthew
McWilliams, Rebecca
Gould, Sherry
Wallner, Mary Jane**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
Grossman, Gaby
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, MarkDiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Read, Ellen
Ward, GeraldEdgar, Michael
Hamblet, Joan
Cahill, Michael
Mandelbaum, Jennifer
O'Neil, Candice
Simpson, AlexisGilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric**STRAFFORD**Bay, Luz
Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, JanetBixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horriggan, Timothy
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, GailRich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, LorenCannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas**SULLIVAN**Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, WilliamCloutier, John
Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

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Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bogert, Steven
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bordes, Mike
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

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Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Tierney, James

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

King, Seth

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Ladd, Rick

Brown, Carroll
Rocheport, David

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Lekas, Alicia
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Colcombe, Riché
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Kennedy, Stephen
Sanborn, Laurie
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
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Lekas, Tony
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Gagne, Larry
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McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Gould, Linda
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulry, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
Hill, Gregory
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Bernardy, JD
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sytek, John
True, Chris
MacDonald, Wayne

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Pratt, Kevin
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
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Wallace, Scott

Thomas, Douglas
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Foote, Charles
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Bailey, Glenn
Granger, Michael
Turcotte, Len
Potenza, Kelley

Bickford, David
Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

and the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the motion to Indefinitely Postpone.

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

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 179 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **SB 63**, relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities, be removed from the table.

Rep. Telerski requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 185 - NAYS 180**YEAS - 185****BELKNAP**

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Bordes, Mike
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Coker, Matthew
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

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Avellani, Lino
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MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

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Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

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Davis, Arnold
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Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

King, Seth

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Ladd, Rick

Brown, Carroll
Rochefort, David

Coulon, Matthew
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

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Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
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Sanborn, Laurie
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
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Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
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Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
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Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Gould, Linda
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
Hill, Gregory
Polozov, Yuri
Walsh, Thomas

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Leavitt, John
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Perez, Kristine
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Mannion, Dennis
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Emerick, Tracy
Nelson, Jodi
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Layon, Erica

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Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David

Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sytek, John
True, Chris
MacDonald, Wayne

Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Pratt, Kevin
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
Wallace, Scott

McDonnell, Valerie
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SULLIVAN

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Drye, Margaret
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Stone, Jonathan

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CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy

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Parshall, Lucius

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Jones, Philip
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Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Murphy, James
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

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Murray, Alissandra
Beaulieu, Jane
Bradley, Amy
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jeudy, Jean
Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
Perez, Maria
Ming, Ben
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
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Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
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Long, Patrick
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Murphy, Nancy
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Telerski, Laura
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Baroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
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Carey, Lorrie
Hicks, Matthew
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Gould, Sherry
Wallner, Mary Jane

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Gilman, Julie
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Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Raynolds, Ned
Vallone, Mark

Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Read, Ellen
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O'Neil, Candice
Simpson, Alexis

Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

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Horrigan, Timothy
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

and the motion was adopted.

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

On a division vote, with 179 members having voted in the affirmative, and 187 in the negative, the motion failed.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Bill Boyd moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a roll call vote of 181-182, the House failed to adopt the majority committee report of Ought to Pass on **SB 63**, relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities.

The question being adoption of the motion to reconsider.

Rep. Bill Boyd spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 186 members having voted in the affirmative, and 180 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

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

Rep. Telerski requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
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Ploszaj, Tom
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Bogert, Steven
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Bordes, Mike
McCarter, Nikki
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Pratt, Kevin
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Foote, Charles
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Khan, Aboul
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Potenza, Kelley

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Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stapleton, Walter

Rollins, Skip
Stone, Jonathan

Smith, Steven

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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Abbott, Michael
Faulkner, Barry
Monteil, Renee
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Filiault, Shaun
Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius

Eaton, Daniel
Jones, Philip
Schapiro, Joe

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Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

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Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lovett, Peter
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Massimilla, Linda
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Murphy, James
Morse, Corinne
Sykes, George

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Murray, Alissandra
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Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean

Nutting-Wong, Allison
Booras, Efstathia
Calabro, Karen
Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet

Baroody, Benjamin
Bouchard, Donald
Chretien, Jacqueline
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis

Beauchemin, Paige
Bouldin, Amanda
Cornell, Patricia
Dutzy, Sherry
Gibbons, Candace
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxx, Loren

Lanza, Judi
Lloyd, Christal
Perez, Maria
Ming, Ben
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
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Staub, Kathy
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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **SB 563-FN**, relative to federal immigration enforcement, be removed from the table.
Rep. Sweeney withdrew the motion.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 349, relative to a voluntary home visiting program report by the wellness and primary prevention council.
WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill directs the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council to prepare a report on the voluntary home visiting program for the legislature. The report will review current data, barriers, and national, state and other resources on building a strong system of universally available during voluntary home visiting. Research shows that home visiting, beginning prenatally and continuing through the first few years of a child's life, has a positive impact on children and families and greatly improves healthy outcomes for mothers and babies. Currently women enrolled in Medicaid are the only sizeable population with access to home visits. More data is needed to ensure that this critically important service is more widely available to those who seek it.

Rep. Trinidad Tellez

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill directs the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council (the council) to review data and resources to craft a report which proposes legislation to build "a strong system of universal home visiting" for families with newborns and young children. The council's purpose per RSA 126-M:1-I and II includes increasing government-created social services. Considering that several member organizations on the council are contracted with the state and federal government to provide services that may be referred for families as a result of "a strong system of universal home visiting," there is concern that this council is not the appropriate body to create this report, and a legislative study committee would be more impartial and appropriate for the task. Medicaid recipients are already entitled to home visits, so this bill is directed at bringing formal services to middle- and higher-income families who may access this care from the young and growing market of postpartum doulas, as well as Direct Primary Care providers. Home visits in the postpartum period are standard in midwifery care. If there is a demand, supply will follow. It

is unclear why the language of this bill is to be placed in chapter law and not statute. Additionally, nothing prevents the council from issuing such a report and proposing legislation now, so it is unclear why the bill is necessary. For all these reasons, it is our recommendation this bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Leah Cushman

Rep. Tellez moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Cushman offered floor amendment (1858h).

Floor Amendment (1858h)

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study voluntary home visiting services for families with newborns, infants, and young children.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study voluntary home visiting services for families with newborns, infants, and young children.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

(b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

3 Duties. The committee shall study, receive public testimony through hearings and conduct work sessions to:

I. Study voluntary home visits for families with newborns, infants, and young children.

II. Identify the existing private and public entities that currently provide or may provide voluntary home visiting services to families with newborns, infants, and young children, including but not limited to midwives, doulas, primary care providers, community health centers, government agencies, federal and state contractors, and non-profit organizations.

III. Study the voluntary home visiting services provided by each entity including their purpose, processes of referral, frequency of visits, costs, funding sources, and outcomes as well as additional services and service providers that are or may be referred as a result of visits.

IV. Identify potential and demonstrated benefits and harms to families with newborns, infants, and small children resulting from voluntary home visiting services.

V. Study whether there is an unmet demand among the public for voluntary home visiting services in the various regions of the state and identify free market and public solutions for eliminating barriers to and improving access for the public's unmet demand for voluntary home visiting services.

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

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before October 1, 2025.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study voluntary home visiting services for families with newborns, infants, and young children.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1858h).

Reps. Cushman and Layon spoke in favor.

Rep. Weber spoke against.

On a division vote, with 184 members having voted in the affirmative, and 181 in the negative, floor amendment (1858h) was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

On a division vote, with 338 members having voted in the affirmative, and 28 in the negative, the motion was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

SB 185-FN, establishing a committee to study the various barriers to discharge for patients to be safely discharged from acute care facilities. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joe Alexander for the Majority of Judiciary. This is another study committee bill sent over by the other body. The New Hampshire Hospital Association indicates the legislature needs to further study the

barriers to discharge patients from hospital facilities. The Hospital Association indicated that they are aware of the barriers of discharging patients including Medicaid enrollment, housing insecurity, securing guardianship, and the need for specialized services that are not available. Inasmuch as the Hospital Association knows what the barriers are, the majority believes that the legislative study committee is not needed. Vote 11-9.

Rep. Judi Lanza for the Minority of Judiciary. This bill, if passed, would establish a committee to study the various barriers to discharge for patients to be safely discharged from acute care facilities. By recommending Inexpedient to Legislate, this will be a missed opportunity to ensure that these patients get the care that they need. Medically cleared patients in New Hampshire hospitals face barriers to discharge, due to housing concerns, lack of insurance concerns, need for high acuity services, lack of guardianship or conservatorship. There are also staffing capacity restraints at post-acute care facilities, and lack of access to necessary community services, lack of transportation to necessary medical services. All of this impacts the acute care hospitals' bottom line financially, which leaves wait-listed patients without access to care due to having all of these beds occupied.

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

Rep. DiLorenzo spoke against.

Rep. Alexander spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 188 members having voted in the affirmative, and 171 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

The House recessed at 11:45 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 413-FN, relative to civil actions for PFAS contamination. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill creates a private right of civil action for certain PFAS contamination. The bill clarifies the authority of the state to bring actions to require remediation of hazardous waste to ensure that such authority applies not just to facilities but also "spillers" of hazardous waste and materials. There would be no cost to the state, but possibly a savings in litigation costs.

Rep. Marjorie Smith

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill creates expanded remedies for the state for PFAS contamination and also creates an express private right of civil action for such contamination. The amendment favored by the members recommending Ought to Pass as Amended would add to the bill the terms of HB 1115, which grants landlords the ability to terminate a tenancy at the end of the lease term. HB 1115 already passed the House with a bipartisan vote but has been recommended for interim study by the Senate Commerce Committee. Adding its terms to this bill should cause the other body to reconsider its position on the termination of tenancy issue.

Rep. Bob Lynn

Rep. Marjorie Smith moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Lynn offered amendment (1678h).

Amendment (1678h)

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

AN ACT relative to civil actions for PFAS contamination and relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following and renumbering the original section 8 to read as 9:
8 New Subparagraph; Termination of Tenancy; Expiration of Term. Amend RSA 540:2, II by inserting after subparagraph (g) the following new subparagraph:

(h) For a lease or tenancy the original term of which is 6 months or longer, or for a lease or tenancy the term of which is less than 6 months, but which has been renewed for a total period of 6 months or longer, the expiration of the term of the lease or tenancy, provided that the landlord has provided the tenant with written notice at least 30 days in advance of the termination date of the lease term that the lease will not be renewed and that the tenant must vacate the rental property at the end of the lease term.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a civil action for certain PFAS contamination.

This bill also adds the expiration of the term of the lease or tenancy if over 6 months as grounds for an eviction.

The question being adoption of amendment (1678h).

Rep. Staub spoke against.

Rep. Lynn spoke in favor.

Rep. Kuttub requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bogert, Steven
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bordes, Mike
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Brown, Richard

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Costable, Michael
McConkey, Mark

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
Nutting, Zachary

Rhodes, Jennifer

Santonastaso, Matthew

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Tierney, James

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

King, Seth

GRAFTON

Berezhny, Lex
Ladd, Rick

Brown, Carroll
Rochefort, David

Coulon, Matthew
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Kennedy, Stephen
Sanborn, Laurie
McGough, Tim
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Gould, Linda
Mazur, Lisa
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony
Wherry, Robert

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Aures, Cyril
Carey, Lorrie
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wolf, Dan

Aylward, Deborah
McGuire, Dan
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Carol
Hill, Gregory
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Cambrils, Jose
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guthrie, Joseph
Janvrin, Jason
Kuttub, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael
Yokela, Josh

Bernardy, JD
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Perez, Kristine
Walsh, Lilli
Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Phillips, Emily
Potucek, John
Roy, Terry
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Wallace, Scott

Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Ford, Oliver
Piemonte, Tony
Pratt, Kevin
Soti, Julius
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Weyler, Kenneth

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Harrington, Michael
Newton, Clifford

Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

Connor, James
Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

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Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Drye, Margaret
Stone, Jonathan

Rollins, Skip

Smith, Steven

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy

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Parshall, Lucius

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and amendment (1678h) was adopted.

CLERK'S NOTE

The Speaker voted to break the tie, pursuant to House Rule 23, the motion passed.

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

On a division vote, with 188 members having voted in the affirmative, and 178 in the negative, the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Sweeney moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a division vote of 188-178, the House adopted the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment on **SB 413-FN**, relative to civil actions for PFAS contamination and relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.

Rep. Sweeney spoke against.

On a division vote, with 177 members having voted in the affirmative, and 188 in the negative, the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 422, changing several references and modifying language in parentage and birth records. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill changes several references and modifies language in parentage and birth records. Amendment 1697h further clarifies the bill by noting the difference between the surrogate mother and the birth mother. The committee unanimously supported this amendment, but the vote to recommend Ought to Pass with Amendment 1697h failed with a vote of 10-10.

Rep. Marjorie Smith

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: Half of the Judiciary Committee supports this amendment because it reasserts the New Hampshire House position on two bills: HB 1115 and HB 1412. The Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee, respectively, have decided to recommend the other body dispose of rather than pass them. HB 1115 is a simple bill that allows landlords to evict tenants at the termination of a lease agreement between landlord and tenant and HB 1412 repeals the unnecessary and outdated licensure of court reporters. The rest of the amendment is a carbon copy of the other amendment (1697h) offered by the other half of the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Joe Alexander

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Drye moved that **SB 422**, changing several references and modifying language in parentage and birth records, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 136 members having voted in the affirmative, and 228 in the negative, the motion failed.

Rep. Marjorie Smith moved Ought to Pass and offered amendment (1697h).

Amendment (1697h)

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

1 Definitions; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:1, XVIII to read as follows:

XVIII. "Legitimation" means the legal process of establishing the [paternity] **parentage** of a child born out of wedlock or whose [paternity] **parentage** is being disputed pursuant to RSA 5-C:24 and RSA 460:29.

2 New Paragraph; Definitions. Amend RSA 5-C:1 by inserting after paragraph XXVI the following new paragraph:

XXVI-a. "Non-birth parent" means the genetic parent of a child or the intended parent of a child born through assisted reproduction regardless of genetic connection. A non-birth parent shall not mean a gamete donor.

3 Definitions; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:1, XXXV to read as follows:

XXXV. "3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**" means the voluntary acknowledgment of [fatherhood] **parentage** signed by: (1) the [natural] father **or other non-birth parent**, (2) the mother, and (3) the mother's [husband] **spouse** who is not the father **or other genetic or intended parent**, but was the mother's [husband] **spouse** at the time of conception, during the pregnancy, or at the time of the child's birth.

4 Disclosure of Information From Vital Records; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:9, VII to read as follows:

VII. Disclosure of voluntary acknowledgments and adjudication of [paternity] **parentage** by judicial or administrative processes shall be released for the purposes of the state case registry pursuant to RSA 161-B:7.

5 Completion of Birth Worksheet for Hospital or Institutional Births; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:19 to read as follows:

5-C:19 Completion of Birth Worksheet for Hospital or Institutional Births.

I. A hospital, institution, birthing center, attendant, or parent shall file with the division a birth record for each live birth which occurs in the state of New Hampshire.

II. In the case of a hospital or institution live birth, a completed birth worksheet shall include the following, provided by personnel as indicated:

(a) The hospital or institution birth registrar or designee shall provide:

(1) Information regarding the child, including name, date and time of birth, and sex.

(2) Information regarding the facility, including name, street address, city or town, and county.

(3) Information regarding the mother including:

(A) Current name and maiden name.

(B) Date of birth and birthplace.

(C) City or town, county, and state of residence.

(D) Residential address and complete mailing address if different from the residential address, or, if the same as the residential address, her zip code only.

(E) Social security number.

(F) Usual occupation and the business or industry in which employed.

(G) Race.

(H) Level of education.

(I) Whether she was married at the time of the birth of child, or conception of child, or any time between.

(4) Information regarding the father **or other non-birth parent** including:

(A) Name.

(B) Date of birth and birthplace.

(C) City or town, county, and state of residence.

(D) Residential address and complete mailing address if different from the residential address, or, if the same as the residential address, [his] zip code only.

(E) Social security number.

(F) Usual occupation and the business or industry in which employed.

(G) Race.

(H) Level of education.

(5) The method of payment for prenatal care and for delivery.

(6) Statistical information from the **birth** mother, medical reports, and her physician regarding the **birth** mother and child including:

(A) Number of live births, not including this child, now living and now dead.

(B) Date of the last live birth.

(C) Other terminations of pregnancy, any time after conception.

(D) Date of the last other termination of pregnancy.

(E) Date last normal menses began.

(F) Month that prenatal care began.

(G) Total number of prenatal visits.

(H) Birth weight of the child.

(I) Clinical estimation of gestation in weeks.

(J) Plurality of the child, including but not limited to single, twin, or triplet.

(K) Birth order of the child.

(L) The Apgar score, which is an evaluation of a newborn infant's physical status, at one minute and at 5 minutes.

(7) If the **birth** mother is transferred to another facility before or after giving birth, transfer information for the **birth** mother and child including:

(A) Whether the **birth** mother was transferred prior to delivery or after delivery.

(B) Whether the infant was transferred after delivery.

(C) Whether the child was living or dead at the time of the report.

(8) Information regarding the medical aspects of the pregnancy including:

(A) Any medical risk factors for the pregnancy.

(B) Any other risk factors for the pregnancy.

(C) Any obstetric procedures performed during the course of the pregnancy.

(D) Any complications of labor and delivery.

(E) The method of delivery.

(F) Any abnormal conditions of the newborn.

(G) Any congenital anomalies of the child.

(9) Indication from one parent whether the division shall be authorized to provide the Social Security Administration with data from the birth record in order for the Social Security Administration to issue a social security number.

(10) Indication from one parent whether the division shall be authorized to release birth record information to the New Hampshire immunization registry.

(11) Signature of the individual who interviewed the parent or other informant certifying that the information has been recorded exactly as given by the parent or other informant or has been taken from medical records.

(b) A parent or other informant shall provide his or her signature certifying that the information supplied is a true and correct representation of the facts to the best of his or her knowledge; the date signed; and the informant's relationship to the child.

III. A physician member of the institution's obstetrics team or service, the chief of obstetrics, the chief of the medical staff or the hospital administrator shall, within 72 hours of the birth, certify that the child was born alive at the place and time and the date stated by providing:

(a) His or her signature as certifier.

(b) The date signed.

(c) His or her name and title.

(d) The name and title of the attendant if other than the certifier.

(e) The attendant's mailing address.

IV. The birth worksheet shall not be signed by a parent or informant until the child has been given a name or the mother is being discharged from the hospital, whichever is sooner.

V. When both a physician and a nurse midwife are present at a hospital birth, the physician shall sign the birth worksheet and be named as the certifier, and the name of the nurse midwife shall be entered as the attendant at birth.

VI. When a physician is not present and a nurse midwife is present at a hospital birth, the nurse midwife shall sign the birth worksheet and be named as the certifier.

VII. Any item of information not obtainable shall be indicated as: "not known" when the information is not known; "not available" when the information is known, but not immediately available; or "refused to provide" when the parent or informant refuses to provide the information.

VIII. In the case of an ~~unwed~~ **unmarried** mother, unless an affidavit of ~~paternity~~ **parentage** has been executed, the notation "not stated" shall be entered in the spaces provided for information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent**.

IX. When a child is born in a moving conveyance, the city or town of birth shall be that city or town where the child was first removed from said conveyance.

X. When a married mother refuses to give information concerning her husband **as father or other spouse as non-birth parent** of the child, the hospital shall enter "not stated" on the birth record for all information pertaining to the father **or other non-birth parent** of the child.

XI. For a birth which occurred in a hospital or institution, the hospital or institution birth registrar or designee shall initially record information for the birth record on the birth worksheet and permanently retain the birth worksheet in the **birth** mother's medical record files at the hospital.

6 Completion of the Birth Worksheet for Non-Hospital Births; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:20 to read as follows:

5-C:20 Completion of the Birth Worksheet for Non-Hospital Births.

I. If a child is born in New Hampshire at home or some place other than a facility that regularly prepares birth records and is brought to a New Hampshire hospital or birthing center with the **birth** mother within 24 hours of birth, the hospital or birthing center shall complete the birth record in accordance with RSA 5-C:19 except that the place of birth shall be entered as the city or town of the actual birth; the physician who attends the **birth** mother in the hospital shall be entered as the physician who attended the **birth** mother in the hospital or birthing center; and the certifying physician signature section shall be signed by the physician who attended the **birth** mother in the facility.

II. Birthing centers shall complete birth records for children born in their facilities in accordance with the reporting requirements for hospital and institution live births as provided in RSA 5-C:19.

III. In the case of a home birth, the record shall be completed as follows:

(a) If attended by a physician, midwife, or nurse midwife, then the physician, midwife or nurse midwife shall report the birth of the child to the division or to the registrar in the town where the birth occurred within one week of the birth. The physician, midwife or nurse midwife shall, within 2 weeks of the birth, complete the birth worksheet by completing the medical and statistical sections in accordance with RSA

5-C:19 by entering his or her name and title as the attendant; by signing the worksheet as the attendant; by providing his or her mailing address; and, by giving the signed worksheet to the parent to bring to the clerk of the town or city where the birth occurred. The clerk of the town or city shall report to the division by the next working day any home birth that takes place within his or her jurisdiction if such an occurrence is brought to his or her attention and, the division shall notify the appropriate clerk of the town or city of any home birth reported directly to the division.

(b) If a home birth is not attended by a physician or midwife, then the parent shall report the birth of the child to the division or to the registrar in the town where the birth occurred within one week of the birth. The clerk of the town or city shall report to the division by the next working day any home birth that takes place within his or her jurisdiction if such an occurrence is brought to his or her attention. The division shall notify the appropriate clerk of the town or city of any home birth reported directly to the division. Upon notice of a home birth, the clerk of the town or city shall prepare the birth worksheet completing as many items as possible, including the name and address of a birth attendant if a parent, friend, ambulance attendant, or other person attended the birth; sign the birth worksheet as certifier; and, if any of the original information on the worksheet was changed by a parent before presentation to the clerk of the town or city, the parent shall initial such changes and note the reason for the change in the margin of the birth worksheet. When a home birth occurs in the state of New Hampshire and the **birth** mother is taken with her child to a hospital outside the state, such a birth shall be registered by the division notifying the appropriate clerk of the town or city of any home birth reported directly to the division.

IV. If a birth occurs in an unincorporated town or a geographical area where there is no clerk of the town, the birth record shall be filed with the nearest clerk of a town or city or the state registrar. The actual place of birth shall be shown on the birth record along with a notation stating why the birth record was filed in a city or town other than that of the birth occurrence.

V. In the case where the mother has refused to provide the name of her [husband] **spouse**, and at a later date she provides the name of her [husband] **spouse** to the clerk of the town or city or the division, the mother shall also provide to the clerk of the town or city the documentation necessary to process a correction to the birth record pursuant to RSA 5-C:85. When reviewed pursuant to RSA 5-C:85, the clerk of the town or city shall add the name of the [husband] **spouse** to the birth record.

VI. Whenever the marital status on the birth record is disputed by the mother, she shall provide to the division a medical opinion in writing concerning the estimated date of conception in relation to the date of the divorce and a certified copy of the divorce decree to establish the exact date of divorce. The state registrar shall review the information provided and make the determination of marital status for the birth record. If the mother disputes the determination of the state registrar, the mother may request an administrative hearing within 30 days of the registrar's decision.

7 Distribution of the Birth Record; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:21 to read as follows:
5-C:21 Distribution of the Birth Record.

I. The hospital or institution birth registrar shall forward a completed birth record to the division and clerk of the town or city no later than 6 days from the date of birth and provide to the parents upon discharge from the hospital or institution an exact copy of the information that will appear on the official birth record of the newborn child. If the **birth** mother has signed release papers for adoption, the hospital or institution birth registrar shall make the notation "Adoption Pending" on the face of the parent's notice and forward the parent notice to the division instead of giving it to the **birth** mother.

II. Hospital and institution birth registrars shall not issue any document resembling a birth certificate or which appears to be an official birth record.

III. The clerk of the town or city where the birth occurred shall review the information on the parent notice presented by the parent, and, if the information is confirmed by the parent, the clerk shall issue a certified copy of the birth certificate to the parent after receipt of payment pursuant to RSA 5-C:10. If the parent states that the information is incorrect, the clerk shall follow the correction procedures in RSA 5-C:85. In the case of a home birth, the clerk shall forward a copy of the completed birth record with the birth worksheet to the division within 2 business days of its completion; mail the parent notice to the parent or personally present it to the parent; and exchange the parent notice for a certified copy after payment of the fee required by RSA 5-C:10.

IV. The division shall provide the following to the city or town of residence of the mother:

- (a) The child's name.
- (b) The child's date of birth.
- (c) The child's place of birth.
- (d) The father **or other non-birth** parent's name.
- (e) The mother's name.
- (f) The state file number, which is a unique, sequential identifying number assigned by the division.

V. If corrections of misspellings or typographical errors are required, the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall forward a notice of changes to the division and issue a certified copy of the birth record, as amended, to the parents.

8 Legitimation of Child Form; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:22 as follows:
5-C:22 Legitimation of Child Form.

I. Unless the legitimation is by court order, each parent shall complete a legitimation of child form with the following:

(a) Information regarding the child, the mother, and the natural father **or other non-birth parent**, including: the name of the child as originally recorded; date and place of birth; maiden name of the mother; the mother's social security number; the mother's city or town of residence; full name of the child, full name of the natural father **or other non-birth parent**; date of birth of the natural father **or other non-birth parent**; state or foreign country of birth of the natural father **or other non-birth parent**; the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** social security number; and current mailing address of the parents.

(b) The signature of the natural father **or other non-birth parent** and the mother.

(c) The city or town and county where the affidavit was signed.

(d) The signature of the notary public or justice of the peace with the expiration date of commission, the date signed, and sealed if applicable.

(e) Indication as to whether the certificate of marriage was presented to the clerk of the town or city.

(f) The date received by the clerk of the town or city.

(g) The date the new record was made.

(h) The signature and city or town of the clerk.

II. When the mother or natural father **or other non-birth parent** or both are under the age of 18, each signature shall be accompanied by the notarized signature of a parent or guardian unless the legitimation is by court order.

9 Birth Record Following Legitimation; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:23 as follows:

5-C:23 Birth Record Following Legitimation.

I. An application for filing an amended birth record in the case of a legitimation shall be made by a parent on a legitimation of child form pursuant to RSA 5-C:22 and submitted to the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred.

II. Upon receipt of a legitimation of child form and a certified copy of the parent's marriage record, or in accordance with procedures outlined in RSA 457:42 and RSA 460:29, the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall prepare an amended birth record.

III. The following procedures shall be followed if a legitimation case is settled by the court pursuant to RSA 460:29:

(a) A certified copy of the court order shall be presented by the parents to the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred.

(b) The legitimation form shall be prepared pursuant to RSA 5-C:22 and filed by the clerk of the city or town with a notation on the form indicating that the court order has been the basis of the action under RSA 460:29.

(c) The birth record shall then be processed as specified in RSA 5-C:87, and amended by adding information to the record concerning the father **or other non-birth parent**.

IV. The clerk of the city or town shall prepare the amended birth record in accordance with RSA 5-C:89, adding the information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent**.

V. The court order and the legitimation of child form shall be retained permanently by the clerk of the city or town on the form appropriate for the year of birth pursuant to RSA 5-C:86.

10 Affidavit of Paternity; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:24 to read as follows:

5-C:24 Affidavit of [paternity] **Parentage**.

I. In the case of a child born in the state of New Hampshire whose [paternity] **parentage** has not been established by means of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, the mother, [or the] natural father, **or other non-birth parent** may initiate a request for an acknowledgment of [paternity] **parentage**.

II. The affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall be completed and filed in accordance with RSA 5-C:25. **A genetic parent or a person who is a parent pursuant to RSA 168-B:2, II, without the assistance of a gestational carrier (as gestational carrier arrangements are governed by RSA 168-B:12), married or unmarried, may establish parentage by signing an affidavit of parentage.**

III. A hospital shall attempt to have the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** completed in the hospital, but if an affidavit is not completed before the birth record is sent to the division and the [paternity] **parentage** is not yet established, then the phrase "not stated" shall be inserted for the father's **or other non-birth parent's** name.

IV. If the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** is not completed in the hospital, the mother and natural father **or non-birth parent** shall contact the clerk of the town or city to execute the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**.

V. The natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** name, date of birth, and state of birth shall be added to the birth record by the clerk of the town or city upon the registrar's receipt of a sworn, notarized affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**.

VI. A copy of the completed affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall be forwarded by the hospital to the department of health and human services, division of child support services and the original to the division.

VII. If the mother or natural father **or other non-birth parent** is not of legal age, then each signature on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** form of a person under the age of 18 shall be accompanied by the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian.

VIII. When an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** is executed after the death of a child, a notation shall be made on the affidavit indicating that the child is deceased and that the changes authorized on the birth record are also applicable to the death record.

IX. When the married mother of a child born in a hospital indicates that her [husband] **spouse** is not the natural father **or other non-birth parent** of the child, but because of time constraints a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** cannot be executed before she leaves the hospital, the surname of the child shall be any name chosen by the mother and the hospital shall enter “not stated” on the birth record for all information pertaining to the father **or other non-birth parent** of the child. The mother, natural father **or other non-birth parent**, and [husband] **spouse** shall subsequently sign a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** form, with each signature notarized, and submit it to the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred. Upon receipt of the signed and notarized 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, the clerk shall create a new birth record for the child, reflecting the new name of the child as well as the natural father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** information. The natural father **or other non-birth parent** may sign the affidavit before the birth of the child has occurred, but the mother’s signature shall not be affixed to the affidavit form until after the birth of the child.

X. When an [unwed] **unmarried** mother applies to the clerk of a town or city wishing to add the name of a father **or other non-birth parent** to [her] **the** child’s birth record the following shall apply: the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall be executed prior to the child’s 18th birthday; the natural father **or other non-birth parent** to be named shall personally sign the affidavit; if signed separately, each signature shall be separately notarized; in those cases where the alleged natural father **or other non-birth parent** is deceased, the mother shall present [her] **the** request in the form of petition to a court of competent jurisdiction; and, if the court approves the request, the resulting court order shall be processed by the clerk of the town or city in the same manner as a court determination of [paternity] **parentage** and in accordance with RSA 5-C:26.

XI. Once the surname of the child has been established through an executed affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, any subsequent change shall be made upon receipt of a certified copy of a legal change of name issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

11 Informational Requirements for an Affidavit of Paternity; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:25 as follows:

5-C:25 Informational Requirements for an Affidavit of [Paternity] **Parentage**.

I. Parents shall include the following information when completing an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**:

(a) Information about the child including: the child’s first, middle, and last names; the child’s city or town and state of birth; the child’s date of birth; the child’s name as it appears on the birth record; the child’s social security number, if known; whether the child is living; and, the child’s date and place of death, if applicable.

(b) Information about, and signature of, the child’s natural father **or other non-birth parent**, including: the natural father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** full name and date of birth; the natural father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** state of birth; the natural father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** social security number; the natural father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** address; and, the natural father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** signature and date signed, unless the natural father’s **or other non-birth parent** is a minor in which case [his] **that person’s** parent or guardian’s signature shall be obtained and the date signed.

(c) Information about, and signature of, the child’s mother, including: the mother’s maiden name; the mother’s social security number; mother’s address; if the mother is a minor, her parent or guardian’s signature; and, the mother’s signature and date signed, unless the mother is a minor, in which case her parent or guardian’s signature shall be obtained and the date signed.

(d) When the mother’s husband **or other non-birth parent** agrees that he **or she** is not the child’s natural father **or other non-birth parent**, the following information, and signature of, the mother’s [husband] **spouse**, including: the [husband’s] **spouse’s** name; the [husband’s] **spouse’s** social security number; the [husband’s] **spouse’s** address; and the [husband’s] **spouse’s** signature and date signed, unless the [husband] **spouse** is a minor in which case his parent or guardian’s signature shall be obtained and the date signed.

(e) The signatures of the child’s natural father **or other non-birth parent**, mother, and, if he **or she is** not the child’s natural father **or other non-birth parent**, **the spouse**, shall be notarized and shall include the date signed and the date the notary’s commission expires.

(f) Certification of hospital or birthing center, including the name and signature of the preparer and date signed, and the name and the address of the hospital or birthing facility.

II. In the case of a home birth, the midwife or attendant shall refer the mother to the clerk of the town or city to complete the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**.

12 Birth Record Following Paternity Determination; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:26 to read as follows:

5-C:26 Preparation of New Birth Record Following [Paternity] **Parentage** Determination.

I. Upon receipt of a certified copy of a court order regarding the [paternity] **parentage** of a child born in New Hampshire, the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall prepare a new birth record.

II. Acceptable documentation for preparing a new birth record shall include a certified court order that clearly states that the birth record shall be changed to reflect [paternity] **parentage** or a photocopy of that court order and a letter from the division of child support services indicating that a [paternity] **parentage** hearing has been initiated by that division.

III. The clerk of the town or city shall prepare the new birth record, retain its originally assigned file number, send the copy marked "state" to the division; and retain the copy marked "clerk."

IV. Upon receipt of the completed affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** by the clerk of the city or town, the information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent** shall be added to the birth record, or in the case of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** submitted after the filing of the birth record, a new record shall be completed by the clerk of the town or city and forwarded to the division in accordance with this section and RSA 5-C:21.

V. The surname of the child shall be recorded as shown on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** and in accordance with RSA 5-C:24. If the mother is [unwed] **unmarried**, the surname given to the child shall be any name chosen by the [mother and father] **mother and natural father or other non-birth parent**. If the mother is married and a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** is being utilized, the surname of the child shall be any name chosen by the mother.

13 Rescission of Paternity Form; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:27 to read as follows:
RSA 5-C:27 Rescission of [Paternity] **Parentage** Form.

I. A parent or legal guardian who is a signatory to the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall provide information to complete a rescission of [paternity] **parentage** form as follows:

(a) Information about the child, including the child's first, middle, and last names as they appear on the birth record, the child's date of birth, the city or town of birth, the child's social security number, if known, and the child's sex.

(b) Information about the child's [father and mother] **parents**, and the mother's husband **or other spouse** if a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was completed, including the father's **or other non-birth parent's** full name, the father's **or other non-birth parent's** date of birth, the father's **or other non-birth parent's** mailing address, the mother's full name, the mother's mailing address, whether a completed 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was submitted and, if a 3-party affidavit was filed, the [husband's] **spouse's** full name and mailing address.

(c) The rescinder's signature and date.

II. The form shall be attested to by a notary public or justice of the peace. The city or town clerk shall sign and date the form.

14 Rescission of Paternity Procedures; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:28 to read as follows:
5-C:28 Rescission of [Paternity] **Parentage** Procedures.

I. A parent or legal guardian may request to rescind an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** from the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred within 60 days of the filing of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** unless an administrative or judicial proceeding related to the child results in an earlier date.

II. Once the completed rescission of [paternity] **parentage** form is filed, the clerk of the town or city shall remove the name of the father **or other non-birth parent** from the birth record and insert "not stated" in the space provided for the father's **or other non-birth parent's** name or, if the original birth record was filed prior to the completion of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, change the child's name on the birth record back to the name stated on the original record before the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was filed.

III. After the 60-day rescission period has passed, any challenge to the affidavit shall be decided only by a court of competent jurisdiction.

IV. The fee for changing the birth record due to a rescission of [paternity] **parentage** shall be in accordance with RSA 5-C:10.

V. The clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall distribute the rescission of [paternity] **parentage** to the mother; the father **or other non-birth parent** named on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**; the parent or legal guardian of minor signatory as stated on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**; the division; the department of health and human services; the [husband] **spouse**, if a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was completed; and, the hospital that was the originator of the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, if applicable.

15 Surrogate Mother; Changed Reference. RSA 5-C:29 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
5-C:29 Gestational Carrier.

When a child is born to a gestational carrier as defined in RSA 168-B:1, IX, if there is a parentage order issued prior to birth, the birth record shall list parentage as reflected in the order. If a parentage order is issued post birth, the birth record shall list parentage consistent with the order as either an original birth record or as an amended birth record as requested by the party or parties.

16 Birth Resulting from Artificial Insemination; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:30 to read as follows:
5-C:30 Birth Resulting from Artificial Insemination.

I. When it is known that the birth of a child is the result of artificial insemination *as defined in RSA 168-B:1* of sperm from a person who is not the mother's [husband] *spouse*, [the male] *parentage* shall be indicated on the birth record as follows:

(a) If the mother is married, the [husband's] *spouse's* name shall be listed as the [father] *parent* of the child.

(b) If the mother is [unwed] *unmarried*, an affidavit of [paternity] *parentage* [shall] *may* be executed [when the donor of the sperm can be identified and is willing to be identified on the birth record or, otherwise, the phrase "not stated" shall be entered for the father's name] *by the intended parents as defined in RSA 168-B*.

II. In the case where the birth of a child is the result of artificial insemination of a [surrogate mother] *person acting as a gestational carrier*, the preparation of the birth record shall be governed by the procedures in RSA 5-C:29.

17 Initiation of the Death Record; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:63, XI to read as follows:

XI. In the case of an infant death when the child is less than one year of age and the mother is not married, the name of the father *or other non-birth parent* shall not be provided unless the father's *or other non-birth parent's* name appears on the birth record or an affidavit of [paternity] *parentage* has been executed relating to both the birth and death certificate of the child. The name of the child on the death record shall be the same as the name of the child as shown on the child's birth record.

18 Fetal Death Paternity Affidavit; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:76 to read as follows:

5-C:76 Fetal Death [Paternity] *Parentage* Affidavit.

The information and signature requirements for a fetal death [paternity] *parentage* affidavit shall be as follows: the father's *or other non-birth parent's* full name; the father's *or other non-birth parent's* city or town, county, and state of residence; the father's *or other non-birth parent's* date of birth; the father's *or other non-birth parent's* social security number; the date and place of delivery of the fetus; the mother's full maiden name; mother's social security number; the mother's resident address; the name of the fetus if it appears on the report of fetal death; [the father's] *both parents'* signature and the date signed; [the mother's signature and the date signed;] the mother's [husband's] *spouse's* signature in the case where the child's father *or other non-birth parent* is not the mother's [husband] *spouse*; the signature of a parent or guardian if the natural father *or other non-birth parent*, the mother, or the mother's [husband] *spouse* is not of legal age, and the date signed; and the signature and seal of a notary public or justice of the peace and the date signed.

19 Procedures for Completion of the Fetal Death Paternity Affidavit; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:77 to read as follows:

5-C:77 Procedures for Completion of the Fetal Death [Paternity] *Parentage* Affidavit.

The name and information concerning the father *or other non-birth parent* shall be included in the report of fetal death for a child delivered out of wedlock in the state of New Hampshire upon receipt of a sworn affidavit of [paternity] *parentage* signed by both parents as described in RSA 5-C:76. The hospital or institution's designated staff shall prepare the fetal death [paternity] *parentage* affidavit and attach it to the report of fetal death that is forwarded to the division. Upon receipt of the fetal death [paternity] *parentage* affidavit, the information concerning the father *or other non-birth parent* shall be added by the division to the report of fetal death. The fetal death [paternity] *parentage* affidavit form shall be retained by the division with the report of fetal death in accordance with the record retention schedule listed in RSA 5-C:96.

20 Retention Schedule for Forms and Other Documents; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:96 to read as follows:

5-C:96 Retention Schedule for Forms and Other Documents.

I. "Vital event record," for the purpose of the retention schedule established in this section, means all of the following records:

(a) All birth records and any related documents used in the preparation of new records, including completed affidavits of [paternity] *parentage* legitimation forms, court-ordered [paternity] *parentage* decisions, court-authorized decisions related to change of gender, and all records relating to adoptions.

(b) All death records, including changes affecting medical certification, submitted by the physician, APRN, or physician assistant to either the clerk of the town or city or the division.

(c) All marriage records, including any documents and related material used in the process of voiding any marriage certificate.

(d) Divorce, civil annulment, and legal separation records that are on file at the division.

II. For the purpose of preservation of facts in relation to births, marriages, deaths, and divorces, vital event records shall be retained by the city or town clerks and hospitals as follows:

- (a) Application forms used to apply for certified copies: retained for one year.
- (b) Marriage application worksheet when the clerk of the town or city has received the license from the officiant: retained for one year.
- (c) Marriage application worksheet when the marriage license has not been returned by the officiant or it has been determined that the marriage had never taken place: retained for 50 years.
- (d) Birth worksheet, hospital birth: retained permanently.
- (e) Birth worksheet, home birth: retained permanently.
- (f) In-state burial permit: retained for 6 years.
- (g) Out-of-state burial permit: retained for 10 years.
- (h) Disinterment and reinterment permit; in-state disposition: retained for 6 years.
- (i) Disinterment and reinterment permit; out-of-state disposition: retained for 10 years.
- (j) Medical examiner's cremation certificate: retained for 6 years.
- (k) Amendment or correction form: retained permanently.
- (l) Clerk of the town or city's copy of marriage certificate: retained permanently.
- (m) Fetal death report: retained permanently.
- (n) Funeral director receipt: retained for one year.
- (o) Vital event records, including birth, marriages, and deaths, not specifically listed in this paragraph: retained permanently.

21 Handling of Special Records; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:107, II to read as follows:

II. Access to non-certified copies of records involving ~~[paternity]~~ **parentage** judgments, affidavits of ~~[paternity]~~ **parentage**, legitimation, and change of sex which require the preparation of a new birth certificate shall be handled as provided by this paragraph. Any New Hampshire state agency shall be granted access when a specific legal authority is presented. The registrant and parents, legal guardians, or legal representatives of the registrant shall have access to the record, and any order from a court of competent jurisdiction requesting access shall be honored. To indicate that the document is a non-certified copy, a copy of the document shall be marked "informational copy only."

22 New Paragraph; Parent-Child Relationship. Amend RSA 168-B:2 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Any person who is a parent pursuant to RSA 168-B:2, II, without the assistance of a gestational carrier (gestational carrier arrangements are governed by RSA 168-B:12), married or unmarried, may establish parentage by signing an affidavit of parentage pursuant to RSA 5-C:24.

23 Special Rules of Evidence and Procedure; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 546-B:27, X to read as follows:

X. A voluntary acknowledgment of ~~[paternity]~~ **parentage**, certified as a true copy, is admissible to establish parentage of the child.

24 Inheritance of Children Born of Unwed Parents; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 561:4 to read as follows:
561:4 Inheritance of Children Born of Unwed Parents.

I. A child born of unwed parents shall inherit from or through his mother as if born in lawful wedlock. The estate of a person born of unwed parents dying intestate and leaving no issue, nor ~~[husband, nor wife]~~ **spouse** shall descend to the mother, and, if the mother is dead, through the line of the mother as if the person so dying were born in lawful wedlock.

II. A child born of unwed parents shall inherit from or through his **or her** father **or other non-birth parent** as if born in lawful wedlock, under any of the following conditions:

- (a) Intermarriage of the parents after the birth of the child.
- (b) Acknowledgment of ~~[paternity]~~ **parentage** or legitimation ~~[by the father]~~.
- (c) A court decree adjudges the decedent to be the ~~[father]~~ **parent** before his **or her** death.
- (d) ~~[Paternity]~~ **Parentage** is established after the death of the ~~[father]~~ **parent** by clear and convincing evidence.
- (e) The decedent had adopted the child.

25 Effective Date. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes several references and modifies language in parentage and birth records.

The question being adoption of amendment (1697h).

On a division vote, with 337 members having voted in the affirmative, and 28 in the negative, amendment (1697h) was adopted.

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

Rep. Alexander offers amendment (1698h).

Amendment (1698h)

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

AN ACT changing several references and modifying language in parentage and birth records, adding the expiration of the term of the lease or tenancy if over 6 months as grounds for an eviction, and repealing statutes relative to court reporters.

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

1 Definitions; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:1, XVIII to read as follows:

XVIII. "Legitimation" means the legal process of establishing the [paternity] **parentage** of a child born out of wedlock or whose [paternity] **parentage** is being disputed pursuant to RSA 5-C:24 and RSA 460:29.

2 New Paragraph; Definitions. Amend RSA 5-C:1 by inserting after paragraph XXVI the following new paragraph:

XXVI-a. "Non-birth parent" means the genetic parent of a child or the intended parent of a child born through assisted reproduction regardless of genetic connection. A non-birth parent shall not mean a gamete donor.

3 Definitions; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:1, XXXV to read as follows:

XXXV. "3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**" means the voluntary acknowledgment of [fatherhood] **parentage** signed by: (1) the [natural] father **or other non-birth parent**, (2) the mother and (3) the mother's [husband] **spouse** who is not the father **or other genetic or intended parent**, but was the mother's [husband] **spouse** at the time of conception, during the pregnancy, or at the time of the child's birth.

4 Disclosure of Information From Vital Records; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:9, VII to read as follows:

VII. Disclosure of voluntary acknowledgments and adjudication of [paternity] **parentage** by judicial or administrative processes shall be released for the purposes of the state case registry pursuant to RSA 161-B:7.

5 Completion of Birth Worksheet for Hospital or Institutional Births; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:19 to read as follows:

5-C:19 Completion of Birth Worksheet for Hospital or Institutional Births.

I. A hospital, institution, birthing center, attendant, or parent shall file with the division a birth record for each live birth which occurs in the state of New Hampshire.

II. In the case of a hospital or institution live birth, a completed birth worksheet shall include the following, provided by personnel as indicated:

(a) The hospital or institution birth registrar or designee shall provide:

(1) Information regarding the child, including name, date and time of birth, and sex.

(2) Information regarding the facility, including name, street address, city or town, and county.

(3) Information regarding the mother including:

(A) Current name and maiden name.

(B) Date of birth and birthplace.

(C) City or town, county, and state of residence.

(D) Residential address and complete mailing address if different from the residential address, or, if the same as the residential address, her zip code only.

(E) Social security number.

(F) Usual occupation and the business or industry in which employed.

(G) Race.

(H) Level of education.

(I) Whether she was married at the time of the birth of child, or conception of child, or any time between.

(4) Information regarding the father **or other non-birth parent** including:

(A) Name.

(B) Date of birth and birthplace.

(C) City or town, county, and state of residence.

(D) Residential address and complete mailing address if different from the residential address, or, if the same as the residential address, [his] zip code only.

(E) Social security number.

(F) Usual occupation and the business or industry in which employed.

(G) Race.

(H) Level of education.

(5) The method of payment for prenatal care and for delivery.

(6) Statistical information from the **birth** mother, medical reports, and her physician regarding the **birth** mother and child including:

(A) Number of live births, not including this child, now living and now dead.

(B) Date of the last live birth.

- (C) Other terminations of pregnancy, any time after conception.
- (D) Date of the last other termination of pregnancy.
- (E) Date last normal menses began.
- (F) Month that prenatal care began.
- (G) Total number of prenatal visits.
- (H) Birth weight of the child.
- (I) Clinical estimation of gestation in weeks.
- (J) Plurality of the child, including but not limited to single, twin, or triplet.
- (K) Birth order of the child.
- (L) The Apgar score, which is an evaluation of a newborn infant's physical status, at one minute and at 5 minutes.

(7) If the **birth** mother is transferred to another facility before or after giving birth, transfer information for the **birth** mother and child including:

- (A) Whether the **birth** mother was transferred prior to delivery or after delivery.
- (B) Whether the infant was transferred after delivery.
- (C) Whether the child was living or dead at the time of the report.
- (8) Information regarding the medical aspects of the pregnancy including:
 - (A) Any medical risk factors for the pregnancy.
 - (B) Any other risk factors for the pregnancy.
 - (C) Any obstetric procedures performed during the course of the pregnancy.
 - (D) Any complications of labor and delivery.
 - (E) The method of delivery.
 - (F) Any abnormal conditions of the newborn.
 - (G) Any congenital anomalies of the child.

(9) Indication from one parent whether the division shall be authorized to provide the Social Security Administration with data from the birth record in order for the Social Security Administration to issue a social security number.

(10) Indication from one parent whether the division shall be authorized to release birth record information to the New Hampshire immunization registry.

(11) Signature of the individual who interviewed the parent or other informant certifying that the information has been recorded exactly as given by the parent or other informant or has been taken from medical records.

(b) A parent or other informant shall provide his or her signature certifying that the information supplied is a true and correct representation of the facts to the best of his or her knowledge; the date signed; and the informant's relationship to the child.

III. A physician member of the institution's obstetrics team or service, the chief of obstetrics, the chief of the medical staff or the hospital administrator shall, within 72 hours of the birth, certify that the child was born alive at the place and time and the date stated by providing:

- (a) His or her signature as certifier.
- (b) The date signed.
- (c) His or her name and title.
- (d) The name and title of the attendant if other than the certifier.
- (e) The attendant's mailing address.

IV. The birth worksheet shall not be signed by a parent or informant until the child has been given a name or the mother is being discharged from the hospital, whichever is sooner.

V. When both a physician and a nurse midwife are present at a hospital birth, the physician shall sign the birth worksheet and be named as the certifier, and the name of the nurse midwife shall be entered as the attendant at birth.

VI. When a physician is not present and a nurse midwife is present at a hospital birth, the nurse midwife shall sign the birth worksheet and be named as the certifier.

VII. Any item of information not obtainable shall be indicated as: "not known" when the information is not known; "not available" when the information is known, but not immediately available; or "refused to provide" when the parent or informant refuses to provide the information.

VIII. In the case of an [unwed] **unmarried** mother, unless an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** has been executed, the notation "not stated" shall be entered in the spaces provided for information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent**.

IX. When a child is born in a moving conveyance, the city or town of birth shall be that city or town where the child was first removed from said conveyance.

X. When a married mother refuses to give information concerning her husband **as father or other spouse as non-birth parent** of the child, the hospital shall enter "not stated" on the birth record for all information pertaining to the father **or other non-birth parent** of the child.

XI. For a birth which occurred in a hospital or institution, the hospital or institution birth registrar or designee shall initially record information for the birth record on the birth worksheet and permanently retain the birth worksheet in the **birth** mother's medical record files at the hospital.

6 Completion of the Birth Worksheet for Non-Hospital Births; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:20 to read as follows:

5-C:20 Completion of the Birth Worksheet for Non-Hospital Births.

I. If a child is born in New Hampshire at home or some place other than a facility that regularly prepares birth records and is brought to a New Hampshire hospital or birthing center with the **birth** mother within 24 hours of birth, the hospital or birthing center shall complete the birth record in accordance with RSA 5-C:19 except that the place of birth shall be entered as the city or town of the actual birth; the physician who attends the **birth** mother in the hospital shall be entered as the physician who attended the **birth** mother in the hospital or birthing center; and the certifying physician signature section shall be signed by the physician who attended the **birth** mother in the facility.

II. Birthing centers shall complete birth records for children born in their facilities in accordance with the reporting requirements for hospital and institution live births as provided in RSA 5-C:19.

III. In the case of a home birth, the record shall be completed as follows:

(a) If attended by a physician, midwife, or nurse midwife, then the physician, midwife or nurse midwife shall report the birth of the child to the division or to the registrar in the town where the birth occurred within one week of the birth. The physician, midwife or nurse midwife shall, within 2 weeks of the birth, complete the birth worksheet by completing the medical and statistical sections in accordance with RSA 5-C:19 by entering his or her name and title as the attendant; by signing the worksheet as the attendant; by providing his or her mailing address; and, by giving the signed worksheet to the parent to bring to the clerk of the town or city where the birth occurred. The clerk of the town or city shall report to the division by the next working day any home birth that takes place within his or her jurisdiction if such an occurrence is brought to his or her attention and, the division shall notify the appropriate clerk of the town or city of any home birth reported directly to the division.

(b) If a home birth is not attended by a physician or midwife, then the parent shall report the birth of the child to the division or to the registrar in the town where the birth occurred within one week of the birth. The clerk of the town or city shall report to the division by the next working day any home birth that takes place within his or her jurisdiction if such an occurrence is brought to his or her attention. The division shall notify the appropriate clerk of the town or city of any home birth reported directly to the division. Upon notice of a home birth, the clerk of the town or city shall prepare the birth worksheet completing as many items as possible, including the name and address of a birth attendant if a parent, friend, ambulance attendant, or other person attended the birth; sign the birth worksheet as certifier; and, if any of the original information on the worksheet was changed by a parent before presentation to the clerk of the town or city, the parent shall initial such changes and note the reason for the change in the margin of the birth worksheet. When a home birth occurs in the state of New Hampshire and the **birth** mother is taken with her child to a hospital outside the state, such a birth shall be registered by the division notifying the appropriate clerk of the town or city of any home birth reported directly to the division.

IV. If a birth occurs in an unincorporated town or a geographical area where there is no clerk of the town, the birth record shall be filed with the nearest clerk of a town or city or the state registrar. The actual place of birth shall be shown on the birth record along with a notation stating why the birth record was filed in a city or town other than that of the birth occurrence.

V. In the case where the mother has refused to provide the name of her [husband] **spouse**, and at a later date she provides the name of her [husband] **spouse** to the clerk of the town or city or the division, the mother shall also provide to the clerk of the town or city the documentation necessary to process a correction to the birth record pursuant to RSA 5-C:85. When reviewed pursuant to RSA 5-C:85, the clerk of the town or city shall add the name of the [husband] **spouse** to the birth record.

VI. Whenever the marital status on the birth record is disputed by the mother, she shall provide to the division a medical opinion in writing concerning the estimated date of conception in relation to the date of the divorce and a certified copy of the divorce decree to establish the exact date of divorce. The state registrar shall review the information provided and make the determination of marital status for the birth record. If the mother disputes the determination of the state registrar, the mother may request an administrative hearing within 30 days of the registrar's decision.

7 Distribution of the Birth Record; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:21 to read as follows:

5-C:21 Distribution of the Birth Record.

I. The hospital or institution birth registrar shall forward a completed birth record to the division and clerk of the town or city no later than 6 days from the date of birth and provide to the parents upon discharge from the hospital or institution an exact copy of the information that will appear on the official birth record

of the newborn child. If the **birth** mother has signed release papers for adoption, the hospital or institution birth registrar shall make the notation "Adoption Pending" on the face of the parent's notice and forward the parent notice to the division instead of giving it to the **birth** mother.

II. Hospital and institution birth registrars shall not issue any document resembling a birth certificate or which appears to be an official birth record.

III. The clerk of the town or city where the birth occurred shall review the information on the parent notice presented by the parent, and, if the information is confirmed by the parent, the clerk shall issue a certified copy of the birth certificate to the parent after receipt of payment pursuant to RSA 5-C:10. If the parent states that the information is incorrect, the clerk shall follow the correction procedures in RSA 5-C:85. In the case of a home birth, the clerk shall forward a copy of the completed birth record with the birth worksheet to the division within 2 business days of its completion; mail the parent notice to the parent or personally present it to the parent; and exchange the parent notice for a certified copy after payment of the fee required by RSA 5-C:10.

IV. The division shall provide the following to the city or town of residence of the mother:

- (a) The child's name.
- (b) The child's date of birth.
- (c) The child's place of birth.
- (d) The father **or other non-birth** parent's name.
- (e) The mother's name.
- (f) The state file number, which is a unique, sequential identifying number assigned by the division.

V. If corrections of misspellings or typographical errors are required, the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall forward a notice of changes to the division and issue a certified copy of the birth record, as amended, to the parents.

8 Legitimation of Child Form; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:22 as follows:

5-C:22 Legitimation of Child Form.

I. Unless the legitimation is by court order, each parent shall complete a legitimation of child form with the following:

(a) Information regarding the child, the mother, and the natural father **or other non-birth parent**, including: the name of the child as originally recorded; date and place of birth; maiden name of the mother; the mother's social security number; the mother's city or town of residence; full name of the child, full name of the natural father **or other non-birth parent**; date of birth of the natural father **or other non-birth parent**; the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** social security number; and current mailing address of the parents.

(b) The signature of the natural father **or other non-birth parent** and the mother.

(c) The city or town and county where the affidavit was signed.

(d) The signature of the notary public or justice of the peace with the expiration date of commission, the date signed, and sealed if applicable.

(e) Indication as to whether the certificate of marriage was presented to the clerk of the town or city.

(f) The date received by the clerk of the town or city.

(g) The date the new record was made.

(h) The signature and city or town of the clerk.

II. When the mother or natural father **or other non-birth parent** or both are under the age of 18, each signature shall be accompanied by the notarized signature of a parent or guardian unless the legitimation is by court order.

9 Birth Record Following Legitimation; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:23 as follows:

5-C:23 Birth Record Following Legitimation.

I. An application for filing an amended birth record in the case of a legitimation shall be made by a parent on a legitimation of child form pursuant to RSA 5-C:22 and submitted to the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred.

II. Upon receipt of a legitimation of child form and a certified copy of the parent's marriage record, or in accordance with procedures outlined in RSA 457:42 and RSA 460:29, the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall prepare an amended birth record.

III. The following procedures shall be followed if a legitimation case is settled by the court pursuant to RSA 460:29:

(a) A certified copy of the court order shall be presented by the parents to the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred.

(b) The legitimation form shall be prepared pursuant to RSA 5-C:22 and filed by the clerk of the city or town with a notation on the form indicating that the court order has been the basis of the action under RSA 460:29.

(c) The birth record shall then be processed as specified in RSA 5-C:87, and amended by adding information to the record concerning the father **or other non-birth parent**.

IV. The clerk of the city or town shall prepare the amended birth record in accordance with RSA 5-C:89, adding the information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent**.

V. The court order and the legitimation of child form shall be retained permanently by the clerk of the city or town on the form appropriate for the year of birth pursuant to RSA 5-C:86.

10 Affidavit of Paternity; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:24 to read as follows:

5-C:24 Affidavit of [Paternity] **Parentage**.

I. In the case of a child born in the state of New Hampshire whose [paternity] **parentage** has not been established by means of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, the mother, [or the] natural father, **or other non-birth parent** may initiate a request for an acknowledgment of [paternity] **parentage**.

II. The affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall be completed and filed in accordance with RSA 5-C:25. **A genetic parent or a person who is a parent pursuant to RSA 168-B:2, II, without the assistance of a gestational carrier (as gestational carrier arrangements are governed by RSA 168-B:12), married or unmarried, may establish parentage by signing an affidavit of parentage.**

III. A hospital shall attempt to have the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** completed in the hospital, but if an affidavit is not completed before the birth record is sent to the division and the [paternity] **parentage** is not yet established, then the phrase "not stated" shall be inserted for the father's **or other non-birth parent's** name.

IV. If the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** is not completed in the hospital, the mother and natural father **or non-birth parent** shall contact the clerk of the town or city to execute the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**.

V. The natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** name, date of birth, and state of birth shall be added to the birth record by the clerk of the town or city upon the registrar's receipt of a sworn, notarized affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**.

VI. A copy of the completed affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall be forwarded by the hospital to the department of health and human services, division of child support services and the original to the division.

VII. If the mother or natural father **or other non-birth parent** is not of legal age, then each signature on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** form of a person under the age of 18 shall be accompanied by the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian.

VIII. When an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** is executed after the death of a child, a notation shall be made on the affidavit indicating that the child is deceased and that the changes authorized on the birth record are also applicable to the death record.

IX. When the married mother of a child born in a hospital indicates that her [husband] **spouse** is not the natural father **or other non-birth parent** of the child, but because of time constraints a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** cannot be executed before she leaves the hospital, the surname of the child shall be any name chosen by the mother and the hospital shall enter "not stated" on the birth record for all information pertaining to the father **or other non-birth parent** of the child. The mother, natural father **or other non-birth parent**, and [husband] **spouse** shall subsequently sign a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** form, with each signature notarized, and submit it to the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred. Upon receipt of the signed and notarized 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, the clerk shall create a new birth record for the child, reflecting the new name of the child as well as the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** information. The natural father **or other non-birth parent** may sign the affidavit before the birth of the child has occurred, but the mother's signature shall not be affixed to the affidavit form until after the birth of the child.

X. When an [unwed] **unmarried** mother applies to the clerk of a town or city wishing to add the name of a father **or other non-birth parent** to [her] **the** child's birth record the following shall apply: the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall be executed prior to the child's 18th birthday; the natural father **or other non-birth parent** to be named shall personally sign the affidavit; if signed separately, each signature shall be separately notarized; in those cases where the alleged natural father **or other non-birth parent** is deceased, the mother shall present [her] **the** request in the form of petition to a court of competent jurisdiction; and, if the court approves the request, the resulting court order shall be processed by the clerk of the town or city in the same manner as a court determination of [paternity] **parentage** and in accordance with RSA 5-C:26.

XI. Once the surname of the child has been established through an executed affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, any subsequent change shall be made upon receipt of a certified copy of a legal change of name issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

11 Informational Requirements for an Affidavit of Paternity; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:25 as follows:

5-C:25 Informational Requirements for an Affidavit of [Paternity] **Parentage**.

I. Parents shall include the following information when completing an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**:

(a) Information about the child including: the child's first, middle, and last names; the child's city or town and state of birth; the child's date of birth; the child's name as it appears on the birth record; the child's social security number, if known; whether the child is living; and, the child's date and place of death, if applicable.

(b) Information about, and signature of, the child's natural father **or other non-birth parent**, including: the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** full name and date of birth; the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** state of birth; the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** social security number; the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** address; and, the natural father's **or other non-birth parent's** signature and date signed, unless the natural father's **or other non-birth parent** is a minor in which case [his] **that person's** parent or guardian's signature shall be obtained and the date signed.

(c) Information about, and signature of, the child's mother, including: the mother's maiden name; the mother's social security number; mother's address; if the mother is a minor, her parent or guardian's signature; and, the mother's signature and date signed, unless the mother is a minor, in which case her parent or guardian's signature shall be obtained and the date signed.

(d) When the mother's husband **or other non-birth parent** agrees that he **or she** is not the child's natural father **or other non-birth parent**, the following information, and signature of, the mother's [husband] **spouse**, including: the [husband's] **spouse's** name; the [husband's] **spouse's** social security number; the [husband's] **spouse's** address; and the [husband's] **spouse's** signature and date signed, unless the [husband] **spouse** is a minor in which case his parent or guardian's signature shall be obtained and the date signed.

(e) The signatures of the child's natural father **or other non-birth parent**, mother, and, if he **or she is** not the child's natural father **or other non-birth parent, the spouse**, shall be notarized and shall include the date signed and the date the notary's commission expires.

(f) Certification of hospital or birthing center, including the name and signature of the preparer and date signed, and the name and the address of the hospital or birthing facility.

II. In the case of a home birth, the midwife or attendant shall refer the mother to the clerk of the town or city to complete the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**.

12 Birth Record Following Paternity Determination; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:26 to read as follows:
5-C:26 Preparation of New Birth Record Following [Paternity] **Parentage** Determination.

I. Upon receipt of a certified copy of a court order regarding the [paternity] **parentage** of a child born in New Hampshire, the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall prepare a new birth record.

II. Acceptable documentation for preparing a new birth record shall include a certified court order that clearly states that the birth record shall be changed to reflect [paternity] **parentage** or a photocopy of that court order and a letter from the division of child support services indicating that a [paternity] **parentage** hearing has been initiated by that division.

III. The clerk of the town or city shall prepare the new birth record, retain its originally assigned file number, send the copy marked "state" to the division; and retain the copy marked "clerk."

IV. Upon receipt of the completed affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** by the clerk of the city or town, the information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent** shall be added to the birth record, or in the case of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** submitted after the filing of the birth record, a new record shall be completed by the clerk of the town or city and forwarded to the division in accordance with this section and RSA 5-C:21.

V. The surname of the child shall be recorded as shown on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** and in accordance with RSA 5-C:24. If the mother is [unwed] **unmarried**, the surname given to the child shall be any name chosen by the [mother and father] **mother and natural father or other non-birth parent**. If the mother is married and a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** is being utilized, the surname of the child shall be any name chosen by the mother.

13 Rescission of Paternity Form; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:27 to read as follows:
RSA 5-C:27 Rescission of [Paternity] **Parentage** Form.

I. A parent or legal guardian who is a signatory to the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** shall provide information to complete a rescission of [paternity] **parentage** form as follows:

(a) Information about the child, including the child's first, middle, and last names as they appear on the birth record, the child's date of birth, the city or town of birth, the child's social security number, if known, and the child's sex.

(b) Information about the child's [father and mother] **parents**, and the mother's husband **or other spouse** if a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was completed, including the father's **or other non-birth parent's** full name, the father's **or other non-birth parent's** date of birth, the father's **or other non-birth parent's** mailing address, the mother's full name, the mother's mailing address, whether a completed 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was submitted and, if a 3-party affidavit was filed, the [husband's] **spouse's** full name and mailing address.

(c) The rescinder's signature and date.

II. The form shall be attested to by a notary public or justice of the peace. The city or town clerk shall sign and date the form.

14 Rescission of Paternity Procedures; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:28 to read as follows:
5-C:28 Rescission of [Paternity] **Parentage** Procedures.

I. A parent or legal guardian may request to rescind an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** from the clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred within 60 days of the filing of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** unless an administrative or judicial proceeding related to the child results in an earlier date.

II. Once the completed rescission of [paternity] **parentage** form is filed, the clerk of the town or city shall remove the name of the father **or other non-birth parent** from the birth record and insert “not stated” in the space provided for the father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** name or, if the original birth record was filed prior to the completion of an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, change the child’s name on the birth record back to the name stated on the original record before the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was filed.

III. After the 60-day rescission period has passed, any challenge to the affidavit shall be decided only by a court of competent jurisdiction.

IV. The fee for changing the birth record due to a rescission of [paternity] **parentage** shall be in accordance with RSA 5-C:10.

V. The clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred shall distribute the rescission of [paternity] **parentage** to the mother; the father **or other non-birth parent** named on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**; the parent or legal guardian of minor signatory as stated on the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**; the division; the department of health and human services; the [husband] **spouse**, if a 3-party affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** was completed; and, the hospital that was the originator of the affidavit of [paternity] **parentage**, if applicable.

15 Surrogate Mother; Changed Reference. RSA 5-C:29 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
5-C:29 Gestational Carrier.

When a child is born to a gestational carrier as defined in RSA 168-B:1, IX, if there is a parentage order issued prior to birth, the birth record shall list parentage as reflected in the order. If a parentage order is issued post birth, the birth record shall list parentage consistent with the order as either an original birth record or as an amended birth record as requested by the party or parties.

16 Birth Resulting from Artificial Insemination; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:30 to read as follows:
5-C:30 Birth Resulting from Artificial Insemination.

I. When it is known that the birth of a child is the result of artificial insemination **as defined in RSA 168-B:1** of sperm from a person who is not the mother’s [husband] **spouse**, [the male] **parentage** shall be indicated on the birth record as follows:

(a) If the mother is married, the [husband’s] **spouse’s** name shall be listed as the [father] **parent** of the child.

(b) If the mother is [unwed] **unmarried**, an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** [shall] **may** be executed [when the donor of the sperm can be identified and is willing to be identified on the birth record or, otherwise, the phrase “not stated” shall be entered for the father’s name] **by the intended parents as defined in RSA 168-B.**

II. In the case where the birth of a child is the result of artificial insemination of a [surrogate mother] **person acting as a gestational carrier**, the preparation of the birth record shall be governed by the procedures in RSA 5-C:29.

17 Initiation of the Death Record; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:63, XI to read as follows:

XI. In the case of an infant death when the child is less than one year of age and the mother is not married, the name of the father **or other non-birth parent** shall not be provided unless the father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** name appears on the birth record or an affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** has been executed relating to both the birth and death certificate of the child. The name of the child on the death record shall be the same as the name of the child as shown on the child’s birth record.

18 Fetal Death Paternity Affidavit; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:76 to read as follows:

5-C:76 Fetal Death [Paternity] **Parentage** Affidavit.

The information and signature requirements for a fetal death [paternity] **parentage** affidavit shall be as follows: the father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** full name; the father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** city or town, county, and state of residence; the father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** date of birth; the father’s **or other non-birth parent’s** social security number; the date and place of delivery of the fetus; the mother’s full maiden name; mother’s social security number; the mother’s resident address; the name of the fetus if it appears on the report of fetal death; [the father’s] **both parents’** signature and the date signed; [the mother’s signature and the date signed;] the mother’s [husband’s] **spouse’s** signature in the case where the child’s father **or other non-birth parent** is not the mother’s [husband] **spouse**; the signature of a parent or guardian if the natural father **or other non-birth parent**, the mother, or the mother’s [husband] **spouse** is not of legal age, and the date signed; and the signature and seal of a notary public or justice of the peace and the date signed.

19 Procedures for Completion of the Fetal Death Paternity Affidavit; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:77 to read as follows:

5-C:77 Procedures for Completion of the Fetal Death [Paternity] **Parentage** Affidavit.

The name and information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent** shall be included in the report of fetal death for a child delivered out of wedlock in the state of New Hampshire upon receipt of a

sworn affidavit of [paternity] **parentage** signed by both parents as described in RSA 5-C:76. The hospital or institution's designated staff shall prepare the fetal death [paternity] **parentage** affidavit and attach it to the report of fetal death that is forwarded to the division. Upon receipt of the fetal death [paternity] **parentage** affidavit, the information concerning the father **or other non-birth parent** shall be added by the division to the report of fetal death. The fetal death [paternity] **parentage** affidavit form shall be retained by the division with the report of fetal death in accordance with the record retention schedule listed in RSA 5-C:96.

20 Retention Schedule for Forms and Other Documents; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:96 to read as follows:

5-C:96 Retention Schedule for Forms and Other Documents.

I. "Vital event record," for the purpose of the retention schedule established in this section, means all of the following records:

(a) All birth records and any related documents used in the preparation of new records, including completed affidavits of [paternity] **parentage** legitimation forms, court-ordered [paternity] **parentage** decisions, court-authorized decisions related to change of gender, and all records relating to adoptions.

(b) All death records, including changes affecting medical certification, submitted by the physician, APRN, or physician assistant to either the clerk of the town or city or the division.

(c) All marriage records, including any documents and related material used in the process of voiding any marriage certificate.

(d) Divorce, civil annulment, and legal separation records that are on file at the division.

II. For the purpose of preservation of facts in relation to births, marriages, deaths, and divorces, vital event records shall be retained by the city or town clerks and hospitals as follows:

(a) Application forms used to apply for certified copies: retained for one year.

(b) Marriage application worksheet when the clerk of the town or city has received the license from the officiant: retained for one year.

(c) Marriage application worksheet when the marriage license has not been returned by the officiant or it has been determined that the marriage had never taken place: retained for 50 years.

(d) Birth worksheet, hospital birth: retained permanently.

(e) Birth worksheet, home birth: retained permanently.

(f) In-state burial permit: retained for 6 years.

(g) Out-of-state burial permit: retained for 10 years.

(h) Disinterment and reinterment permit; in-state disposition: retained for 6 years.

(i) Disinterment and reinterment permit; out-of-state disposition: retained for 10 years.

(j) Medical examiner's cremation certificate: retained for 6 years.

(k) Amendment or correction form: retained permanently.

(l) Clerk of the town or city's copy of marriage certificate: retained permanently.

(m) Fetal death report: retained permanently.

(n) Funeral director receipt: retained for one year.

(o) Vital event records, including birth, marriages, and deaths, not specifically listed in this paragraph: retained permanently.

21 Handling of Special Records; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 5-C:107, II to read as follows:

II. Access to non-certified copies of records involving [paternity] **parentage** judgments, affidavits of [paternity] **parentage**, legitimation, and change of sex which require the preparation of a new birth certificate shall be handled as provided by this paragraph. Any New Hampshire state agency shall be granted access when a specific legal authority is presented. The registrant and parents, legal guardians, or legal representatives of the registrant shall have access to the record, and any order from a court of competent jurisdiction requesting access shall be honored. To indicate that the document is a non-certified copy, a copy of the document shall be marked "informational copy only."

22 New Paragraph; Parent-Child Relationship. Amend RSA 168-B:2 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Any person who is a parent pursuant to RSA 168-B:2, II, without the assistance of a gestational carrier (gestational carrier arrangements are governed by RSA 168-B:12), married or unmarried, may establish parentage by signing an affidavit of parentage pursuant to RSA 5-C:24.

23 Special Rules of Evidence and Procedure; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 546-B:27, X to read as follows:

X. A voluntary acknowledgment of [paternity] **parentage**, certified as a true copy, is admissible to establish parentage of the child.

24 Inheritance of Children Born of Unwed Parents; Changed Reference. Amend RSA 561:4 to read as follows:

561:4 Inheritance of Children Born of Unwed Parents.

I. A child born of unwed parents shall inherit from or through his mother as if born in lawful wedlock. The estate of a person born of unwed parents dying intestate and leaving no issue, nor ~~[husband, nor wife]~~ **spouse** shall descend to the mother, and, if the mother is dead, through the line of the mother as if the person so dying were born in lawful wedlock.

II. A child born of unwed parents shall inherit from or through his *or her* father *or other non-birth parent* as if born in lawful wedlock, under any of the following conditions:

- (a) Intermarriage of the parents after the birth of the child.
- (b) Acknowledgment of [paternity] **parentage** or legitimation [~~by the father~~].
- (c) A court decree adjudges the decedent to be the [father] **parent** before his *or her* death.
- (d) [Paternity] **Parentage** is established after the death of the [father] **parent** by clear and convincing evidence.
- (e) The decedent had adopted the child.

25 New Subparagraph; Termination of Tenancy; Expiration of Term. Amend RSA 540:2, II by inserting after subparagraph (g) the following new subparagraph:

(h) For a lease or tenancy the original term of which is 6 months or longer, or for a lease or tenancy the term of which is less than 6 months, but which has been renewed for a total period of 6 months or longer, the expiration of the term of the lease or tenancy, provided that the landlord has provided the tenant with written notice at least 30 days in advance of the termination date of the lease term that the lease will not be renewed and that the tenant must vacate the rental property at the end of the lease term.

26 Repeal; Court Reporters Licensure. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 310-A:161 through 310-A:181, relative to the licensure and regulation of court reporters.

II. RSA 310:2, II(b), relative to the advisory board of court reporters under OPLC.

III. RSA 326-I:7, III(f), relative to an exemption for licensed court reporters.

27 Effective Dates.

I. Section 25 shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. Section 26 shall take effect 90 days after passage.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes several references and modifies language in parentage and birth records, adds the expiration of the term of the lease or tenancy if over 6 months as grounds for an eviction, and repeals statutes relative to court reporters.

The question being adoption of amendment (1698h).

Rep. Turer spoke against.

Rep. Alexander spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 181 members having voted in the affirmative, and 183 in the negative, amendment (1698h) failed.

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

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **SB 422**, changing several references and modifying language in parentage and birth records, be Indefinitely Postponed.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Weber moved that **SB 422**, changing several references and modifying language in parentage and birth records, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 179 members having voted in the affirmative, and 186 in the negative, the motion failed.

The question now being adoption of the motion to Indefinitely Postpone.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 178 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 462, relative to raising the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Ben Ming for the Majority of Judiciary. The State of New Hampshire places a cap of \$150,000 on insurance claims for loss of consortium due to the wrongful death of a spouse, and \$50,000 for a child or parent. All the other states in New England except for one have no cap. The other state is Maine, which has a cap of \$1,000,000. Maine had an identical cap of \$150,000 in 1997, which is when New Hampshire first allowed loss of consortium claims in wrongful death cases. The majority of the committee believes that New Hampshire is overdue for raising the caps on loss of consortium claims, after compromise in the Senate resulted in a proposed elimination of the caps to be lowered to \$500,000 for spouses, and \$300,000 for children and parents. It further found that the belief held by those in opposition to the bill, that insurance rates would rise due to this change, were not substantially supported by actuarial data. Vote 11-9.

Rep. Richard Tripp for the Minority of Judiciary. This bill would increase the damage amount awarded to a surviving spouse for wrongful death from \$150,000 to \$500,000 and the damage amount awarded for a minor

child from \$50,000 to \$300,000. Testimony from the insurance industry and the NH Insurance Department raised concerns about the damage cap increases both raising insurance rates and jeopardizing the availability of insurance for such things as professional liability, including coverage for medical malpractice. Because the Insurance Department has not conducted an actuarial assessment of the effect the increases would have on these areas of concern, the minority of the committee felt the best course of action was to recommend the bill be Referred for Interim Study.

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Rep. Sweeney moved that **SB 462**, relative to raising the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims, be Indefinitely Postponed.

On a division vote, with 175 members having voted in the affirmative, and 187 in the negative, the motion failed.

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

Reps. Hunt and Tripp spoke against.

Reps. Kristine Perez and Ming spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 191 members having voted in the affirmative, and 174 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Vallone moved that the debate on **SB 462**, relative to raising the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON SB 462

Speaker Packard: For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Sweeney: Mister Speaker, I move to Indefinitely Postpone SB 462.

Speaker Packard: The motion is to Indefinitely Postpone SB 462. The motion is in order. A division has been requested. Members take your seats. The motion before us is to Indefinitely Postpone SB 462. The Chair recognizes Rep. Lynn for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Lynn: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that this bill is simply not ready for prime time and the most efficient way to deal with it right now is to Indefinitely Postpone it, would I press the green button to do just that? Thank you, Mister Speaker and I request a division vote.

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

Representative Marjorie Smith: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I was under the impression, perhaps incorrectly, that the legislators were elected to legislate, to debate bills and then to vote on them, would I vote against Indefinitely Postpone so that we can hear what the factors are in this bill and then make a legislative decision? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is to Indefinitely Postpone SB 462. 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 are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 175 voting Yea, 187 voting Nay, the motion fails. Now we are back to the original motion of Ought to Pass on SB 462. The Chair recognizes Rep. Hunt.

Representative Hunt: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I promise to be brief. I was reading the blurb the other day and it talks about whether this is going to have an impact on insurance premiums or not. As someone who has served on the insurance committee for over 30 years, there is a couple of things I can guarantee you and a couple of things I'll tell you have a high probability of happening. Number one. I guarantee you everyone's insurance will be impacted. The simple reason being that the underwriter who issues your policy, who is setting up your policy cannot ignore these numbers. These numbers are off the chart. I would say if it had gone to a different committee, they would have come back with much more reasonable numbers, but it didn't. I'm very respectful of other committees and what they are worth, but in this case, these numbers are way, way too high. I guarantee you, everyone who has an insurance policy will see an increase. I also guarantee that any business that has a vehicle or heavy equipment is going to see a whopper of an increase. The only other thing and I will not try to guarantee this, but I can promise you this. There will be some insurance companies that will pull out of this state if we pass these numbers. State Farm pulled out of California. We have a very lively insurance market and the last thing we need to do is upset that cart with these outrageous numbers. Please do not pass this bill. Put it in Interim Study and yes, we can make sure that the department does an actuarial study and give us numbers that really make sense. Please vote no.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Kristine Perez.

Representative Kristine Perez: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Let's talk about the facts, not hypotheticals. In the Senate hearing on February 6, those representing the insurance interest were asked in other states with this type of statute, did insurance rates go up. They did not have the answers to that. The bill passed in the Senate committee, Ought to Pass, then it went on to pass in the Senate 17-7. On April 24, 2024 it comes

to Judiciary eleven weeks and one day later. At that hearing, the same question was asked of the insurance companies. We don't have that answer, yet they had eleven weeks and one day to get that answer. In Illinois, in 2007, they had put this into effect. In 2010, the caps were eliminated. According to the American Medical Association, in a nine-year study from 2009 to 2018, malpractice insurance dropped in OBGYN. Malpractice insurance dropped in general surgery and malpractice insurance in internal medicine increased by an average of \$139/year. Maine. Their changes from 2019 went from \$500,000 to \$750,000. Since, that was in 2000, yet since those rates, since that happened, their rates went up 2.79% and the national average for rates was up 2.77%. New Hampshire has the lowest caps on recovery of grief, sorrow and mental suffering and wrongful death in the country. Vermont and Maine have no caps. Maine's was adjusted for inflation in 2003 to \$1 million cap. Rhode Island raised its cap to \$350,000 in 2003 as well. Our cap has not been adjusted in 25 years. Inflation alone would bring it up to \$300,000, but let's bring it up so that we don't have to bring this up again. Yet, New Hampshire insurance companies are making record profits. The top ten casualty companies in the state had an average loss ratio of 56% meaning payout of only .56 cents on every premium dollar that they take in. Insurance companies have doubled their profit since 2022 to 2023, yet a mother who is not working, who does not have a degree, who is killed, might not receive damages for loss of earnings since she has the sole honorable job of being a wife and a mother. Doesn't her family deserve compensation for their loss of her, their grief, their sorrow and wrongful death separate from damages? I work for the people. I do not work for insurance companies. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Tripp.

Representative Tripp: Thank you, Mister Speaker. This is an interesting bill. We spent two and half hours listening to everyone say well we don't know if this is too much to raise the cap or if raising the cap would raise the insurance rates. This bill originally was determined to be sent to Interim Study. I think that if we could not figure out what was going on in two and half hours, then sending to Interim Study would give us a chance to figure out which the proper amount should be for the cap on wrongful death for loss of consortium and possibly get an actuary to study so that we could find out what would actually happen to the insurance rates. So, I ask you to vote red to fail the OTP. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Ming.

Representative Ming: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, the State of New Hampshire places a cap on insurance claims for loss of consortium due to the wrongful death of a spouse, parent or child. These claims arise through a deceased person's estate where its administrator can bring claims that due to the negligence of another, this close family relationship was severed and the spouse, child or parent should be compensated for the loss of that relationship. As a state we value the loss of a spouse at \$150,000 and only \$50,000 for a parent or child. If those values sound low, it may be due to the fact that they have not been adjusted since they were instated in the late 90s. The change that SB 462 proposes is a more than reasonable limit of \$500,000 for the loss of a spouse and a \$300,000 limit for the loss of a parent or child. Those numbers represent a compromise within the other legislative body, with the original version of the bill proposing an elimination of those caps. Removing the limit on loss of consortium damages altogether may sound like a big step, but we don't have to look outside of New England for examples of what happens when these completely arbitrary caps are removed. The answer is nothing. Insurance is no less affordable in the absence of these limits. The only other state in New England that even has these limits is Maine and the cap on loss of consortium damages is \$1 million. The people in those states continue to have insurance and the insurance companies haven't left. Why is that? These types of claims are not common, and they are not common because they are expensive to litigate. When they do happen, New Hampshire juries don't give excessive verdicts. Which we know, because uncapped damages exist for other claims in New Hampshire and there are no numbers to show that excessive verdicts occur in those circumstances with any frequency. Not only that, judges have the power to reduce excessive monetary verdicts if one were to occur. Although we aren't voting on an unlimited cap on damages for loss of consortium due to the negligence causation of death, we should consider that in New Hampshire. Damages are uncapped for certain types of negligent injury. We are quite literally saying there are some things in life that are worse than death, but it's not the loss of a spouse, parent or child. This is a weighty issue and the types of families that would rely on this RSA and the change that SB 462 would make to it, need this. They've lost their spouse, their parent or their child and our laws have defined a completely inadequate value of a relationship that will never exist again. Please support the current motion and committee recommendation of Ought to Pass. Thank you, Mister Speaker, and I request a division vote.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Lynn has requested a division. Members take your seats. The motion before us is Ought to Pass on SB 462. This is a division vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Lynn for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Lynn: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that the increase in loss of consortium caps in this bill are far above what the caps would be if a mere inflation or consumer price index were applied to the original caps as enacted in the late 1990s. And if I know that this bill is opposed by the insurance industry, New Hampshire Hospital Association, the New Hampshire Association of Counties and perhaps most significantly, the New Hampshire Insurance Department. And if I know that the basis of these

groups opposition is the concern that the increase in damage caps will have on insurance rates which are already under great stress and more importantly on the availability of insurance for certain critical professions such as doctors and other medical professionals. And finally, if I know that much of these concerns could be eliminated if the insurance department is given some time to conduct an actuarial study of this proposal and that we have no indication that 11 weeks would be a sufficient time to conduct such a study or that, back in February, the insurance department was simply able to drop everything to start one right away, then would I oppose the OTP motion so another motion for Interim Study can be made and the proposal can be brought back next year if warranted? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

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

Representative Marjorie Smith: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that I agree completely with the Chair of the Judiciary Committee when he talks about the fact that for some reason the Department of Insurance has been unable or unwilling to give us the data that could help inform us on what would happen in New Hampshire. But, if I also know that without New Hampshire figures, we would best look at what happens in all the other states that have raised their limits and found that in no other state has there been an increase in rates. If I know that the rates in all other states in New England have no cap except for Maine where the value has gone up and where there has been no increase in rates. And if I also know that because I value a successful capitalist system, I'm pleased to be able to report that insurers in New Hampshire are doing very well, could I now bring myself to recognize that in order to be respectful to the families in New Hampshire who find themselves in this situation, that I would vote in fact to increase the caps, put us in line with all the other states that have done this without facing any situation with the sky falling, and therefore vote Ought to Pass? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is the majority committee report of Ought to Pass on SB 462. 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 the opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 191 voting Yea, 174 voting Nay, the committee report is adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 507-FN, extending the time to petition for a new trial in certain cases. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub for the Majority of Judiciary. This bill would extend the time to petition the court for a new trial from three years to indefinitely, for any criminal conviction for a felony offense or a class A misdemeanor that avers newly discovered evidence. The majority of the committee felt this is a very important issue, and it's critical to get the language right the first time. As written, no parameters exist, such as language addressing successive petitions on the same grounds or any outer limit on how soon after new evidence is discovered that one must petition the court. Comparatively, the Post-Conviction DNA statute, RSA 651-D, contains many safeguard parameters. While the majority absolutely doesn't want an innocent person to be incarcerated, we want to ensure appropriate language to balance the rights of victims not being unnecessarily traumatized with frivolous petitions. The majority also believes that interim study will allow time to consider how any changes to this statute would/should relate to the availability of habeas corpus relief. Vote 11-9.

Rep. Zoe Manos for the Minority of Judiciary. This bill allows a criminal defendant, who has been convicted of a felony or a class A misdemeanor, to file a motion for a new trial, without any time limitation, based on newly discovered evidence, new or additional forensic testing, or new scientific understanding that would have been material for the fact finder. The minority believes that those criminal defendants, who can be exonerated based on new scientific evidence, must have an opportunity to do so without regard to any time limit. The minority further believes that habeas corpus would not properly be included in the Interim Study of this bill, as it is not a topic of the bill. The minority also believes that the question of whether our habeas corpus laws should be revised is only appropriate for separate legislation.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Refer for Interim Study.

Rep. Manos spoke against.

(Rep. Steven Smith in the Chair)

Rep. Kuttub spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 172 members having voted in the affirmative, and 182 in the negative, the majority committee report failed.

Rep. Manos moved the minority committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Kuttub offered floor amendment (1857h).

Floor Amendment (1857h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Proceedings in Court; New Trials; Time. Amend RSA 526:4 to read as follows:

526:4 Time.

I. A new trial shall not be granted unless the petition is filed within ~~[three]~~ 3 years after the rendition of the judgment complained of, or the failure of the suit.

II. *This time limit shall not apply to a motion for new trial in any criminal conviction for a felony offense or a class A misdemeanor that avers newly discovered evidence, new or additional forensic testing, or new scientific understanding that would have been material for the fact finder and the petitioner establishes that there would be a reasonable likelihood of a more favorable outcome. For DNA evidence, RSA 651-C shall be followed. A court need not entertain a petition for a new trial that is repetitive of a prior petition that was finally ruled upon by the court.*

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1857h).

Rep. Kuttab spoke in favor.

Rep. Marjorie Smith spoke against.

On a division vote, with 179 members having voted in the affirmative, and 181 in the negative, floor amendment (1857h) failed.

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

On a division vote, with 190 members having voted in the affirmative, and 170 in the negative, the minority committee report of Ought to Pass was adopted and the bill was ordered to third reading.

SB 576, relative to reporting the death of voters. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Marjorie Smith for the Majority of Judiciary. This bill requires the executor of an estate to provide an official notice of death to the town or city clerk of the death of a voter within 30 days of such an appointment. The majority believes that this bill is unnecessary, a position supported by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of State, and town and city clerks who report that the current system works well, that improvements in reporting systems that are scheduled to go into effect within the next few months will reinforce current effort, that not every death results in an executor being appointed, and that it would be unreasonable to expect all executors to know of this unnecessary responsibility within 30 days of their appointment.

Rep. Joe Alexander for the Minority of Judiciary. This is a simple bill that would require the executor of an estate to notify the town clerk of the death of any person within 30 days of being appointed. This bill would keep voter rolls up-to-date and ensure that only living individuals are voting in our elections. That is why the minority of the committee recommends a vote of Ought to Pass on this bill.

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

Rep. Kuttab spoke against.

Rep. Mark Paige spoke in favor.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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McGhee, Kat
Pedersen, Michael
Newman, Ray
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Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne

Cornell, Patricia
Dutzy, Sherry
Gibbons, Candace
Hamer, Heidi
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
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MacKenzie, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
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Devine, Shelley
Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Heath, Mary
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LeClerc, Daniel
Long, Patrick
Mangipudi, Latha
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
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DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
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Mandelbaum, Jennifer
O'Neil, Candice
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald

Gilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
Rafter, Hal
Turer, Eric

Bay, Luz
Cannon, Gerri
Grassie, Chuck
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Bickford, David
Conlin, Bill
Howard, Heath
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Wall, Janet

STRAFFORD

Bixby, Peter
Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Horrigan, Timothy
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

Rich, Cecilia
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
Tanner, Linda

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Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

NAYS - 179

BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

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Ploszaj, Tom
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Mooney, Maureen
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Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

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Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
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McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
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Renzullo, Andrew
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McMahon, Charles
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Sytek, John
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Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Pratt, Kevin
Spillane, James
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Vandecasteele, Susan
Yokela, Josh

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Drago, Mike
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Khan, Aboul
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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

and the majority committee report failed.

CLERK'S NOTE

The Speaker voted creating a tied vote, and pursuant to House Rule 23, the motion failed.
Rep. Alexander moved the minority committee report of Ought to Pass.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Marjorie Smith moved that **SB 576**, relative to reporting the death of voters, be laid on the table.
Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 180 - NAYS 181

YEAS - 180 BELKNAP

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Santonastaso, Matthew

Eaton, Daniel
Monteil, Renee
Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
 Fellows, Sallie
 Sullivan, Jared
 Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
 Fracht, David
 Lovett, Peter
 Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
 Hakken-Phillips, Mary
 Massimilla, Linda
 Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
 Murphy, James
 Morse, Corinne
 Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
 Booras, Efstathia
 Chretien, Jacqueline
 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Freitas, Mary
 Grill, Jessica
 Herbert, Christopher
 Juris, Louis
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 Ming, Ben
 Petrigno, Peter
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Staub, Kathy
 Veilleux, Daniel

Baroody, Benjamin
 Bouchard, Donald
 Cornell, Patricia
 Dutzy, Sherry
 Gibbons, Candace
 Hamer, Heidi
 Jack, Martin
 Foxx, Loren
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Murphy, Nancy
 Plamondon, Marc
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Seibert, Christine
 Telski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
 Bradley, Amy
 Darby, Will
 Elberger, Susan
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jeudy, Jean
 Lanza, Judi
 Long, Patrick
 Mangipudi, Latha
 Nutter-Upham, Frances
 Preece, David
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wheeler, Jonah

Beaulieu, Jane
 Calabro, Karen
 Devine, Shelley
 Davis, Fred
 Gregg, Alicia
 Heath, Mary
 Smith, Juliet
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 McGhee, Kat
 Pedersen, Michael
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Spier, Carry
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson
 Carey, Lorrie
 Hicks, Matthew
 McWilliams, Rebecca
 Gould, Sherry
 Soucy, Timothy

Andrus, Louise
 Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Myler, Mel
 Schuett, Dianne
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Brennan, Angela
 Gallager, Eric
 Luneau, David
 Payeur, Stephanie
 Schultz, Kristina
 Wolf, Dan

Caplan, Tony
 Hall, Muriel
 MacKay, James
 Roesener, James
 Shurtleff, Steve

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Grossman, Gaby
 Murray, Kate
 Maggiore, Jim
 Meuse, David
 Reynolds, Ned
 Vallone, Mark

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
 Grote, Jaci
 Knab, Allison
 Malloy, Dennis
 Muns, Chris
 Read, Ellen
 MacDonald, Wayne

Edgar, Michael
 Hamblet, Joan
 Cahill, Michael
 Mandelbaum, Jennifer
 O'Neil, Candice
 Simpson, Alexis
 Ward, Gerald

Gilman, Julie
 Haskins, Linda
 Paige, Mark
 Manos, Zoe
 Rafter, Hal
 Turer, Eric

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 Conlin, Bill
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 Kenney, Cam
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
 Fitzpatrick, Daniel
 Horrigan, Timothy
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Pare, Gail

Rich, Cecilia
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
 Tanner, Linda

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NAYS - 181**BELKNAP**

Bean, Harry
 Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
 Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
 McCarter, Nikki
 Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
 Nagel, David
 Terry, Paul

Comtois, Barbara
 Ploszaj, Tom
 Varney, Peter

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 Petermel, Katy

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 Brown, Richard

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Hunt, John
 Nutting, Zachary

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Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Kennedy, Stephen
Sanborn, Laurie
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony
Wherry, Robert

Alexander, Joe
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Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Gould, Linda
Perez, Maria
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

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Burnham, Claudine
Horgan, James
Phinney, Brandon

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Kaczynski, Thomas
Pitre, Joseph

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
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Drye, Margaret
Stone, Jonathan

Rollins, Skip

Spilsbury, Walter

and the motion failed.

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

Rep. Marjorie Smith spoke against.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 182 - NAYS 180**YEAS - 182****BELKNAP**

Bean, Harry
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

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Avellani, Lino
Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

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Costable, Michael
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Hunt, John
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Rochefort, David

Coulon, Matthew
Sellers, John

Greeson, Jeffrey
Simon, Matthew

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Lekas, Alicia
Boyd, Bill
Colcombe, Riché
Cushman, Leah
Griffin, Gerald
Kennedy, Stephen
Sanborn, Laurie
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony
Wherry, Robert

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Gould, Linda
Perez, Maria
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

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Osborne, Jason
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Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Sweeney, Joe
Tripp, Richard
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Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Perez, Kristine
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Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Porcelli, Susan
Quaratiello, Arlene
Sytek, John
True, Chris
Wallace, Scott

Mannion, Dennis
Doucette, Fred
Emerick, Tracy
Nelson, Jodi
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CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Faulkner, Barry
Newell, Jodi
Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Germana, Nicholas
Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Santonastaso, Matthew

Eaton, Daniel
Monteil, Renee
Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne

Kelley, Eamon

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
 Fellows, Sallie
 Sullivan, Jared
 Muirhead, Russell

Baldwin, Heather
 Fracht, David
 Lovett, Peter
 Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
 Hakken-Phillips, Mary
 Massimilla, Linda
 Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
 Murphy, James
 Morse, Corinne
 Sykes, George

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Murray, Aissandra
 Booras, Efstathia
 Calabro, Karen
 Devine, Shelley
 Davis, Fred
 Gregg, Alicia
 Heath, Mary
 Smith, Juliet
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 McGhee, Kat
 Pedersen, Michael
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Spier, Carry
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Baroody, Benjamin
 Bouchard, Donald
 Chretien, Jacqueline
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 Freitas, Mary
 Grill, Jessica
 Herbert, Christopher
 Juris, Louis
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 Ming, Ben
 Petrigno, Peter
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Staub, Kathy
 Veilleux, Daniel

Beauchemin, Paige
 Bouldin, Amanda
 Cornell, Patricia
 Dutzy, Sherry
 Gibbons, Candace
 Hamer, Heidi
 Jack, Martin
 Foxx, Loren
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Murphy, Nancy
 Plamondon, Marc
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Seibert, Christine
 Telerski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

Beaulieu, Jane
 Bradley, Amy
 Darby, Will
 Elberger, Susan
 Goley, Jeffrey
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jeudy, Jean
 Lanza, Judi
 Long, Patrick
 Mangipudi, Latha
 Nutter-Upham, Frances
 Preece, David
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wheeler, Jonah

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Turcotte, Alisson
 Carey, Lorrie
 Hicks, Matthew
 McWilliams, Rebecca
 Gould, Sherry
 Soucy, Timothy

Andrus, Louise
 Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Myler, Mel
 Schuett, Dianne
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Brennan, Angela
 Gallagher, Eric
 Luneau, David
 Payeur, Stephanie
 Schultz, Kristina
 Wolf, Dan

Caplan, Tony
 Hall, Muriel
 MacKay, James
 Roesener, James
 Shurtleff, Steve

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 Grossman, Gaby
 Murray, Kate
 Maggioro, Jim
 Meuse, David
 Reynolds, Ned
 Vallone, Mark

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
 Grote, Jaci
 Knab, Allison
 Malloy, Dennis
 Muns, Chris
 Read, Ellen
 MacDonald, Wayne

Edgar, Michael
 Hamblet, Joan
 Cahill, Michael
 Mandelbaum, Jennifer
 O'Neil, Candice
 Simpson, Alexis
 Ward, Gerald

Gilman, Julie
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 Kenney, Cam
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
 Fitzpatrick, Daniel
 Horrigan, Timothy
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Pare, Gail

Rich, Cecilia
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren

Cannon, Gerri
 Grassie, Chuck
 Johnson, Erik
 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
 Tanner, Linda

Damon, Hope

Merchant, Gary

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

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)**MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Having voted with the prevailing side, Rep. Marjorie Smith moved that the House reconsider its action whereby, on a division vote of 191-174, the House adopted the majority committee report of Ought to Pass on **SB 462**, relative to raising the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims.

Rep. Marjorie Smith spoke against.

On a division vote, with 162 members having voted in the affirmative, and 197 in the negative, the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 383-FN, relative to local tax caps. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the Majority of Municipal and County Government. This bill is enabling legislation that adds a new optional adjustment method to the RSA 32:5-b local tax cap and also provides for a new op-

tional school district budget cap. Currently, under RSA 32:5-b the proposed tax effort is permitted to have a maximum increase from the previous year by a fixed percentage or a fixed dollar amount. The new optional method for the RSA 32:5-b local tax cap allows for the proposed maximum tax effort to be adjusted from the previous year's tax effort based on both an annual inflation index and the change in population. The inflation index can be any selected index published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics or the Municipal Cost Index (MCI) published by American City and County. Additionally, for towns and village districts, the population is calculated by the Department of Business and Economic Affairs. For school districts, the population is the average daily membership in residence (ADMR) reported to the Department of Education. The RSA 32:5-b local tax cap is still adopted or rescinded via a 3/5 supermajority vote, and each year the tax cap can be overridden by a simple majority vote of the legislative body. The new optional school district budget cap is enabling legislation that establishes an annual cap on proposed spending. The budget cap is based on a current per pupil cost times the number of pupils (ADMR) where the current per pupil cost is adjusted annually based on a selected inflation index reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics or the MCI. The committee amendment provides clarification of this annual adjustment. Lastly, the school district budget cap is adopted or rescinded by a 3/5 supermajority vote; and, in each year, the school district budget cap can be overridden by a 3/5 supermajority vote of the legislative body. In summary, this bill provides an additional practical method for a local tax cap and establishes a new school district budget cap, each which can be optionally adopted, and both of which automatically adjusts with inflation and population changes within the town or school district. It is a fact that, in many towns and school districts, more and more, total spending exceeds inflation and population growth. This trend results in rapidly increasing property taxes which is undoubtedly unsustainable for taxpayers. Importantly, this bill provides Granite State taxpayers the ability to adopt optional budgetary tools at the local level in order to more effectively manage town and school district budgets in fiscally responsible manner. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Jim Maggiore for the Minority of Municipal and County Government. The minority of the committee is opposed generally to tax and spending caps that limit a municipality's or school board's authority to prudently manage their own budgetary obligations. The bill proposes one complex formula to calculate both school and town budgets and depends on statistics that are not updated at the same time municipalities are preparing their budgets. Municipalities and schools will be using data from April and October as variables for a formula that is prepared in August or September for a warrant article that will be voted on in March or May. The bill ties school spending to average daily membership in residence (AMDR) without consideration of how many students are legal residents of the school district and attend a state-approved public or non-public school as assigned by the school district but have withdrawn from the institution in favor of private or home school education as a result of an education freedom account voucher.

Majority Amendment (1520h)

Amend RSA 32:5-d, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. In a school district that has adopted this section, the total amount raised and appropriated for the fiscal year, including the operating budget and all other warrant articles with a tax impact, as shown on the budget certified by the school board or the budget committee and posted with the warrant for the annual meeting pursuant to RSA 32:5, shall not exceed the current per pupil cost times the average daily membership in residence (ADMR) of the school district as of October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year as reported to the department of education times (1+ IF), where IF is an amount for an annual increase for inflation. The first year after the budget cap is adopted, the current per pupil cost shall be the adopted per pupil cost. In subsequent years, the current per pupil cost shall be the previous year's current per pupil cost times (1+IFP), where IFP is the previous year's IF.

The question being adoption of majority committee amendment (1520h).

On a division vote, with 182 members having voted in the affirmative, and 176 in the negative, the majority committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Gilman spoke against.

Rep. Pauer spoke in favor.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 184 - NAYS 177

YEAS - 184

BELKNAP

Bean, Harry
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

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King, Seth

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Ladd, Rick

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Rocheport, David

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Simon, Matthew

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Colcombe, Riché
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Kennedy, Stephen
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Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Reid, Karen
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Abare, Kimberly
King, Bill
Cole, Brian
Kelley, Diane
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
McGough, Tim
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, Tony
Wherry, Robert

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
McLean, Mark
Panek, Sandra
Proulx, Mark
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, Jim
Fedolfi, Jim
Healey, Robert
Gould, Linda
Perez, Maria
Mooney, Maureen
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Sheehan, Vanessa
Tenczar, Jeffrey

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambilis, Jose
Mason, James
Seaworth, Brian
Wolf, Dan

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Moffett, Michael
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Hill, Gregory
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Leavitt, John
Boyd, Stephen
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Ball, Lorie
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Perez, Kristine
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Lynn, Bob
Melvin, Charles
Phillips, Emily
Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
Cahill, Tim
Tudor, Paul
Wallace, Scott

Bernardy, JD
Donnelly, Tanya
Edwards, Jess
Nelson, Jodi
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Pearson, Mark
Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Pratt, Kevin
Spillane, James
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Mannion, Dennis
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Janigian, John
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Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Sweeney, Joe
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Yokela, Josh

Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
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Pitre, Joseph

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Drye, Margaret
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McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

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Abbott, Michael
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Parshall, Lucius

Ames, Richard
Jones, Philip
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Fox, Dru
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Toll, Amanda

Faulkner, Barry
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Stavis, Laurel

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Sykes, George

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Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Spier, Carry
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Wilhelm, Matthew

Baroody, Benjamin
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Chretien, Jacqueline
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
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Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Staub, Kathy
Veilleux, Daniel

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Grassie, Chuck
Johnson, Erik
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Southworth, Thomas

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

SB 532-FN, relative to requiring all municipalities and school governing bodies to post on their official town or school website within 30 days the amount of funds received by the state either by allocation or grant. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Richard Lascelles for Municipal and County Government. The committee believes that financial transparency, specifically with respect to money flowing to the municipalities and school districts, should be disclosed in a manner that is transparent to the public and easily accessible. This legislation will require all municipalities and school district governing bodies to post the amount of funds received by the state, either

by allocation or grant, on their official town or school website within 30 days of receipt for a period not less than 90 days. In the absence of a website, a political subdivision shall post the information in two appropriate places. Vote 17-1.

Amendment (1569h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Disclosure of State Funding Received. Amend RSA 32 by inserting after section 5-c the following new section:

32:5-d Disclosure of State Funding Received. All municipalities and school district governing bodies shall post the amount of funds received by the state, either by allocation or grant, on their official town or school website within 30 days of receipt, for a period of at least 90 days. In the absence of a website a political subdivision shall post the information in 2 appropriate places.

The question being adoption of committee amendment (1569h).

Committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Len Turcotte offered floor amendment (1802h).

Floor Amendment (1802h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Disclosure of State Funding Received. Amend RSA 32 by inserting after section 5-c the following new section:

32:5-d Disclosure of State Funding Received. All municipalities and school district governing bodies shall post the amount of funds received from the state, either by allocation or grant, on their official town or school website within 30 days of receipt, for a period of at least 90 days. In the absence of a website a political subdivision shall post the information in 2 appropriate places.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1802h).

Rep. Len Turcotte spoke in favor.

Floor amendment (1802h) was adopted.

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

Rep. Coker offered floor amendment (1847h).

Floor Amendment (1847h)

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

AN ACT requiring all municipalities and school governing bodies to post on their official town or school website within 30 days the amount of funds received by the state either by allocation or grant, allowing new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase, and allowing title exemption for certain motor vehicles whose manufacturer's model year is 20 or more years old.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Motor Vehicles; Inspection Exempt. Amend RSA 266:1, II to read as follows:

II. Any vehicle registered under this title, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, roadable aircraft, or other exempt vehicle, shall be inspected once a year, ***except as provided in paragraph IV-a***, during the month in which the birth date of the owner is observed, if the owner is a natural person. An inspection sticker shall be valid for the same duration as the vehicle's registration, which shall not exceed 16 months. If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, of the first person named on the title application. Nothing in this paragraph shall require any person who has registered and had inspected a vehicle with temporary plates to have the vehicle reinspected upon receipt of permanent motor vehicle plates. An inspection sticker shall not expire when a vehicle is transferred to a licensed dealer.

3 Model Year Purchase Excepted. Amend RSA 266:1, II-a to read as follows:

II-a. Notwithstanding RSA 266:1, II, if the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, and the vehicle owner provides written verification of absence from New Hampshire during the entire anniversary month, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, ***except as provided in paragraph IV-a***, of the first person named on the title application.

4 Newly Registered Vehicles. Amend RSA 266:1, IV to read as follows:

IV. ***Except as provided in paragraph IV-a***, notwithstanding paragraphs II and III, newly registered vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, roadable aircraft, and vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, and roadable

aircraft, the ownership of which has been transferred, shall be inspected not later than 10 days after the registration or transfer of ownership of said vehicle. However, if a new vehicle ***not described in paragraph IV-a*** is purchased at retail from a licensed dealer, as defined in RSA 259:18, the vehicle shall be inspected not later than 20 days after the date of transfer. A used vehicle for which a dealer has issued a 20-day plate pursuant to RSA 261:109 shall be inspected by the dealer or an authorized inspection station on behalf of the dealer at the time of the attachment of the plate unless a valid inspection sticker issued by the dealer is in place, in which case the vehicle shall be inspected within 20 days or before the sticker expires, whichever occurs first. All other expired motor vehicle inspections shall be subject to the 10-day grace period in RSA 266:5.

5 New Paragraph; New Model Year Vehicle. Amend RSA 266:1 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

IV-a. A vehicle purchased prior to or during the vehicle's model year, from a licensed dealer by a natural person as the first owner, shall be exempt from inspection until the last day of the registered owner's birth month in second year after purchase. A vehicle purchased prior to or during the vehicle's model year, from a licensed dealer by a corporation as the first owner, shall be exempt from inspection until the last day of the purchase anniversary month in the second year after purchase.

6 Certificate of Title; Exempted Vehicles. Amend RSA 261:3, I(k) to read as follows:

(k) Any motor vehicle whose manufacturer's model year is ~~[before the year 2000]~~ **20 or more years old**, except heavy trucks and truck-tractors whose gross vehicle weight exceeds 18,000 pounds.

7 Effective Date.

I. Sections 2-5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires all municipalities and school governing bodies to post on their official town or school website within 30 days the amount of funds received by the state either by allocation or grant.

II Allows new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase.

III. Exempts vehicles 20 or more years old from having a certificate of title.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1847h).

Rep. Coker spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 253 members having voted in the affirmative, and 104 in the negative, floor amendment (1847h) was adopted.

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

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

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 184-177, the House adopted the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment on **SB 383-FN**, relative to local tax caps.

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

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Bean, Harry
 Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
 Beaudoin, Richard

Bogert, Steven
 McCarter, Nikki
 Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
 Nagel, David
 Terry, Paul

Comtois, Barbara
 Ploszaj, Tom
 Varney, Peter

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 MacDonald, John
 Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
 Smith, Jonathan

Cordelli, Glenn
 McConkey, Mark

Costable, Michael
 Peternel, Katy

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Hunt, John
 Thackston, Dick

Qualey, James
 Nutting, Zachary

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and the motion failed.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 387-FN, relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community mental health centers. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Tim McGough for the Majority of Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill requests free state park passes for a select number of recovery and community mental health centers using an unknown funding source and mandates the commissioner to issue them during a three-year pilot period. While the entire committee agrees mental health issues are extremely important and need to be addressed in our health care system, an unfunded program such as this will have little impact and is not the right place in statute to address. The majority believes the efforts and funding would be better spent on mental health programs benefiting the mental health community at large, not just those able to visit state parks. The majority of the committee felt state park fees should be examined entirely due to numerous requests for free and reduced entry, and along with another bill, should be sent to Interim Study. Vote 11-9.

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for the Minority of Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill seeks to establish a three-year pilot program for state day-use parks passes for recovery centers and community mental health centers registered with the Department of Health and Human Services. Over 60,000 people are served by 10 community mental health centers in the state and the pilot would provide these centers with a complimentary park pass, making access for patients similar to the existing New Hampshire library pass program. Data collected during the pilot will help determine if the program should continue, and if so, the New Hampshire

State Parks would likely move forward by offering an annual pass at a reasonable fee. The state parks division testified in support of this forward-thinking bill. The committee heard testimony that research overwhelmingly shows that outdoor, nature-based exposure improves mental health outcomes for people with mild to serious mental illness.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Harb moved that **SB 387-FN**, relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community mental health centers, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 187 members having voted in the affirmative, and 168 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 589-LOCAL, relative to wastewater surcharges. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Tim McGough for the Majority of Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill is enabling legislation to allow municipalities to cooperate and offer wastewater services between one another. This would be similar to current ability to offer water service across municipal boundaries. The suggested amendment would have added cities to the provision, but the majority of the committee felt it unnecessary as cities already have sewer services available. The committee believes this bill is good for economic development and for efficient allocation of environmental and infrastructure resources in New Hampshire. Vote 19-1.

Rep. Will Darby for the Minority of Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill enables municipalities to enter into inter-municipal agreements to share wastewater infrastructure and allows the providing municipality to add a surcharge of up to 15% to users from other municipalities. In the case where the providing municipality is a town, the surcharge may be used for non-wastewater purposes including infrastructure for other utilities, or transportation and development projects. This bill limits this benefit to towns and does not permit cities to use surcharge funds for these purposes, which disincentivizes these municipalities from cooperating with nearby towns and cities by sharing their wastewater infrastructure. This will force towns to continue bearing the costs to develop and improve wastewater systems to meet growing populations and environmental regulations rather than sharing these resources with nearby cities. This bill is similar to an existing statute for shared water infrastructure, which also permits the providing town to use surcharge funds for other purposes. Only one town in the state has established an inter-municipal agreement to share its water infrastructure, and the same town was the only town to testify that it was interested in sharing its wastewater infrastructure. As amended, the bill would allow both cities and towns to benefit from these arrangements to encourage inter-municipal cooperation across the state rather than legislating a solution for a single instance.

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

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

SB 432-FN, relative to advanced deposit account wagering and establishing a charitable third party financial intermediary program. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Fred Doucette for the Majority of Ways and Means. This bill seeks to license and regulate Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW), which involves creating and depositing funds to be used for wagering on live horse racing throughout the country, using online platforms and mobile applications. The majority of the committee heard testimony and believes that there is current New Hampshire state statute that should have been followed in regard to ADW. Testimony was heard from multiple sources that this is a "gray area" between the federal Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978 and New Hampshire law, RSA 284:22-a, which specifically lays out licensing requirements for the taking of any live simulcast horse racing wager. This bill seeks to codify an activity that at best is a "gray area" of the law and at worst is illegal under our law and has been engaged in for decades by those now seeking to make it legal. The Interstate Horse Racing Act deems a wager on horse across state lines legal provided the wager and method of wager is legal in the state where the bettor is and the state where the race actually takes place. Under New Hampshire law, RSA 284, in order to accept a wager on a horse race or sell pari-mutuel pools, the seller of the pool must be licensed in New Hampshire. Currently, only one entity, The Brook, in Seabrook, holds such a license. The Brook has for decades paid a tax and an annual license fee to the state to offer simulcast and ADW. This bill provides that all revenue collected from ADW will be turned over to a private third party who will then decide which charities will get that money. Currently, simulcast and ADW revenue goes to the Education Trust Fund. Vote 13-6.

Rep. Thomas Schamberg for the Minority of Ways and Means. This bill seeks to license and regulate Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW), which involves creating and depositing funds to be used on betting for live horse racing throughout the country, using online platforms and mobile applications. This bill was drafted by the Lottery Commission after consultation with the Department of Justice. Without this bill, ADW would remain the only form of gambling for live horse racing by New Hampshire residents not regulated by the Lottery Commission.

The committee heard concerns about how providers have been operating for years without paying the state any tax revenue. Likely annual revenue is estimated at about \$212,000. There was no public opposition to this bill. This bill regulates and protects New Hampshire residents/bettors and brings revenue into the state.

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

On a division vote, with 296 members having voted in the affirmative, and 60 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 574, relative to the appointment of a temporary agent for a minor child or incapacitated person. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jodi Nelson for Children and Family Law. When a parent, or parents, will be away from their child, and will be unable to care for him or her for a short period of time, they may give permission to someone to make decisions for their child. This arrangement is called “assigning a temporary agent.” Traditionally, parents sign a note stating their permission to allow the temporary agent to make decisions, such as medical and educational, among others. We heard that many states have a law regarding the appointment of a temporary agent. A New Hampshire resident testified that a personal note was not sufficient permission for the temporary agent to seek medical care. Upon this bill becoming law in New Hampshire, an appointment of a temporary agent is lawful and gives proper decision-making authorization to the temporary agent. In addition to minor children, incapacitated persons are covered by this bill. Delegation shall be made in writing by the parent, parents, guardian or guardians and attested to by at least two witnesses aged 18 years or older. Vote 13-0.

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

Rep. Post offered floor amendment (1853h).

Floor Amendment (1853h)

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

AN ACT relative to the appointment of a temporary agent for a minor child or incapacitated person and relative to the determination of parental rights and responsibilities based on shared parenting.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 4:

2 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Statement of Purpose. Amend RSA 461-A:2, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) Support [~~frequent and continuing contact~~] ***approximately equal parenting time*** between each child and both parents.

3 Determination of Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Best Interest. Amend RSA 461-A:6, I-a to read as follows:

I-a. If the court concludes that [~~frequent and continuing contact~~] ***approximately equal parenting time*** between each child and both parents is not in the best interest of the child, the court shall make findings supporting its order.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows for parents or guardians to appoint temporary agents for periods not to exceed 60 days and to delegate parental rights to those agents, subject to certain exceptions and limitations.

II. Provides that it is a state policy to support approximately equal parenting time between a child and parent unless such an arrangement is clearly detrimental to the child. The bill also provides that if the court concludes that approximately equal parenting time is not in the best interest of the child, the court shall make findings supporting its order.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1853h).

Rep. Ball spoke in favor.

Rep. Long spoke against.

On a division vote, with 184 members having voted in the affirmative, and 173 in the negative, floor amendment (1853h) was adopted.

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

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Smart, Lisa

Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
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Toll, Amanda

Ames, Richard
Germana, Nicholas
Newell, Jodi
Santonastaso, Matthew
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
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Parshall, Lucius
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Jones, Philip
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Sykes, George

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Booras, Efsthathia
Calabro, Karen
Corcoran, Travis
Kelley, Diane
Dutzy, Sherry
Fedolfi, Jim
Gibbons, Candace
Grill, Jessica
Heath, Mary
Smith, Juliet
Kofalt, Jim
Lanza, Judi
Lewicke, John
Perez, Maria
McGhee, Kat
Mooney, Maureen
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Petrigno, Peter
Preece, David
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Ryan, Linda
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Cornell, Patricia
Darby, Will
Elberger, Susan
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Herbert, Christopher
Juris, Louis
Foxy, Loren
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Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
McGough, Tim
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Panek, Sandra
Plamondon, Marc
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Kennedy, Stephen
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McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Plett, Fred
Prout, Andrew
Rombeau, Catherine
Seibert, Christine
Sofikitis, Catherine
Mannion, Tom
Ulery, Jordan
Wheeler, Jonah

Alexander, Joe
Baroody, Benjamin
Boehm, Ralph
Bradley, Amy
Cole, Brian
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DiSilvestro, Linda
Davis, Fred
Gagne, Larry
Gregg, Alicia
Healey, Robert
Judy, Jean
Kenny, Catherine
Sanborn, Laurie
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Mazur, Lisa
Ming, Ben
Notter, Jeanine
Pedersen, Michael
Post, Lisa
Newman, Ray
Rung, Rosemarie
Seidel, Sheila
Spier, Carry
Telerski, Laura
Vail, Suzanne
Wherry, Robert

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McWilliams, Rebecca
Polozov, Yuri
Schuett, Dianne
Shurtleff, Steve
Wallner, Mary Jane

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Carol
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Hicks, Matthew
Luneau, David
Moffett, Michael
Roesener, James
Schultz, Kristina
Soucy, Timothy
Wolf, Dan

Aures, Cyril
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Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya

Doucette, Fred
 Edwards, Jess
 Grote, Jaci
 Janigian, John
 Katsakiores, Phyllis
 Walsh, Lilli
 Lynn, Bob
 Maggiore, Jim
 McMahon, Charles
 Ford, Oliver
 Popovici-Muller, Daniel
 Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
 Read, Ellen
 Sweeney, Joe
 Tripp, Richard
 Vallone, Mark
 Wallace, Scott

Drago, Mike
 Emerick, Tracy
 Hamblet, Joan
 Janvrin, Jason
 Khan, Aboul
 Layon, Erica
 Cahill, Michael
 Malloy, Dennis
 Melvin, Charles
 Osborne, Jason
 Porcelli, Susan
 Quaratiello, Arlene
 Simpson, Alexis
 Sytek, John
 True, Chris
 Vandecasteele, Susan
 Ward, Gerald

Dunn, Ron
 Foote, Charles
 Harb, Robert
 Murray, Kate
 Knab, Allison
 Love, David
 Paige, Mark
 Mandelbaum, Jennifer
 Meuse, David
 Phillips, Emily
 Potucek, John
 Rafter, Hal
 Soti, Julius
 Cahill, Tim
 Tudor, Paul
 Vose, Michael
 Weyler, Kenneth

Edgar, Michael
 Grossman, Gaby
 Nelson, Jodi
 Perez, Kristine
 Kuttab, Katelyn
 Lundgren, David
 Pearson, Mark
 McDonnell, Valerie
 Milz, David
 Piemonte, Tony
 Pratt, Kevin
 Reynolds, Ned
 Spillane, James
 Dolan, Tom
 Turer, Eric
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 Howland, Allan
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 Levesque, Cassandra
 Pare, Gail
 Selig, Loren

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Aron, Judy
 Drye, Margaret
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 Merchant, Gary
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 Palmer, William
 Stapleton, Walter

Damon, Hope
 Rollins, Skip
 Stone, Jonathan

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Howard, Molly

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Muns, Chris

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

SB 426-FN, relative to the transportation of marijuana in a motor vehicle or OHRV. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Dennis Mannion for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill essentially adds marijuana to RSA 265-A:44 Transporting Alcoholic Beverages. Even though possession of marijuana is still illegal in New Hampshire, this bill states that if a driver is transporting, carrying, possessing or has any marijuana in any part of the passenger area of a motor vehicle or OHRV it has to be in the original container with the seal unbroken. However, if transporting securely capped, partially filled containers or other unsealed packaging of marijuana the driver must store it in the trunk or an area that is least accessible to the driver or in the glove compartment. This bill aims to prevent usage of marijuana while driving. This bill also exempts "medical therapeutic marijuana." Vote 19-1.

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

Rep. Tom Mannion offered floor amendment (1838h).

Floor Amendment (1838h)

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

AN ACT relative to the transportation of marijuana in a motor vehicle or OHRV and relative to requiring an official declaration of war for the activation of the New Hampshire national guard.

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

3 Declaration of Purpose. Sections 3 and 4 of this act follow the principles that guided the writers of our inspired Constitution, embodied in the United States Constitution and the writings of the founders. Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution vests in the Congress the exclusive power to declare war, and by abdicating the war powers to the executive branch, the United States Congress has failed to follow the United States Constitution and the intent of the founders.

4 New Section; Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Deploying National Guard into Active National Service. Amend RSA 110-B by inserting after section 110-B:5 the following new section:

110-B:5-a Deploying National Guard into Active National Service.

I. This section shall be known as the "Defend the Guard Act".

II. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Active-duty combat" means performing the following services in the active federal military service of the United States:

(1) Participation in an armed conflict under Title 10 of the United States Code; or

(2) Performance of a hazardous service through an instrumentality of war relating to an armed conflict in a foreign state under Title 10 of the United States Code.

(b) "Official declaration of war" means an official declaration of war made by the United States Congress pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States Constitution.

III. Notwithstanding any other provisions of New Hampshire law, the New Hampshire national guard and any member thereof shall not be released from the state into active duty combat unless the United States Congress has passed an official declaration of war or has taken an official action pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 15 of the United States Constitution to explicitly call forth the New Hampshire national guard and any member thereof for the enumerated purposes to expressly execute the laws of the union, repel an invasion, or suppress an insurrection. The governor shall take all actions necessary to comply with the requirements of this section.

IV. Nothing in this section shall limit or prohibit the governor from consenting to the deployment of any New Hampshire national guard member under Title 32 of the United States Code.

V. Nothing in this section shall limit nor prohibit the participation of the New Hampshire national guard in training exercises outside of the continental United States under Title 10 of the United States Code or in training with friendly foreign countries as part of the State Partnership program under 10 U.S.C. section 321.

VI. Nothing in this section shall limit or prohibit the participation of the New Hampshire national guard in the capacity of humanitarian and civic assistance provided in conjunction with military operations pursuant to 10 U.S.C. section 401.

5 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Amends the requirements for transporting marijuana in a vehicle or OHRV.

II. Limits the activation of the New Hampshire national guard to only those times where the United States Congress has passed an official action pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1838h).

Rep. Creighton spoke against.

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

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Emerick, Tracy
Grote, Jaci
Nelson, Jodi
Walsh, Lilli
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Mandelbaum, Jennifer
Melvin, Charles
O'Neil, Candice
Simpson, Alexis
Turer, Eric
MacDonald, Wayne

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Janvrin, Jason
Lundgren, David
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Manos, Zoe
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Southworth, Thomas

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Sullivan, Brian
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Spilsbury, Walter

Damon, Hope
Tanner, Linda

Palmer, William

and floor amendment (1838h) failed.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Tom Mannion moved that **SB 426-FN**, relative to the transportation of marijuana in a motor vehicle or OHRV, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 141 members having voted in the affirmative, and 216 in the negative, the motion failed.

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

Rep. Alissandra Murray spoke against and yielded to questions.

Rep. Rhodes spoke in favor

On a division vote, with 194 members having voted in the affirmative, and 160 in the negative, the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

SB 508-FN, relative to the duties of the superintendent of the county department of corrections concerning mental health and substance use disorder screening of inmates and coordination for services upon reentry into the community. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill, as amended, allows access to places of incarceration by certain service providers to screen people who will soon be released in order to help prepare services. This will allow what is called a soft handoff. The amendment adds a definition of antisemitism to New Hampshire law. This will provide an objective criteria for law enforcement and other agencies to help determine whether or not an act is actual antisemitism and thus a discriminatory act or a hate crime. The bill goes to great length to clarify that speech is not made illegal. Hateful speech would remain legal, though it could indicate motive when combined with illegal acts. Vote 19-1.

Amendment (1728h)

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

AN ACT relative to the duties of the superintendent of the county department of corrections concerning mental health and substance use disorder screening of inmates and coordination for services upon reentry into the community and relative to enforcement of New Hampshire anti-discrimination laws as they relate to Jewish people.

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

1 New Paragraphs; County Departments of Corrections; Administration of Department of Corrections; Superintendent; General Duties and Powers. Amend RSA 30-B:4 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraphs:

VII. The superintendent of the county department of corrections shall require his or her contracted behavioral health treatment providers to use validated screening tools for mental health and substance use disorder.

VIII. The superintendent of the county department of corrections shall, where such providers exist and meet the security criteria for access to the facility, permit licensed community-based treatment providers and certified recovery support workers certified pursuant to RSA 330-C:19 to have contact with people in custody for the purpose of coordinating services upon reentry into the community.

2 New Subdivision; State Commission for Human Rights; Application and Enforcement of Anti-Discrimination Laws; Definition of Antisemitism. Amend RSA 354-A by inserting after section 34 the following new subdivision:

Definition of Antisemitism in Anti-Discrimination Laws

354-A:35 Definition of Antisemitism. For purposes of this subdivision, the term “antisemitism” means the definition of antisemitism adopted on May 26, 2016, by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), including the examples of antisemitism set forth therein, and incorporated by reference in Presidential Executive Order Number 13899, 84 F.R. 68779, December 11, 2019.

354-A:36 Rule of Construction for Anti-discrimination Laws.

I. In reviewing, investigating, or determining whether there has been a violation of this chapter, RSA 651:6, I(f), or any law or regulation in the state of New Hampshire that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, creed, or national origin, and there is an allegation that the discriminatory conduct or practice targeted a group or an individual based on any actual or perceived connection to any aspect of Jewish identity, the relevant authorities charged with enforcing the relevant anti-discrimination statutes shall take into consideration the definition of antisemitism as part of the assessment of whether the alleged unlawful conduct or practice was motivated by antisemitic intent.

354-A:37 Applicability.

I. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or Pt. I, Art. 22 of the constitution of the state of New Hampshire.

II. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon an individual’s right to engage in legally protected conduct or expressive activity pertaining to any matter of United States foreign policy or international affairs.

III. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to conflict with local, federal, or state discrimination laws.

IV. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to alter the evidentiary requirements pursuant to which an agency or department makes a determination that conduct, including harassment, amounts to actionable discrimination, or to diminish or infringe upon the rights protected under any other provision of law.

V. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to a department or agency.

VI. This subdivision is not intended to and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the state, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents.

354-A:38 Departmental Compliance. For the purposes of complying with this subdivision, with regard to any governmental anti-discrimination training, education, or monitoring requirements enforcing anti-discrimination laws that protect against discrimination on the basis of race, religion, or national origin, the heads of each agency or department shall include the definition of antisemitism in all relevant materials and modules dealing with discrimination and tolerance on the basis of race, religion, or national origin.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the superintendent of the county department of corrections to require his or her contracted behavioral health treatment providers to use validated screening tools for mental health and substance use disorder and to, where such providers exist, permit licensed community-based treatment providers and certified recovery support workers who meet the security criteria for access to the facility to have contact with people in custody for the purpose of coordinating services upon reentry into the community.

This bill further defines antisemitism for the purpose of enforcing anti-discrimination laws on the basis of race, religion, or national origin.

The question being adoption of committee amendment (1728h).

Reps. Santonastaso and Bickford spoke in favor.

Rep. Rhodes spoke against.

Rep. Wheeler requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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YEAS - 189 BELKNAP

Bean, Harry	Coker, Matthew	St. Clair, Charlie
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CARROLL

Paige, David	MacDonald, John	McAleer, Chris	McConkey, Mark
Woodcock, Stephen			

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael	Ames, Richard	Fox, Dru	Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas	Hunt, John	Rhodes, Jennifer	Thackston, Dick
Toll, Amanda	Weber, Lucy	Nutting, Zachary	

COOS

Cascadden, Corinne	Tierney, James
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GRAFTON

Baldwin, Heather	Bolton, Bill	Brown, Carroll	Cormen, Thomas
Coulon, Matthew	Fellows, Sallie	Greeson, Jeffrey	Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Murphy, James	Lovett, Peter	Muirhead, Russell	Rocheport, David
Sellers, John	Simon, Matthew	Stavis, Laurel	Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Abare, Kimberly	Boyd, Bill	Baroody, Benjamin	Beauchemin, Paige
Boehm, Ralph	Booras, Efsthia	Cornell, Patricia	Kelley, Diane
DiSilvestro, Linda	Elberger, Susan	Davis, Fred	Fedolfi, Jim
Freitas, Mary	Gibbons, Candace	Goley, Jeffrey	Gorski, Ted
Gregg, Alicia	Hamer, Heidi	Harriott-Gathright, Linda	Heath, Mary
Jack, Martin	Judy, Jean	Smith, Juliet	Juris, Louis
Foxx, Loren	Lanza, Judi	Leishman, Peter	Lloyd, Christal
Long, Patrick	Murray, Megan	Mangipudi, Latha	McGhee, Kat
McGough, Tim	Ming, Ben	Mooney, Maureen	Murphy, Nancy
Notter, Jeanine	Nutter-Upham, Frances	Pauer, Diane	Pedersen, Michael
Preece, David	Proulx, Mark	Newman, Ray	Raymond, Heather
Reid, Karen	Rombeau, Catherine	Rung, Rosemarie	Ryan, Linda
Newman, Sue	Seidel, Sheila	Sheehan, Vanessa	Sofikitis, Catherine
Spier, Carry	Staub, Kathy	Telerski, Laura	Tellez, Trinidad
Ulery, Jordan	Vail, Suzanne	Veilleux, Daniel	Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise	Aures, Cyril	Aylward, Deborah	Brennan, Angela
McGuire, Carol	Carey, Lorrie	Ebel, Karen	Hall, Muriel
Hicks, Matthew	Hill, Gregory	Lane, Connie	Leavitt, John
Luneau, David	MacKay, James	Mason, James	McWilliams, Rebecca
Moffett, Michael	Payeur, Stephanie	Gould, Sherry	Schultz, Kristina
Shurtleff, Steve	Soucy, Timothy	Walsh, Thomas	Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy	Ball, Lorie	Bernardy, JD	Thomas, Douglas
DeSimone, Debra	Doucette, Fred	Dunn, Ron	Edwards, Jess
Emerick, Tracy	Gilman, Julie	Grossman, Gaby	Haskins, Linda
Janvrin, Jason	Katsakiores, Phyllis	Khan, Aboul	Lynn, Bob
Paige, Mark	Maggiore, Jim	Malloy, Dennis	Mandelbaum, Jennifer
Manos, Zoe	McMahon, Charles	Meuse, David	Muns, Chris
O'Neil, Candice	Ford, Oliver	Piemonte, Tony	Porcelli, Susan
Potucek, John	Pratt, Kevin	Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	Raynolds, Ned
Simpson, Alexis	Spillane, James	Sweeney, Joe	Dolan, Tom
Tudor, Paul	Turer, Eric	Vallone, Mark	MacDonald, Wayne
Ward, Gerald	Weyler, Kenneth		

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Grassie, Chuck
LaMontagne, Jessica
Pare, Gail

Cannon, Gerri
Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Southworth, Thomas

Conlin, Bill
Howland, Allan
Newton, Clifford
Wall, Janet

Fitzpatrick, Daniel
Johnson, Erik
Schmidt, Peter

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Merchant, Gary
Stapleton, Walter

Cloutier, John
Palmer, William
Stone, Jonathan

Damon, Hope
Rollins, Skip
Tanner, Linda

Drye, Margaret
Smith, Steven

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Bogert, Steven
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Comtois, Barbara
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Harvey-Bolia, Juliet
Beaudoin, Richard

McCarter, Nikki
Smart, Lisa

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Costable, Michael

Belcher, Mike
Smith, Jonathan

Burroughs, Anita
Peternel, Katy

Cordelli, Glenn
Brown, Richard

CHESHIRE

Eaton, Daniel
Parshall, Lucius

Jones, Philip
Qualey, James

Monteil, Renee
Santonastaso, Matthew

Newell, Jodi
Schapiro, Joe

COOS

Davis, Arnold
King, Seth

Kelley, Eamon

Murphy, Michael

Noël, Henry

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Massimilla, Linda

Fracht, David
Morse, Corinne

Sullivan, Jared
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Lekas, Alicia
King, Bill
Bradley, Amy
Corcoran, Travis
Devine, Shelley
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
LeClerc, Daniel
MacKenzie, Mark
PANEK, Sandra
Post, Lisa
Sirois, Shane
Thomas, Wendy

Murray, Alissandra
Beaulieu, Jane
Calabro, Karen
Creighton, Jim
Dutzy, Sherry
Healey, Robert
Kofalt, Jim
Lewicke, John
Mazur, Lisa
Petrigno, Peter
Prout, Andrew
Lekas, Tony
Wheeler, Jonah

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Chretien, Jacqueline
Cushman, Leah
Erf, Keith
Herbert, Christopher
Gould, Linda
Howard, Molly
McLean, Mark
Plamondon, Marc
Renzullo, Andrew
Mannion, Tom
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Bouchard, Donald
Colcombe, Riché
Darby, Will
Griffin, Gerald
Kennedy, Stephen
Lascelles, Richard
Perez, Maria
Noble, Kristin
Plett, Fred
Seibert, Christine
Tenczar, Jeffrey

MERRIMACK

Turcotte, Alisson
Gallager, Eric
Boyd, Stephen
Testerman, Dave

Cambrils, Jose
Myler, Mel
Schuett, Dianne
Wolf, Dan

Caplan, Tony
Polozov, Yury
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

McGuire, Dan
Roesener, James
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Mannion, Dennis
Edgar, Michael
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
Milz, David
Rafter, Hal
Cahill, Tim
Vose, Michael

DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Foote, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Walsh, Lilli
Pearson, Mark
Phillips, Emily
Read, Ellen
Tripp, Richard
Wallace, Scott

Donnelly, Tanya
Grote, Jaci
Janigian, John
Layon, Erica
McDonnell, Valerie
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Soti, Julius
True, Chris
Yokela, Josh

Drago, Mike
Hamblet, Joan
Perez, Kristine
Love, David
Melvin, Charles
Quaratiello, Arlene
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
Burnham, Claudine
Howard, Heath
Kenney, Cam
Pitre, Joseph

Bailey, Glenn
Rich, Cecilia
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len
Potenza, Kelley

Bickford, David
Connor, James
Horgan, James
Smith, Marjorie

Bixby, Peter
Granger, Michael
Kaczynski, Thomas
Phinney, Brandon

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy

Spilsbury, Walter

and the committee amendment was adopted.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Read moved that **SB 508-FN**, relative to the duties of the superintendent of the county department of corrections concerning mental health and substance use disorder screening of inmates and coordination for services upon reentry into the community and relative to enforcement of New Hampshire anti-discrimination laws as they relate to Jewish people, be laid on the table.

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

On a division vote, with 168 members having voted in the affirmative, and 186 in the negative, the motion failed.

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

On a division vote, with 210 members having voted in the affirmative, and 143 in the negative, the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

SB 481, relative to establishing Juneteenth, June 19, as an annual holiday. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Sherry Gould for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would add Juneteenth as an official state holiday, rather than an annual pronouncement by the governor. The committee rejected this declassification for two major reasons. First, June 19th is late in the academic year, and we feared its effect on finals and other end of academic year exercises. Secondly, as a holiday, it might well be adopted as another day off for government employees. The committee was concerned that government offices would be closed while private citizens were working. The committee feels that an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Juneteenth is the proper position for New Hampshire. Vote 16-0.

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

On a division vote, with 194 members having voted in the affirmative, and 154 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

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 at the Call of the Chair.

Motion was adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

HR 35, Honoring NCSL on its 50th Anniversary.

SB 492, relative to wastewater engineering.

SB 539-FN-A-L, establishing a procedure for the department of environmental services to transfer ownership of dams to municipalities or other interested parties.

SB 357, relative to expanding the definition of providers who can certify patients of the therapeutic cannabis program.

SB 560, relative to establishing a committee to study the impact of pharmacy benefit manager operations on cost, administration, and distribution of prescription drugs.

SB 331-A, relative to certain historic commemorations.

SB 605, relative to ethical standards for members of the general court.

SB 531, relative to background checks of municipal health officers.

SB 451, relative to an expedited track for certain applications to the site evaluation committee.

SB 592-FN, renaming Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton as Chief Bradley Haas Memorial Highway.

SB 459-FN, establishing a committee to study the child protection act; establishing a right to submit evidence and testimony in family court proceedings; relative to wage garnishment with child support payments; and relative to parenting coordinators in high-conflict cases.

SB 63, relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities.

SB 349, establishing a committee to study voluntary home visiting services for families with newborns, infants, and young children.

SB 413-FN, relative to civil actions for PFAS contamination and relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.

SB 462, relative to raising the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims.

SB 507-FN, extending the time to petition for a new trial in certain cases.

SB 576, relative to reporting the death of voters.

SB 383-FN, relative to local tax caps.

SB 532-FN, requiring all municipalities and school governing bodies to post on their official town or school website within 30 days the amount of funds received by the state either by allocation or grant, allowing new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase, and allowing title exemption for certain motor vehicles whose manufacturer's model year is 20 or more years old.

SB 589-L, relative to wastewater surcharges.

SB 574, relative to the appointment of a temporary agent for a minor child or incapacitated person and relative to the determination of parental rights and responsibilities based on shared parenting.

SB 426-FN, relative to the transportation of marijuana in a motor vehicle or OHRV.

SB 508-FN, relative to the duties of the superintendent of the county department of corrections concerning mental health and substance use disorder screening of inmates and coordination for services upon reentry into the community and relative to enforcement of New Hampshire anti-discrimination laws as they relate to Jewish people.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Burnham requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding National Family Month and addressed the House.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Mangipudi requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month and addressed the House.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Heath Howard requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding First Amendment speech on campuses and addressed the House.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Weyler requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding an apology 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, vacate motions, receiving messages and forming Committees of Conference. Motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 4:50 p.m.

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILL REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled Senate Bill numbered 472.

Rep. Osborne, Sen. Avar for the Committee

RECESS