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HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 11 (Cont'd)

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 12

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Jonathan Hopkins, Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord.

We pray today for the safety and prosperity of our nation and state. Help the New Hampshire House of Representatives to promote the blessings of a free government so that it may be enjoyed by all. As this duty, at all times incumbent, is so especially in seasons of difficulty and of danger. We offer this morning our devotion to our office that seeks the common good that our state may be protected from all the dangers which threaten it; that our civil and religious privileges may be preserved untouchable and perpetuated to the latest generations. We pray that our public servants may be especially enlightened and directed at this critical period. We pray that the people of our state may be united in those bonds of cooperation and mutual confidence and inspired with that vigor and fortitude by which they have in times past been so highly distinguished and by which they have obtained such invaluable advantages. We pray that the health of the inhabitants of our land may be preserved and their agriculture, commerce, fisheries, arts and manufacturers be blessed and prospered, that the principles of genuine piety and sound morality may influence the minds and govern the lives of every description of our citizens; and that the blessings of peace, freedom and pure religion may be speedily extended to all the nations of the earth. We offer our fervent thanksgiving to the bestower of every good gift, not only for having protected and preserved the people of these United States and the State of New Hampshire in the independent enjoyment of their religious and civil freedom, but also for having prospered them in a wonderful progress of population, and for conferring on them many and great favors conducive to the happiness and prosperity of a nation and state. Amen.

Representative Sue Newman, member from Nashua, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by the Pelham High School Chorus.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Colby, England, Fedolfi, Guthrie, Mandelbaum and Panek, the day, illness.

Reps. Barbour, Caplan, William Dolan, Harvey-Bolia, Selby, Summers and Tenczar, the day, important business.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Atticus Baden and Will Baldwin, students at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, Page for the day.

Jill, John, Jack and Kathy Mullen, Ryan Shumway, Julie Phelan, and Irene Scanlon, guests of Rep. Sue Newman. Jonathan Sterling, guest of Rep. Gregg. Madden Walsh, son of Rep. Colby. Bjarna O'Brien, daughter of Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien.

MEMORIAL REMARKS

Representative Meuse offered memorial remarks for the former member from Portsmouth, the Honorable Laura Pantelakos.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of the former member from Portsmouth, the Honorable Laura Pantelakos.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Steven Smith moved that the remarks made by Rep. Meuse during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

MEMORIAL REMARKS

Representative Meuse: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I would like to invite my Portsmouth colleagues to stand with me and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee that Laura served with that may want to join us as well. During my second term in the House, one of the great privileges that I had was commuting back and forth to Concord with Laura Pantelakos. Laura was in her 43rd and 44th years in the House. It was my 3rd year, my 4th year and my first term in the minority. I was relatively new to public service and one of the things I found out was that Laura Pantelakos wrote the book on public service. In the House, she served mostly on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, rising to become ranking member and eventually in 2013, she became Chairwoman of the committee. In her time in the House she was also an Assistant Minority Leader, she served 16 years on the Portsmouth City Council and another 4 on the Portsmouth City Fire Commission. For many of those years, Laura worked part time as a waitress at Bickfords. So, if you had questions you wanted to ask your state representative, you could just go to breakfast. If there wasn't a council or a commission meeting, Laura would go home to a family and that was important to her, going home to her family and her family included a husband, eight kids and eventually 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and counting. In her later years after her husband passed away, she shared a home with her daughter, Petra and her family. One of the things you could never miss as an outsider when you came into that home was the love and how her family watched out for her and how she watched out for them. Laura Pantelakos didn't just represent Portsmouth, she was Portsmouth, open, approachable, always willing to help, never afraid to get her hands dirty. Our city's Mayor, Deaglan McEachern, who grew up in Laura's neighborhood, said that Laura proudly represented the wing of the Democratic Party that likes to get things done and she always has an opinion about how to get those things done. Despite being in the minority for most of her 22 terms, she did get things done. And, yes, she did have opinions, but she had priorities. In her time on the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, she worked tirelessly to improve the criminal justice system for law enforcement, for people accused of crimes, but most importantly of all to her, people who were victims. Throughout her career she fought for victims' compensation and against human trafficking. She was a gun owner who wasn't afraid to push for stronger gun safety laws and a decade ago she pushed through legislation that finally forced colleges to report rapes on campus to local police rather than conducting investigations themselves. One of the things that those of us who worked with Laura absolutely loved about her was she really understood how to make her age work for her. When she raised her hand during committee hearings on bills, usually the lobbyist or state department head who was giving testimony would look a little bit relieved and why wouldn't they look a little bit relieved, this was an older, grandmotherly person. What could she possibly ask me that I wouldn't want to answer? It was always actually fun to see their faces fall halfway through the time Laura was asking her question because one of her true superpowers was asking the one question that people in power totally did not want to be asked. So, her committee work, passing good legislation and getting things done. Those were the important things to Laura, but constituent service was also huge for her. People in Portsmouth knew that if you called Laura with a problem, she was always there to help. One of the things she never hesitated to do was to knock on the doors of powerful people to get that help. She not only listened to the people who reached out to her, she never had a problem contacting governors, mayors, attorneys general, commissioners, department heads or anyone else who she thought could help her resolve that problem. This really got driven home to me one day when we were driving home to Portsmouth when she announced, "I met with the Governor today." I said "you did?" I was surprised. We had a pretty full day of committee hearings. She said, "Yes, David. I called his office and told him that I wanted to come over and speak with him." I said, and he met with you? "Of course he did," and then she told me about the conversation, and she told me about the outcome and to her it was just another day at the office. For the rest of the drive home she told me about other meetings that she had over the years with other governors, attorneys general and other folks and she also told me about the importance of never failing to ask people in power for their help. When I asked her if she ever hesitated to do that, no because they are here to serve the people too. On one of her final session days in the House after 44 years, Speaker Packard invited her to take the gavel as Speaker of the House. It was a gesture that showed just how much Laura was admired

and loved on both sides of the aisle. I remember Laura on that day, and I think a good number of you probably remember it too, working her way shyly but flawlessly through several bills before handing the gavel back to the Speaker and acting like maybe, just maybe she had seen this movie a few times before. Afterwards she listened with a great big smile during several speeches that showed how much her colleagues and how much the House appreciated her both as a person, as a colleague and also her many, many years of service. Then she said a few words of thanks and went back to her seat, which was seat number 1 in division 1 reserved for our longest standing member, the Dean of the House. Like many of us over the years, Laura responded to countless candidate surveys. Yesterday I ran across one on the Patch and I'll share a little bit of it with you. Near the end of the survey, she was asked to provide the best advice ever shared with me. Larua's response was listen and you will learn. The final question on the survey was what else would you like voters to know about yourself and your positions and her answer was, I will always fight for people's rights. Laura Pantelakos always did. Services for our dear friend will be Saturday in Portsmouth, and we all received the details this morning in our email. Please join me for a moment of silence in honor of our former colleague, Laura Pantelakos.

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Proposed by the Rules Committee

Reps. Osborne and Simpson moved the adoption of an amendment to House Rule 66.

Amend House Rule 66 by adding the following:

Monday, September 15, 2025

Friday, September 19, 2025

Friday, November 21, 2025

First Day to file LSRs for 2026 Session

Last Day to file LSRs for 2026 Session (4 p.m.)

Last Day to sign off LSRs for 2026 Session (4 p.m.)

Last Day to report all retained bills

Last Day to introduce House Bills

Thursday, January 8, 2026

House Clerk spoke in favor.

Adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Consent Calendar was adopted.

HB 240-FN-L, relative to nonpayment of dog licensing fees. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matt Sabourin dit Choinière for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill relieves municipalities from having to enforce what is easily perceived as a frivolous statute, allowing law enforcement resources to be allocated for more urgent concerns. Unlicensed dogs are not necessarily nuisance or vicious dogs. Vote 15-0.

HB 538-FN, reallocating positions in the liquor commission. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill changes the structure of the Liquor Commission to add a division of finance and audit and to rename two positions to align with the current structure. The two new positions are at the same compensation level as those they replace. This bill satisfies concerns raised in the FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020 audits and is ready for implementation now that the new point-of-sale and back-office systems are operational. Vote 16-0.

HB 67-FN-A, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Karen Ebel for Finance. This bill moves from the current pilot agreement to a permanent agreement with the Secretary of State's office for the use of accessible voting systems in local elections. As amended, the effective date of the legislation has been delayed until December 31, 2025, per the request of the Secretary of State. Additionally, the \$100,000 appropriation has been removed because the secretary also advised that HAVA funds could be used as needed. Accessible voting systems have been in place only for state elections with a federal office on the ballot. These systems had not been made available at polling locations for local elections. As a result, except for a couple of communities that have their own accessible voting systems, individuals with disabilities were not universally afforded equal opportunities to vote privately and independently in local elections, which violates the ADA. Passage of HB 67 is intended to correct this. Vote 25-0.

Amendment (0781h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Change to Effective Date. Amend 2024, 123:5, I to read as follows:

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect [~~June 30~~] **December 31**, 2025.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 29, 2025.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect December 31, 2025.

HB 187-FN, relative to restraining orders sought by a parent on behalf of a minor child. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Dan McGuire for Finance. Current law lets parents or guardians seek a restraining order alleging abuse of a minor only if the alleged abuser is a relative or household member. The bill removes that restriction, so the law will also apply to other cases like allegedly abusive neighbors, babysitters, etc. The only financial impact is from any extra court time for the new restraining orders. This should be minimal. Vote 25-0.

HB 494-FN, relative to the math learning communities program, and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Daniel Popovici-Muller for Finance. This bill passed the House on February 20 on a voice vote after unanimous support in the policy committee. The Finance Committee amendment does not affect policy - it just removes the paragraph appropriating funds which is no longer needed since the appropriations will become part of the state budget through HB 1. The Finance Committee unanimously supported the OTP/A motion on this bill to adopt the policy changes already approved by the House. Vote 25-0.

Amendment (0973h)

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

AN ACT relative to the math learning communities program.

Amend the bill by deleting section 2 and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 2.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the math learning communities program in public secondary schools.

HB 552-FN, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Finance. Currently the state retiree insurance plan allows coverage for 19- to 25-year-old children if they are full-time students. This bill, which passed unanimously in the House Finance Committee and in the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee, seeks the simple change of removing the full-time student requirement to allow coverage of all children in this age group. This brings the retiree plan in alignment with the current state employee plan and other ACA plans. The entire cost of this change will be paid by the retiree and not the state. Vote 25-0.

HB 566-FN, requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Finance. This bill provides statutory support for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' (NHDES) current rules which require applicants for landfill permits to provide detailed leachate management plans. These plans require descriptions of how leachate would be managed, collected, and stored on site. It would also include a description of on-site treatment, if applicable. Other requirements of the plan include information about leachate transport, disposal, and contingencies in the event of unforeseen events. This bill provides the most significant enhancement for enforcement of NHDES rules and passed unanimously in the Finance Committee and the Environment and Agriculture Committee. Vote 25-0.

HB 650-FN, removing references to repealed funds and relative to state park and robotics education funds. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Dan McGuire for Finance. RSA 6:12 is the compendium of all dedicated funds held by the Treasury, whether passed in law, or delivered to the Treasury to hold by court orders or on behalf of trusts. They do not appear in the General Fund, Education Trust Fund, Fish and Game Fund, or other accounts that are overseen by the legislature and produce their own annual audits. The Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds hears the results of every department's dedicated funds every five years (in a five-year rotation) suggests modifications to correct growing balances or pending deficits and inability to carry out the planned work, corrects errors, and repeals references to funds that no longer exist. This bill makes two substantive modifications approved by the agencies. The existing state park fund includes both the state-owned Cannon Mountain Ski Area and Tramway, and the rest of the state parks (excluding historic buildings). The ski area generates considerable revenue, which is segregated to a separate sub-fund. The other state parks generate very little, and mostly as gifts to a specific site visited, so no system-wide planning is possible. The committee and the agency agreed to create a separate Cannon Mountain fund. Second, the committee read the robotics fund financials and realized that for the last several years, only a fraction of the robotics fund, which helps schools set up robotics programs, has been used. It is funded by an annual \$750,000 grant from general funds and has been very successful but seems to have gotten to most of the schools capable of setting up a program and is increasing its surpluses. Rather than delete it, the committee chose to change it from non-lapsing and cap it at \$1 million, lapsing any excess every biennium. The Finance Committee found no fiscal impact. Vote 25-0.

HB 677-FN, requiring schools to maintain a supply of EpiPen injectors for use in event of an emergency. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Daniel Popovici-Muller for Finance. This bill passed the House on February 13 on a voice vote after unanimous support in the policy committee. It requires public schools to maintain supplies of epinephrine

auto-injectors for use in the event of an allergic emergency. The Finance Committee amendment does not significantly affect policy - it just removes the reference to nasal sprays and removes the paragraph appropriating funds which is not needed since testimony made it clear that drug manufacturers are making epinephrine auto-injectors available to schools at no cost. The Finance Committee unanimously supported the OTP/A motion on this bill to adopt the policy changes already approved by the House. Vote 25-0.

Amendment (0589h)

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

AN ACT requiring schools to maintain a supply of EpiPen injectors and epinephrine nasal spray for use in event of an emergency.

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

1 Supply of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors. RSA 200:44-b, I-II is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. A school district shall adopt a policy to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or epinephrine nasal spray for use in an allergic emergency when a nurse is employed or contracted by the district. The nurse shall determine the quantity and type of medication the school shall maintain.

II. To obtain life-saving allergy medication for a school district, a health care practitioner may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors and/or epinephrine nasal spray in the name of a school district for use in life-saving allergy emergency situations. If an epinephrine auto-injector and/or epinephrine nasal spray is used pursuant to this subdivision, the school nurse shall order a replacement within 5 business days.

2 Supply of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors/Epinephrine Nasal Spray; Reporting. RSA 200:44-b, V is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

V. Schools shall submit an annual report to the department of education summarizing the supply and use of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or epinephrine nasal spray pursuant to this subdivision.

3 New Subparagraph; Anaphylaxis Training Required. Amend RSA 200:44-a, I by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

(c) Designated assistive personnel shall be identified by the school nurse, in consultation with the principal, to ensure as many hours as possible of the school day are covered by at least one assistive person.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires public schools to maintain supplies of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or epinephrine nasal spray for use in the event of an allergic emergency, requires annual reporting summarizing such supply and use, requires at least one assistive personnel to be available as many hours of the school day are covered, and provides an appropriation to the department of education for reimbursement of such supplies.

HB 733-FN, relative to reporting requirements for persons or entities financing lawsuits. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Karen Ebel for Finance. This bill enhances consumer protections and promotes transparency in commercial litigation funding by establishing clear disclosure requirements and ethical limitations on third-party financiers. By ensuring that funding agreements are disclosed to all relevant parties, prohibiting foreign entities of concern from influencing litigation, and safeguarding attorney-client decision making, this legislation upholds the integrity of the legal system while protecting claimants from potential conflicts of interest and undue external influence. As indicated by the fiscal note, the committee determined that there was no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue. Vote 25-0.

HB 781-FN, requiring school districts to adopt policies establishing a cell phone-free education. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Daniel Popovici-Muller for Finance. The bill passed the House on March 13 on a voice vote after being voted 16-1 in support by the policy committee. The bill requires school districts to adopt policies regarding cell phone use in school to at least restrict cell phone use during class instructional time, with appropriate exceptions provided. The bill does not appropriate any funds. The Finance Committee unanimously supported the OTP motion on this bill. Vote 25-0.

REGULAR CALENDAR - PART ONE

HB 25-A, making appropriations for capital improvements. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Milz for Public Works and Highways. This bill is New Hampshire's capital budget for the coming biennium. The capital budget provides bonded funding for statewide capital improvements including construction, repairs, and investments in state-owned buildings, state facilities and parks. Such improvements aim to maintain and strengthen our state's non-highway transportation, building, and technological infrastructure and also stimulates private business growth and economic opportunity. The capital budget, as recommended by the committee, appropriates approximately \$132.5 million in general fund bonding. This budget provides funding to the Community College System for critical maintenance, IT infrastructure and increases the capacity for its welding training program at Great Bay campus and to the University System of New Hampshire

for building renovations at its Plymouth and Keene campuses. Understanding the importance of outdoor recreational activities to New Hampshire's tourism industry, the committee approved funds to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, to improve roads at the Connecticut Lake Headwaters and improve Umbagog Lake State Park Marina and facilities; to the Fish and Game Department for hatchery predatory control and inland fisheries equipment; and to Pease Development Authority for repairs at Rye and Hampton Harbors and dredging at the Market Street terminal main wharf. The budget also provides funding to the Department of Environmental Services to protect and improve our water resources, to the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Corrections, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Veterans Home to maintain our state-owned buildings. Through judicious use of lapse money, the committee was also able to provide support for rail and tie improvements of state-owned railroads. The committee tried to take advantage of federal and other matching funds to develop a proposal which will provide much needed projects, improvements, and jobs throughout New Hampshire. Overall, this budget leverages over \$122.7 million in federal funds for IT projects, drinking water and clean water state revolving funds, and matching funds for National Guard facilities. It is imperative that we maintain our state-owned buildings, and this proposed budget continues the commitment of the Public Works and Highways Committee to do just that. The projects for which money is appropriated will continue to encourage tourism and create jobs for many small and large contracting businesses throughout our state. Vote 17-1.

Amendment (1455h)

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

1 Capital Appropriations. The sums hereinafter detailed are hereby appropriated for the projects specified to the departments, agencies, and branches named:

I. Department of Administrative Services

1. Statewide Emergency Fund	1,500,000
2. State House Annex Renovation - Phase 2	12,250,000
3. Sprinkler Replacement	550,000
4. Main Building Elevator Replacement	1,100,000
Total state appropriation paragraph I	\$15,400,000

II. Community College System of New Hampshire

1. Great Bay Community College: Workforce Capacity Building in Welding	700,000
2. IT Infrastructure	150,487
3. Critical Maintenance	1,300,000
4. Energy Management Systems	500,000
Total state appropriation paragraph II	\$2,650,487

III. Department of Corrections

1. NHSP/M - Electronic Controls and Camera Installations	2,000,000
2. NHSP/M - Replace HVAC Units Using R-22 Refrigerant	7,700,000
3. NHSP/M - Boiler, Surge and Deaerator Tank Replacements	2,300,000
Total state appropriation paragraph III	\$12,000,000

IV. Department of Education

1. Milford Applied Technology Center	1
Total state appropriation paragraph IV	\$1

V. Department of Environmental Services

1. Dam Repairs and Reconstruction	10,810,000
2. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund State Match	8,846,360
3. Superfund State Match	829,217
4. Clean Water State Revolving Fund State Match	9,467,496
5. Winnepesaukee River Basin Program Infrastructure Upgrades	19,700,000
Less Other Funds (Revolving Loan Fund)*	<u>(19,700,000)</u>
Net State	0

Total state appropriation paragraph V \$29,953,073

*To provide funds for the appropriations made in paragraph V, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$19,700,000 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-A. Payments of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be made from the Winnepesaukee river basin control account established in RSA 485-A:50.

VI. Fish and Game Department

1. Hatchery Predator Control	2,200,000
Less Other Funds (Fish and Game Fund)*	(2,200,000)
Net State	0

2. Replace 50-Foot 25-Ton Trailer	65,000
Less Other Funds (Fish and Game Fund)*	(65,000)
Net State	0
3. Inland Fisheries Equipment	114,000
Less Other Funds (Fish and Game Fund)*	(114,000)
Net State	0
4. Replace 410 John Deere Backhoe	350,000
Total state appropriation paragraph VI	\$350,000

*To provide funds for the appropriations made in paragraph VI, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$2,379,000 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-A. Payments of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be made from the fish and game fund established in RSA 206:33.

VII. Department of Health and Human Services	
1. Medicaid Enterprise Modular Strategy	33,750,000
Less Federal Funds	<u>(30,375,000)</u>
Net State	3,375,000
2. Modernize Eligibility Services	1,875,878
Less Federal Funds	<u>(1,219,321)</u>
Net State	656,557
3. Glencliff Home Warehouse Elevator Repair	450,000
Total state appropriation paragraph VII	\$4,481,557
VIII. Department of Information Technology	
1. Cybersecurity Enhancements	2,380,000
Total state appropriation paragraph VIII	\$2,380,000
IX. Department of Justice	
1. Replacement of Case Management System	2,231,696
Total state appropriation paragraph IX	\$2,231,696
X. Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services	
1. Milford Readiness Center Addition and Renovation	4,000,000
Less Federal Funds	<u>(3,000,000)</u>
Net State	1,000,000
2. Manchester Land Replacement	5,000,000
3. Statewide Readiness Center Roof Replacement	5,100,000
Less Federal Funds	<u>(2,550,000)</u>
Net State	2,550,000
4. Plymouth Readiness Center Design and Construction	4,000,000
Less Federal Funds	<u>(3,000,000)</u>
Net State	1,000,000
5. Pembroke Readiness Center Addition	8,000,000
Less Federal Funds	<u>(8,000,000)</u>
Net State	0
6. Aviation Hangar Addition/Alteration	9,000,000
Less Federal Funds	<u>(9,000,000)</u>
Net State	0
Total state appropriation paragraph X	\$9,550,000
XI. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	
1. Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway	26,000,000
2. Umbagog Lake State Park Marina and Facilities	950,000
Less Federal Funds	<u>(475,000)</u>
Net State	475,000
3. Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Road Repairs	1,400,000
Total state appropriation paragraph XI	\$27,875,000
XII. Pease Development Authority	
1. Market Street Terminal Main Wharf Dredging	1,417,000
2. Rye Harbor and Hampton Harbor RipRap Repair	765,000
3. Market Street Marine Terminal Warehouse Removal/Office Replacement	1,973,300
Total state appropriation paragraph XII	\$4,155,300
XIII. Police Standards and Training Council	

1. Main Entrance Security Improvements	480,000
Total state appropriation paragraph XIII	\$480,000
XIV. Department of Safety	
1. Software - Automated Fuel Tax System	2,862,000
2. Gun Range Training Facility	2,300,000
3. Modernization of Plate Production Equipment	1,302,950
Less Other Funds (Plate Fund)*	<u>(1,302,950)</u>
Net State	0

Total state appropriation paragraph XIV \$5,162,000

*To provide funds for the appropriations made in subparagraph XIV, 3, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$1,302,950 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-A. Payments of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be made from the reflectorized plate fund established in RSA 228:25.

XV. University System of New Hampshire

1. Hyde Hall Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center renovation (PSU) and Redfern, Morrisson, and Keddy (KSC)*	8,000,000
Total state appropriation paragraph XV	\$8,000,000

*The university system board of trustees will determine the timing of the projects and the specific dollar allocation to each from the above sum available, while ensuring the respective campus priorities are addressed. The board of trustees shall report on the progress of the projects to the capital project overview committee in October and April.

XVI. Veterans Home

1. Replace Three (3) Air Handlers	1,300,000
2. Diesel Tank Replacement	60,000
3. Replace Seven (7) Tubs and One (1) Bariatric Stretcher Shower Trolley	140,000
4. Replace Fifty (50) Veteran Resident Beds	155,000
5. Twenty (20) Medical Lifts and Installation	180,000
6. Tarr South/Tarr North ASA and IPC Compliance	1,500,000
Total state appropriation paragraph XVI	\$3,335,000

XVII. Department of Transportation

1. Matching Funds for Transit Vehicles	390,000
2. Federal State Match for FAA Projects	68,589,812
Less Federal Funds	<u>(64,962,906)</u>
Net State	3,626,831

3. Carroll and Strafford Freight Rail Improvement*	450,000
Total state appropriation paragraph XVII	\$4,466,831

*The sum appropriated in subparagraph XVII, 3 shall be matched to private funds of an equal amount for each project. The department of transportation shall report on the use of the appropriation and matching private funds for each project to the capital project overview committee in October and April for each year of the biennium.

Total state appropriation section 1 \$132,470,945

2 Appropriation; Highway Funds; Department of Transportation. The sums hereinafter detailed are appropriated for the projects specified:

I. Department of Transportation

1. Statewide - Salt and Sand Shed Replacements	3,000,000
2. Statewide - Underground Storage Tank Replacement	2,000,000
3. Mechanical Services - Twin Mountain Garage Roof Replacement	1,206,668
4. Lempster 215 - Patrol Facility Replacement	3,580,380
5. Pinkham 109 - Patrol Facility Replacement	212,952
Total state appropriation paragraph I	10,000,000
Total state appropriation section 2	10,000,000

3 Expenditures; General. The appropriations made for the purposes mentioned in sections 1 and 2 of this act, with the exception of appropriations in paragraphs II and XV of section 1, and the sums available for those projects shall be expended by the trustees, commissions, commissioner, or department head of the institutions and departments referred to herein; provided that all contracts and projects and plans and specifications therefor shall be awarded in accordance with the provisions of RSA 21-I and RSA 228.

4 Expenditures; Community College System of New Hampshire.

I. The appropriations made for the community college system in paragraph II of section 1 and the sums available for this project shall be expended by the trustees of the community college system of New Hampshire.

II. The appropriations made to the community college system in paragraph II of section 1 are available for all costs incidental to the completion of the project enumerated including but not limited to the costs of the services for architects, engineers, and other consultants of such kind and capacity as the community college system board of trustees may, in its discretion, wish to employ on such terms and conditions as the board determines. These monies shall be spent under the direction of the community college system board of trustees and pursuant to the policies adopted by the board of trustees.

III. Any authorization contained in this act which is at variance with the requirements of applicable federal law and regulations shall be controlled by the terms of federal law and regulations.

5 Expenditures; University System of New Hampshire.

I. The appropriations made for the university system in paragraph XV of section 1 and the sums available for these projects shall be expended by the trustees of the university system of New Hampshire.

II. The appropriations made to the university system in paragraph XV of section 1 are available for all costs incidental to the completion of the projects enumerated including but not limited to the costs of the services for architects, engineers, and other consultants of such kind and capacity as the university system board of trustees may, in its discretion, wish to employ on such terms and conditions as the board determines. These monies shall be spent under the direction of the university system board of trustees and pursuant to the policies adopted by the board of trustees.

III. Any authorization contained in this act which is at variance with the requirements of applicable federal law and regulations shall be controlled by the terms of federal law and regulations.

6 Land Acquisition. Any land acquired under the appropriations made in sections 1 and 2 of this act, if any, as may be acquired under the appropriation shall be purchased by the commissioner of the department of administrative services or the department of transportation with the approval of governor and council.

7 Bonds Authorized.

I. To provide funds for the total of the appropriations of state funds made in sections 1 and 2 of this act, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$165,852,895 and for said purposes may issue bonds and notes in the names and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of RSA 6-A. The source of funds are as follows: General Fund \$132,470,945, Highway Funds \$10,000,000, and Other Funds \$23,381,950.

8 Payments.

I. The payment of principal and interest on bonds and notes issued for the projects in section 1 shall be made when due from the general fund of the state.

II. The payment of principal and interest on bonds issued for the projects in:

(a) The highway fund portion of the appropriations made in section 2 shall be made from the highway fund and the general fund portion from the general fund.

(b) The fish and game fund portion of the appropriations made in paragraph V of section 1 shall be made from the fish and game fund.

9 Powers of Governor and Council. The governor and council are hereby authorized and empowered:

I. To cooperate with and enter into such agreements with the federal government, or any agency thereof, as they may deem advisable, to secure federal funds for the purposes hereof.

II. To accept any federal funds which are, or become available for any project under sections 1 and 2 beyond the estimated amounts. The net appropriation of state funds for any project for which such additional federal funds are accepted shall be reduced by the amount of such additional funds, and the amount of bonding authorized by section 7 shall be reduced by the same amount.

10 Transfers. The individual project appropriations provided in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall not be transferred or expended for any other purposes; provided that if there is a balance remaining after an individual project, which is fully funded by state funds, is completed, accepted, and final payment made, said balance or any part thereof may be transferred by governor and council, to any other individual project or projects, which are also fully funded by state funds, within the same section and from the same funding source, provided that prior approval of the capital project overview committee is obtained.

11 Reduction of Appropriation and Bonding Authority. If the net appropriation of state funds for any project provided for by sections 1 and 2 is determined on the basis of an estimate of anticipated federal, local, or other funds, and if the amount of such funds actually received or available is less than said estimate, then the total authorized cost for such projects and the net appropriation of state funds thereof shall be reduced by the same proportion as the proportion by which federal, local, or other funds are reduced. The amount of bonding authorized by section 7 shall be reduced by the amount that the appropriation of state funds is reduced pursuant to this section.

12 Division of Public Works Design and Construction Inspection Services; Davis-Bacon Act Compliance. The appropriations for those projects which are managed by the division of public works design and construction, Department of Administrative Services, may be expended to fund temporary personnel for the purpose of providing construction inspection services and Davis-Bacon Act Compliance services for projects utilizing federal funds, for those projects included in this act.

13 Lapse of Prior Capital Balance; Capital Appropriations for the Community College System of New Hampshire.

I. The amount of \$649,513 is hereby lapsed from the unencumbered balances from the following state capital projects:

(a) The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2017, 228:1, II, B,3, extended by 2019, 146:20, 15, extended by 2021, 107:16, 25, extended by 2023, 113:24, 44 for Spaulding - Roof Replacement.

(b) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 57 for NNHCF Roof Replacement.

(c) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 58 for Construction of Training Center for Bldg. Trades NHCF/W.

(d) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 60 for Door Controller Upgrade.

(e) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 9, extended by 2023, 113:24, 64 for Replace Steam Lines and Traps.

(f) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2019, 146:1, IV, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 44, extended by 2023, 113:24, 68 for Perimeter Security and Fence Detection Systems.

(g) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2019, 146:1, IV, C, extended by 2021, 107:16, 46, extended by 2023, 113:24, 70 for Replace Electrical Services.

(h) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2017, 228:1, IV, A, extended by 2019, 146:20, 43, extended by 2021, 107:16, 50, extended by 2023, 113:24, 71 for Transitional Work Center - Complete Bathroom Replace.

(i) The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2017, 228:1, IV, G, extended by 2019, 146:20, 49, extended by 2021, 107:16, 54, extended by 2023, 113:24, 72 for Body Alarm/Man Down System (NHSP-Men).

(j) The appropriation made to the Department of Education in 2021, 107:1, IV, 2, extended by 2023:24, 74 for Pre-Engineering Technology.

(k) The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2015, 220:1, VI, F, extended by 2017, 228:22, 53, extended by 2019, 146:20, 69, extended by 2021, 107:16, 71, extended by 2023, 113:24, 93 for permitting, environmental monitoring and flood forecasting.

(l) The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, 107:1, VII, 8, extended by 2023, 113:24, 103 for BEAS Systems Modernization.

(m) The appropriation made to the Department of Information Technology in 2019, 146:1, IX, C, extended by 2021, 107:16,99, extended by 2023, 113:24, 120 for Cybersecurity - Program Enhancements.

(n) The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2017, 228:1, XVIII, D, extended by 2019, 146:20, 127, extended by 2021, 107:16, 136, extended by 2023, 113:24, 157 for Restorations at Historic Sites.

(o) The appropriation made to the Judicial Branch in 2021, 107:1, VIII, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 122 for Courts Digitization Project.

II. The sum of \$649,513 is hereby appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 to the Community College System of New Hampshire for IT Infrastructure.

III. To provide funds for the appropriations made in paragraph II, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$649,513 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-A. Payments of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be made from the general fund of the state.

IV. All contracts and projects and plans and specifications therefor for the projects authorized in this section shall be awarded in accordance with the provisions of RSA 21-I.

14 Lapse of Prior Capital Balance; Capital Appropriations for Department of Transportation.

I. The amount of \$825,895.97 is hereby lapsed from the unencumbered balances from the following state capital projects:

(a) The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2005, 259:1, XIII, F amended by 2007, 264:20, extended by 2007, 264:29 extended by 2009, 145:19, 81 extended by 2011, 253:28, 104 extended by 2013, 195:47, 110, extended by 2015, 220:23, 120, extended by 2017, 228:22,142, extended by 2019, 146:20, 157, extended by 2021, 107:16, 181, extended by 2023, 113:24, 204 for railroad acquisition right of first refusal rail match.

(b) The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 1999, 226:1, XIII, C, as extended by 2001, 202:28, XXXIII, and 2003, 240:34, LXXVI extended by 2005, 259:25, LVI extended by 2007, 264:29 LXXIV extended by 2009, 145:19, 64 extended by 2011, 253:28, 98 extended by 2013,195:47, 111 extended by 2015, 220:23, 121, extended by 2017, 228:22, 143, extended by 2019, 146:20,158, extended by 2021, 107:16, 182, extended by 2023, 113:24, 205 for acquisition for railroad and airport properties.

II. The sum of \$825,895.97 is hereby appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, to the Department of Transportation for replacement of rails and ties on state-owned active railroad lines.

III. To provide funds for the appropriation made in paragraph II, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$825,895.97 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-A. Payments of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be made from the general fund of the state.

IV. All contracts and projects and plans and specifications therefor for the projects authorized in this section shall be awarded in accordance with the provisions of RSA 21-I.

15 Project Purpose Amended; Judicial Branch. Amend 2021, 107:1,VIII to read as follows:

VIII. Judicial Branch

1. NH e-Court **and Associated Critical Infrastructure** 1,100,000

2. Courts Digitization Project* 50,000

Total state appropriation paragraph VIII \$1,150,000

*The general court intends that funding to complete the Supreme Court digitization project will be included in the state capital budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

16 Project Purpose Amended; Judicial Branch. Amend 2019, 146:1, X to read as follows:

X. Judicial Branch

A. [New Hampshire e-Court] **NH e-Court and Associated Critical Infrastructure** 1,710,000

Total state appropriation paragraph X \$1,710,000

17 Project Purpose Amended; Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services.

Amend 2021, 107:1, X to read as follows:

X. Military Affairs and Veterans Services

1. [~~Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection - Merrimack County~~] **Pembroke Regional Training Institute Upgrades** 1,660,000

Less Federal Funds (1,660,000)

Net State 0

2. [~~Energy Resiliency And Efficiency Improvements Statewide~~] **Pembroke Regional Training Institute Upgrades** 3,500,000

Less Federal Funds (3,500,000)

Net State 0

3. Grafton County Field Maintenance Shop 13,700,000

Less Federal Funds (13,700,000)

Net State 0

4. Minor Military Construction - Coos County 9,000,000

Less Federal Funds (9,000,000)

Net State 0

5. Minor Military Construction - Strafford County 7,000,000

Less Federal Funds (7,000,000)

Net State 0

6. [~~Warehouse Facility Upgrades - Merrimack County~~] **Minor Military Construction- Strafford County** 2,600,000

Less Federal Funds (2,600,000)

Net State 0

7. Readiness Center Renovation Statewide 1,200,000

Less Federal Funds (600,000)

Net State 600,000

8. Land 500,000

9. Energy Resiliency and Efficiency Improvements Statewide 50/50 800,000

Less Federal Funds (400,000)

Net State 400,000

Total state appropriation paragraph X \$1,500,000

18 Lapse Dates Extended to June 30, 2027. The following appropriations are hereby extended to June 30, 2027:

1. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, A, 1 for Court-house Generators.

2. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, A, 2 for Rochester Courthouse.

3. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, B, 1 for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Mechanical Replacements and Repairs.

4. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, B, 2 for Thayer Building Heating Zone Expansion.

5. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, B, 3 for Two Chillers for 29 Hazen Dr.

6. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, B, 4 for Parking Lot Repairs and Paving - Statewide.

7. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, B, 5 for Acquire Building at 25 Hall Street.

8. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2023, 113:1, I, C, 1 for Statewide Emergency Fund.

9. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, A, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 2 for Lebanon Circuit Courthouse - Remove and Replace Underground Fuel Storage Tank.

10. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, A, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 3 for Portsmouth and Dover Circuit Court Boilers.

11. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, A, 4, extended by 2023, 113:24, 4 for Statewide Courthouse Roof Replacements.

12. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, B, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 5 for Life Safety Upgrades.

13. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, B, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 6 for Main Building Rewiring Phase 1.

14. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, B, 4, extended by 2023, 113:24, 8 for Thayer Building - Replace Roof.

15. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, B, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 9 for Tunnel System: Repair and Abandonment Plan.

16. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, C, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 10 for NH First Migration To Information Cloud Environment.

17. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 11 for HHS Roof Replacement.

18. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 12 for HHS/DES Mechanical Replacements and Controls.

19. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 13 for Morton, Johnson, HHS Underground Tank Removal.

20. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 4, extended by 2023, 113:24, 14 for Safety Mechanical Replacements and Repairs.

21. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 15 for Coos County New Parking Lot and Concrete Plaza Entrance.

22. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 6, extended by 2023, 113:24, 16 for Hillsborough County Courthouse North Cooling Tower.

23. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 7, extended by 2023, 113:24, 17 for Annex 1 - Bancroft ADA Connector.

24. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 8, extended by 2023, 113:24, 18 for Discovery Center Mechanical Replacement and Controls.

25. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 9, extended by 2023, 113:24, 19 for Hillsborough County South Walkway Repairs.

26. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 10, extended by 2023, 113:24, 20 for Dolloff Building Elevator Replacement.

27. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 11, extended by 2023, 113:24, 21 for Phase II - Statehouse Annex Renovation.

28. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 12, extended by 2023, 113:24, 22 for New Fire Panels-Installation at 11 Locations.

29. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 13, extended by 2023, 113:24, 23 for Main Building Stair Tower Roofs and Repointing.

30. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, D, 14, extended by 2023, 113:24, 24 for Rochester Circuit Court Replacement Engineering.

31. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, E, extended by 2023, 113:24, 25 for Statewide Emergency Fund.

32. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2021, 107:1, I, F, extended by 2023, 113:24, 26 for Statewide Energy Efficiency Improvements Projects.

33. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 27 for Statewide Projects, Statewide Emergency Funding.

34. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, B, 3, extended by 2021, 107:16, 4, extended by 2023, 113:24, 29 for Storrs Street Parking Garage Repairs.

35. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, B, 4, extended by 2021, 107:16, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 30 for State House Annex Renovations.

36. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, B, 5, extended by 2021, 107:16, 6, extended by 2023, 113:24, 31 for State House Annex Elevator Upgrades.

37. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, B, 6, extended by 2021, 107:16, 7, extended by 2023, 113:24, 32 for Roof Replacements and Exterior Repairs.

38. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, B, 8, extended by 2021, 107:16, 9, extended by 2023, 113:24, 33 for HHS and DES Mechanical Replacements.

39. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, C, 1, extended by 2021, 107:16, 10, extended by 2023, 113:24, 34 for Concord Steam - Raze Structurally Deficient Building.

40. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, C, 2, extended by 2021, 107:16, 11, extended by 2023, 113:24, 35 for Emergency Back-Up Generator Power To New Boilers.

41. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, C, 3, extended by 2021, 107:16, 12, extended by 2023, 113:24, 36 for Annex 1 - Life Safety/ADA Improvements.

42. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, C, 4, extended by 2021, 107:16, 13, extended by 2023, 113:24, 37 for Thayer Building - Relocate and Upgrade Electrical Service.

43. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, D, 1, extended by 2021, 107:16, 15, extended by 2023, 113:24, 38 for Rockingham County and Hillsborough County South Courthouses - New Chiller, Variable Frequency Drives and Controls.

44. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, D, 3, extended by 2021, 107:16, 17, extended by 2023, 113:24, 39 for Coos County Courthouse - New Boilers.

45. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, D, 5, extended by 2021, 107:16, 19, extended by 2023, 113:24, 40 for Generators - Conway, Coos, Jaffrey, Lebanon, Plymouth.

46. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, D, 6, extended by 2021, 107:16, 20, extended by 2023, 113:24, 41 for Hillsborough County South - Cellblock Renovation.

47. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2019, 146:1, II, E, extended by 2021, 107:16, 21, extended by 2023, 113:24, 42 for Financial Data Management, ERP Sustainability and Advancement.

48. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2017, 228:1, II, A, 1, extended by 2019, 146:20, 11, extended by 2021, 107:16, 23, extended by 2023, 113:24, 43 for Statewide Emergency Funding.

49. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2017, 228:1, II, B, 4, extended by 2019, 146:20, 16, extended by 2021, 107:16, 26, extended by 2023, 113:24, 45 for State Owned Buildings - Security Upgrades.

50. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2017, 228:1, II, C, 1, extended by 2019, 146:20, 22, extended by 2021, 107:16, 30, extended by 2023, 113:24, 46 for Main Bldg Lodge Roof Replacement/brick/trim repairs.

51. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2017, 228:1, II, C, 3, extended by 2019, 146:20, 24, extended by 2021, 107:16, 32, as amended by 2023, 113:15, extended by 2023, 113:24, 47 for Main Bldg, North Pavilion Wing Roof Replacement.

52. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2017, 228:1, II, D, 3, extended by 2019, 146:20, 26, extended by 2021, 107:16, 33, extended by 2023, 113:24, 48 for Milford Circuit Court - New Courthouse.

53. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2015, 220:1, II, B, 8, extended by 2017, 228:22, 21, extended by 2019, 146:20, 35, extended by 2021, 107:16, 38, extended by 2023, 113:24, 49 for state house and Upham Walker house repairs.

54. The appropriation made to the Department of Administrative Services in 2011, 253:1, II, C, 1 extended by 2013, 195:47, 13 extended by 2015, 220:23, 18, extended by 2017, 228:22, 29, extended by 2019, 146:20, 37, extended by 2021, 107:16, 39, extended by 2023, 113:24, 50 for critical IT infrastructure.

55. The appropriation made to the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food in 2021, 107:1, II, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 51 for Repairs to NH Building At Eastern States Exposition.

56. The appropriation made to the Community College System of New Hampshire in 2023, 113:1, XVI, 1 for Critical Maintenance.

57. The appropriation made to the Community College System of New Hampshire in 2023, 113:1, XVI, 3 for NCC Respiratory Therapy Program Teaching Equipment and Teaching Space Renovations.

58. The appropriation made to the Community College System of New Hampshire in 2021, 107:1, XIII, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 52 for Critical Maintenance.

59. The appropriation made to the Community College System of New Hampshire in 2019, 146:1, III, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 41, extended by 2023, 113:24, 53 for Critical Maintenance and Safety, Master Plans.

60. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2023, 113:1, II, 1 for Replace Sewer Lines and Grinder.

61. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2023, 113:1, II, 2 for Radio System Upgrade.
62. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 56 for NHSP/M Roof Replacement.
63. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 7, extended by 2023, 113:24, 62 for Perimeter Security and Fence Detection Systems.
64. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 8, extended by 2023, 113:24, 63 for Rebuild Sewer Line and Grinder.
65. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 10, extended by 2023, 113:24, 65 for Roof Replacement - Hancock and Industries Buildings.
66. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:1, III, 11, extended by 2023, 113:24, 66 for NH State Prison/M Door Replacement.
67. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2021, 107:14, III, extended by 2023, 113:24, 67 for NHSPM Door and Ceiling Replace/Repair - Close Custody Unit.
68. The appropriation made to the Department of Corrections in 2019, 146:1, IV, B, extended by 2021, 107:16, 45, extended by 2023, 113:24, 69 for Kitchen Renovation.
69. The appropriation made to the Department of Education in 2021, 107:1, IV, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 75 for Bathrooms-All Floors, Renovation and ADA Modifications.
70. The appropriation made to the Department of Energy in 2023, 113:1, IV, 1 for Fuel Assistance Program (FAP)/Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Database and Program Management.
71. The appropriation made to the Department of Energy in 2017, 228:1, VII, A, extended by 2019, 146:20, 59, extended by 2021, 107:16, 57, extended by 2023, 113:24, 76 for Fuel Assistance Program/Weatherization Assistance Program.
72. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2023, 113:1, V, 1 for Dam Repairs and Reconstruction.
73. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2023, 113:1, V, 2 for IT Infrastructure.
74. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2023, 113:1, V, 3 for Drinking Water SRF State Match.
75. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2023, 113:1, V, 4 for Clean Water SRF State Match.
76. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2023, 113:1, V, 5 for Ground Water Monitoring.
77. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2023, 113:1, V, 6 for Winnetou River Basin Upgrade.
78. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2021, 107:1, V, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 77 for Clean Water State Revolving Fund State Match.
79. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2021, 107:1, V, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 78 for Dam Repairs and Reconstruction.
80. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2021, 107:1, V, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 79 for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund State Match.
81. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2021, 107:1, V, 4, extended by 2023, 113:24, 80 for One-Stop/ IT Systems Upgrades.
82. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2021, 107:1, V, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 81 for Coastal Flooding Modeling.
83. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2021, 107:1, V, 6, extended by 2023, 113:24, 82 for Winnetou River Basin Program (WRBP) Collection System Upgrade.
84. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2021, 107:14, IV, extended by 2023, 113:24, 83 for Coastal Flood Modeling.
85. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2019, 146:1, VI, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 58, extended by 2023, 113:24, 84 for Dam Repairs and Reconstruction.
86. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2019, 146:1, VI, B, extended by 2021, 107:16, 59, extended by 2023, 113:24, 85 for Construction and Operations Facility.
87. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2019, 146:1, VI, E, extended by 2021, 107:16, 62, extended by 2023, 113:24, 87 for IT Upgrades For E-Permitting and Automation.
88. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2017, 228:1, VIII, F, extended by 2019, 146:20, 63, extended by 2021, 107:16, 65, extended by 2023, 113:24, 88 for Hazardous Waste Superfund Match.
89. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2017, 228:1, VIII, H, extended by 2019, 146:20, 65, extended by 2021, 107:16, 67, extended by 2023, 113:24, 90 for Ossipee Lake Dam Reconstruction.

90. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2015, 220:1, VI, B, extended by 2017, 228:22, 50, extended by 2019, 146:20, 66, extended by 2021, 107:16, 68, extended by 2023, 113:24, 91 for hazardous waste superfund state match.

91. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2015, 220:1, VI, C, extended by 2017, 228:22, 51, extended by 2019, 146:20, 67, extended by 2021, 107:16, 69, extended by 2023, 113:24, 92 for Suncook river infrastructure protection project.

92. The appropriation made to the Department of Environmental Services in 2011, 253:1, VI, E extended by 2013 195:47, 47 extended by 2015, 220:23, 48, extended by 2017, 228:22, 59, extended by 2019, 146:20, 71, extended by 2021, 107:16, 72, extended by 2023, 113:24, 94 for WRBP infrastructure capital improvements.

93. The appropriation made to the Fish and Game Commission in 2023, 113:1, VI, 1 for Roof Replacement.

94. The appropriation made to the Fish and Game Commission in 2021, 107:1, VI, 1, amended by 2023, 113:22, as extended by 2023, 113:24, 95 for Fish Hatchery Statewide Construction/Renovation.

95. The appropriation made to the Fish and Game Department in 2019, 146:1, VII, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 73, extended by 2023, 113:24, 96 for Building Security and Fire Safety Improvements.

96. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2023, 113:1, VII, 1 for Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) Bridges Replacement.

97. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2023, 113:1, VII, 2 for Electronic Health Records.

98. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2023, 113:23, II for the Glenclyff Wastewater Treatment Improvements.

99. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, 107:1, VII, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 97 for Beneficiary Service Improvement.

100. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, 107:1, VII, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 98 for DCYF Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS).

101. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, 107:1, VII, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 99 for Developmental Services Information Technology Remediation.

102. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, 107:1, VII, 4, extended by 2023, 113:24, 209 for Electronic Visit Verification System.

103. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, 107:1, VII, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 100 for Federal Reporting Integrity and Compliance.

104. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2021, 107:1, VII, 7, extended by 2023, 113:24, 102 for Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Lifecycle Management and Re-procurement.

105. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2019, 146:1, VIII, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 75, extended by 2023, 113:24, 106 for DCYF Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System.

106. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2019, 146:14, IV, extended by 2021, 107:16, 77, extended by 2023, 113:24, 108 for Glenclyff Home Electrical System Enhancement.

107. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2015, 220:1, VII, B, extended by 2017, 228:22, 64, extended by 2019, 146:20, 86, extended by 2021, 107:16, 86, extended by 2023, 113:24, 111 for campus security Glenclyff.

108. The appropriation made to the Department of Health and Human Services in 2015, 220:1, VII, F, extended by 2017, 228:22, 68, extended by 2019, 146:20, 89, extended by 2021, 107:16, 89, extended by 2023, 113:24, 112 for chillers and associated components replacement.

109. The appropriation made to the Department of Information Technology in 2023, 113:1, VIII, 1 for Cybersecurity Program Enhancements.

110. The appropriation made to the Department of Information Technology in 2023, 113:1, VIII, 2 for Financial Systems Modernization.

111. The appropriation made to the Department of Information Technology in 2023, 113:1, VIII, 3 for IT Services Management System.

112. The appropriation made to the Department of Information Technology in 2019, 146:1, IX, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 97, extended by 2023, 113:24, 116 for Digital Government Transformation (Enterprise).

113. The appropriation made to the Department of Information Technology in 2019, 146:1, IX, B, extended by 2021, 107:16, 98, extended by 2023, 113:24, 117 for Continuity of Operation and Disaster Planning.

114. The appropriation made to the Department of Information Technology in 2017, 228:1, XII, B, extended by 2019, 146:20, 105, extended by 2021, 107:16, 100, extended by 2023, 113:24, 118 for Enterprise Workflow/Document Mgmt (All - Enterprise).

115. The appropriation made to the Judicial Branch in 2021, 107:1, VIII, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 121 for NH e-Court and Associated Critical Infrastructure.

116. The appropriation made to the Judicial Branch in 2019, 146:1, X, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 103, extended by 2023, 113:24, 123 for NH e-Court and Associated Critical Infrastructure.

117. The appropriation made to the Liquor Commission in 2023, 113:1, IX, 1 for Hampton North and South New Stores.

118. The appropriation made to the Liquor Commission in 2023, 113:1, IX, 2 for HQ Life Safety Improvements, Parking Lot, Renovation, and Roof.

119. The appropriation made to the Liquor Commission in 2023, 113:1, IX, 3 for Roof Replacement.

120. The appropriation made to the Liquor Commission in 2017, 228:1, XV, D, extended by 2019, 146:20, 117, extended by 2021, 107:16, 111, extended by 2023, 113:24, 128 for Hampton North and South New Liquor Stores.

121. The appropriation made to the Liquor Commission in 2017, 228:14, III, extended by 2019, 146:20, 118, extended by 2021, 107:16, 109, extended by 2023, 113:24, 126 for the Concord headquarters roof replacement and parking lot.

122. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2023, 113:1, X, 1 for Nashua Readiness Center Minor Military Construction.

123. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2023, 113:1, X, 2 for Plymouth Readiness Center Minor Military Construction.

124. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2023, 113:1, X, 3 for Statewide Building Improvements.

125. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2023, 113:1, X, 4 for Nashua Hazardous Material Remediation.

126. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2023, 113:1, X, 5 for Land Purchase - Pembroke.

127. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 129 for Pembroke Regional Training Institute Upgrades.

128. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 130 for Pembroke Regional Training Institute Upgrades.

129. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 131 for Grafton County Field Maintenance Shop.

130. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 4, extended by 2023, 113:24, 132 for Minor Military Construction - Coos County.

131. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 133 for Minor Military Construction - Strafford County.

132. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 6, extended by 2023, 113:24, 134 for Minor Military Construction - Strafford County.

133. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 7, extended by 2023, 113:24, 135 for Readiness Center Renovation Statewide.

134. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 8, extended by 2023, 113:24, 136 for Land.

135. The appropriation made to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2021, 107:1, X, 9, extended by 2023, 113:24, 137 for Energy Resiliency and Efficiency Improvements Statewide 50/50.

136. The appropriation made to the Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2019, 146:1, I, B, extended by 2021, 107:16, 113, extended by 2023, 113:24, 139 for Federal Statewide Repairs and Upgrades.

137. The appropriation made to the Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2019, 146:1, I, C, extended by 2021, 107:16, 114, extended by 2023, 113:24, 140 for Minor Military Construction Statewide.

138. The appropriation made to the Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2019, 146:1, I, D, extended by 2021, 107:16, 115, as amended by 2023, 113:16, extended by 2023, 113:24, 141 for Manchester Readiness Center and Concord Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Renovations.

139. The appropriation made to the Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2019, 146:1, I, E, extended by 2021, 107:16, 116, extended by 2023, 113:24, 142 for Grafton County Readiness Center Design.

140. The appropriation made to the Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2019, 146:14, II, extended by 2021, 107:16, 118, extended by 2023, 113:24, 143 for Environmental Hazard Remediation and Land Acquisition.

141. The appropriation made to the Military Affairs and Veterans Services in 2015, 220:1, I, D extended by 2017, 228:22, 4, extended by 2019, 146:20, 7, extended by 2021, 107:16, 122, extended by 2023, 113:24, 144 for land for military construction.

142. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2023, 113:1, XI, 1 for Roofing and Repair.

143. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2023, 113:1, XI, 2 for Forest and Lands Facilities.

144. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2023, 113:1, XI, 4 for Mount Washington Summit Infrastructure and Ecology Study.

145. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2023, 113:1, XI, 5 for Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Road Repairs and Paving.

146. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2023, 113:23, III, for the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Road Repairs and Paving.

147. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2021, 107:1, XI, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 145 for Communication System Replacement.

148. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2021, 107:1, XI, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 146 for Toilet Building Upgrades.

149. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2019, 146:1, XII, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 125, extended by 2023, 113:24, 147 for Roofing and Repair.

150. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2019, 146:1, XII, B, extended by 2021, 107:16, 126, extended by 2023, 113:24, 148 for Mount Washington Sewage Treatment Expansion.

151. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2019, 146:1, XII, D, extended by 2021, 107:16, 128, extended by 2023, 113:24, 150 for Campground Toilet Buildings.

152. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2019, 146:1, XII, E, extended by 2021, 107:16, 129, extended by 2023, 113:24, 151 for Day-Use Toilet Buildings.

153. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2019, 146:1, XII, F, extended by 2021, 107:16, 130, extended by 2023, 113:24, 152 for Mount Sunapee State Park Beach Boat Ramp.

154. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2019, 146:1, XII, H, extended by 2021, 107:16, 132, extended by 2023, 113:24, 153 for Climate Controlled Storage Area - State Library.

155. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2019, 146:1, XII, I, extended by 2021, 107:16, 133, extended by 2023, 113:24, 154 for Design and Engineering Services; Archaeology Lab; Office, Lab, and Storage Space Needs.

156. The appropriation made to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in 2017, 228:1, XVIII, C, extended by 2019, 146:20, 126, extended by 2021, 107:16, 135, extended by 2023, 113:24, 156 for Dams and Retaining Walls.

157. The appropriation made to the Pease Development Authority in 2021, 107:14, II, extended by 2023, 113:24, 159 for Piscataqua River Turning Basin.

158. The appropriation made to the Pease Development Authority in 2017, 228:1, XVI, A, extended by 2019, 146:20, 122, extended by 2021, 107:16, 138, extended by 2023, 113:24, 160 for Piscataqua River Turning Basin.

159. The appropriation made to the Pease development authority in 2015, 220:1, XII, extended by 2017, 228:22, 102, extended by 2019, 146:20, 123, extended by 2021, 107:16, 139, extended by 2023, 113:24, 161 for the Piscataqua River Turning Basin.

160. The appropriation made to the Department of Revenue Administration in 2017, 228:1, XIX, A, extended by 2019, 146:20, 130, extended by 2021, 107:16, 140, extended by 2023, 113:24, 162 for Revenue Information Management System (RIMS).

161. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2023, 113:1, XIV, 1 for New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) Message Switch Replacement.

162. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2023, 113:1, XIV, 2 for New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) Helicopter Improvement.

163. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2023, 113:2, I, 1 for New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) Message Switch Replacement.

164. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2023, 113:2, I, 2 for New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) Helicopter Improvement.

165. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2021, 107:12, II and 13, II, as amended by 2023, 113:18, extended by 2023, 113:24, 164 for State Police Hangar Construction/Renovation.

166. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2019, 146:1, XV, E, as amended by 2022, 47:2, as amended by 2023, 113:20, extended by 2023, 113:24, 163 for Aviation Hangar Bay Construction/Renovation.

167. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2019, 146:2, I, B, extended by 2021, 107:16, 147, extended by 2023, 113:24, 167 for DMV Online Customer Portal.

168. The appropriation made to the Department of Safety in 2017, 228:1, XX, C, extended by 2019, 146:20, 132, extended by 2021, 107:16, 148, extended by 2023, 113:24, 168 for State Police Records Management System.

169. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:1, XV, 1 for Federal State Match for FAA Projects.

170. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:1, XV, 2 for Matching Funds for Transit Buses and Passenger Amenities.

171. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:1, XV, 4 for Coos County Freight Rail Improvements.

172. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:2, II, 1 for Statewide – Construct Salt and Sand Shed.

173. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:2, II, 2 for Statewide – Underground Fuel Tank Replacement.

174. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:2, II, 3 for Statewide – Crew Quarters.

175. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:23, V, for repairs to railroad bridges on state-owned active railroad lines.

176. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:23, VI, for repairs to culverts on active state-owned railroad lines.

177. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:23, VII, for railroad ties and installation on active state-owned railroad lines.

178. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:1, XIV, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 169 for 5% Match For Federal Aviation Administration Projects.

179. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:1, XIV, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 171 for Public Transit Bus and Facility Matching Funds.

180. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:1, XIV, 6, as amended by 2023, 113:21, extended by 2023, 113:24, 174 for Market Street Marine Terminal Project State Match/ Discretionary Grants.

181. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:2, I, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 175 for Fuel Management System Replacement.

182. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:2, I, 2, extended by 2023, 113:24, 176 for Lancaster 701 - Storage Building Replacement.

183. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:2, I, 3, extended by 2023, 113:24, 177 for Londonderry 512 - Patrol and Salt Shed Replacements.

184. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:2, I, 5, extended by 2023, 113:24, 179 for Statewide - Construct Salt and Sand Sheds.

185. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2021, 107:2, I, 6, extended by 2023, 113:24, 180 for Delayed Projects - Patrol Sheds, District Office.

186. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation, General Funds in 2019, 146:1, XVI, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 151, extended by 2023, 113:24, 181 for Aeronautics, Rail, and Transit, 5% match for Federal Aviation Administration Projects.

187. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation, General Funds in 2019, 146:1, XVI, C, extended by 2021, 107:16, 152, extended by 2023, 113:24, 182 for Repairs to State-Owned Active Railroad Bridges.

188. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation, General Funds in 2019, 146:1, XVI, F, extended by 2021, 107:16, 155, extended by 2023, 113:24, 184 for Public Transit Bus and Facility Matching Funds.

189. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2019, 146:2, II, D, extended by 2021, 107:16, 159, extended by 2023, 113:24, 186 for Statewide - Life Safety Code Improvements.

190. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2019, 146:2, II, H, extended by 2021, 107:16, 163, extended by 2023, 113:24, 190 for NHDOT Document Management Software.

191. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2015, 220:1, XVI, A, 1, extended by 2017, 228:22, 116, extended by 2019, 146:20, 148, extended by 2021, 107:16, 174, extended by 2023, 113:24, 199 for 5% match for federal aviation administration project.

192. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2013, 195:XVI, A, 1 extended by 2015, 220:23, 106, extended by 2017, 228:22, 134, extended by 2019, 146:20, 155, extended by 2021, 107:16, 180, extended by 2023, 113:24, 203 for 5% match for FAA projects.

193. The appropriation made to the Police Standards and Training Council in 2023, 113:1, XII, 1 for Move VirTra Simulator to Reclaim Classroom Spaces.

194. The appropriation made to the Police Standards and Training Council in 2023, 113:1, XII, 2 for Convert Existing Breakroom to Classroom.

195. The appropriation made to the Police Standards and Training Council in 2019, 146:1, XIV, A, extended by 2021, 107:16, 141, extended by 2023, 113:24, 206, as amended by 2024, 101:2, XIV, A for Police Standards and Training Council facility improvements (boilers, controllers, a/c replacements, range ventilation and filtration and tactical center floor replacement).

196. The appropriation made to the Veterans Home in 2023, 113:1, XIII, 1 for Site-wide Drainage and Water Life Safety Improvements.

197. The appropriation made to the Veterans Home in 2023, 113:1, XIII, 2 for Entry Life Safety Improvements.

198. The appropriation made to the Veterans Home in 2021, 107:1, XII, 1, extended by 2023, 113:24, 207 for Parking Lot Repairs and Improvements.

199. The appropriation made to the Veterans Home in 2015, 220:1, XVII, A, extended by 2017, 228:22, 144, extended by 2019, 146:20, 161, extended by 2021, 107:16, 185, extended by 2023, 113:24, 208 for third floor addition to the LEDU building - vets home.

200. The appropriation made to the Department of Transportation in 2023, 113:1, XV, 3 for Carroll and Strafford Freight Rail Improvements.

19 Effective Date.

I. Section 18 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

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

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

Committee amendment was adopted.

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

Rep. Kaczynski offered floor amendment (1493h).

Floor Amendment (1493h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1, paragraph XVII with the following:

XVII. Department of Transportation

1. Matching Funds for Transit Vehicles	390,000
2. Federal State Match for FAA Projects	68,589,812
Less Federal Funds	(64,962,906)
Net State	3,626,831
Total state appropriation paragraph XVII	\$3,626,831

Amend the bill by replacing section 1, total state appropriation section 1 with the following:

Total state appropriation section 1 \$132,020,945

Amend the bill by replacing section 7 with the following:

7 Bonds Authorized.

I. To provide funds for the total of the appropriations of state funds made in sections 1 and 2 of this act, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$165,402,895 and for said purposes may issue bonds and notes in the names and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of RSA 6-A. The source of funds are as follows: General Fund \$132,020,945, Highway Funds \$10,000,000, and Other Funds \$23,381,950.

Amend the bill by replacing section 14, subparagraph II with the following:

II. The sum of \$825,895.97 is hereby appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, to the Department of Transportation for replacement of rails and ties on state-owned active railroad lines. None of this appropriation is to be used on state-owned active freight railroad lines.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1493h).

Rep. Cloutier spoke against.

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

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Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

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and floor amendment (1493h) failed.

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.

Reps. Ryan and Leishman recused themselves and did not participate in the vote.

HB 302, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for the Majority of Ways and Means. This bill allows, limits, and restrains investments by the Treasurer in precious metals and cyber-investment ETFs. While common law already allows such activity, this bill introduces rational and reasonable restraints upon such investments to protect the state from the volatility of gold and cyber-currency investments. The Ways and Means Committee was tasked with reviewing the affect and effect of this bill on the state revenues and found that there was a limited negative impact if bad investments were made and an opportunity for large revenue receipts in certain economic environments. The Ways and Means Committee was not asked to weigh in on the policy as that had already been established by the House. The bill caps investments at 5% of the funds of the state available for investment. That is not 5% of all funds managed by the Treasury, rather only of the subset of funds allowed to be invested by law or trust applications. Vote 11-8.

Rep. Terry Spahr for the Minority of Ways and Means. The intent of this crypto and precious metals bill is to enable the State Treasurer to invest in these vehicles. But as the State Treasurer pointed out in testimony in Ways and Means, there is nothing that currently prohibits the Treasurer from investing in these vehicles

in certain accounts. Furthermore, the State Treasurer is a fiduciary for the funds it manages and, by law, it is obligated to invest state funds prudently for the benefit and protection of the taxpayers. The Treasury contracts with an outside registered investment advisor to add another layer of expertise and protection in investing taxpayer funds. With these protections in place and the ability for the state to already invest in crypto and precious metals, the minority doesn't see added value in this bill.

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

Rep. Spahr spoke against.

Rep. Ulery spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 192 members having voted in the affirmative, and 179 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 696-FN, exempting electricity generators from the utility property tax and including them under the statewide education property tax, and relative to communications services tax revenues. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for the Majority of Ways and Means. This bill seeks to correct an error wherein electricity generators, businesses that manufacture electrons for distribution on the grid, were not removed from the Utilities Property Tax (UPT) scheme when deregulation took place. The result was a massive amount of litigation regarding how to assess the properties and fit them into the fixed assessment plan of cable, conduits, poles, and wires that the UPT taxes. As a second committee, the Ways and Means Committee was tasked with determining the affect and effect on state revenues. In very broad terms, there was a reduction in one fund, but an increase in local property tax revenues - a wash if you will. Generators are not utilities; they are producers of electrons. Conflicts arose between towns and the Department of Revenue Administration regarding how the entities should be taxed. This bill, the result of three years of study commission work, removes the ambiguity, establishes known assessment policies, adds generators to the statewide education property taxation scheme, stabilizes electricity generation taxation principles (thus reducing litigation paid for by rate payers hopefully), shows a decrease in deposits to the Education Trust Fund, but shows an increase to localities for the local property taxes. As the prime sponsor quipped in committee: "When Representative Ames, Senator Watters, and Representative Ulery agree on a plan it should be sound." Vote 17-2.

Rep. Thomas Oppel for the Minority of Ways and Means. This bill requires further study and since it would not take effect until July 2027, there is no urgency to pass it this year. As currently structured, the bill would result in a \$12 million reduction in revenue to the Education Trust Fund. While the majority argues that this has been studied for multiple years by multiple commissions, questions remain about the impact this bill will have on property taxpayers who are already struggling with the long-term and continuing burden of the state's downshifting of costs like public education. That impact is still unmeasured because of the three-year exemption from statewide education property taxes the bill offers power generators who have payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements in place with municipalities. Also left unaddressed is the ability of local assessors to access information they believe is essential to develop accurate assessments without costly litigation.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Oppel moved that **HB 696-FN**, exempting electricity generators from the utility property tax and including them under the statewide education property tax, and relative to communications services tax revenues, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 27 members having voted in the affirmative, and 342 in the negative, the motion failed.

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

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

HB 493, requiring education on child abuse and neglect for certain healthcare providers as a condition for licensure. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for the Majority of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would require all physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants to take an approved, one hour training on child abuse and neglect before their initial license and every two years afterward, for license renewal. The committee finds the bill unnecessary, since the board of medicine and the board of nursing has full authority to require specific continuing education content for any or all of its licensees. The committee was not convinced that ophthalmologists or gerontologists need such specific, repeated training, and felt that the one-hour requirement was intended to lead to future requirements for two, six, or ten hour training courses. Implementing the requirement for initial licensure would also complicate that process, particularly for doctors from other states or nurse practitioners taking advantage of the nursing compact. In addition, supporters indicated that one reason for this requirement was to suppress different medical opinions in cases of suspected child abuse and the majority of the committee considered this as indoctrination. Vote 9-7.

Rep. Jaci Grote for the Minority of Executive Departments and Administration. The minority recognizes the difficulty in diagnosing child abuse resulting from physical abuse, but more importantly neglect. We can all agree that child abuse is unacceptable. The bill itself was not ideal, and a floor amendment will address the concerns from those who could not support the bill.

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

Rep. Nelson spoke against.

Rep. Carol McGuire spoke in favor.

On a division vote, with 193 members having voted in the affirmative, and 177 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 66-FN, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dan McGuire for the Majority of Finance. This bill makes several important changes to the right to know law. First, it replaces the undefined term “citizen” in current law with the word “person,” so that anyone can make a right to know request regardless of where they live. Second, to prevent abuse of the law, it places limitations on out of state persons who make such requests. If the requester is not a media representative and has no connection to New Hampshire, i.e., is not a domiciliary, a New Hampshire taxpayer, someone who owns property here or does business here, then the government body can require the person to physically come to its offices to make the request and to get the records. Those who do have a New Hampshire connection or are members of the media can make requests remotely and request that the records be provided electronically, which the governmental body must honor if it keeps the records in the format requested and the request is not unduly burdensome. Third, the bill also specifically provides that covered records include preliminary drafts of reports and other documents that are circulated to a quorum of the body. The amendment removes the requirement that citizen-initiated appeals of the ombudsman’s rulings shall have no filing fee. Vote 16-9.

Rep. Karen Ebel for the Minority of Finance. This bill, as amended, significantly broadens the definition of a right-to-know requestor to include any media person wherever located, requiring no Granite State nexus and greatly increasing the compliance burden on municipalities and the state. The expansion is at odds with both Article 8 of the New Hampshire Constitution, stating that the government must be responsive to the people who formed it, and with RSA 91-A referencing the right of “every citizen” to access governmental records. While never ruling on the RSA 91-A definition of citizen, in its opinions, the New Hampshire Supreme Court has reiterated that the purpose of the RTK law is “to provide the utmost information to the public about what its government is up to.” The statute is reasonably interpreted as giving rights only to New Hampshire residents. HB 66, as amended, also creates two classes of requestors. It allows any person to make a request to the state or political subdivisions by mail or electronic means. The bill then provides that a person with “ties to New Hampshire” or a member of the media wherever located may elect to receive the RTK response by mail, electronic means or in-person pick up. Requestors with no “ties to New Hampshire” may make a request by mail or electronically but could be required to appear in person to retrieve the responsive documents. Fulfilling RTK requests can often take additional hours or even days to complete, sometimes simply to be used for marketing purposes by the requestor. The minority is concerned that the expansion of the definition and related costs will be an additional burden on New Hampshire taxpayers, further stressing municipal and state budgets.

Majority Amendment (1005h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Appeals and Enforcement; Filing Fee or Surcharge. Amend RSA 91-A:7-c, I to read as follows:

I. Any party may appeal the ombudsman’s final ruling to the superior court by filing a notice of appeal in superior court no more than 30 calendar days after the ombudsman’s ruling is issued. The ombudsman’s ruling shall be attached to the document initiating the appeal, admitted as a full exhibit by the superior court, considered by the judge during deliberations, and specifically addressed in the court’s written order. ~~[Citizen-initiated appeals shall have no filing fee or surcharge.]~~ The public body or public agency shall pay the sheriff’s service costs if the public body or public agency, or its attorney, declines to accept service. Nothing in this section shall prevent a superior court from staying an ombudsman’s decision pending appeal to the superior court.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Maggiore moved that **HB 66-FN**, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law, be laid on the table.

Rep. Potenza requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLLBurroughs, Anita
Taylor, BrianPaige, David
Woodcock, Stephen

Hamblen, Joseph

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIREAmes, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, TerriBerch, Paul
Murphy, Denis
Jones, Philip
Thackston, DickHarvey, Cathryn
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, LucyFox, Dru
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi**COOS**Davis, Arnold
Valerino, Brian

Morency, Pete

Ouellet, Mike

Tierney, James

GRAFTONAlmy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, GeorgeBaldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, TerryBolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, LaurelCormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry**HILLSBOROUGH**Murray, Alissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Jeudy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Murray, Megan
Mooney, Maureen
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, SuzanneBeauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Flanagan, Jack
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
MacKenzie, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, DanielBergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Lloyd, Christal
Manohar, Sanjeev
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, WendyBouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Plamondon, Marc
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew**MERRIMACK**Bricchi, Tracy
Gibbs, Merry
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Wallner, Mary JaneKelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Seaworth, Brian
Woods, GaryEbel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Snodgrass, JimGallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, GeraldBryer, Scott
Grote, Jaci
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Osborne, Jason
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Tonide Vries, Erica
Guzofski, James
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Raynolds, Ned
Turer, EricEdgar, Michael
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Vallone, Mark**STRAFFORD**Ankarberg, Aidan
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
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LaMontagne, Jessica
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Pearson, WayneBurton, Wayne
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Larochelle, John
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Wade, Alice**SULLIVAN**Sullivan, Brian
Girard, DaleCloutier, John
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NAYS - 191**BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen
Coker, Matthew
Lunney, Matthew
Terry, Paul

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Trottier, Douglas

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Freeman, Lisa
Minor, Sheri

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Smith, Jonathan

Belcher, Mike
Peternel, Katy

Crawford, Karel
Brown, Richard

MacDonald, John

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita

Nalevanko, Rich

COOS

Durkin, Sean

Korzen, Lori

Murphy, Michael

King, Seth

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Long, Patrick
Miles, Julie
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom
Wherry, Robert

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
Murphy, Mary
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Mazur, Lisa
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Leishman, Peter
McLean, Mark
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
See, Alvin

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Plante, Raymond
Walsh, Thomas

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
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Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
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Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

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Lynn, Bob
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Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

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DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bridle, Nicholas
DeVito, Sayra
Edwards, Jess
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
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Weyler, Kenneth

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Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Turcotte, Len

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Smith, Marjorie
Walker, David

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Potenza, Kelley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Hall, Robley

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Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Michael

and the motion failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee Amendment.
Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Maggiore spoke against.

Rep. Lynn spoke in favor.

Rep. Wheeler requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Paige, David

Taylor, Brian

Woodcock, Stephen

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Ames, Dick
Murphy, Denis
Jones, Philip
Weber, Lucy

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
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Stavis, Laurel

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Muirhead, Russell
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Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Rockmore, Ellen

Cormen, Thomas
Lovett, Peter
Spahr, Terry

HILLSBOROUGH

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Budathoki, Suraj
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
MacKenzie, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Lloyd, Christal
McGhee, Kat
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Vail, Suzanne

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
Dargie, Paul
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Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Howard, Molly
Miles, Julie
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Swanson, Dale
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DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
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Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Murray, Megan
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MacKay, James
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Soucy, Timothy

Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Wallner, Mary Jane

Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

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Balboni, Peggy
Edgar, Michael
Haskins, Linda
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Scherr, Buzz
Weinstein, Toni

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Edwards, Jess
Murray, Kate
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Simpson, Alexis

Bryer, Scott
Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
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de Vries, Erica
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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 71-FN, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States.

MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Brian Seaworth for the Majority of Finance. This bill was sent to Finance as a second committee courtesy of a “worst case” scenario described in the narrative provided by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), potentially being as much as \$18m. The bill was described to have no state impact on the budget as scored by the LBA. DHHS was concerned that this bill might be read as an instruction to violate federal law and that its passage or implementation would cause the state to lose all refugee and HUD federal assistance. The majority of the committee found that the actual language of the bill is extremely narrow in its scope in that it prohibits only the conversion of a school into shelter or housing exclusively for non-citizens who have not entered the United States lawfully (as defined by federal law). After a thorough review, the majority of the Finance Committee believes that there will be no foreseeable impact on the state budget. Absent any cost, we reaffirm the policy decision made by the House 211-141. Added to the bill is a non-germane amendment which requires DHHS contracts to include a provision that contracted entities comply with the New Hampshire Patient Bill of Rights. While already state law, the addition of contract language should provide clarity. Vote 14-11.

Rep. Jerry Stringham for the Minority of Finance. This bill bans the use of school and institutional facilities exclusively to shelter or house “specified aliens” under the order of the federal government, a state, or unit of local government. This prohibition excludes sheltering due to natural disasters like fires, floods and earthquakes when the housing is for less than 72 hours. The Finance Committee heard significant concerns that this bill may conflict with federal guidance, potentially resulting in the loss of federal funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This could cost the State of New Hampshire as much as \$18 million per year. Given the confusion over the word “exclusive” and the lack of evidence that specified aliens use public facilities for housing or for natural disasters in New Hampshire, the minority assert we should avoid a potential economic disaster of the man-made variety for our state and ITL this bill.

Majority Amendment (0555h)

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

AN ACT prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States and relative to department of health and human services contracts.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Department of Health and Human Services; Contracts. All department of health and human services contracts or contract amendments shall include a provision requiring the contractor to comply with the patients’ bill of rights as applicable pursuant to RSA 151:21.

3 Applicability. Section 2 of this act shall apply to contracts or contract amendments entered into on or after the effective date of that section.

4 Repeal. Section 2 of this act, relative to department of health and human services contracts, is repealed.

5 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect November 30, 2026.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the use of public schools or institutions of higher learning from providing shelter for specified aliens who have not been admitted to the United States, absent a specified disaster.

This bill also requires the department of health and human services to include references to the patients’ bill of rights in contracts and contract addenda.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
 Rep. Stringham spoke against.
 Rep. Seaworth spoke in favor.
 Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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 Varney, Peter

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 Prout, Andrew
 Scully, Kevin
 Slottje, Jeremy
 Warden, Mark

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 Erf, Keith
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 Murphy, Mary
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 Daniels, Gary
 Flanagan, Jack
 Gorski, Ted
 Kofalt, Jim
 Mazur, Lisa
 Morton, Jonathan
 Paquette, Kathleen
 Presa, Adam
 Rice, Kimberly
 Sheehan, Vanessa
 Mannion, Tom

Berry, Ross
 Corcoran, Travis
 Drew, Matt
 Griffin, Gerald
 Gould, Linda
 Labrie, Brian
 McLean, Mark
 Noble, Kristin
 Pauer, Diane
 Proulx, Mark
 Schneller, John
 Siros, Shane
 Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
 Cambrils, Jose
 Hill, Gregory
 Morse, Bryan
 Boyd, Stephen
 Thibault, James

Aures, Cyril
 McGuire, Dan
 Leavitt, John
 Pitaro, Matthew
 Seaworth, Brian
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 Mehegan, Peter
 Plante, Raymond
 See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
 Gonzalez, Ernesto
 Moffett, Michael
 Polozov, Yury
 Walsh, Thomas

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
 Bryer, Scott
 DeVito, Sayra
 Edwards, Jess
 Harb, Robert
 Kuttat, Katelyn
 Litchfield, Melissa
 Pearson, Mark
 McMahon, Charles
 Nelson, Jodi
 Popovici-Muller, Daniel
 Roy, Terry

Bennett, Cindy
 Mannion, Dennis
 Donnelly, Tanya
 Foote, Charles
 Janigian, John
 Miner, Laurence
 Love, David
 Markell, Jay
 Melvin, Charles
 Osborne, Jason
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 Milz, David
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 Potucek, John
 Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt

Bridle, Nicholas
 DeSimone, Debra
 Dunn, Ron
 Guzowski, James
 Khan, Aboul
 Layon, Erica
 Lynn, Bob
 McGrath, Linda
 Nadeau, Brian
 Perez, Kristine
 Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
 Soti, Julius

Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
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Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

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DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
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Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
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Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

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Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

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Burroughs, Anita

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Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
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Murray, Aissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne

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Gibbs, Merryl
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Richards, Beth
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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 115-FN, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Daniel Popovici-Muller for the Majority of Finance. The majority of the Finance Committee strongly supports this common sense bill which makes the state's popular Education Freedom Accounts available to every student in the Granite State regardless of family income by the end of the upcoming biennium in the most fiscally responsible way possible, by increasing the threshold from its current 350% of the federal poverty level to 400% in the first year, then removing it altogether starting with the second year. This bill will provide the best educational fit for those students who have struggled to succeed or who are not being academically challenged in the "one size fits all" public school system. We firmly believe that access to EFAs should not be means tested, just like no means testing is required to enroll a student in a public district school. If anything, continuing to insist on means testing in children's education normalizes the idea that means testing should be used for access to public education, which is a policy the majority firmly opposes. The EFA program is much more accountable than public schools in terms of controlling expenditures. Every expense is reviewed by a third party before being approved, and any unused funds are returned to the Education Trust Fund once the student is no longer eligible - neither of those are true for public schools. When it comes to being accountable for academic achievement, New Hampshire students' NEAP test scores have been consistently declining since 2013, despite our student population steadily decreasing while education expenditures keep increasing faster than the inflation rate. The EFA program gives parents more power to hold schools accountable by changing schools when the current school does not help their child to achieve the needed academic performance. The misleading claim that opponents of this bill make about the lack of mandatory testing somehow making EFA's unaccountable brazenly ignores the fact that parents know best what is good for their children, and that parents across the state are clearly unable to hold public schools accountable for the lack of academic performance shown by our falling test results. Why would any person that supports education ever oppose making it a bit easier for parents to take their children to a school that better educates them? It's time to make EFA's available to every New Hampshire child that needs them. Vote 14-11.

Rep. Kate Murray for the Minority of Finance. The minority opposes the OTP motion on HB 115. We have seen across the state widespread disapproval of the EFA program. Beginning with the public hearing for this program on January 18th of this year, 3,253 people registered their opposition to the program, while only 770 people expressed support. At the Finance Committee public hearing, scores of people came out to speak against the program. Hundreds of emails have been sent in opposing expansion to this program. Citizens, our taxpayers, our constituents, issued statements through their town meeting process protesting the expansion of this program. Back in 2022, the original estimate for the program was predicted to be \$300,000 whereas the cost of the program was over \$14 million. The following year the program cost around \$22 million. This year the cost is more like \$28 million. By removing the cap to this program, the most reliable estimates show that the cost of this expansion could reach anywhere from \$60 million to \$100 million. Many of these vouchers are nothing more than taxpayer funded grants to people who are wealthy enough to already send their children to a private school. Many others go to families whose children have never set foot inside a public school and cannot know whether the public school system is or is not for their child. Further, we have no standardized assessment of how well or how poorly these children are faring. At a time when we are cutting virtually every other program in the state, this is not the time to expand a program that is so costly, so unpopular, except within a very small community of people, and lacks even the most basic of guardrails. In a year when we are facing not even an efficiency budget but a starvation budget, when every agency and every department is being cut, it is egregious that we are considering expanding such an expensive and unpopular program. The minority asks that we stand for fiscal responsibility in these difficult times and that we listen to the concerns of our constituents and vote against this OTP motion.

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

Rep. McDonnell spoke in favor.

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

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McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Boyd, Bill
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
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Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

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Foss, Lily
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Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
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Schultz, Kris
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Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Vallone, Mark

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Sytek, John
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Dolan, Tom
Weinstein, Toni

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Smith, Marjorie
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Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.
Reps. Kuttub and Litchfield recused themselves and did not participate in the vote.
Rep. McFarlane voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

HB 282-FN, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty.
OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Chris Muns for Finance. This bill increases the maximum amount that can be paid to first responders who are critically injured and deemed eligible under existing statute for a critical injury benefit of up to

\$125,000 to a maximum total of \$1 million per biennium. The current maximum total payout per biennium is \$500,000. This bill increases the number of first responders who could receive a benefit if there is a catastrophic event that results in serious injuries to a large number of first responders. It does not increase the maximum amount that any one injured responder could receive. The financial impact is indeterminable since the extra benefits would only be paid out if there is a catastrophic event resulting in multiple first responders being injured. Fortunately, no such event has ever occurred. Vote 25-0.

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

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Chretien, Suzanne
Dargie, Paul
Flanagan, Jack
Georges, Mary
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Jeudy, Jean
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lascelles, Richard
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Morton, Jonathan
Petrigno, Peter
Proulx, Mark
Rice, Kimberly
Newman, Sue
Seibert, Christine
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Thomas, Wendy

Boyd, Bill
Bouchard, Donald
Cole, Brian
DiSilvestro, Linda
Foss, Lily
Giasson, Henry
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Kofalt, Jim
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
Mazur, Lisa
Murphy, Nancy
Plamondon, Marc
Newman, Ray
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Seidel, Sheila
Staub, Kathy
Ulery, Jordan
Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Devoid, Ricky

Bricchi, Tracy
Kelly, Eileen

Cambrils, Jose
Ebel, Karen

McGuire, Dan
Gallager, Eric

Gibbs, Merryl
Leavitt, John
Mehegan, Peter
Pitaro, Matthew
Sargent, Gregory
Snodgrass, Jim

Gonzalez, Ernesto
Luneau, David
Morse, Bryan
Plante, Raymond
Schamberg, Thomas
Soucy, Timothy

Hicks, Matthew
Hall, Muriel
Newsom, James
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Wallner, Mary Jane

Lane, Connie
MacKay, James
Payeur, Stephanie
Boyd, Stephen
Seaworth, Brian
Woods, Gary

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Bryer, Scott
Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Guzowski, James
Murray, Kate
Kuttab, Katelyn
Lundgren, David
Pearson, Mark
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Nadeau, Brian
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Read, Ellen
Simpson, Alexis
Sytek, John
Vallone, Mark
Ward, Gerald

Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Dunn, Ron
Ford, Mary
Harb, Robert
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Miner, Laurence
Lynn, Bob
Maggiore, Jim
McDonnell, Valerie
Meuse, David
Nelson, Jodi
Porcelli, Susan
Roy, Terry
Sorensen, Carrie
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weinstein, Toni

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Edgar, Michael
Gilman, Julie
Haskins, Linda
Khan, Aboul
Walsh, Lilli
Cahill, Michael
Malloy, Dennis
McGrath, Linda
Milz, David
Osborne, Jason
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Pearson, Stephen
Soti, Julius
Tudor, Paul
Vose, Michael
Weyler, Kenneth

Bridle, Nicholas
de Vries, Erica
Edwards, Jess
Grote, Jaci
Janigian, John
Knab, Allison
Love, David
Paige, Mark
Manos, Zoe
McMahon, Charles
Muns, Chris
Brown, Pam
Raynolds, Ned
Scherr, Buzz
Sweeney, Joe
Turer, Eric
MacDonald, Wayne

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
Burton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

Bailey, Glenn
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wall, Janet

Bay, Luz
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Stone, John

Bixby, Peter
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Pearson, Wayne

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Grant, George
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John
Hemingway, Wayne
Rollins, Skip

Damon, Hope
Aron, Judy
Smith, Steven

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

NAYS - 76

BELKNAP

Bean, Harry

Comtois, Barbara

CARROLL

Peternel, Katy

COOS

Durkin, Sean

Murphy, Michael

Ouellet, Mike

King, Seth

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
McFarlane, Donald

Beaulier, Calvin
Sellers, John

Berezhny, Lex

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise

HILLSBOROUGH

Berry, Ross
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Miles, Julie
Peeples, Raymond
Slottje, Jeremy

Colcombe, Riché
Daniels, Gary
Kesselring, Steven
Noble, Kristin
Post, Lisa
Mannion, Tim

Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Murphy, Mary
Notter, Jeanine
Prout, Andrew
Mannion, Tom

Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
McLean, Mark
Pauer, Diane
Sirois, Shane
Warden, Mark

MERRIMACK

Aures, Cyril
Polozov, Yuri
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
Walsh, Thomas

Hill, Gregory
Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Bennett, Cindy
Layon, Erica
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Wilson, Vicki

DeSimone, Debra
Litchfield, Melissa
Spillane, James

DeVito, Sayra
Perez, Kristine
Tripp, Richard

Drago, Mike
Potucek, John
Verville, Kevin

STRAFFORD

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley
Walker, David

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Southworth, Thomas

DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret

Spillsbury, Walter

and the committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.
Reps. Post, Southworth and Miles voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

HB 506-FN, relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Daniel Popovici-Muller for Finance. This bill expedites the process of returning seized property when a citizen is no longer prohibited from possessing property because of an order of the court. No amendments were made to the bill - it still contains the same language the House passed on February 20 on a voice vote after unanimous support in the policy committee. The bill is not on the consent calendar because it may require a new position to be created within the Department of Safety. Vote 24-1.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.
Committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 511-FN, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Joe Sweeney for the Majority of Finance. The majority of the Committee on Finance believes New Hampshire must never become a sanctuary state or offer shelter to individuals who disregard our nation's immigration laws. House Bill 511 is a critical measure designed to ensure our state and local governments aggressively cooperate with federal immigration enforcement authorities. Sanctuary policies blatantly undermine the rule of law, endanger our communities, and disrespect every immigrant who follows the legal path to citizenship. HB 511, as amended, directly addresses these threats by mandating compliance with federal immigration enforcement. It provides clarity and strength, eliminating loopholes that allow dangerous sanctuary policies to take root. Local law enforcement officers deserve clear guidelines and support, not mixed messages that compromise their ability to protect our communities. Passing HB 511 sends a powerful message: New Hampshire will not tolerate illegal immigration or policies that shield criminals from accountability. Sanctuary cities are an insult to law-abiding citizens and taxpayers who expect public resources to protect their families, not those who break our laws. This bill ensures that public safety remains the highest priority and reinforces our commitment to a lawful, orderly immigration process. Vote 14-11.

Rep. Chris Muns for the Minority of Finance. When this bill was recommended to the full House as OTP by the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, the members of the minority were among the 351 representatives who voted in favor of it. But when amendment 0785h came to the Finance committee, the members of the minority had to pause. Being in this country without proper documentation is not a crime. The minority does not believe this legislature should take any actions that suggests, encourages or sanctions that it is "all right" for any jurisdiction to hold individuals who have not been charged with a crime in any of our criminal correctional facilities for any length of time. The minority understands and respects the difficult job that ICE has, and that is why everything we ask them to do should be unimpeachable and consistent not only with the law but the moral principles upon which this country was founded. If we adopt this bill as amended, we will be taking the first step down a very slippery slope that will end up making it far too easy for us – and our federal partners – to deprive our friends, family members and neighbors of their fundamental rights and what it means to live in the United States. We must ensure that no one can be picked up off the street in New Hampshire and taken to one of our jails – or a detention camp far from his/her homes – without due process or the opportunity to defend themselves against that action.

Majority Amendment (0785h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:
2 New Paragraph; County Department of Corrections. Amend RSA 30-B:1 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. A county may hold Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees, after the resolution of state charges, for a maximum of 48 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays in order to permit the assumption of custody by federal authorities, provided that the county has executed an intergovernmental agency agreement to cover both the cost at a daily rate and medical expenses for holding such individuals. If a county does not have an interagency governmental agreement, the county shall be under no obligation to hold Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the county from executing an agreement in accordance with RSA 30-B:16.

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Rep. Sweeney spoke in favor.

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

YEAS 36 - NAYS 337

YEAS - 36

CARROLL

Crawford, Karel

Brown, Richard

CHESHIRE

Germana, Nicholas

Rhodes, Jennifer

HILLSBOROUGH

Griffin, Gerald
McGhee, Kat
Sirois, Shane

Gorski, Ted
Mooney, Maureen
Tellez, Trinidad

Lascelles, Richard
Paquette, Kathleen
Ulery, Jordan

Long, Patrick
Pauer, Diane
Warden, Mark

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Dolan, Tom

Edwards, Jess
Markell, Jay
Tudor, Paul

Janigian, John
McMahon, Charles
Verville, Kevin

Kuttab, Katelyn
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Weyler, Kenneth

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan

DeRoy, Susan

Harrington, Michael

Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Smith, Steven

NAYS - 337

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Coker, Matthew
Lunney, Matthew
St. Clair, Charlie

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Trottier, Douglas

Bordes, Mike
Freeman, Lisa
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Varney, Peter

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Avellani, Lino
Paige, David
McAleer, Chris

Belcher, Mike
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Peternel, Katy

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MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan
Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Hunt, John
Mattson, Rita
Qualey, James

Berch, Paul
Murphy, Denis
Jacobs, Samantha
Nalevanko, Rich
Thackston, Dick

Harvey, Cathryn
Faulkner, Barry
Jones, Philip
Newell, Jodi
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Gruber, James
Karasinski, Sly
O'Rourke, Terri

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Berezhny, Lex
Fellows, Sallie
Sullivan, Jared
Lucas, Janet
Rockmore, Ellen
Stringham, Jerry

Baldwin, Heather
Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
Fracht, David
Ladd, Rick
McFarlane, Donald
Sellers, John
Sykes, George

Barton, Joseph
Bolton, Bill
Franz, Linda
Louis, Darrell
Muirhead, Russell
Spahr, Terry

Beaulier, Calvin
Cormen, Thomas
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Lovett, Peter
Oppel, Thomas
Stavis, Laurel

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Beauchemin, Paige
Bouchard, Donald
Colcombe, Riché

Alexander, Joe
Bergeron, Dan
Budathoki, Suraj
Cole, Brian

Ammon, Keith
Berry, Ross
Chourasia, Manoj
Corcoran, Travis

Boyd, Bill
Boehm, Ralph
Chretien, Suzanne
Cornell, Patricia

Creighton, James
 Dargie, Paul
 Elberger, Susan
 Foss, Lily
 Gould, Linda
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jack, Martin
 Kerwin, Erin
 Foxx, Loren
 Lloyd, Christal
 Manohar, Sanjeev
 Miles, Julie
 Notter, Jeanine
 Plamondon, Marc
 Proulx, Mark
 Reinfurt, Sherri
 Ryan, Linda
 Scully, Kevin
 Slottje, Jeremy
 Swanson, Dale
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wherry, Robert

Kelley, Diane
 DiSilvestro, Linda
 Erf, Keith
 Gagne, Larry
 Gregg, Alicia
 Hartnett, Tim
 Jeudy, Jean
 Kesselring, Steven
 Labrie, Brian
 Howard, Molly
 Murphy, Mary
 Morton, Jonathan
 Ohm, Bill
 Post, Lisa
 Prout, Andrew
 Rice, Kimberly
 Newman, Sue
 Seibert, Christine
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Telerski, Laura
 Veilleux, Daniel
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Daniels, Gary
 Drew, Matt
 Davis, Fred
 Georges, Mary
 Grill, Jessica
 Hegner, Karen
 Juris, Louis
 Kluger, Lee Ann
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Murray, Megan
 Mazur, Lisa
 Murphy, Nancy
 Peeples, Raymond
 Preece, David
 Newman, Ray
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Salvi, Santosh
 Seidel, Sheila
 Spier, Carry
 Mannion, Tim
 Thomas, Wendy

Darby, Will
 Dumont, Dillon
 Flanagan, Jack
 Giasson, Henry
 Grund, Stephanie
 Herbert, Christopher
 Kenny, Catherine
 Kofalt, Jim
 Leishman, Peter
 MacKenzie, Mark
 McLean, Mark
 Noble, Kristin
 Petrigno, Peter
 Presa, Adam
 Raymond, Heather
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Schneller, John
 Sheehan, Vanessa
 Staub, Kathy
 Mannion, Tom
 Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Aures, Cyril
 Cambilis, Jose
 Gallagher, Eric
 Hill, Gregory
 Hall, Muriel
 Newsom, James
 Polozov, Yury
 Sargent, Gregory
 Snodgrass, Jim
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Aylward, Deborah
 Devoid, Ricky
 Gibbs, Merryl
 Lane, Connie
 MacKay, James
 Payeur, Stephanie
 Richards, Beth
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Soucy, Timothy
 Wood, Clayton

Bricchi, Tracy
 Kelly, Eileen
 Gonzalez, Ernesto
 Leavitt, John
 Mehegan, Peter
 Pitaro, Matthew
 Roesener, James
 Schultz, Kris
 Walsh, Thomas
 Woods, Gary

McGuire, Carol
 Ebel, Karen
 Hicks, Matthew
 Luneau, David
 Morse, Bryan
 Plante, Raymond
 Boyd, Stephen
 Seaworth, Brian
 Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Bryer, Scott
 DeSimone, Debra
 Dunn, Ron
 Gilman, Julie
 Haskins, Linda
 Knab, Allison
 Litchfield, Melissa
 Paige, Mark
 Manos, Zoe
 Meuse, David
 Nelson, Jodi
 Porcelli, Susan
 Read, Ellen
 Scherr, Buzz
 Spillane, James
 Turer, Eric
 Ward, Gerald

Bennett, Cindy
 Mannion, Dennis
 DeVito, Sayra
 Edgar, Michael
 Grote, Jaci
 Murray, Kate
 Miner, Laurence
 Love, David
 Pearson, Mark
 McDonnell, Valerie
 Milz, David
 Osborne, Jason
 Potucek, John
 Roy, Terry
 Simpson, Alexis
 Sweeney, Joe
 Vandecasteele, Susan
 Weinstein, Toni

Bernardy, JD
 Thomas, Douglas
 Donnelly, Tanya
 Foote, Charles
 Guzowski, James
 Katsakiores, Phyllis
 Walsh, Lilli
 Lynn, Bob
 Maggiore, Jim
 McGrath, Linda
 Muns, Chris
 Brown, Pam
 Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
 Pearson, Stephen
 Sorensen, Carrie
 Sytek, John
 Vose, Michael
 Wilson, Vicki

Bridle, Nicholas
 de Vries, Erica
 Drago, Mike
 Ford, Mary
 Harb, Robert
 Khan, Aboul
 Layon, Erica
 Cahill, Michael
 Malloy, Dennis
 Melvin, Charles
 Nadeau, Brian
 Perez, Kristine
 Reynolds, Ned
 Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
 Soti, Julius
 Tripp, Richard
 MacDonald, Wayne

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
 Burton, Wayne
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Horrigan, Timothy
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Malone, Amy
 Selig, Loren
 Pearson, Wayne

Bay, Luz
 DeDe-Poulin, Denise
 Gilmore, Gary
 Howland, Allan
 Laroche, John
 Potenza, Kelley
 Southworth, Thomas
 Walker, David

Bixby, Peter
 DeLemus, Susan
 Granger, Michael
 Johnson, Erik
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Hall, Robley
 Stone, John
 Wall, Janet

Burnham, Claudine
 Farrington, Samuel
 Howard, Heath
 Kaczynski, Thomas
 Smith, Marjorie
 Schmidt, Peter
 Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Girard, Dale
 Aron, Michael

Cloutier, John
 Grant, George
 Palmer, William

Damon, Hope
 Hemingway, Wayne
 Rollins, Skip

Drye, Margaret
 Aron, Judy
 Spilsbury, Walter

and the majority committee amendment failed.

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

Rep. Meuse spoke against.

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

YEAS 211 - NAYS 161

YEAS - 211

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Coker, Matthew
Lunney, Matthew
Terry, Paul

Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
Nagel, David
Trottier, Douglas

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Freeman, Lisa
Minor, Sheri

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Hamblen, Joseph
Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick
Spahr, Terry

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Long, Patrick
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Prout, Andrew
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Reinfurt, Sherri
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Rice, Kimberly
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

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Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
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Thibault, James

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Ball, Lorie
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DeVito, Sayra
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Kuttab, Katelyn
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McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
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Donnelly, Tanya
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Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

**NAYS - 161
BELKNAP**

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Weber, Lucy

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

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Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Dan
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DiSilvestro, Linda
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Staub, Kathy
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Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

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Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

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Weinstein, Toni

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Knab, Allison
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Howard, Heath
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Stone, John

Burton, Wayne
Horriggan, Timothy
Larochele, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

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Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

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

MOTION TO VACATE

Rep. Hunt moved that the House vacate the reference of **SB 165**, relative to the audit requirements for consumer cooperative associations, to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Motion was adopted.

The Speaker referred **SB 165** to the Committee on Housing.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Nicholas Germana moved that the debate on **HB 511-FN**, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HB 511-FN

Speaker Packard: The majority amendment is (0785h) printed in house record 19 page 140 and the Chair recognizes Rep. Muns.

Representative Muns: Thank you, Mister Speaker and good morning. If there's one thing that we can all agree on it is that our immigration system is broken, and we need to fix it. Securing our border must certainly be part of that but let's not forget that our border does not define who we are as a country. A border is only a line on a map. What truly defines us are the values and the principles we hold dear. In the United States those values and principles are reflected in our constitution and the laws we the people have passed in our efforts to create a more perfect union, the laws we expect all to adhere to and enforce. When HB 511 first came before the House I was one of the 351 of us who voted in favor of it, but I'm opposed to this amendment and will be opposed to the bill should it pass with this amendment and let me tell you why. Nearly all of us are immigrants. The only question is when and how we or our family members arrived. Many of us in this Chamber today have ancestors who I'm sure would have been considered undocumented or illegal by today's standards. The one thing that united and still unites all those who come here is the yearning to be free and to pursue the American dream. It's what distinguishes us from other countries and should be the guiding principles upon which all our immigration policies are based. That is why my parents came here. They were born in the Netherlands. When the German army invaded Holland in 1940 my mother was 13 my father was 12. As the tide of the war turned against them the German army began to round up young Dutch men and send them to Germany to work in factories and live in work camps surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. Soldiers would routinely sweep through neighborhoods demanding to be allowed in homes and detain any young man they encountered. One of my uncles left the city to hide in the country. Another had a hiding place under the floorboards that he would retreat to when his neighbors told him there were soldiers in the neighborhood. In early 1945 when my father was 17, he was picked up and taken to Germany to work in a factory. The Dutch government of the time installed by the Germans did nothing to stop or even hinder his efforts. There was no due process. My grandparents were not able to appear before a judge on his behalf. My father was simply picked up and shipped out. My parents immigrated to the United States in 1953 because they knew they would never have to fear being treated that way in the United States. We were that shining city on the hill to them. As we struggle to fix our broken immigration system, we need to support the work of the federal authorities who are responsible for enforcing our immigration laws. I understand and respect the difficult job that law enforcement and immigration and border control have and that is why everything we ask them to do should be unimpeachable and consistent not only with the law but the moral principles upon which this country was founded. That is why when this amendment came to us in Finance Division I, I had to pause. If we adopt this amendment today our counties will be authorized to hold someone in their criminal correction facility after their state charges have been discharged not because they have been charged with any additional crime but just because ICE or any federal agency asks them to do so. The only thing that ICE must do is provide proof of what is referred to as an immigration detainer against that man, that individual. I am not a lawyer, but I have been advised by people who are that being in the country without proper documentation is not a crime. Asking for political assignment is not a crime and overstaying a visa is a civil violation, not a crime. Immigration detainees are administrative forms prepared and issued by ICE. They are not reviewed and signed off by a judge. They have sometimes resulted in illegal detention of individuals who have not violated civil immigration laws including US citizens and immigrants who are lawfully present in the United States. This amendment permits a county to hold anyone with an immigration detainer for up to 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, which means that if someone is detained on Thursday before a long holiday weekend they can be held in prison with no charges filed against them among the general criminal population for up to 5 days after their state charges have been discharged and there's nothing that person can do about it.

Again, although I'm not a lawyer the one thing I have known since at least fifth grade American history is that in America everyone is considered innocent until proven guilty. There is also this thing called due process that ensures that individuals are treated justly and have the opportunity to defend their rights when the government seeks to deprive them of life, liberty or property. And finally, there is the fourth amendment to the United States Constitution that prohibits each of us against unreasonable confinement. Those three principles, innocent until proven guilty, due process and bans on unacceptable confinement are as American as baseball, hot dogs and apple pie. Then why I ask are we considering legislation that violates all three of them? We recently have seen plane loads of individuals alleged of being members of a Venezuelan gang being sent to prison in El Salvador without any of them receiving due process. The administration in Washington even acknowledges that one of those individuals should not be there due to an administrative error. It is enough of a concern that their case was referred to the United States Supreme Court who ruled earlier this week that detainees are entitled to notice that they are being removed and an opportunity to challenge their deportations before a federal judge. Perhaps even more disquieting, particularly to me given my father's experience, are the students from Columbia and Tufts University who have literally been picked up on the street by masked agents of ICE and then transported to Louisiana, again without any charges having been filed and no due process. Now, and again in the spirit of full disclosure the same lawyers who told me that it is not a crime to be in the country without proper immigration documentation, also told me that many jurisdictions around the country, including more than one county in New Hampshire, enter into what are called intergovernmental agency agreements with ICE that enables them to detain individuals ICE believes are undocumented. Clearly that is the case in Louisiana. I do not want New Hampshire to become Louisiana. I do not believe this legislature should take any action that suggests, encourages or sanctions that it is all right for any jurisdiction to hold innocent individuals in any of our criminal correctional facilities for any length of time who have not been charged with a crime. We must not establish a precedent that requires that our criminal system incarcerate people for potential civil violations, and we must protect our counties from potential costly lawsuits if it is later determined persons ICE asked them to detain should not have been held by them. Many of you here today will remember the late great Renny Cushing, who represented Hampton in this House for many years. Renny was a good friend and a mentor to me. One of the thoughts he shared with me once that I have never forgotten was something along the lines of the most awesome power any government has is the power to deprive persons within its jurisdiction of their liberty. That is a power that should be limited, carefully controlled and only exercised in the most extreme of circumstances. Truer words have never been spoken. I am very concerned that with the passage of this amendment, we will be taking the first step down a very slippery slope that will end up making it far too easy for us and our federal partners to deprive our friends, family members and neighbors of their fundamental rights and what it means to live in the United States of America. I could not live with myself because of my vote in favor of this amendment if sometime in the future someone living in New Hampshire is picked up off the street and taken to a detention center far from his or her home without any due process or opportunity to defend themselves against that action. For those reasons I cannot support this amendment, and I urge you to join me in voting no on this amendment, and Mister Speaker I ask for a roll call vote.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Sweeney

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I have a few points I want to get off the the top and then I'll talk about the amendment. First off, a nation is nothing without borders. A nation is nothing without a process to make sure that if you are here illegally, you are committing a crime and you should be dealt with as if you are committing a crime, which you are. The amendment though, yes, the underlying bill deals with sanctuary cities and banning sanctuary cities in the State of New Hampshire. As the bill is currently written, as I wrote it, all counties would be holding any ICE detainee for up to 48 hours regardless of whether or not the county had an agreement with the federal government to hold ICE detainees. The county association came to Finance because they didn't have the information in front of them when it was in the first committee, asking us to amend it so that only those counties that have agreements with the federal government would be required to hold ICE detainees up to 48 hours. So, the amendment is taking it from every single county can hold ICE detainees up to 48 hours to just those county correctional facilities that choose to enter into an agreement with the federal government to hold ICE detainees. So, we're taking it. You know I would be fine either way. I would be fine telling every county hold ICE detainees up to 48 hours. The county association came in, they asked for this amendment so that only those counties that have those agreements with the federal government would be the ones to have to hold them up to 48 hours. That seemed reasonable to us on Division I in Finance. I'm good with passing the amendment that we're voting on right now. I'm good with passing the bill without that amendment. So, it's a real choose your own adventure. You guys can, we can vote with the Democrats and and take away this windowing amendment and make it so that every county will be required to host ICE detainees up to 48 hours because they are here in this country illegally. They should not get sanctuary in the State of New Hampshire, and they should not feel welcomed in the State of New Hampshire. So, vote your conscience on the amendment in my own debate and then we can have a debate on the underlying bill. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is on the amendment (0785h). Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is the amendment (0785h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Scherr for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Scherr: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know what this amendment is really about. Many of us have fought against the insidious infiltration of the federal government into every single aspect of our life. And if I know that as the way things stand with HB 511 already, that police in New Hampshire inform ICE as soon as they take somebody into custody that they have that person in custody. And if I know that ICE then knows when that person will be released from custody. And if I know in spite of this information, the amendment says that's not good enough, let's give them 48 more hours after the person's state custody ends. And if I know even that is not enough because apparently ICE doesn't work on weekends, we'll exclude Saturdays and Sundays and holidays and give them up to five days to come and get this person. And if I know we don't need this bill. There's enough here to let ICE do their job without giving them this extra time and with still letting them hear that they have somebody in custody for whom they have a detainer, would I vote no on this amendment and press the red button?

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

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister speaker, if I know this amendment was only trying to winnow down the sanctuary city bill towards the counties that only had federal agreements with ICE. And if I know that I've been convinced by my friends across the aisle that this amendment isn't really necessary for the underlying bill, would I now vote red on the amendment? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is the amendment (0785h). This is going to be a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend the state of the vote. 36 voting Yea; 337 voting Nay, the amendment fails. We are now on to the majority report of ought to pass. Are you ready for the question? Okay, right. The motion before us now is ought to pass. The Chair recognizes Rep. Meuse for a parliamentary, I mean to speak.

Representative Meuse: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, like my colleague from Hampton, I was also one of 351 House members who supported the amended version of this bill back on the 6th of February. While there were many things in the final bill that I disagreed with, I believe that the amended version would offer some level of protection for undocumented immigrants who aren't accused of crimes. So, in the spirit of reducing harm to a vulnerable group of people, I supported it. Two months ago, that seemed like a pretty safe bet. This is New Hampshire and this is America. Our institutions have survived good administrations and bad ones. We have always had a strong bipartisan tradition of supporting the rule of law, due process and freedom of speech. Until recently, being in this country, simply being undocumented in this country, wasn't considered to be a crime unless a person crosses the border illegally. But the administration in Washington has made it clear that regardless of what the law says, it believes that all undocumented people are criminals. Many of these people are our neighbors. They've lived in our communities for years. They have paid taxes. They have built our homes. They have prepared our meals, and they have even risked their own health by serving as essential workers during COVID. Study after study consistently shows that immigrants are the least likely group of people to commit serious crimes and when they do commit a serious crime, long before this bill ever existed, it's been the policy of police departments across this state to notify ICE, even in communities where police departments have so-called sanctuary policies. What's changed over the past few weeks for many of us has been seeing green card holders who may have committed minor crimes and violations in the past, often many years in the past, suddenly seized and deported. We have seen a Russian scientist who's worked in the United States for 20 years and been critical of Putin and his invasion of Ukraine stopped at the airport and sent to a detention facility. This woman has no criminal record, committed no crime and now faces deportation. We have seen people flown to a prison in a foreign country with no due process who were accused of being criminal gang members, but later we found out that some of these people not only didn't have criminal records, we found out that some of them were in the US legally and never had a hearing before they were put on a plane to a foreign prison, where we have also seen video of these same prisoners being abused. And on Sunday, we found out this situation was even worse than we thought. According to CBS News, 75% of the 238 immigrants who were sent to the Salvadorian mega prison had no traces of a criminal record. No traces of a criminal record. The bottom line is that when you respect due process and the rule of law, these are the kinds of things that you find out before you pack people off to the harshest prison in a foreign country where the rule of law is the rule of a dictator. Since we first passed this bill, we have seen scores of other immigrants, both documented and undocumented, with no criminal records who haven't been accused of crimes, being taken into custody. In recent weeks, nearly 300 students, including a student at Dartmouth College, have had their visas revoked, not for committing a crime but for expressing opinions that some in our government don't agree with. Many of you have probably seen the video of an international student pulled off the street by ICE agents wearing masks in a scene right out of a bad movie. Her offense was writing an op-ed in a student newspaper urging her college to divest itself of stock and companies with

ties to Israel after two years of unspeakable violence in the Middle East. To be very, very clear, in America you do not sign away your right to free speech when you enter this country, and you do not sign away your right to due process just because you have a different accent. If we pass this bill, we're not simply doing our part to solve the immigration problem. What we are doing is putting our stamp of approval. The stamp of approval of our live free or die state on a federal policy that allows the innocent, as well as the guilty, to be demonized, rounded up and caged with little or no regard for due process. What this bill does under the guise of enabling New Hampshire law enforcement to support federal immigration efforts, is to make our state a willing accomplice in a politically manufactured campaign of state terrorism against a group of people, the vast majority of whom came here, not to victimize America but because they love America, and they believe America is good. If you believe those people are right and you also believe that there can be no liberty where brutality reigns and the law is used as a weapon against the weak, I urge you to push the red button and show your support, and Mister speaker I request a roll call vote.

Speaker Packard: The House will be in order. The Chair recognizes Rep. Sweeney.

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If you are in this nation illegally, I do not want you welcomed in the State of New Hampshire. If you are in this nation illegally, you should not have sanctuary in the State of New Hampshire. We've seen the headlines. We've seen the news stories. The video clips just earlier this year from neighboring states that have adopted these sanctuary policies at large and what destruction and death they have brought to their states. And it's not immune. We're not immune to it in New Hampshire. Even with my own town. Since we voted on February 6th, there was a case in my town of Salem, New Hampshire where a resident, a constituent of those of us that are here from Salem, was dealt drugs from somebody from Lawrence, Massachusetts. Those drugs were laced with a lethal, deadly dose of fentanyl and when the police investigated it in Salem, New Hampshire, they traced the drugs back to this Lawrence, Mass. drug dealer who had an ICE detainer against him for years. But the State of Massachusetts and the City of Lawrence, because they were sanctuary, did nothing and that bled over into New Hampshire. Now unfortunately this bill doesn't change Massachusetts laws, so it would not have changed that situation with a Mass. illegal immigrant coming up to New Hampshire to push off their deadly drugs, but every step that we can take to make New Hampshire a little bit safer to protect our citizens. We just had a massive surge for the last four years at our southern border that brought millions of illegal immigrants in at the southern border, the northern border, through our ports an unmitigated disaster for four years, It stopped now, and it stopped for now, but we still have those that are here that we need to get out. They should not be welcomed in the State of New Hampshire. They should not have sanctuary in our biggest cities or our smallest towns, on our college campuses, in our facilities. We need to say no. It's time to be the adults in the room, recognize that a nation is nothing without borders, that a nation is nothing if we ignore the laws of the land. We need to take the handcuffs off of our local law enforcement and encourage them to cooperate with federal law enforcement, with ICE to protect New Hampshire, to keep our state safe and vote green to ban sanctuary cities in the State of New Hampshire. Thank you very much.

Speaker Packard: The House will be in order. Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is ought to pass on HB 511. This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Ray Newman for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Ray Newman: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that crossing the border is illegal. I also know that in the United States, there is no law that says it is illegal to be in this country without papers. Having said that, if I know that all people are entitled to due process, even incarcerated people, because the Constitution refers to people. And I know we hear 48 hours over and over again, but the truth is that detainees are valid for up to 5 days because they don't count Saturday, Sunday and holidays. And finally, if I know that the bill requires our underfunded and understaffed law enforcement agencies to spend their limited resources reporting every single denial of an ICE detainer, would I now press the red button to defeat this outrageous bill?

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognize Rep. Weyler for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Weyler: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that this bill stops town cities and counties from adopting sanctuary policies that welcome illegal immigrants to New Hampshire. And if I know those here illegally should not be welcomed or offered sanctuary in New Hampshire, would I now press the green button in support of the committee's recommendation of ought to pass? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is the majority committee report of ought to pass on HB 511. This a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press a green button if you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 211 voting Yea, 161 voting Nay, the committee report is adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR - PART I CONT'D

HB 612-FN, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Kate Murray for Finance. Presently, if an individual turns 21 over a weekend or an extended holiday weekend, their vertical youth license expires, and they are not able to apply for their adult horizontal license until the next business day that DMV is open. Right now, their only option is to reapply for a youth license which means they either keep the vertical youth license for another five years, or they keep it for only a few days and reapply for the adult horizontal license, other scenario is not optimal. This bill allows for a 30-day youth license which will see them through until they are able to receive the horizontal adult license. Vote 25-0.

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

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

HB 639-FN, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Joe Sweeney for the Majority of Finance. The majority of the Committee on Finance believes House Bill 639 represents a critical advancement for New Hampshire by establishing necessary protections and regulatory clarity for blockchain technology and digital assets. By prohibiting overly restrictive local regulations targeting digital asset mining and creating a specialized blockchain dispute docket, HB 639 positions New Hampshire as a leader in fostering innovation and technological growth. The bill provides essential safeguards for blockchain users, businesses, and innovators, ensuring that emerging technologies can thrive without undue interference or inconsistent local restrictions. HB 639 offers clear legal frameworks to address disputes, enhancing confidence among entrepreneurs and investors in the rapidly expanding blockchain and digital currency sectors. Passage of HB 639 demonstrates New Hampshire's forward-thinking approach, promoting economic growth, job creation, and technological leadership. It clearly signals our commitment to attracting and retaining cutting-edge businesses and innovators within our state. Vote 15-10.

Rep. Chris Muns for the Minority of Finance. The committee heard testimony from the Director of the New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation who disagreed with language in the bill that providing digital asset mining or staking services to individuals or business shall not be considered as offering a security or investment contract and therefore not subject to oversight by the bureau. Current practice and law is that anytime one person invests money in something of value, then that "something" is considered a security. The director indicated that he was unable to provide this testimony to the Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee when they considered this bill. In addition, the minority is concerned at the demands on our energy resources and the impact on energy rates that digital asset mining will have. There is also language in the bill that specifically prohibits any local government agency or subdivision from having any oversight of blockchain protocols or practices within its community. The minority believes this is unacceptable, given the disruption large scale digital asset mining could have in a community. Finally, there is also an unspecified potential impact on the Judicial Branch associated with an increase in litigation within in the proposed new blockchain dispute docket, particularly if an additional judge is required. There are just too many unanswered questions and as such the minority believes the bill is inexpedient to legislate at this time.

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

On a division vote, with 205 members having voted in the affirmative, and 169 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

HB 713-FN, relative to mile markers along Route 112. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jerry Stringham for Finance. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to place mile markers along the 32-mile iconic stretch of Route 112 known as the Kancamagus Highway. This beautiful, hilly and treacherous road runs through the heart of the White Mountains where there is no cell phone or radio service. When accidents or breakdowns occur, police and ambulance providers report substantial delays locating the vehicles. Good Samaritans typically call 911 after they have traveled five or more miles from the site of the breakdown to an area with cell service and refer to the vehicle's location in vague terms, like "by the big rock," or "by the campground." Public Works unanimously supported the bill as it addresses a major safety risk for our citizens and visitors. The project would be 100% federal funded. The amendment provides the department with flexibility to combine this project with others to efficiently use available funds. The Finance Committee unanimously recommends this bill. Vote 25-0.

Amendment (1271h)

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

1 Installation and Maintenance of Mile Markers.

I. The department of transportation shall install mile markers along the length of Route 112, also known as the Kancamagus Highway, from the town of Lincoln to the town of Conway and may install mile markers along Route 112 from the town of Bath to the town of Woodstock.

II. Generally, mile markers shall be installed at regular intervals of not greater than one mile and shall be clearly visible and legible to motorists and emergency personnel. The department of transportation may omit mile markers along densely developed segments of highway.

III. The department of transportation shall maintain the mile markers installed pursuant this section in accordance with, and subject to, the applicable provisions of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

IV. Prior to installation the department of transportation shall meet with public officials from the town of Lincoln and the town of Albany to provide information on mile marker design, proposed locations and traffic impacts.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 18 months after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the New Hampshire department of transportation to install and maintain mile markers along a portion of Route 112, also known as the Kancamagus Highway, and permits the department to install and maintain mile markers on an additional portion.

The question being adoption of the committee amendment.

Committee amendment 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.

HB 723-FN, repealing the multi-use energy data platform. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jose Cambrils for the Majority of Finance. This bill would repeal the multi-use energy data platform law. In 2019 this law was passed and it requires utilities to create and jointly operate a statewide, multi-use, online energy data platform. The platform is yet to be built. There is significant overlap in features between this proposed data platform and what some utilities already offer in their customer facing portals: mainly the ability for a customer to view their electricity usage and to manually share that usage with third parties. Utilities currently recover the costs of upgrading and improving their customer facing software by filing a rate case and justifying the expense to the public utilities commission (PUC). This data platform law circumvents the normal cost-benefit justification process and simply mandates that the platform be built. The majority on the committee felt that the benefits of the platform, over what some utilities already provide, are not clear and, if there are benefits, the utilities should build this project by following the normal process, without special carve outs in statute. The cost to integrate this platform was conservatively projected to be \$4.5 to \$7 million. With the estimated cost to build the platform being in the tens of millions. Vote 14-11.

Rep. Chris Muns for the Minority of Finance. This bill repeals Senate Bill (SB) 284 which was introduced at the request of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) and signed into law by Governor Sununu in 2019. It established a statewide, utility-customer energy-data platform that would allow utilities, their customers, and authorized third parties to access the online platform and participate in the secure sharing of energy-usage data. Most of the costs to implement this platform would be passed on to the utilities' customers, but the impact on each customer's monthly bill would be negligible. The Department of Energy was unable to quantify what, if any direct cost the state would incur. The platform was intended to provide easy access to energy-usage data by innovative companies looking to develop energy-related services and also to municipalities seeking to make the benefits of retail electric choice available to their residents. It was meant to support the move towns and cities throughout the state have already made to "community choice aggregation" (CCA) plans—arrangements for securing lower energy prices or an energy-source mix that includes more renewables on the free market. The implementation of the platform has been delayed by inaction on the part of the utilities and the Department of Energy. Cancelling this will be another step backwards in our efforts to take control of our energy.

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

On a division vote, with 209 members having voted in the affirmative, and 165 in the negative, the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.

The House recessed at 12:30 p.m.

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The House reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR - PART II

HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kenneth Weyler for the Majority of Finance. This was a very difficult year for a budget. We have had some of the worst economy in the last few years. Federal funds have come in surprising amounts over past years, with no expectations that they would continue. They should have been used for only one-time expenses,

but inevitably caused some growth in government and other programs. This and the reduction in our economy, have left us with a challenge we have not experienced in more than a decade. This has caused some turmoil in our state and its government. For the last six months in this process, we have realized that extensive cuts will be needed. The document that was delivered to us from the Governor's Office, differed from the revenue estimates that the House adopted from the Ways and Means Committee. Having worked on at least 12 budgets, the authors found the Ways and Means Committee to be very accurate. Thus, a difference between the Governor's estimates and Ways and Means of 800 million dollars had to be accommodated. We knew that reductions had to be made. Our members have been bombarded with messages just as our committee members were. The exaggeration was especially apparent in our public hearing, where the majority of public members demanded more spending on our public schools. This ignores the fact that we have continuously increased state contributions to schools at the rate of inflation while local spending has increased above inflation ignoring the reduction in enrollment. We increased the per pupil special education funding in addition to what the Governor proposed for special education catastrophic funding. We increased funding for property poor towns. We analyzed staffing in all agencies and found many funded vacancies which we removed, including removing added staff where we did not find justification. We found many fees that had not been adjusted in decades. Adjusting these fees helped bring in new revenue to close the gap. We also looked at bringing in more revenue by a proposal to bring in slot machines. To promote this, we first believed that we had to reduce the share to charitable gaming. We got many reactions to this, and have restored the charity share. We also got strong reactions to closing the State Library, which caused us to forget that proposal. We had many small boards, commissions, and advocates, that had not operated as hoped, and had proved overly expensive. Eliminating them was replaced by adding two more judges to a special court that was funded by increases in filing fees. In short this was a difficult budget year. We look forward to continuing this process with the Senate, where we often find more revenue in the critical months of April and May. Vote 14-11.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner for the Minority of Finance. After extensive budget cuts, the minority believes that HB 1 falls short in providing funding for the services that the people of the Granite State deserve and expect from their state government. Agencies came before Finance having already cut their budgets several percent as directed by Governor Ayotte and those budgets were cut deeply yet again by the majority. The Judicial Branch, already concerned about closing courts and curtailing jury trials, and the Department of Justice were both subjected to millions of dollars of back of the budget cuts that will affect the administration of justice in this state. The Department of Environmental Services budget was reduced by tens of millions, much of it in state aid grants for municipal wastewater plant improvements, as well as a back of the budget cut. Perhaps the worst of all was abolishing nearly 100 filled positions at the Department of Corrections (DOC). The DOC has worked very hard to fill a variety of vacant positions, from food services to program instructors, not to mention corrections officers. These cuts would be an untenable setback. The budget as proposed by the majority reduces the state contribution to the University System of New Hampshire by \$50 million dollars, a drastic reduction that will negatively impact the courses and services offered to students. At the same time, the majority increases the budget for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program by \$16 million dollars, despite the program containing no academic assessment of students or guardrails to protect against fraud. This budget brushes aside the voices of thousands of people who turned out to express their opposition to EFA expansion, through emails, public meetings and town halls. Further, this budget infringes on local control by attempting to impose a budget cap on what local municipalities can spend on education. One outcome of this is that underfunded schools will remain underfunded in perpetuity. Municipalities have made it clear that they are opposed to such an action. In other matters, this budget raids the opioid fund to support law enforcement and uses the emergency 911 fund to support basic operations in the Department of Safety. The HB 1 cuts to DHHS services will significantly impact all Granite Staters. A county cap increase to 3% increases the burden on property taxpayers. Compounded with 3% Medicaid rate cuts, the pressure on our county nursing homes, as well as other providers to maintain basic care, will be challenged. Key programs are eliminated including family planning, tobacco prevention and cessation, Choose Love, peer-to-peer grief support, and Department of Corrections parental education. Other areas significantly underfunded are Community Mental Health Support, cut by \$37.8 million for the biennium, and the Developmental Services waitlist funding, cut by \$31.3 million.

Majority Amendment (1474h)

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1.07 with the following:

1.08 Budget Footnotes; General. For any state department, as defined in RSA 9:1, the following general budget footnotes that contain class codes shall apply to all specified class codes in section 1.01 through 1.07 unless specifically exempted.

A. Not used.

B. Not used.

C. Revenue in excess of the estimate may be expended with prior approval of the fiscal committee and the approval of the governor and council.

D. The funds in this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

E. The appropriation budgeted in class 040-indirect costs are for general overhead state charges and such sums shall be transferred by the agency to the general fund of the state consistent with federal requirements.

F. This appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

G. The funds in this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

H. Not used.

I. In the event that estimated revenue in revenue class 001-transfers for other agencies, 002-transfers from department of transportation, 003-revolving funds, 004-agency income, 005-private local funds, 006-agency income, 007-agency income, 008-agency income, 009-agency income is less than budgeted, the total appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of the shortfall in either actual or projected budgeted revenue. The agency head shall notify the division of accounting services forthwith, in writing, as to precisely which line item appropriation and in what specific amounts reductions are to be made in order to fully compensate for the total revenue deficits. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, account number 02-46-46-4620-5731 within the department of corrections shall be exempt from these provisions. The provisions of this footnote do not apply to federal funds covered by RSA 124:14.

J. This appropriation, to be administered by the commissioner, is for the necessary equipment needs of the department and shall be expended at the commissioner's discretion.

2 General Fund and Total Appropriation Limits. The amounts included in section 1 for all university system accounts and community college system accounts, under estimated source of funds from general funds, shall be the total appropriation from general funds for such accounting units that may be expended for the purpose of section 1 of this act. Any funds received by said systems from other than general funds are hereby appropriated for the use of the systems and may be expended by said systems whether or not this will result in an appropriation and expenditure by the system in excess of the total appropriation therefor.

3 Assignment of Office Space. If, during the biennium ending June 30, 2027, because of program reductions, consolidations, or any other reason, office space becomes available in the health and human services complex, the Hayes building, or any other state building, except office space under the control of the legislature pursuant to RSA 14:14-b, the commissioner of administrative services shall, with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, and with the approval of the governor and council, require that any agency renting private space be required to occupy such available space in said building or buildings forthwith. Such funds as have been allocated or committed by any agency affected by this section for outside rental shall be transferred by the director of the division of accounting services to the division of plant and property, activity number 01-14-14-141510 for maintenance of applicable state buildings.

4 Lottery Commission; Authority Granted. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, in order to provide sufficient funding to the lottery commission to carryout lottery games that will provide funds for the distribution in accordance with RSA 284:21-j, the commission shall apply to the fiscal committee of the general court for approval of any new games, the expansion of any existing lottery games, or for the purchase of any tickets for new or continuing games. Additionally, no expenditures for consultants shall be made without prior approval by the fiscal committee. If approved, the commission may then apply to the governor and council to transfer funds from the sweepstakes revenue special account. The total of such transfers shall not exceed \$15,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

5 Positions Abolished.

I. Developmental Disabilities Council. Position number 14623 is hereby abolished.

II. Housing Appeals Board. The following position numbers are hereby abolished 60 days following the passage of this act: 44827, 9U656, 9U657 and 9U658.

III. New Hampshire State Commission on Aging. Position number 44565 is hereby abolished.

IV. Office of the Child Advocate. Position numbers 44348, 44349, 44646, 44647, 44820, 44833, 44986, 44987 and 9U627 are hereby abolished.

V. State Department. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

(a) Accounting Unit #1065 Corporate Administration: 11359 and 43440.

(b) Accounting Unit #1610 Records Management Archives: 43455.

(c) Accounting Unit #2410 Securities Regulation: 9U590.

(d) Accounting Unit #7052 Right-to Know Ombudsman: 9U727.

VI. Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Position numbers 14583, 14585, 19820, 19847, 9U165, 9U166 and 9U167 are hereby abolished effective at the close of business on October 1, 2025.

VII. Human Rights Commission. Position numbers 13939, 13940, 13941, 17081, 19995, 42414, 42415, 44504, 44505, 44914, 44915, 44916, 44917, 44918 and 44988 are hereby abolished.

VIII. Insurance Department. Position numbers 40590, 44902 and 44112 hereby abolished.

IX. Liquor Commission. Position numbers 14227, 14239, 14246, 14248, 14267, 14275, 14296, 14297, 14299, 14308, 14318, 14320, 14321, 14327, 14329, 18573, 18940, 43302, 44227, TMPPT1114, TMPPT1202, TMPPT1224, TMPPT2258, TMPPT2463, TMPPT2464, TNPPT3114, TMPPT4247, TMPPT5067, TMPPT5163, TMPPT5164, TMPPT6233, TMPPT6234, TMPPT6235 and TMPPT6236 are hereby abolished.

X. Department of Corrections. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

- (a) Accounting Unit #7101 Commissioner's Office: 12808, 19895, 43682 and 42238.
- (b) Accounting Unit #8338 Victim Services Coordinator: 42282.
- (c) Accounting Unit #8300 Financial Services: 12813, 12826, 18178, 18863, 40894 and 42266.
- (d) Accounting Unit #3372 NH State Prison for Men: 12819, 12821, 12843, 12853, 16320, 16833, 16888, 16913, 18173, 18837, 40200, 41505, 44309, 44332, 44319, 40215, 40213, 40201, 40178, 40175, 40174, 40169, 30333, 19546, 19537, 16847, 16274, 13023, 13021, 13014, 12988, 12975, 12957, 12938, 12928 and 12904.
- (e) Accounting Unit #3373 Northern NH Correctional Facility: 41326, 41327, 41503, 41511, 41451, 41437, 41435, 41431, 41427, 41425, 41415, 41408, 41406 and 41338.
- (f) Accounting Unit #3374 NH Correctional Facility/Women: 44310, 44306, 44301, 44281, 44271, 18831 and 18808.
- (g) Accounting Unit #6632 Maintenance: 12894, 12930, 12940, 12952, 12966, 13010, 18798, 41482, 41484, 44317 and 44336.
- (h) Accounting Unit #6633 Laundry: 16811 and 44316.
- (i) Accounting Unit #6634 Kitchen: 12848, 16809, 18777, 18778, 18813 and 44261.
- (j) Accounting Unit #6634 Warehouse: 12961, 16930 and 18848.
- (k) Accounting Unit #8302 District Offices: 19568, 19914, 19921 and 30363.
- (l) Accounting Unit #4106 Concord Transitional Work Center: 12827.
- (m) Accounting Unit #5172 Shea Farm: 19938 and 16851.
- (n) Accounting Unit #7874 Calumet House: 16929, 18800 and 18850.
- (o) Accounting Unit #6820 Programs: 12901, 12885, 12937, 16284, 16812, 18781, 18809, 18849, 18854, 19533, 19552, 19564, 19939, 19953, 30341, 40234, 40717, 40719, 41315, 41463, 41464, 41467, 41509, 42237, 42240, 42242, 42243, 42250, 42262, 42263, 44263, 44329, 44331, 44334 and 44839.
- (p) Accounting Unit #5833 Secure Psychiatric Unit: 12825, 12831, 19267, 16303 and 16282.
- (q) Accounting Unit #8231 Mental Health: 12852, 12872, 12984, 16277, 16294, 19559, 41462, 42270 and 41473.
- (r) Accounting Unit #8234 Medical – Dental: 12849, 12893, 12946, 18817, 18858, 19536, 19915, 30352, 41486, 41494, 41497 and 42254.
- (s) Accounting Unit #8235 Residential Treatment Program: 16265.
- (t) Accounting Unit #8236 Pharmacy: 12970, 16832, 9U662.
- (u) Accounting Unit #6528 Employee Development: 40740 and 42283.
- (v) Accounting Unit #6529 Human Resources: 12832, 12805, 19901, 13028, 16327, 18180, 18804, 41508, 42269 and 44270.
- (w) Accounting Unit #6531 Business Information Unit: 30347 and 40206.
- (x) Accounting Unit #5929 Professional Standards: 12921, 12965, 13031, 16835, 16863, 16915, 18520, 41358, 41447, 41524 and 44298.

XI. Department of Business and Economic Affairs. The following position numbers are hereby abolished effective at the close of business on June 30, 2026: 19673, 20541, 20748, 21547, 21548, 21550, 21558, 21561, 21565, 21583, 21584, 21585, 21617 and 21689.

XII. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

- (a) Accounting Unit #4104 State Arts Development: 30451, 40491, 42027 and 44996.
- (b) Accounting Unit #4111 Federal Arts Partnership Grant: 13769, 13771, 30452 and 9U130.

XIII. Department of Education. Position numbers 41235, 16952, 13220, 44969, 44970, 44973, 42775, 13118, 8T3183, 8T3196, 8T3197, 13074, 13102, 40568, 40569, 40574, 41232, 44687, 9T3008, 44593, 45031, 44965, 44966, 44173, 9T2894, 9T2964, and 9T2965, are hereby abolished.

XIV. Department of Safety. Position numbers 43692, 43700, 43701, 43702, 43703, 43704, 43705, and 42706, are hereby abolished at the close of business on December 31, 2025.

6 Department of Health and Human Services; Bureau of Child Support Services; Payments to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The appropriation in account number 05-95-45-457010-2384, class 085, includes funds for payment to the administrative office of the courts in accordance with the cooperative agreement between the bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts. The bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts shall, prior to payment of such funds, enter into a cooperative agreement specifying in detail the services to be performed by the administrative office of the courts and the estimated costs of such services. Any change or modification in the services to be performed shall likewise be agreed to in writing and specify the change and the adjustment to the costs. Funds appropriated for these purposes shall be paid only after demonstration by the administrative office of the courts that it consistently transmits court orders to the bureau of child support services in accordance with the cooperative agreement.

7 Judicial Branch; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The judicial branch shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$7,900,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. The accounting unit 02-10-10-

100010-1880, class 028, transfer to the department of administrative services for transfers to plant and property, shall not be reduced unless the reduction is agreed to by the commissioner of administrative services and the chief justice of the supreme court.

8 Legislative Branch; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The legislative branch shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

9 Office of the Governor; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The office of the governor shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

10 Department of Information Technology; Appropriation Reductions.

I. The department of information technology shall reduce shared appropriations by \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

II. The department of information technology, in consultation with the department of administrative services, shall proportionally decrease the funding allocated to the class 027 expenditure class lines of each state department or agency by their respective portion of these department of information technology shared costs.

11 New Hampshire Retirement System; Other Fund Appropriation Reductions. The New Hampshire retirement system shall reduce other fund appropriations by \$4,225,013 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$4,471,976 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

12 Department of Justice; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of justice shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$7,899,266 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$6,806,493 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

13 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of natural and cultural resources shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

14 Department of Environmental Services; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of environmental services shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

15 Department of Health and Human Services; Budget Reduction. In addition to any other required reductions, the department of health and human services is hereby directed to reduce general fund appropriations by \$23,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$23,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall provide the department of administrative services with the accounting units and class lines to be reduced and shall report these reductions to the fiscal committee of the general court by May 30, 2026, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by May 30, 2027, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

16 Department of State; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of state shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$225,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$240,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

17 Estimates of Unrestricted Revenue.

GENERAL FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
BUSINESS TAXES	\$625,400,000	\$650,200,000
MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	337,500,000	349,900,000
TOBACCO TAX	111,800,000	110,100,000
TRANSFER FROM LIQUOR	102,900,000	102,300,000
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TAX	8,700,000	0
INSURANCE	159,000,000	163,000,000
COMMUNICATIONS TAX	29,100,000	28,700,000
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	141,200,000	149,300,000
COURT FINES & FEES	13,700,000	13,700,000
SECURITIES REVENUE	44,400,000	44,500,000
BEER TAX	13,000,000	13,000,000
OTHER REVENUES	126,000,000	120,000,000
MEDICAID RECOVERIES	<u>3,100,000</u>	<u>3,100,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,715,800,000	\$1,747,800,000
EDUCATION FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
BUSINESS TAXES	\$434,600,000	\$451,800,000
MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	11,000,000	11,400,000
TOBACCO TAX	64,300,000	63,400,000
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	69,500,000	73,500,000
TRANSFER FROM LOTTERY	172,900,000	172,900,000
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT	32,500,000	30,000,000

UTILITY PROPERTY TAX	45,900,000	46,600,000
STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX	<u>363,100,000</u>	<u>363,100,000</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	\$1,193,800,000	\$1,212,700,000
HIGHWAY FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
GASOLINE ROAD TOLL	\$127,700,000	\$127,900,000
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	131,700,000	134,700,000
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	\$259,600,000	\$262,800,000
FISH AND GAME FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
FISH AND GAME LICENSES	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FINES AND MISCELLANEOUS	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
TOTAL FISH AND GAME FUND	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000

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

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Reps. Leishman and Preece spoke against.

Reps. Weyler and Dan McGuire spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Berezhny, Lex
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McFarlane, Donald

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Alexander, Joe
Colcombe, Riché
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Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Ammon, Keith
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Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
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Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
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Berry, Ross
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Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
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Reinfurt, Sherri
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Boehm, Ralph
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Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

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Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
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Aylward, Deborah
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Polozov, Yuri
Walsh, Thomas

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Ball, Lorie
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Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Bennett, Cindy
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael

Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

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Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
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Trottier, Douglas

Coker, Matthew

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St. Clair, Charlie

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

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Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

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Gruber, James
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Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
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Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
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Bolton, Bill
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Oppel, Thomas
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Murray, Alissandra
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Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
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Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Boyd, Bill
Budathoki, Suraj
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Rung, Rosemarie
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Veilleux, Daniel

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Chourasia, Manoj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
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and the majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Chourasia, Manoj
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Davis, Fred
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Juris, Louis
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Long, Patrick
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Weinstein, Toni

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and the majority committee report was adopted, and the bill was ordered to third reading.
Reps. Perez and Schultz voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

HB 2-FN-A-L, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures. MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Kenneth Weyler for the Majority of Finance. This bill is called enabling legislation. It is where the changes to fees, revenue, expenditures, and reorganization which are included in HB 1, where only the funding pages are shown. Any law changes that affect the budget must be shown in this separate bill. As the Finance Committee received bills from the policy committees as the second committee, we endeavored to include them in the budget by amending HB 2. Some of these bills we moved ought to pass, or ought to pass as amended, if they did not have large effects on the budget. In order to create a balanced budget, many adjustments had to be made. We added some increases in fees, many of which had not been increased in decades. This also helped balance the budget with fewer cuts. There is hardly any agency of the state that is not affected, as the difference between the Governor's proposal and the Ways and Means estimates is almost 5% of the proposal, even after the supposed 4% cut in the proposal. There is a change in the Group II retirement which has the support of the Governor, the unions, and the committee. There are more than 100 amendments to this bill, many of which came from the Governor's proposal, and many from the committee. Funds are moved around, small boards, which were not judged efficient, were eliminated by assigning those roles to the court system. Some rules and definition were changed. It directs the sale of some state properties, including some highway rest areas, the Tirrell House, the Philbrook, Center, and the Sununu Youth Services Center. Some TANF surplus will be used for Child Care. Puts a floor on the Catastrophic Aid, so that no less than 80% must be paid. To balance the 3% added to the County Cap, the \$25 million due to the counties from the COVID FMAP distribution will be paid in four yearly distributions. Takes the money from the State Scholarship Advisory Committee and transfers it to the USNH Grant for two years. Repeals the Division of Arts in the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. These are a sample of the small changes that needed to be made to balance the budget. This is typical of many of these enabling bills in the past and may even have fewer pages. Vote 14-11.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner for the Minority of Finance. Given many draconian changes and cuts to state agencies, the minority cannot support HB 2, as amended. As with any budget, there are provisions the minority supports, particularly with respect to Group 2 retirement and changes to landfill siting in the state. The minority also support the effort to update agency fees to realistic levels to increase revenue to support state services. But on balance, these are far outweighed by the radical actions, such as the abolishment of the Office of Child Advocate, the New Hampshire Council for the Arts, the Commission on Aging, the Human Rights Commission, slashing of most of the BEA's travel and tourism marketing budget and more. The

majority would abolish about 100 filled positions at the Department of Corrections. The appropriation for the Sununu Youth Development Center settlement fund is only \$20 million for the biennium, far too little to maintain the claims program just put into place last year. In addition, the majority has added legislation that would decimate our renewable energy initiatives and decimates our renewable energy fund. In this amended budget, the threshold for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program is eliminated in FY27. Contrary to the stated intent of the program since its inception, this opens EFA's to all regardless of income, resulting in an expected financial impact of between \$60 and \$100 million without new guardrails to prevent abuse of funds. With regard to Video Lottery Terminals, the HB 2 proposal gives 70% of the proceeds to the operator and only 30% to the state and New Hampshire charities. The operator distribution in HB 2 greatly exceeds the Governor's proposal of 45%, which aligns with our neighboring states, resulting in less to education and our state's charities. This proposal also diverts funds from the opioid abatement trust fund in order to support law enforcement operations. HB 2 lowers the percent of BPT and BET going to the education trust fund from 41% to 32%, resulting in fewer dollars designated solely for educational expenditures. HB 2 prevents municipalities from setting their own school budgets by mandating a cap on the amount that can be spent, usurping local control and solidifying underfunded schools in perpetuity. This budget also places an unreasonable burden on the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by asking it to monitor and track down voters who have, for whatever reason, not applied for a New Hampshire driver's license. There are many valid reasons why an individual would not want or need a driver's license; but if the new program is tied to any issue pertaining to voting, follow up responsibility should fall to the Secretary of State - not the DMV - to prevent breaches of privacy. The local decision whether to adopt Kenos is taken away in this proposal, retroactively undoing the original agreement made when introduced in New Hampshire. Finally, the majority amendment to HB 2 adopts a policy change with a "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" (DEI) ban in public schools and spaces without a public hearing, clear definitions, or detailed plans for terminating existing contracts and reporting. The vaguely-written DEI ban puts New Hampshire at great risk of mandating the exclusion of people with disabilities, veterans, and other protected classes from public hearing and life. This exposure will very likely result in litigation, and fails the test of fiscal responsibility. HB 2 changes the Medicaid program by requiring a 5% income copay for certain individuals with Granite Advantage and families with kids on CHIP, as well as doubled prescription copays. These people are low-income and struggling to meet basic needs and will likely go without health care, or just won't pay. The bill has no direction for how payments will be collected, and the administration of these changes will likely be significant compared to any incoming funds. The increase in uninsured patients will result in skyrocketing uncompensated care, take steps backwards in battling substance use disorder, and will cost the state more overall in the end. The bill requires the sale of the Philbrook Center which plays a vital role as a transitional housing center to discharge patients from New Hampshire Hospital. Last biennium the budget included long-overdue rate increases for providers that helped to finally bring stability to our health care and mental health care systems. Unfortunately, HB 2 includes a 3% rate cut across the board that will have direct workforce impact and will reduce the number and quality of services available to those in need. Rolling back rates will once again destabilize the entire network of care in the state. For these reasons, the minority of the Finance Committee cannot support this budget.

Majority Committee Amendment (1488h) is available at the link below:

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=12300&q=amendment

The question being adoption of the majority committee amendment.

Reps. Hakken-Phillips and Rung spoke against.

Reps. Weyler and Dan McGuire spoke in favor.

Rep. Telerski requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Murphy, Denis
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Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

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Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

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Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

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Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

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Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Scully, Kevin
Stottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

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Devoid, Ricky
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See, Alvin

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Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bridle, Nicholas
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Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
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and the majority committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
 Rep. Edwards offered floor amendment (1529h).

Floor Amendment (1529h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original section 464 to read as 472:

464 State Commission for Human Rights; Law Against Discrimination; Purpose and Scope. Amend RSA 354-A:1 to read as follows:

354-A:1 Title and Purposes of Chapter.

I. This chapter shall be known as the “Law Against Discrimination.” It shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the state for the protection of the public welfare, health and peace of the people of this state, and in fulfillment of the provisions of the constitution of this state concerning civil rights. The general court hereby finds and declares that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin are a matter of state concern, that such discrimination not only threatens the rights and proper privi-

leges of its inhabitants, but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state and threatens the peace, order, health, safety and general welfare of the state and its inhabitants. A state agency is hereby created with power to eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, in places of public accommodation and in housing accommodations because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin as herein provided; and the commission established hereunder is hereby given general jurisdiction and power for such purposes. In addition, the agencies and councils so created shall exercise their authority to assure that no person be discriminated against on account of sexual orientation.

II. The general court also finds that, notwithstanding New Hampshire's fundamental commitment to treat all persons without discrimination and with equal dignity and respect, which commitment the legislature fully accepts and strongly endorses, there are certain limited circumstances in which classification of persons based on biological sex is proper because such classification serves the compelling state interests of protecting the privacy rights and physical safety of such persons and others. The legislature finds that permitting classification of persons based upon biological sex serves this compelling state interest in the 3 circumstances described in RSA 354-A:25-a.

465 New Section; Law Against Discrimination; Classification of Persons Based Upon Biological Sex. Amend RSA 354-A by adding after section 25 the following new section:

354-A:25-a Classification of Persons Based Upon Biological Sex. Notwithstanding RSA 354-A:2, XIV-e or any other provision of this chapter or any other law or regulation, it shall not constitute unlawful discrimination based on sexual or gender identity for any person or organization, public or private, to classify based on biological sex with respect to the following matters:

I. In the construction, maintenance, operation, and use of lavatory facilities or locker rooms designed for usage by multiple persons at the same time, even if such facilities have individual urinals, stalls, or similar apparatus.

II. In athletic or sporting events or competitions in a sport or similar activity in which physical strength, speed, or endurance is generally recognized to give an advantage to biological males.

III. In the operation, maintenance, and use of facilities designed for usage as prisons, houses of correction, juvenile detention or commitment centers, mental health hospitals or treatment centers and like facilities to which persons may be committed involuntarily.

466 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; License or Registration Required; Moratorium; Exception for Membership-Based and Direct Payment Facilities. Amend RSA 151:2, VI(a)(1) to read as follows:

(1) No new license shall be issued for, and there shall be no increase in licensed capacity of, any nursing home, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or rehabilitation facility, including rehabilitation hospitals and facilities offering comprehensive rehabilitation services. This moratorium shall not apply to:

(A) Any facility that is not a nursing home or skilled nursing facility, that operates on a membership-based business model or exclusively provides services to persons who make direct payment for services;

(B) Any rehabilitation facility whose sole purpose is to treat individuals for substance use disorder or mental health issues; or [to]

(C) Any continuing care facility for which a certificate of authority has been issued by the insurance commissioner pursuant to RSA 420-D:2.

467 Patients' Bill of Rights; Definitions; Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. Amend RSA 151:19, II to read as follows:

II. "Facility" means any hospital, building, residence, or other place or part thereof, licensed under the provisions of RSA 151:2. For the purposes of RSA 151:21, RSA 151:25, and RSA 151:26, "facility" shall not include home health care providers, or private homes where home care services are provided. ***For the purposes of RSA 151:21, "facility" shall not include direct payment and membership-based facilities.***

468 Patients' Bill of Rights; Definitions; Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. Amend RSA 151:19, VI to read as follows:

VI. "Patients' rights" or "rights" means those rights established under RSA 151:21 [or] RSA 151:21-b, ***or RSA 151:21-c***, as applicable.

469 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; Policies Required. Amend RSA 151:2-f to read as follows:

151:2-f Policies Required for Health Facilities and Special Health Care Service Licenses.

I. Every facility licensed under RSA 151:2, I(a) or (d) and every person holding a special health care service license under RSA 151:2-e shall:

[I-](a) Adopt and enforce a written policy to assure that the facility provides its services to all persons who require the services the facility provides regardless of the source of payment for the services provided to any person;

[H-](b) Adopt, publicize, and apply an assistance plan for persons who are uninsured or who do not have the financial resources to pay for the facility's services due to financial hardship;

[H-](c) Provide data to the commissioner of the department of health and human services regarding the volume, cost and outcomes of services provided in the facility; and

[IV-](d) Pay fees under RSA 151:2-e, III to the commissioner of the department to cover the costs of administering the licensing of special health care services, the administration of the quality and patient safety requirements of this section, and the collection and analysis of the data collected under this section.

II. Subparagraph I(a) shall not apply to intermediate care facilities or rehabilitation facilities, including rehabilitation hospitals and facilities offering comprehensive rehabilitation services facilities, that operate on a membership-based business model or exclusively provide services to persons who make direct payment for services. For the purposes of this paragraph, a direct payment is one that is paid directly by the patient and is not reimbursed or otherwise paid by a third party.

470 New Section; Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; Patients' Bill of Rights for Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section 21-b the following new section:

151:21-c Patients' Bill of Rights for Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. The policy describing the rights and responsibilities of each patient admitted to a facility that operates on a membership-based business model or exclusively provides services to persons who make direct payment for services as defined in RSA 151:2-f, II, except those admitted by a home health care provider, shall include, as a minimum, the following:

I. The patient shall be treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of the patient's dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and personal care and including being informed of the name, licensure status, and staff position of all those with whom the patient has contact, pursuant to RSA 151:3-b.

II. The patient shall be fully informed of a patient's rights and responsibilities and of all procedures governing patient conduct and responsibilities. This information shall be provided orally and in writing before or at admission, except for emergency admissions. Receipt of the information shall be acknowledged by the patient in writing. When a patient lacks the capacity to make informed judgments the signing shall be by the person legally responsible for the patient.

III. The patient shall be fully informed in writing in language that the patient can understand, before or at the time of admission and as necessary during the patient's stay, of the facility's basic per diem rate and of those services included and not included in the basic per diem rate.

IV. The patient shall be fully informed by a health care provider of his or her medical condition, health care needs, and diagnostic test results, including the manner by which such results will be provided and the expected time interval between testing and receiving results, unless medically inadvisable and so documented in the medical record, and shall be given the opportunity to participate in the planning of his or her total care and medical treatment, to refuse treatment, and to be involved in experimental research upon the patient's written consent only. For the purposes of this paragraph "health care provider" means any person, corporation, facility, or institution either licensed by this state or otherwise lawfully providing health care services, including, but not limited to, a physician, hospital or other health care facility, dentist, nurse, optometrist, podiatrist, physical therapist, or psychologist, and any officer, employee, or agent of such provider acting in the course and scope of employment or agency related to or supportive of health care services.

V. The patient shall be transferred or discharged after appropriate discharge planning only for medical reasons, for the patient's welfare or that of other patients, if the facility ceases to operate, or for nonpayment for the patient's stay.

VI. The patient shall be encouraged and assisted throughout the patient's stay to exercise the patient's rights as a patient and citizen. The patient may voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff or outside representatives free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal.

VII. The patient shall be permitted to manage the patient's personal financial affairs. If the patient authorizes the facility in writing to assist in this management and the facility so consents, the assistance shall be carried out in accordance with the patient's rights under this subdivision and in conformance with state law and rules.

VIII. The patient shall be free from emotional, psychological, sexual and physical abuse and from exploitation, neglect, corporal punishment and involuntary seclusion.

IX. The patient shall be free from chemical and physical restraints except when they are authorized in writing by a physician for a specific and limited time necessary to protect the patient or others from injury. In an emergency, restraints may be authorized by the designated professional staff member in order to protect the patient or others from injury. The staff member shall promptly report such action to the physician and document same in the medical records.

X. The patient shall be ensured confidential treatment of all information contained in the patient's personal and clinical record, including that stored in an automatic data bank, and the patient's written consent shall be required for the release of information to anyone not otherwise authorized by law to receive it. Medical information contained in the medical records at any facility licensed under this chapter shall be deemed

to be the property of the patient. The patient shall be entitled to a copy of such records upon request. The charge for the copying of a patient's medical records shall not exceed \$15 for the first 30 pages or \$.50 per page, whichever is greater; provided, that copies of filmed records such as radiograms, x-rays, and sonograms shall be copied at a reasonable cost.

XI. The patient shall not be required to perform services for the facility. Where appropriate for therapeutic or diversional purposes and agreed to by the patient, such services may be included in a plan of care and treatment.

XII. The patient shall be free to communicate with, associate with, and meet privately with anyone, including family and resident groups, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights of other patients. The patient may send and receive unopened personal mail. The patient has the right to have regular access to the unmonitored use of a telephone.

XIII. The patient shall be free to participate in activities of any social, religious, and community groups, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights of other patients.

XIV. The patient shall be free to retain and use personal clothing and possessions as space permits, provided it does not infringe on the rights of other patients.

XV. The patient shall be entitled to privacy for visits and, if married, to share a room with his or her spouse if both are patients in the same facility and where both patients consent, unless it is medically contraindicated and so documented by a physician. The patient has the right to reside and receive services in the facility with reasonable accommodation of individual needs and preferences, including choice of room and roommate, except when the health and safety of the individual or other patients would be endangered.

XVI. The patient shall not be denied appropriate care on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, familial status, disability, religion, national origin, source of income, or profession.

XVII. The patient shall be entitled to be treated by the patient's physician of choice, subject to reasonable rules and regulations of the facility regarding the facility's credentialing process.

XVIII. The patient shall be entitled to have the patient's parents, if a minor, or spouse, or next of kin, unmarried partner, or a personal representative chosen by the patient, if an adult, visit the facility, without restriction, if the patient is considered terminally ill by the physician responsible for the patient's care.

XIX. The patient shall be entitled to receive representatives of approved organizations as provided in RSA 151:28.

471 Department of Health and Human Services; Legislative Reporting Requirement. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall conduct a study to examine the impact of direct pay models on the health care system of New Hampshire, with special attention given to the impact of implementation of the direct primary care law, RSA 329:1-e and 2019, 330 (HB 508). The department shall provide the results of the study to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, and the senate clerk, on or before June 30, 2026.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Permits classification of individuals based on biological sex in lavatory facilities and locker rooms, sporting competitions, and detention facilities.

2. Exempts direct-pay health care facilities from certain licensing requirements and policies in RSA 151:2-f as well as the moratorium on licensing and bed capacity in RSA 151:2, VI(a) provided that the facility is not a nursing home or skilled nursing facility; and establishes a patient's bill of right for direct-pay facilities and directs the department of health and human services to study direct-pay models.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1529h).

(Rep. Kofalt in the Chair)

Rep. Edwards spoke in favor.

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

YEAS 203 - NAYS 169

YEAS - 203 BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Trottier, Douglas

Coker, Matthew
Ploszaj, Tom
Varney, Peter

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Avellani, Lino
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Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Pitaro, Matthew
Schultz, Kris
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
Seaworth, Brian

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yuri
See, Alvin

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Bennett, Cindy
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Packard, Sherman
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vose, Michael

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

**NAYS - 169
BELKNAP**

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Jeudy, Jean
Foxx, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Hegner, Karen
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Snodgrass, Jim

Kelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Soucy, Timothy

Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Wallner, Mary Jane

Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Woods, Gary

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

Bridle, Nicholas
Grote, Jaci
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Vandecasteele, Susan

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

Bay, Luz
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Stone, John

Burton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and floor amendment (1529h) was adopted.

Rep. Schultz voted Yea and intended to vote Nay.

Rep. Wheeler voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

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

Rep. Berry offered floor amendment (1559h).

Floor Amendment (1559h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original sections 464 to read as 468, respectively:

464 Elections; Checklist; Annual Verification. Amend RSA 654:39 to read as follows:

654:39 **Annual** Verification [~~Every 10 Years~~].

I. In addition to any verification carried out under the provisions of RSA 654:38, the supervisors shall verify the checklist in [~~1981~~] **2026** and [~~once every 10 years~~] **annually** thereafter.

II. Between April 1 and August 1 of ~~[1981]~~ **2026** and **annually** thereafter ~~[in each year ending with a one]~~, the supervisors shall post notice of their sessions in 2 appropriate places one of which shall be the town or city's Internet website, if such exists, and published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation and hold sufficient sessions for verification of the checklist as in their opinion will enable all eligible voters in said town or ward to appear before them and register or reregister as the case may be. Whenever a person is reregistered, his or her party designation, if any, on the checklist undergoing revision shall not be changed except as provided in RSA 654:34.

III. Beginning June 1 of such year, the supervisors shall review the checklist and shall strike therefrom the names of all persons who have not registered or reregistered under paragraphs I and IV; provided, that there shall not be stricken from said checklist the name of any person duly qualified to vote unless such person, not less than 30 days prior to such action, shall have been sent notice by the supervisors at his last known address of his failure to reregister stating the procedure to be followed in order to reregister and have his name retained on said checklist nor unless such person shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to follow said procedure.

IV. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be deemed reregistered and need not appear before the supervisors if:

(a) The person voted in any election within the ~~[4]~~ **5** years immediately preceding ~~[a 10-year]~~ **an annual** verification; or

(b) The person has been added to the checklist since the last state general election.

V. Upon completion of verification of the checklist, but in no event later than September 1, the supervisors shall file with the secretary of state the following certificate: We, the supervisors of the checklist (or registrars of voters) of the town (or ward _____) of _____, do hereby certify that we have verified the checklist of registered voters in the town (or ward _____ of the city) of _____, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 654:39.

VI. In verifying the checklist in accordance with this section, the provisions of RSA 654:38, IV and V shall apply.

465 Effective Date. Section 464 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

466 Electioneering by Public Employees. RSA 659:44-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

659:44-a Electioneering by Public Employees.

I. No public employee shall electioneer while in the performance of his or her official duties. For purposes of this section, "public employee" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 273-A:1, IX; except that, notwithstanding RSA 273-A:1, IX(b), a person appointed to office by the chief executive or legislative body of the public employer shall be included in the definition of public employee.

II. No public employee shall use any government property or equipment, including, but not limited to, telephones, facsimile machines, vehicles, and computers, for electioneering.

III. For the purposes of this section, "electioneer" means to act in any way designed or having the effect of influencing the vote of a voter on any question or office, including but not limited to:

(a) Distributing or displaying campaign materials for a campaign during an officially declared election period in an unbiased manner.

(b) Making public statements in favor of or against any candidate, political party, or measure.

(c) Organizing or conducting surveys, forums, or events that are expressly or primarily political.

(d) Using official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the vote of a voter.

IV. Nothing in this section shall prohibit:

(a) Lawful participation by candidates, political parties, or private groups in public parades, fairs, festivals, or similar events, including the display of campaign materials or the solicitation of voter support, provided such participation is conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and does not intentionally favor one candidate, party, or measure over another.

(b) The use of public spaces or facilities by private individuals, groups, or organizations for lawful political activities, provided such use is not facilitated or promoted by public employees beyond standard administrative support necessary for access and use of the space and follows any relevant ordinance or law where applicable.

(c) Public employees engaging in strictly neutral voter registration drives or activities limited to general election awareness, such as announcing election dates or polling locations, without any reference to or discussion of candidates, parties, or measures, and provided such activities are authorized by law.

(d) Public employees providing factual information derived directly from official filing forms or other legally required public documents regarding candidates who have officially filed for office, provided such information is presented in an impartial and neutral manner without additional commentary, analysis, or inference.

(e) Public universities, colleges, or institutions of higher education conducting public opinion polls or surveys.

V. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

467 Effective Date. Section 466 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Provides for the annual verification of voter rolls.
2. Defines electioneering in relation to public employees.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1559h).

Floor amendment (1559h) was adopted.

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

Rep. Mazur offered floor amendment (1526h).

Floor Amendment (1526h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original section 464 to read as 467:

464 Local Adoption of Public Health Ordinances. Amend RSA 147:1, I to read as follows:

I. The health officers of towns may make regulations for the prevention and removal of nuisances, ~~and such other regulations relating to public health~~ as in their judgment the health and safety of the people require, which shall take effect when approved by the selectmen, recorded by the town clerk, and published in some newspaper printed in the town, or when copies thereof have been posted in 2 or more public places in the town.

465 Communicable Disease; Immunization. Amend RSA 141-C:20-a, I to read as follows:

I. All parents or legal guardians shall have their children, who are residing in this state, immunized against ~~[certain diseases. These diseases shall include, but not be limited to,] diphtheria, mumps, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, and tetanus. [The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to other diseases which require immunization.]~~ *The rules adopted by the commissioner requiring varicella, Hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) vaccinations shall remain in effect until their regular expiration date of June 30, 2026.*

466 Repeal. RSA 141-C:6, XIII, relative to rulemaking for other communicable diseases under RSA 141-C:20-a, I.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Changes when town public health officials may make regulations relating to public health.
2. Limits childhood immunization requirements to diseases identified in statute and removes the authority of the commissioner of health and human services to adopt rules requiring immunization for additional childhood diseases.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1526h).

Rep. Woods spoke against.

Rep. Mazur spoke in favor.

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 195 - NAYS 175**YEAS - 195****BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Terry, Paul

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Trottier, Douglas

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Varney, Peter

Bordes, Mike
Ploszaj, Tom

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
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Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

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Smith, Jonathan

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Pernel, Katy

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Qualey, James

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Thackston, Dick

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Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

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Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
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Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Ammon, Keith
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Labrie, Brian
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Lascelles, Richard
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

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Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

Bennett, Cindy
DeSimone, Debra
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Spillane, James
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
DeVito, Sayra
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Brown, Pam
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Mannion, Dennis
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Packard, Sherman
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

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Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

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Coker, Matthew

Nagel, David

Minor, Sheri

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Boyd, Bill
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul

Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda

Elberger, Susan
 Gregg, Alicia
 Hartnett, Tim
 Juris, Louis
 Leapley, Nicole
 Long, Patrick
 Manohar, Sanjeev
 Petrigno, Peter
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Spier, Carry
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Davis, Fred
 Grill, Jessica
 Herbert, Christopher
 Kerwin, Erin
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 Murphy, Mary
 Plamondon, Marc
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Salvi, Santosh
 Staub, Kathy
 Vail, Suzanne

Foss, Lily
 Grund, Stephanie
 Jack, Martin
 Kluger, Lee Ann
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 McGhee, Kat
 Preece, David
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Seibert, Christine
 Swanson, Dale
 Veilleux, Daniel

Georges, Mary
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Jeudy, Jean
 Foxx, Loren
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Murphy, Nancy
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Telerski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
 Gallagher, Eric
 Luneau, David
 Payeur, Stephanie
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Bricchi, Tracy
 Gibbs, Merryl
 Hall, Muriel
 Richards, Beth
 Schultz, Kris
 Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
 Hicks, Matthew
 MacKay, James
 Roesener, James
 Snodgrass, Jim

Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Newsom, James
 Sargent, Gregory
 Soucy, Timothy

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Edgar, Michael
 Murray, Kate
 Maggiore, Jim
 Muns, Chris
 Scherr, Buzz
 Turer, Eric

Bridle, Nicholas
 Gilman, Julie
 Knab, Allison
 Malloy, Dennis
 Nelson, Jodi
 Simpson, Alexis
 Ward, Gerald

de Vries, Erica
 Grote, Jaci
 Cahill, Michael
 Manos, Zoe
 Reynolds, Ned
 Sorensen, Carrie
 Weinstein, Toni

Donnelly, Tanya
 Haskins, Linda
 Paige, Mark
 Meuse, David
 Read, Ellen
 Sytek, John

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Johnson, Erik
 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas
 Wall, Janet

Bay, Luz
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Malone, Amy
 Stone, John

Bixby, Peter
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Larochelle, John
 Schmidt, Peter
 Pearson, Wayne

Burton, Wayne
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren
 Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

and floor amendment (1526h) was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
 Rep. Spillane offered floor amendment (1560h).

Floor Amendment (1560h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original section 464 to read as 472:

464 New Section; Firearms and Accessories; In-State Use Only. Amend RSA 159 by inserting after section 27 the following new section:

159:28 Firearms and Accessories Manufactured in New Hampshire for In-State Use Only.

I. Firearms and accessories manufactured within the state of New Hampshire, including but not limited to rifles, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, slides, receivers, barrels, suppressors, magazines, grips, and stocks, may be marked "For NH use only. Not for export outside NH."

II. Such marked firearms and accessories shall not be exported or possessed outside the state and shall be ineligible for interstate commerce. It shall be a class B misdemeanor to export or transfer such a marked firearm or accessory outside the borders of the state.

III. It shall be a class B misdemeanor to alter, destroy, or remove the marking "For NH use only. Not for export outside NH" from marked firearms and accessories unless the firearm or accessory is rendered permanently inoperable.

IV. Firearms and accessories marked "For NH use only. Not for export outside NH," while remaining within the state, shall be exempt from federal regulation of interstate commerce and any act of Congress reliant on authority delegated under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.

465 Effective Date. Section 464 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

466 Carrying or Selling Weapons. RSA 159:16 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

159:16 Carrying or Selling Weapons.

I. Any person under the age of 18 who carries on his or her person any blackjack, slung shot, or metallic knuckles shall be guilty of a violation; and such weapon or articles so carried by such a person shall be forfeited to the state.

II. Any person who sells, delivers, or otherwise transfers any blackjack, slung shot, or metallic knuckles to a person under the age of 18 shall be guilty of a violation.

467 Repeal. RSA 159:17, relative to exceptions to the prohibition against carrying or selling weapons, is repealed.

468 Effective Date. Sections 466 and 467 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

469 Child Protection Act; Reporting Law; Nature of Report; Liability. Amend RSA 169-C:30 and RSA 169-C:31 to read as follows:

169-C:30 Nature and Content of Report. An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise, and followed within 48 hours by a report in writing, if so requested, to the department. Such report shall, if known, contain the name and address of the child suspected of being neglected or abused and the person responsible for the child's welfare, the specific information indicating neglect or the nature and extent of the child's injuries (including any evidence of previous injuries), the identity of the person or persons suspected of being responsible for such neglect or abuse, and any other information that might be helpful in establishing neglect or abuse or that may be required by the department. ***Reports made to the department may include the name, address, or phone number of the person or persons making the report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child under this chapter. The department may inform the complainant that should the complaint be made maliciously or with the intent to harm, the complainant may be subject to criminal and civil penalties.***

169-C:31 Immunity From Liability.

I. Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to this chapter or who provides information or assistance, including medical evaluations or consultations, in connection with a report, investigation, or legal intervention pursuant to a good faith report of child abuse or neglect, is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such participant has the same immunity with respect to participation in any investigation by the department or judicial proceeding resulting from such report.

II. Nothing in this section shall provide civil or criminal immunity for a professional mandatory reporter who knowingly fails to make a report of suspected abuse or neglect under RSA 169-C:29 or for a person who knowingly files a false report of abuse or neglect with malice or the intent to harm under RSA 169-C:31-a.

470 New Sections; Child Abuse; Intentional False Report; Civil Liability. Amend RSA 169-C by inserting after section 31 the following new sections:

169-C:31-a Intentional False Report of Abuse or Neglect. No person shall maliciously or with the intent to harm make false statements of suspected child abuse or neglect as defined by RSA 169-C:3 to the department, to any court, to any law enforcement agency, to any social services agency, or to any professional mandatory reporter of suspected child abuse identified in RSA 169-C:29. Any person in violation of this section may be subject to civil and criminal liability under RSA 169-C:31-b and RSA 169-C:39, respectively.

169-C:31-b Civil Liability.

I. Any person harmed by the intentional submission of a false report of abuse or neglect under RSA 169-C:31-a may bring a civil action against the responsible party for monetary damages and other appropriate relief.

II. Any person who, in their professional capacity as a mandatory reporter under RSA 169-C:29, knowingly or intentionally fails to report suspected abuse or neglect may be subject to civil liability, including monetary damages, for the harm caused by the failure to report such abuse or neglect.

471 Effective Date. Sections 469 and 470 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

190. Exempts firearms and firearm accessories manufactured for in-state use only from the National Firearm Act.

191. Amends the prohibition against carrying or selling a blackjack, slung shot, or metallic knuckles to prohibit sale to or possession of the said items by those under 18 years of age.

192. Provides that reports of suspected abuse and neglect may include the name of the person making the report and that a report made maliciously or with the intent to cause harm may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

193. Provides that a person who in their professional capacity is a mandatory reporter of suspected abuse and neglect may be subject to civil liability for the failure to report.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1560h).

Rep. Spillane spoke in favor.

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

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Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

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King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

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Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

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McFarlane, Donald

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Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kesselring, Steven
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Kenny, Catherine
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

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Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Leavitt, John
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
DeVito, Sayra
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Roy, Terry
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
Vose, Michael

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Drago, Mike
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Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
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McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Porcelli, Susan
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Packard, Sherman
Potucek, John
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

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DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
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DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Spilsbury, Walter

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St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Taylor, Brian

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

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Murray, Alissandra
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gould, Linda
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Grund, Stephanie
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

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Gibbs, Merryl
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

Kelly, Eileen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy

Ebel, Karen
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

Gallager, Eric
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
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Balboni, Peggy
Grote, Jaci
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
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and floor amendment (1560h) was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere offered floor amendment (1555h).

Floor Amendment (1555h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 429 with the following:

429 Department of Health and Human Services; Availability of Funds Directive. The department of health and human services shall ensure that all use of Title IV-E funds are in compliance with federal law and adhere to the federal program's intent. The department shall provide a detailed report twice annually of all federal funds received and expended from Title IV-E to the oversight committee on health and human services established in RSA 126-A:13, the senate finance and children and family law committees, the house children and family law and finance committees, and the fiscal committee of the general court.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

REPLACE:

172. Mandates that the department of health and human services ensure all available Title IV-E, Administration for Children and Families funds are in compliance with federal law and adhering to the federal program's intent.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1555h).

Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere spoke in favor.

Rep. Edwards spoke against.

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

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Aron, Michael

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Palmer, William

and floor amendment (1555h) failed.

Rep. Potenza voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

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

Rep. Wallner offered floor amendment (1543h).

Floor Amendment (1543h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 19 with the following:

19 Education Trust Fund Appropriations Reductions; Education Freedom Accounts.

The education trust fund appropriations to the department of education, in account 06-56-56-560040-3446, class line 102, for education freedom accounts, shall be reduced by \$6,544,091 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$25,544,091 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall report to the fiscal committees of the general court on such reductions.

Amend RSA 287-J:6, I as inserted by section 68 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, each video lottery terminal licensee shall collect a tax equal to 35 percent of gross video lottery revenue, less any free play offered by the operator, for distribution under paragraph II. Beginning July 1, 2026, each video lottery terminal licensee shall collect a tax equal to 45 percent of gross video lottery revenue, less any free play offered by the operator, for distribution under paragraph II. Amend the bill by replacing sections 77-79 with the following:

77 State Commission on Aging; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the state commission on aging the sums of \$278,924 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$281,940 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by replacing section 92 with the following:

92 Lapse Extension; Appropriation; WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. Amend 2023, 79:562 to read as follows:

79:562 Appropriation; WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$600,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, which shall not lapse until June 30, [2025] **2027**, for the purpose of funding the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program in RSA 132:12-f. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

93 Effective Date. Section 92 of the act shall take effect on June 30, 2025.

Amend the bill by deleting section 105, relative to pharmacy copays under the Medicaid program.

Amend the bill by deleting section 107, relative to premiums under the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program.

Amend the bill by deleting section 108, relative to premiums under the Medicaid program.

Amend the bill by deleting section 118, relative to payment for court-ordered placements for an episode of treatment from the general fund rather than the education trust fund.

Amend the bill by replacing section 122 with the following:

122 Adequate Education; Education Trust Fund. Amend RSA 198:39, I(m)-(n) to read as follows:

(m) To distribute payments to education service providers on behalf of school districts for children with disabilities in certain court ordered placements **pursuant to RSA 186-C:19-b.**

(n) **To distribute payments to providers for costs of special education and related education services related to** [or placements for] an episode of treatment pursuant to RSA [186-C:19-b] **193:27, VII.**

~~[(n)]~~ (o) To distribute grants for leased space to approved chartered public schools pursuant to RSA 198:15-hh.

122-A Repeal.

I. RSA 198:39, II(g), relative to depositing into the education trust fund moneys relative to sweepstakes and the lottery.

II. RSA 198:39, II(j), relative to depositing into the education trust fund moneys collected and paid over to the state treasurer by the lottery commission.

122-B Department of Education; Appropriations.

I. The following sums are hereby appropriated to the department of education from the education trust fund, and shall not lapse until June 30, 2027:

<u>Accounting Unit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
06-56-56-567010-1964	Public School Infrastructure	\$5,215,435	\$5,222,377
06-56-56-562010-3015	Court Ordered Placements	\$4,512,668	\$4,512,556
06-56-56-560040-3478	State Testing	\$4,505,235	\$4,523,570
06-56-56-560040-3479	School Building Aid	\$14,762,183	\$12,039,788
06-56-56-560040-3998	Building Aid Lease	\$850,000	\$850,000
06-56-56-560040-4073	Special Education Aid	\$49,917,000	\$49,917,000
06-56-56-560040-4074	Tuition & Transportation	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
	Total	\$88,762,521	\$86,065,291

II. The department of education shall reduce general fund appropriations in the following amounts:

<u>Accounting Unit</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
06-56-56-567010-1964	Public School Infrastructure	\$5,215,435	\$5,222,377
06-56-56-562010-3015	Court Ordered Placements	\$4,512,668	\$4,512,556
06-56-56-567010-7064	State Testing	\$4,505,235	\$4,523,570
06-56-56-567010-3479	School Building Aid	\$14,762,183	\$12,039,788
06-56-56-567010-3998	Building Aid Lease	\$850,000	\$850,000
06-56-56-562010-4073	Special Education Aid	\$49,917,000	\$49,917,000
06-56-56-562010-4074	Tuition & Transportation	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
	Total	\$88,762,521	\$86,065,291

Amend the bill by replacing section 155 with the following:

155 Revenue Sharing; Suspension. RSA 31-A, relative to revenue sharing with cities and towns shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

Amend the bill by replacing section 183 with the following:

183 County Reimbursement of Funds; Limitations on Payments. Amend RSA 167:18-a, II(a) to read as follows:

II.(a) The total billings to all counties made pursuant to this section shall not exceed the amounts set forth below for state fiscal years ~~[2024-2025]~~ **2026-2027**:

(1) State fiscal year ~~[2024]~~ **2026**, ~~[-\$131,849,659]~~ **\$134,486,652**.

(2) State fiscal year ~~[2025]~~, **2027** ~~[-\$131,849,659]~~; **\$137,176,385**.

Amend the bill by replacing section 185 with the following:

185 Department of Energy; Transfer of Funds. The department of energy shall transfer \$10,000,000 from the renewable energy fund, established in RSA 362-F:10, to the general fund.

Amend the bill by replacing section 186-188 with the following:

186 Appropriations; Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund. Amend 2023, 79:466, I to read:

I. The sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall not lapse until June 30, ~~[2025]~~ **2026**, is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire housing champion designation and grant program fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

187 Effective Date. Section 186 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 231-240, relative to electric renewable portfolio standards.

Amend the bill by deleting section 241, relative to New Hampshire energy policy.

Amend the bill by deleting section 244, relative to youth development center claims administration and settlement fund, attorney's fees, and periodic payments.

Amend the bill by replacing section 245 with the following:

245 Youth Development Center Settlement Fund; Appropriations.

The sum of \$25,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$25,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the YDC settlement fund established in RSA 21-M:11-a, II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 247-250 with the following:

247 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources the sums of \$966,369 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$777,642 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for deposit into state art fund, established in RSA 19-A:9,

and the state arts development account. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. In addition to authorization of general funds, the department of natural and cultural resources may accept and expend \$1,012,038 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,034,350 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in federal funds for accounting unit 03-35-35-353510-411.

Amend the bill by replacing section 254 with the following:

254 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Division of Travel and Tourism; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs the sums of \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for deposit into the travel and tourism fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by replacing section 255 with the following:

255 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Rest Areas and Welcome Centers; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs the sum of \$2,328,961, of which \$2,251,815 shall be general funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding welcome centers. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund portion of said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by replacing section 257 with the following:

257 Tax on Meals and Rooms; Disposition of Revenue.

There is hereby appropriated to the treasury department the sums of \$2,742,331 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$8,475,259 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The appropriations in this section shall be a draw against the meals and rooms municipal revenue fund.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 259-266 replacing with the following:

259 Office of the Child Advocate; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of the Child Advocate the sums of \$1,075,549 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,114,238 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 268 - 274, relative to establishing the group III members retirement plan.

Amend the bill by deleting section 293-304, relative to repealing the human rights commission.

Amend the bill by replacing section 305 with the following:

305 Human Rights Commission; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the human rights commission the sums of \$1,582,703 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,629,311 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. In addition to the appropriation of general funds, the human rights commission may accept and expend \$182,129 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$184,425 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 in federal funds.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 308 and 309 with the following:

308 Housing Appeals Board; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the housing appeals board the sums of \$271,018 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$309,577 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by replacing section 311 with the following:

311 Department of Administrative Services; Paid Family Medical Leave.

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Administrative Services – Paid Family Leave accounting unit 01-14-14-143510-2177 the sums of \$1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 317 and 318, relative to termination of tenancy.

Amend the bill by deleting section 386, relative to a local school budget cap.

Amend the bill by deleting section 392, relative to suspension of new participation in the state loan repayment program.

Amend the bill by deleting section 400, relative to the senior volunteer grant program.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 401-402, relative to transfers of liquor funds to the alcohol fund.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 406-407, relative to licensing of health care facilities.

Amend the bill by deleting section 419, relative to an appropriation from the opioid abatement trust fund.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 421-425, relative to funding mechanisms for the Granite Advantage Health Care Program.

Amend the bill by deleting section 427, relative to termination of the Medicaid to schools program if parental consent policies are changed.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 438-447, relative to open enrollment in schools.

Amend the bill by deleting section 448, relative to termination of department of health and human services contracts using opioid abatement funds.

Amend the bill by deleting section 452, relative to sale of the Anna Philbrook Center for Children property.

Amend the bill by deleting section 454, relative to a reduction in rates for Medicaid providers.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 462 and 463, relative to the prohibition on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following new sections:

464 Sale of the Sununu Youth Services Center. 2023, 2:4 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

2:4 Sale of the Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC).

I. Notwithstanding RSA 4:40, the department of administrative services shall commence a search by whatever reasonable means necessary for a purchaser for the entire property currently housing the SYSC on South River Road in Manchester, New Hampshire and sell the property to a suitable buyer in accordance with this section. Identification of a purchaser that will enhance the tax and business tax rolls of the city of Manchester and the state of New Hampshire shall be a high priority.

II. The department shall offer the property for sale at not less than market value on the conditions that:

(a) As part of the purchase and sale agreement and again upon closing and transfer of ownership, the purchaser shall lease the property to the state for \$1 for a period of time until all residents of the center have been permanently transferred to another facility or placement; and

(b) For the entirety of the lease, the state shall continue to assume all responsibilities commensurate with maintenance and use of the property as intended, per current law, and the department of health and human services shall continue to oversee and administer all existing obligations and responsibilities with regard to residents and personnel at the property.

III. The department shall negotiate and execute any contracts or other agreements or actions to accomplish the sale and lease of the property in accordance with this section.

IV. The department shall consult with the city of Manchester, the New Hampshire department of business and economic affairs, and other organizations, as appropriate, prior to any sale of the property. The sale of the SYSC shall be approved by the governor and council.

V. All proceeds and revenue from the sale of the SYSC shall be deposited in the youth development center claims and administration settlement fund, established in RSA 21-M:11-a.

465 Department of Education; Application for Medicaid Direct Certification Program; Public Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall seek participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and implementing this new direct certification methodology.

466 Department of Health and Human Services; Free And Reduced Meal Program. The department of health and human services shall provide Medicaid applicants the option to automatically enroll their children in the school free and reduced meals program, if income eligibility is met, to participate in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. Participants shall only be opted into such program if the participants consent on their application.

467 Education; School Money; Public Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall divide each pupil eligible for a free or reduced-price meal by the average daily membership in residence (ADMR), as defined in RSA 198:38, I-a(a), for each district and town for the 2025-2026 school year. The resulting percentage shall be applied to the ADMR for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years to establish a new calculation of ADMR for which pupils are eligible for a free or reduced price meal, and shall be used to calculate differential aid under RSA 198:40-a, II(b) and extraordinary need grants under RSA 198:40-f.

468 Contingency. Section 467 of this act shall take effect on the date the department of education's participation in Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid has been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the commissioner of the department of education provides notice of such to the secretary of state and the director of the office of legislative services. If the application is not approved, section 467 of this act shall not take effect.

469 Prospective Repeal. Sections 465, 466, and 467 of this act, relative to participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid, are repealed.

470 Effective Date.

I. Section 467 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 468 of this act.

II. Section 469 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

III. Sections 465 and 466 of this act take effect upon its passage.

471 Appropriation; Governor's Commission on Disability.

There is hereby appropriated to the governor's commission on disability accounting unit 01-02-02-020510-1004, class 050 the sums of \$73,000, of which \$37,000 is general funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$75,000, of which \$38,000 is general funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund portion of said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

472 Appropriation; Department of Information Technology.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of information technology the sums of \$44,438 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$62,416 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The source of funds are transfers to the department from the housing appeals board, the commission on aging, the human rights commission, and the office of the child advocate.

473 Appropriation; Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Regional Planning Commission Administration.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs the sums of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to for the purpose of funding the regional planning commission administration. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

474 Appropriation; Department of Corrections.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of corrections the sums of \$17,358,776 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$17,942,470 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. In addition to general funds, the department of corrections is hereby appropriated the sums of \$24,785 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$26,007 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The source of funds are class 004 intra-agency transfers.

475 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; State Aid payments.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services the sums of \$2,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$2,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of state aid grants budgeted in accounting unit 03-44-44-442010-1003. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

476 Appropriation; Department of Education; Transfers to Department of Information Technology.

The sums of \$137,479 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$137,479 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated to the department of education for the purpose of transferring to the department of information technology the funding for position #18877. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

477 Appropriation; Department of Education; Robotics Education Funding.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sums of \$266,179 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$266,179 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to the robotics education fund established under RSA 188-E:24. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

478 Appropriation; Department of Education; Adult Education Funding.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sums of \$834,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$834,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding adult education programs. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

479 Appropriation; Community College System of New Hampshire.

There is hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire the sums of \$1,209,092 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$2,859,092 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

480 Appropriation; University System of New Hampshire.

There is hereby appropriated to the university system of New Hampshire the sums of \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

481 Department of Health and Human Services; Sununu Youth Services Center; Reduction in Appropriation.

The department of health and human services is hereby directed to reduce state general fund appropriations to the Sununu youth services center by \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall develop a plan for the reductions required under this section and present the plan to the fiscal committee of the general court no later than December 31, 2025.

482 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Family Planning Program.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$1,836,892 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,834,618 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding the family planning program budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-90-902010-5530. Of the amounts appropriated, \$839,219 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$839,942 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be state general funds, and the remainder shall be federal funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund share of said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

483 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Parental Education Programs.

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$100,000 for the fiscal

year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding parental education programs budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-90-902010-7047. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

484 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Programs.

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$306,841 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$306,841 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding tobacco prevention and cessation programs budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-90-904510-2794. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

485 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; State Loan Repayment Program.

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding the state loan repayment program budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-90-904510-2794. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

486 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Glencliff Home Positions:

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding positions at Glencliff Home. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

487 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Community Mental Health Program Support.

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$10,547,786 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$10,538,343 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding community mental health programs budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-92-922010-4117. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

488 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Developmental Services Waitlist Funding:

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$17,754,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$44,998,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding the developmental services waitlist budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-93-930010-7100. Of the amounts appropriated, \$8,877,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$22,499,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be state general funds, and the remainder shall be federal funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund share of said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

489 Appropriation Revisions; Waiver and Nursing Facility Payments.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services in account 05-95-048-482010-2152, Waiver/Nursing Facility Payments, \$90,366,706 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$103,605,259 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be from state general funds, and \$123,861,652 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$126,551,385 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be from private local funds.

490 Effective Date. Section 489 of the act shall take effect on July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

491 Nullification of Sections in HB 1-A. If HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session becomes law, sections 5-17 of HB 1-A shall not take effect and sections 492-504 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

492 Positions Abolished. Notwithstanding section 5 of HB 1-A of the 2025 regular legislative session, the following positions shall be abolished:

I. Developmental Disabilities Council. Position number 14623 is hereby abolished.

II. State Department. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

(a) Accounting Unit #1065 Corporate Administration: 11359 and 43440.

(b) Accounting Unit #1610 Records Management Archives: 43455.

(c) Accounting Unit #2410 Securities Regulation: 9U590.

(d) Accounting Unit #7052 Right-to Know Ombudsman: 9U727.

III. Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Position numbers 14583, 14585, 19820, 19847, 9U165, 9U166 and 9U167 are hereby abolished effective at the close of business on October 1, 2025.

IV. Insurance Department. Position numbers 40590, 44902 and 44112 hereby abolished.

V. Liquor Commission. Position numbers 14227, 14239, 14246, 14248, 14267, 14275, 14296, 14297, 14299, 14308, 14318, 14320, 14321, 14327, 14329, 18573, 18940, 43302, 44227, TMPPT1114, TMPPT1202, TMPPT1224, TMPPT2258, TMPPT2463, TMPPT2464, TNPPT3114, TMPPT4247, TMPPT5067, TMPPT5163, TMPPT5164, TMPPT6233, TMPPT6234, TMPPT6235 and TMPPT6236 are hereby abolished.

VI. Department of Education. Position numbers 41235, 16952, 13220, 44969, 44970, 44973, 42775, 13118, 8T3183, 8T3196, 8T3197, 13074, 13102, 40568, 40569, 40574, 41232, 44687, 9T3008, 44593, 45031, 44965, 44966, 44173, 9T2894, 9T2964, and 9T2965, are hereby abolished.

VII. Department of Safety. Position numbers 43692, 43700, 43701, 43702, 43703, 43704, 43705, and 42706, are hereby abolished at the close of business on December 31, 2025.

493 Department of Health and Human Services; Bureau of Child Support Services; Payments to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Notwithstanding section 6 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the appropriation in account number 05-95-45-457010-2384, class 085, includes funds for payment to the administrative office of the courts in accordance with the cooperative agreement between the bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts. The bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts shall, prior to payment of such funds, enter into a cooperative agreement specifying in detail the services to be performed by the administrative office of the courts and the estimated costs of such services. Any change or modification in the services to be performed shall likewise be agreed to in writing and specify the change and the adjustment to the costs. Funds appropriated for these purposes shall be paid only after demonstration by the administrative office of the courts that it consistently transmits court orders to the bureau of child support services in accordance with the cooperative agreement.

494 Judicial Branch; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 7 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the judicial branch shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$3,950,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. The accounting unit 02-10-10-100010-1880, class 028, transfer to the department of administrative services for transfers to plant and property, shall not be reduced unless the reduction is agreed to by the commissioner of administrative services and the chief justice of the supreme court.

495 Legislative Branch; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 8 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the legislative branch shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

496 Office of the Governor; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 9 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the office of the governor shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

497 Department of Information Technology; Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 10 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session: The department of information technology shall reduce shared appropriations by \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department of information technology, in consultation with the department of administrative services, shall proportionally decrease the funding allocated to the class 027 expenditure class lines of each state department or agency by their respective portion of these department of information technology shared costs.

498 New Hampshire Retirement System; Other Fund Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 11 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the New Hampshire retirement system shall reduce other fund appropriations by \$2,112,507 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$2,235,988 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

499 Department of Justice; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 12 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the department of justice shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$3,949,500 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$3,403,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

500 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; General Fund Appropriation Reductions.

Notwithstanding section 13 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the department of natural and cultural resources shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

501 Department of Environmental Services; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 14 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the department of environmental services shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

502 Department of Health and Human Services; Budget Reduction. Notwithstanding section 15 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, and in addition to any other required reductions, the department of health and human services is hereby directed to reduce general fund appropriations by \$11,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$11,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall provide the department of administrative services with the accounting units and class lines to be reduced and shall report these reductions to the fiscal committee of the general court by May 30, 2026, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by May 30, 2027, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

503 Department of State; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. Notwithstanding section 16 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, the department of state shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$112,500 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$120,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

504 Estimates of Unrestricted Revenue. Notwithstanding section 17 of HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session, estimates of unrestricted revenue shall be as follows:

GENERAL FUND	FY 2026	FY 2027
BUSINESS TAXES	807,300,000	815,400,000
MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	342,600,000	359,800,000
TOBACCO TAX	125,800,000	125,800,000
TRANSFER FROM LIQUOR	115,900,000	115,000,000
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TAX	8,700,000	0
INSURANCE	177,000,000	177,000,000
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX	30,000,000	30,000,000
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	149,800,000	161,800,000
COURT FINES & FEES	13,500,000	13,500,000
SECURITIES REVENUE	43,900,000	43,900,000
BEER TAX	13,000,000	13,000,000
OTHER REVENUES	126,000,000	120,000,000
DHHS RECOVERIES	3,000,000	3,000,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,956,500,000	\$1,978,200,000
EDUCATION FUND	FY 2026	FY 2027
BUSINESS TAXES	346,000,000	349,400,000
MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	10,600,000	11,100,000
TOBACCO TAX	53,900,000	53,900,000
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	64,200,000	69,300,000
TRANSFER FROM LOTTERY	185,000,000	185,000,000
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT	37,000,000	36,000,000
UTILITY PROPERTY TAX	46,700,000	46,700,000
STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX	363,100,000	363,100,000
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	\$1,106,500,000	\$1,114,500,000
HIGHWAY FUND	FY 2026	FY 2027
GASOLINE ROAD TOLL	\$127,700,000	\$127,900,000
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	131,700,000	134,700,000
MISCELLANEOUS	200,000	200,000
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	\$259,600,000	\$262,800,000
FISH AND GAME FUND	FY 2026	FY 2027
FISH AND GAME LICENSES	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FINES AND MISCELLANEOUS	4,000,000	4,000,000
TOTAL FISH AND GAME FUND	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000

505 Effective Date. Sections 491-504 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.

506 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Children's Health Insurance Program.

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$3,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$11,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of fully funding the children's health insurance program, budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-47-470010-7051, without the need for recipient cost sharing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

507 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Care Management.

In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$750,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$750,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of fully funding the Medicaid managed care program, budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-47-470010-7948, without the need for increased pharmacy copays. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

508 Effective Date. Unless otherwise specified, the remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace the paragraphs identified below with the following:

19. Reduces appropriations from the education trust fund to education freedom accounts.

22. Establishes a video lottery tax at a rate of 35 and 45 percent on video lottery terminals.

27. Makes an appropriation to the commission on aging.

33. Makes an appropriation to the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

48. Permits payment for special education costs associated with court-ordered placements for an episode of treatment from the education trust fund and makes certain appropriations to the department of education from the education trust fund.

71. Suspends revenue sharing with cities and towns under RSA 31-A for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

111. Makes an appropriation to the department of natural and cultural resources for the state art fund and state arts development.

114. Makes an appropriation to the division of travel and tourism.

115. Makes an appropriation to the department of business and economic affairs for rest areas and welcome centers.

117. Specifies the distribution of revenue from the meals and rooms tax for each year of the biennium.

119. Makes an appropriation to the office of the child advocate.

Insert the following paragraphs:

1. Makes an appropriation to the human rights commission.

2. Directs the sale and lease of the Sununu youth services property.

3. Requires the department of education to seek participation in the Medicaid direct certification methodology for school meals program for free and reduced price meals for students in public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools.

4. Makes an appropriation to the governor's commission on disability.

5. Makes an appropriation to the department of information technology.

6. Makes an appropriation to the department of business and economic affairs regional planning commission administration.

7. Makes an appropriation to the department of corrections.

8. Makes an appropriation to the department of environmental services for state aid grants.

9. Makes appropriations to the department of education to fund a position from the department of information technology, for robotics education, and for adult education.

10. Makes appropriations to the community college system of New Hampshire and the university system of New Hampshire.

11. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services.

12. Replaces certain provisions of HB 1-A relative to abolished positions, reductions in appropriations, and revenue estimates.

13. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for the children's health insurance program and Medicaid management,

Delete the following:

40. Directs the department of health and human services to file an amendment to the state Medicaid plan regarding prescription drug copayments.

42. Directs the department of health and human services to file a Medicaid waiver and state plan amendment to institute premiums based on income for individuals participating in the granite advantage health care program.

43. Directs the department of health and human services to file a Medicaid waiver and state plan amendment to institute premiums based on income for households with children participating in the Medicaid program.

105. Makes changes to the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards.

106. Revises the state energy policy to promote affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

107. Adds a requirement that until the Sununu Youth Services Center is relinquished, the department of administrative services shall request an appropriation, subject to the approval from the fiscal committee and the governor and executive council, funds necessary to maintain the property.

109. Requires that any attorney's fee approved for a claim that is to be paid according to a periodic payment schedule also be paid according to that periodic payment schedule.

120. Establishes a group III, defined contribution state retirement plan for new state employee members of the retirement system, who begin service on or after January 1, 2026. All new employees of state employers on and after January 1, 2026 will be required to join the group III defined contribution plan as administered by the retirement system, and any other group I employees may join.

125. Abolishes the human rights commission and reassigns cases formerly under their jurisdiction to the superior court.

127. Abolishes the housing appeals board.

128. Repeals the requirement that the state engage in certain outreach and marketing activities to increase awareness of the Granite State paid family leave plan.

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

147. Establishes a tax cap for local school districts.

153. Directs the department of health and human services not to enroll any new participants into the state loan repayment program or the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

157. Repeals reimbursement of funds for the foster grandparent program.

158. Repeals the disbursement from the liquor commission to the alcohol abuse prevention and training fund.

168. Repeals the prohibition on the use of general funds for the granite advantage program and removes the provision requiring the liquor commission to make up for any shortfall in the program.

170. Provides for the termination of the Medicaid to schools program under certain circumstances.

175. Allows parents to send their children to public schools outside of their resident district.

176. Directs the department of health and human services to terminate all contracts, grants, or other agreements funded with opioid abatement funds with effective dates on or after May 1, 2025, for the purposes of funding provisions contained in this act.

181. Requires the sale of the Anna Philbrook Center in Concord, NH.

183. Directs the department of health and human services to reduce Medicaid provider rates and to use the resulting savings to reduce department appropriations by a specified amount in each year of the biennium.

188. Prohibits all public entities from implementing, promoting, or otherwise engaging in any diversity, equity, and inclusion DEI-related initiatives, programs, training, or policies; requires each agency to report such contracts to the department of administrative services, which shall compile a consolidated report for submission to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and senate president; and provides for the amendment of non-compliant contracts.

189. Prohibits all public schools from implementing, promoting, or otherwise engaging in any DEI related initiatives, programs, training, or policies and provides processes for the review and termination or amendment of non compliant contracts and provides for funding halts in the event of a violation.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1543h).

Reps. Ebel, Kate Murray, Telerski, Stringham and Wallner spoke in favor.

Rep. Edwards spoke against.

Rep. Ebel requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

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Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

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Murray, Alissandra
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Herbert, Christopher
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Bergeron, Dan
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy

Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Grote, Jaci
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, Toni

Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie

STRAFFORD

Bay, Luz
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Stone, John

Burton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
Laroche, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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Aldrich, Glen
Coker, Matthew
Nagel, David
Trottier, Douglas

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

Bogert, Steven
Dumais, Russell
Minor, Sheri

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Avellani, Lino
Hamblen, Joseph
Brown, Richard

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MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
Pernel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

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Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
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Aures, Cyril
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Polozov, Yuri
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Donnelly, Tanya
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
MacDonald, Wayne

Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Packard, Sherman
Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
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Nelson, Jodi
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Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

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and floor amendment (1543h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass.
Rep. Lynn offered floor amendment (1512h).

Floor Amendment (1512h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 386 with the following:

386 New Paragraphs; Commissioner's Warrant. Amend RSA 76:8 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraphs:

IV.(a) School district appropriation amounts, less facilities acquisition and construction, authorized in paragraph III and reported pursuant to RSA 198:4-a, shall not be more than the greater of the following:

(1) The 5-year average percent change in ADMR used for the purposes of calculating adequate education grants pursuant to RSA 198:40-a applied to the previous year's appropriation, less facilities acquisition and construction; or

(2) The previous year's appropriation, less facilities acquisition and construction, times the previous 5 years average Consumer Price Index pursuant to paragraph VI.

(b) School districts seeking appropriations, less facilities acquisition and construction, to assess local property taxes in excess of subparagraph (a) shall do so by a 2/3 majority vote of their legislative body on each vote or warrant article in excess of the appropriation determined in paragraph V. The vote to exceed the excess shall not be a voice vote.

(c) Districts seeking emergency appropriations shall follow the provisions of RSA 197:3.

V. Within 45 days after the reported appropriation amounts are submitted pursuant to RSA 198:4-a, the commissioner of the department of revenue administration shall notify the school board of any excess appropriations not made in accordance with paragraph IV and delete those appropriations when computing district taxation pursuant to RSA 198:4-a, IV.

VI. Previous 5 years average Consumer Price Index shall be calculated by using the All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region, using the "services less medical care services" special aggregate index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor. The average annual change shall be calculated using the 5 calendar years ending 18 months before the start of the fiscal year.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Keep:

147. Establishes a tax cap for local school districts.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1512h).

Rep. Lynn spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Dan McGuire spoke against.

On a division vote, with 28 members having voted in the affirmative, and 341 in the negative, floor amendment (1512h) failed.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

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

Rep. Kuttab offered floor amendment (1499h).

Floor Amendment (1499h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 386, relative to the commissioner's warrant.

AMENDED ANALYSIS**DELETE:**

Paragraph 147 which imposes a tax cap on school districts.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1499h).

Rep. Boehm spoke in favor.

Rep. Dan McGuire spoke against.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Sytek, John
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Aldrich, Glen
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King, Seth

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Berezhny, Lex
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Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Berry, Ross
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

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Mehegan, Peter
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

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Gonzalez, Ernesto
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Cambrils, Jose
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Edwards, Jess
Janigian, John
Walsh, Lilli
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DeSimone, Debra
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Katsakiores, Phyllis
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Drago, Mike
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Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
Melvin, Charles

Milz, David
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Nadeau, Brian
Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Osborne, Jason
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Spillane, James
Verville, Kevin

Brown, Pam
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Vose, Michael

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Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
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Hall, Robley

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Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
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and floor amendment (1499h) was adopted.

Rep. Michael Murphy voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Simpson offered floor amendment (1501h).

Floor Amendment (1501h)

1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Family Planning Program. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$1,836,892 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,834,618 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding the family planning program budgeted in accounting unit 05-95-90-902010-5530. Of the amounts appropriated, \$839,219 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$839,942 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be general funds, and the remainder shall be federal funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund share of said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Appropriates money to the department of health and human services for the family planning program.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1501h).

Rep. Simpson spoke in favor.

Rep. Edwards spoke against.

Rep. Weber requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Nagel, David

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Paige, David

Hamblen, Joseph

McAleer, Chris

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Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

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Morency, Pete

Valerino, Brian

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Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

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Murray, Alissandra
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul

Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda

Elberger, Susan
 Gregg, Alicia
 Hartnett, Tim
 Juris, Louis
 Leapley, Nicole
 Long, Patrick
 Manohar, Sanjeev
 Plamondon, Marc
 Raymond, Heather
 Newman, Sue
 Spier, Carry
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wheeler, Jonah

Davis, Fred
 Grill, Jessica
 Herbert, Christopher
 Kerwin, Erin
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 McGhee, Kat
 Preece, David
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Salvi, Santosh
 Staub, Kathy
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Foss, Lily
 Grund, Stephanie
 Jack, Martin
 Kluger, Lee Ann
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 Murphy, Nancy
 Proulx, Mark
 Rung, Rosemarie
 Seibert, Christine
 Swanson, Dale
 Veilleux, Daniel

Georges, Mary
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Judy, Jean
 Foxx, Loren
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Petrigno, Peter
 Newman, Ray
 Ryan, Linda
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Telerski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

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Bricchi, Tracy
 Gibbs, Merryl
 Hall, Muriel
 Roesener, James
 Snodgrass, Jim

Kelly, Eileen
 Hicks, Matthew
 MacKay, James
 Sargent, Gregory
 Soucy, Timothy

Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Newsom, James
 Schamberg, Thomas
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Gallager, Eric
 Luneau, David
 Payeur, Stephanie
 Schultz, Kris
 Woods, Gary

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Edgar, Michael
 Murray, Kate
 Maggiore, Jim
 Muns, Chris
 Simpson, Alexis
 Ward, Gerald

Bridle, Nicholas
 Gilman, Julie
 Knab, Allison
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 Reynolds, Ned
 Sorensen, Carrie
 Weinstein, Toni

de Vries, Erica
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Bay, Luz
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 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas
 Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Malone, Amy
 Stone, John

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 Horrigan, Timothy
 Laroche, John
 Schmidt, Peter
 Pearson, Wayne

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 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren
 Wade, Alice

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Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

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Aldrich, Glen
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Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
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DeRoy, Susan
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Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

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Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

and floor amendment (1501h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Petrigno offered floor amendment (1503h).

Floor Amendment (1503h)

Amend the bill by deleting sections 259-266, relative to the office of the child advocate.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 464 the following section:

465 Office of the Child Advocate; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the office of the child advocate the sums of \$1,075,549 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and \$1,114,238 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

466 Office of the Child Advocate; Positions Abolished. Amend HB 1-A of the 2025 legislative session by deleting section 5, paragraph IV, relative to positions abolished in the office of the child advocate.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Makes an appropriation to the office of the child advocate and preserves positions proposed to be abolished in section 5, paragraph IV of HB 1-A.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1503h).

Rep. Petrigno spoke in favor.

Rep. Dan McGuire spoke against.

Rep. Petrigno requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aldrich, Glen
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Tudor, Paul
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Bailey, Glenn
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Kaczynski, Thomas
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and floor amendment (1503h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Bridle offered floor amendment (1523h).

Floor Amendment (1523h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 254 with the following:

254 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Division of Travel and Tourism; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs the sums of \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for deposit into the travel and tourism fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by replacing section 255 with the following:

255 Department of Transportation; Rest Areas and Welcome Centers; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs the sum of \$2,328,961, of which \$2,251,815 shall be general funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for the purpose of funding welcome centers. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund portion of said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace:

114. Makes an appropriation to the division of travel and tourism.

115. Makes an appropriation to the department of business and economic affairs for rest areas and welcome centers.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1523h).

Rep. Bridle spoke in favor.

Rep. Sweeney spoke against.

Rep. Muns requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Mannion, Dennis
Dunn, Ron
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Walsh, Lilli
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Potucek, John
Spillane, James
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Drye, Margaret
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Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

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Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

and floor amendment (1523h) was adopted.

Rep. Mary Murphy voted Nay and intended to vote Yea.

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

Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere offered floor amendment (1569h).

Floor Amendment (1569h)

Amend the bill by deleting sections 306 and 307, relative to dissolution of the board of tax and land appeals.

Amend the bill by replacing section 290 with the following:

290 RSA 491:7-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

491:7-a Commercial Court Docket.

I. Without limiting the jurisdiction vested in any court in the state, the supreme court may establish by court order not inconsistent with this section, a commercial court docket in the superior court which shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes identified in paragraph II.

II. The court shall have jurisdiction to hear:

(a) Commercial disputes when:

(1) The parties have consented to the jurisdiction of the commercial court docket by agreement or stipulation;

(2) At least one party is a "business entity," which means a corporation, a statutory trust, a business trust or association, a real estate investment trust, a common law trust, any other unincorporated business, including a partnership, whether a general or a limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, including a limited liability limited partnership, a limited liability company, a professional association, or a joint venture;

(3) No party is a consumer, which means an individual who purchases or leases merchandise primarily for personal, family, or household purposes;

(4) If money damages are sought, the amount in controversy exceeds \$50,000 or such other greater amount as the supreme court determines by rule; and

(5) The principal claim or claims arise from or involve one or more of the following:

(A) Claims arising from breach of contract or fiduciary duties, fraud, misrepresentation, business tort, or statutory violations arising out of business dealings or transactions.

(B) Claims arising from transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code.

(C) Claims arising from the purchase, sale, and lease of commercial real or personal property or security interests therein.

(D) Claims related to surety bonds.

(E) Franchisee/franchisor relationships and liabilities.

(F) Malpractice claims of non-medical professionals in connection with rendering services to a business enterprise.

(G) Real estate title petitions.

(H) Shareholder derivative actions.

(I) Commercial class actions.

(J) Commercial bank transactions.

(K) Actions relating to the internal affairs or governance; dissolution or liquidation rights obligations between and among owners, including shareholders, partners, or members; or liability or indemnity of managers, including officers, directors, managers, trustees, or members or partners functioning as managers, of corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies or partnerships, professional associations, business trusts, joint ventures, or other business enterprises.

(L) Business insolvencies and receiverships.

(M) Other complex disputes of a business or commercial nature.

(b) Appeals from decisions of local land use boards, including, but not limited to decisions of municipal planning boards, zoning boards, historic district commissions, and conservation commissions. All appeals to superior court filed pursuant to RSA 677 and all proceedings for such appeals, shall be assigned to the commercial court docket. The jurisdiction of this docket shall not include appeals of decisions by state agencies.

III. The court shall have the jurisdiction to hear all proceedings of any case for which it has jurisdiction, including motion practice, discovery, injunctive relief, alternative dispute resolution, and hearing on the merits with or without a jury.

IV. For any case heard pursuant to subparagraph II(b), the court shall hold a structuring conference within 30 days of its receipt of the notice of appeal. At the structuring conference the court shall set a deadline for the filing with the court of the certified record and shall schedule a hearing on the merits to be held within 60 days of receipt of the certified record. The court shall issue a decision on the merits within 60 days of the hearing. The court may extend any of the deadlines established in this paragraph upon agreement of the parties or for other good cause shown, but if the extension is based upon good cause, the court shall articulate in its order granting the extension the specific facts and circumstances that warrant the extension.

V. The presiding justice of the former business and commercial dispute docket and the presiding justice of the former land use review docket shall continue their respective appointments as justices of the commercial court docket. The chief justice of the superior court may designate such additional justices to preside over commercial court docket cases, as necessary, based upon caseload, disqualification of the presiding justice, or efficient allocation of judicial resources.

VI. The justices of the commercial court docket shall be associate justices of the superior court and shall be entitled to the compensation and benefits provided to all such justices under applicable law, including, but not limited to, RSA 491-A:1 and RSA 100-C.

VII. The workload of the justices of the commercial court docket shall be the matters before that docket. The justices may be assigned to any other matter within the jurisdiction of the superior court or sit by designation on any other court in the same manner as any other associate justice of the superior court, as determined to be necessary by the chief justices of the superior and supreme court.

Amend the bill by replacing section 291 with the following:

291 Superior Court; Justices. Amend RSA 491:1 to read as follows:

491:1 Justices. The superior court shall consist of a chief justice, appointed by the governor and council to a 5-year term, and [22] **24** associate justices. Said justices shall be appointed and commissioned as prescribed by the constitution and shall exercise the powers of the court unless otherwise provided. The chief justice shall be appointed from among the associate justices. In the event that the chief justice resigns as chief justice or is not reappointed at the expiration of the 5-year term, he or she may return to the position of associate justice, whether or not an associate justice vacancy then exists.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

126. Abolishes the board of land and tax appeals and assigns cases formerly under their jurisdiction to the commercial court docket.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1569h).

Reps. Sabourin dit Choiniere and Walker spoke in favor.

Rep. Dan McGuire spoke against.

Rep. Nicholas Germana requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
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Paige, David

MacDonald, John

McAleer, Chris

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Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

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Murphy, Denis
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Harvey, Cathryn
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Fox, Dru
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

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Almy, Susan
Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

Baldwin, Heather
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Beaulier, Calvin
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Boehm, Ralph
Chourasia, Manoj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Boyd, Bill
Booras, Efsthathia
Chretien, Suzanne
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Judy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Beauchemin, Paige
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Juris, Louis
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bergeron, Dan
Budathoki, Suraj
Kelley, Diane
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Kerwin, Erin
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy

Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
Foote, Charles
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Turer, Eric

Bridle, Nicholas
Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

de Vries, Erica
Grote, Jaci
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, Toni

Edgar, Michael
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Pearson, Stephen
Sorensen, Carrie

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Potenza, Kelley
Pearson, Wayne

Bay, Luz
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

Bixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Selig, Loren
Walker, David

Burton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Varney, Peter

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa

Bordes, Mike
Ploszaj, Tom

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Hamblen, Joseph
Taylor, Brian

Belcher, Mike
Smith, Jonathan

Cordelli, Glenn
Peternel, Katy

Crawford, Karel
Brown, Richard

CHESHIRE

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Qualey, James

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Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

Nalevanko, Rich

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Corcoran, Travis
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Ammon, Keith
Creighton, James
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Berry, Ross
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Scully, Kevin
Slotte, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Colcombe, Riché
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Prout, Andrew
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aures, Cyril
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

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Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Drago, Mike
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Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wilson, Vicki

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Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
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Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin

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Edwards, Jess
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Miner, Laurence
Love, David
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Melvin, Charles
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Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
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and floor amendment (1569h) was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Damon offered floor amendment (1561h).

Floor Amendment (1561h)

Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original section 464 to read as 470:

464 Department of Education; Application for Medicaid Direct Certification Program; Public Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall seek participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and implementing this new direct certification methodology.

465 Department of Health and Human Services; Free And Reduced Meal Program. The department of health and human services shall provide Medicaid applicants the option to automatically enroll their children in the school free and reduced meals program, if income eligibility is met, to participate in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. Participants shall only be opted into such program if the participants consent on their application.

466 Education; School Money; Public Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall divide each pupil eligible for a free or reduced-price meal by the average daily membership in residence (ADMR), as defined in RSA 198:38, I-a(a), for each district and town for the 2025-2026 school year. The resulting percentage shall be applied to the ADMR for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years to establish a new calculation of ADMR for which pupils are eligible for a free or reduced price meal, and shall be used to calculate differential aid under RSA 198:40-a, II(b) and extraordinary need grants under RSA 198:40-f.

467 Contingency. Section 466 of this act shall take effect on the date the department of education's participation in Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid has been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the commissioner of the department of education provides notice of such to the secretary of state and the director of the office of legislative services. If the application is not approved, section 466 of this act shall not take effect.

468 Prospective Repeal. Sections 464, 465, and 466 of this act, relative to participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid, are repealed.

469 Effective Date.

I. Section 466 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 467 of this act.

II. Section 468 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

III. Sections 464 and 465 of this act take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Requires the department of education to seek participation in the Medicaid direct certification methodology for school meals program for free and reduced price meals for students in public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools.

2. Requires the department of health and human services to provide Medicaid applicants the option to automatically enroll their children in the school free and reduced meals program in order to participate in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid.

3. Changes the calculation of differential aid and extraordinary need grants for students eligible for a free or reduced price meal for the 2027-2028 school year.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1561h).

Rep. Damon spoke in favor.

Rep. Popovici-Muller spoke against.

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Coker, Matthew

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

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Manos, Zoe
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

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Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

de Vries, Erica
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Pearson, Wayne

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Horriggan, Timothy
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Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

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Sullivan, Brian
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Cloutier, John
Palmer, William

Damon, Hope
Rollins, Skip

Girard, Dale

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Aldrich, Glen
Dumais, Russell
Terry, Paul

Bean, Harry
Freeman, Lisa
Varney, Peter

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Ammon, Keith
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Corcoran, Travis

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Creighton, James

Kelley, Diane
 Erf, Keith
 Giasson, Henry
 Kesselring, Steven
 Murphy, Mary
 Mooney, Maureen
 Ohm, Bill
 Post, Lisa
 Schneller, John
 Sirois, Shane
 Ulery, Jordan

Daniels, Gary
 Flanagan, Jack
 Gorski, Ted
 Kofalt, Jim
 Mazur, Lisa
 Morton, Jonathan
 Paquette, Kathleen
 Presa, Adam
 Scully, Kevin
 Slottje, Jeremy
 Warden, Mark

Drew, Matt
 Griffin, Gerald
 Gould, Linda
 Labrie, Brian
 McLean, Mark
 Noble, Kristin
 Pauer, Diane
 Prout, Andrew
 Seidel, Sheila
 Mannion, Tim
 Wherry, Robert

Dumont, Dillon
 Gagne, Larry
 Kenny, Catherine
 Lascelles, Richard
 Miles, Julie
 Notter, Jeanine
 Peeples, Raymond
 Reinfurt, Sherri
 Sheehan, Vanessa
 Mannion, Tom

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
 Cambrils, Jose
 Hill, Gregory
 Pitaro, Matthew
 Seaworth, Brian
 Wood, Clayton

Aures, Cyril
 McGuire, Dan
 Mehegan, Peter
 Plante, Raymond
 See, Alvin

Aylward, Deborah
 Dvoid, Ricky
 Moffett, Michael
 Polozov, Yury
 Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
 Gonzalez, Ernesto
 Morse, Bryan
 Boyd, Stephen
 Thibault, James

ROCKINGHAM

Bennett, Cindy
 Thomas, Douglas
 Edwards, Jess
 Janigian, John
 Walsh, Lilli
 Lynn, Bob
 McGrath, Linda
 Nadeau, Brian
 Popovici-Muller, Daniel
 Pearson, Stephen
 Sweeney, Joe
 Tudor, Paul
 Wilson, Vicki

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 DeSimone, Debra
 Ford, Mary
 Katsakiores, Phyllis
 Layon, Erica
 Pearson, Mark
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 Porcelli, Susan
 Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
 Sytek, John
 Verville, Kevin

Bryer, Scott
 Drago, Mike
 Guzowski, James
 Khan, Aboul
 Litchfield, Melissa
 Markell, Jay
 Melvin, Charles
 Brown, Pam
 Potucek, John
 Soti, Julius
 Dolan, Tom
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Mannion, Dennis
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 Harb, Robert
 Miner, Laurence
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 Perez, Kristine
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 Farrington, Samuel
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 Walker, David

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 Smith, Steven

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 Spilsbury, Walter

Aron, Judy

Aron, Michael

and floor amendment (1561h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
 Rep. Wilhelm offered floor amendment (1553h).

Floor Amendment (1553h)

Amend the bill by replacing sections 247-250 with the following:

247 Appropriations; Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Notwithstanding the provisions of HB 1-A: There is hereby appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources the sums of \$966,369 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$777,642 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for deposit into the state art fund and the state arts development account. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. In addition to authorization of general funds, the department of natural and cultural resources is hereby authorized to expend \$1,012,038 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,034,350 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in federal funds for accounting unit 03-35-35-353510-411.

248 Nullification of HB 1-A Section Relative to Positions Abolished in the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. If HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session becomes law, section 5, paragraph XII of HB 1-A, relative to abolishing certain positions in the department of natural and cultural resources, division of the arts, shall not take effect.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace 111 with this:

111. Makes an appropriation to the division of the arts in the department of natural and cultural resources and nullifies the portion of HB 1-A proposing to abolish certain positions in the division of the arts.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1553h).

Rep. Nagel spoke in favor.

Rep. Sweeney spoke against.

Rep. Wilhelm requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 177 - NAYS 185

YEAS - 177

BELKNAP

Coker, Matthew

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Taylor, Brian

Crawford, Karel
Woodcock, Stephen

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

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Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
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Murray, Aissandra
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
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Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Judy, Jean
Foxx, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Booras, Efsthia
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Juris, Louis
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Bricchi, Tracy
Gibbs, Merryl
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Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

Kelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
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Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
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Ebel, Karen
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Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy

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Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
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Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Scherr, Buzz
Turer, Eric

Bridle, Nicholas
Grote, Jaci
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Malloy, Dennis
Nelson, Jodi
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Gerald

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Haskins, Linda
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, Toni

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Meuse, David
Read, Ellen
Dolan, Tom

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Burton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John

Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wall, Janet

Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas

Malone, Amy
Pearson, Wayne

Schmidt, Peter
Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

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BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Comtois, Barbara
Minor, Sheri

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Terry, Paul

Bogert, Steven
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Tierney, James

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Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda
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McFarlane, Donald

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Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
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Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
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Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

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Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
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Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
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Andrus, Louise
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Soti, Julius
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Miner, Laurence
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Milz, David
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DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVANDrye, Margaret
Aron, MichaelGrant, George
Rollins, SkipHemingway, Wayne
Smith, StevenAron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

and floor amendment (1553h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Stephen Pearson offered floor amendment (1566h).

Floor Amendment (1566h)

Amend the bill by deleting sections 267-274, relative to establishing a group III retirement plan.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

120. Establishes a group III, defined contribution state retirement plan for new state employee members of the retirement system, who begin service on or after January 1, 2026. All new employees of state employers on and after January 1, 2026 will be required to join the group III defined contribution plan as administered by the retirement system, and any other group I employees may join.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1566h).

Rep. Stephen Pearson spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. Layon spoke against.

Rep. Layon requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Bordes, Mike

Coker, Matthew

Nagel, David

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLLBurroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Crawford, Karel

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIREAmes, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Weber, LucyBerch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
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Gruber, James
Newell, JodiFox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri**COOS**

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 Love, David
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 Perez, Kristine
 Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
 Spillane, James
 Tripp, Richard
 Weyler, Kenneth

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 Harb, Robert
 Walsh, Lilli
 Lynn, Bob
 McMahon, Charles
 Nelson, Jodi
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 Reynolds, Ned
 Sweeney, Joe
 Tudor, Paul
 Wilson, Vicki

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 Edwards, Jess
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 Layon, Erica
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 Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
 Sytek, John
 Verville, Kevin

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 Brown, Pam
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 Soti, Julius
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 Walker, David

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 Farrington, Samuel
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DeDe-Poulin, Denise
 Granger, Michael
 Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
 Harrington, Michael
 Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
 Aron, Judy
 Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
 Aron, Michael

Grant, George
 Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
 Smith, Steven

and floor amendment (1566h) was adopted.

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

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Granger moved that **HB 2-FN-A-L**, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures, be laid on the table.

On a division vote, with 198 members having voted in the affirmative, and 167 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 5:45 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Rep. Granger moved that **HB 2-FN-A-L**, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures, be removed from the table.

Rep. Granger requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Aldrich, Glen
 Coker, Matthew
 Ploszaj, Tom

Bean, Harry
 Dumais, Russell
 Minor, Sheri

Bogert, Steven
 Freeman, Lisa
 Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
 Nagel, David

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 Hamblen, Joseph
 Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
 MacDonald, John
 Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
 Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
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Murphy, Denis
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Hunt, John
 Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
 Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
 Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
 Morency, Pete
 Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
 Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
 King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
 Tierney, James

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Barton, Joseph
 Franz, Linda
 Sellers, John

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 Louis, Darrell

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Granger, Michael
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DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

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Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

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St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
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LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
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Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
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Newman, Ray
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and the motion was adopted.

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

MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE

Rep. Sweeney moved the previous question.

The question being adoption of the motion to limit debate.

Rep. Telerski requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrck, Marie Louise
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Soti, Julius
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Janigian, John
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Markell, Jay
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
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Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

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Comtois, Barbara

Ploszaj, Tom

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

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Almy, Susan
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Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Aissandra
Bouchard, Donald
Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Judy, Jean
Foss, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Booras, Efsthathia
Chretien, Suzanne
DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

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Andrus, Louise
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

Bricchi, Tracy
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
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Manos, Zoe
Perez, Kristine
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, Toni

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Paige, Mark
McDonnell, Valerie
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Malloy, Dennis
Muns, Chris
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

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Howland, Allan
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Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

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Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Turcotte, Len

Burton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

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Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

and the motion was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Luneau offered floor amendment (1525h).

Floor Amendment (1525h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 19, relative to education freedom accounts.

Amend the bill by replacing section 342 with the following:

342 New Section; Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section 40-f the following new section:

198:40-g Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid.

I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant for schools and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

(a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of \$1,000,000 or less shall receive \$1,500 per pupil eligible in the municipality's ADMR.

(b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil between \$1,000,001 and \$1,999,999 shall receive a grant equal to \$0.0015 for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per pupil and \$1,999,999, for each pupil the municipality's ADMR.

(c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of \$2,000,000 or more shall not receive a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant.

II. In this section:

(a) "Grant floor" means \$1,000,000 in equalized valuation per pupil.

(b) "Grant ceiling" means \$2,000,000 in equalized valuation per pupil.

(c) "Factor" means \$0.0015 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation per pupil.

(d) "Maximum grant" means \$1,500 per pupil.

III. The fiscal capacity disparity aid grants shall be calculated using the formula described in paragraph I, however, beginning July 1, 2027, and every year thereafter, the grant floor, grant ceiling, and maximum grant shall be increased by 2 percent. The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted maximum grant and dividing by the difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

19. Defines "eligible student" for the purposes of enrollment in the education freedom account program.

Keep:

135. Establishes fiscal capacity disparity aid grants.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1525h).

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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YEAS - 166

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Lucas, Janet

Muirhead, Russell

Oppel, Thomas

Rockmore, Ellen

Spahr, Terry

Stavis, Laurel

Stringham, Jerry

Sykes, George

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Beauchemin, Paige

Bergeron, Dan

Booras, Efstathia

Bouchard, Donald

Budathoki, Suraj

Chourasia, Manoj

Chretien, Suzanne

Cornell, Patricia

Darby, Will

Dargie, Paul

DiSilvestro, Linda

Elberger, Susan

Davis, Fred

Foss, Lily

Georges, Mary

Gregg, Alicia

Grill, Jessica

Grund, Stephanie

Harriott-Gathright, Linda

Hartnett, Tim

Jack, Martin

Jeudy, Jean

Juris, Louis

Kerwin, Erin

Kluger, Lee Ann

Foxx, Loren

Leapley, Nicole

LeClerc, Daniel

Leishman, Peter

Lloyd, Christal

Long, Patrick

Howard, Molly

Murray, Megan

MacKenzie, Mark

Manohar, Sanjeev

McGhee, Kat

Murphy, Nancy

Petrigno, Peter

Plamondon, Marc

Preece, David

Proulx, Mark

Newman, Ray

Raymond, Heather

Rombeau, Catherine

Rung, Rosemarie

Ryan, Linda

Newman, Sue

Salvi, Santosh

Seibert, Christine

Sofikitis, Catherine

Spier, Carry

Staub, Kathy

Swanson, Dale

Telerski, Laura

Tellez, Trinidad

Vail, Suzanne

Veilleux, Daniel

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Gibbs, Merryl

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Lane, Connie

Luneau, David

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MacKay, James

Newsom, James

Payeur, Stephanie

Richards, Beth

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Read, Ellen

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Turer, Eric

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 Malone, Amy
 Pearson, Wayne

Burton, Wayne
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Larochelle, John
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wade, Alice

Smith, Geoffrey
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren
 Wall, Janet

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
 Palmer, William

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Girard, Dale

NAYS - 198**BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen
 Coker, Matthew
 Nagel, David

Bean, Harry
 Comtois, Barbara
 Ploszaj, Tom

Bogert, Steven
 Dumais, Russell
 Minor, Sheri

Bordes, Mike
 Freeman, Lisa
 Terry, Paul

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 Hamblen, Joseph
 Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
 MacDonald, John
 Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
 Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
 Peternel, Katy

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
 Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
 Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
 Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
 Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
 Morency, Pete
 Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
 Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
 King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
 Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
 Franz, Linda
 Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
 Ladd, Rick

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 Ulery, Jordan

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 Milz, David
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 Dunn, Ron
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 McGrath, Linda
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 Perez, Kristine

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 McMahon, Charles
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 Janigian, John
 Miner, Laurence
 Love, David
 Markell, Jay
 Melvin, Charles
 Osborne, Jason
 Porcelli, Susan

Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
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Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Michael

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Rollins, Skip

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Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

and floor amendment (1525h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Luneau offered floor amendment (1545h).

Floor Amendment (1545h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 19, relative to education freedom accounts.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original section 464 to read as 465:
464 Appropriation; University System of New Hampshire.

There is hereby appropriated to the university system of New Hampshire the sums of \$6,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$25,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

19. Defines "eligible student" for the purposes of enrollment in the education freedom account program.

Add:

190. Makes appropriations to the community college system of New Hampshire and the university system of New Hampshire.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1545h).

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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YEAS - 166 BELKNAP

Nagel, David

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Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
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Fracht, David
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Muirhead, Russell
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Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
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Hartnett, Tim
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Judy, Jean
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Newman, Ray
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Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
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Salvi, Santosh
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Newsom, James
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Soucy, Timothy

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Payeur, Stephanie
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NAYS - 198

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Davis, Arnold
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Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

and floor amendment (1545h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Ohm offered floor amendment (1517h).

Floor Amendment (1517h)

Amend RSA 287-J:6, I as inserted by section 68 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Each video lottery terminal licensee shall collect a tax equal to 35 percent of gross video lottery revenue, less any free play offered by the operator, for distribution under paragraph II.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1517h).

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 173 - NAYS 191**YEAS - 173****BELKNAP**

Comtois, Barbara

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Woodcock, Stephen

Paige, David

Smith, Jonathan

McAleer, Chris

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

Berch, Paul
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Harvey, Cathryn
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Fox, Dru
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, Terri

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, George

Baldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

Bolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, Laurel

Cormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Bouchard, Donald

Beauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj

Bergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj

Booras, Efsthathia
Chretien, Suzanne

Cornell, Patricia
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Hartnett, Tim
Kerwin, Erin
LeClerc, Daniel
Howard, Molly
McGhee, Kat
Plamondon, Marc
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Spier, Carry
Tellez, Trinidad
Wheeler, Jonah

Darby, Will
Davis, Fred
Grill, Jessica
Jack, Martin
Kluger, Lee Ann
Leishman, Peter
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy
Preece, David
Rung, Rosemarie
Scully, Kevin
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Dargie, Paul
Foss, Lily
Grund, Stephanie
Jeudy, Jean
Foxy, Loren
Lloyd, Christal
MacKenzie, Mark
Ohm, Bill
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Seibert, Christine
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, Daniel

DiSilvestro, Linda
Georges, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Juris, Louis
Leapley, Nicole
Long, Patrick
Manohar, Sanjeev
Petrigno, Peter
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Sofikitis, Catherine
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Bricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane

McGuire, Carol
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kris
Woods, Gary

Kelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim

Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Soucy, Timothy

MERRIMACK

Balboni, Peggy
Gilman, Julie
Knab, Allison
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Simpson, Alexis
Weinstein, Toni

Bryer, Scott
Grote, Jaci
Kuttab, Katelyn
Malloy, Dennis
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie

de Vries, Erica
Haskins, Linda
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Read, Ellen
Turer, Eric

Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Scherr, Buzz
Ward, Gerald

ROCKINGHAM

Ankarberg, Aidan
Smith, Geoffrey
Howland, Allan
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wade, Alice

Bay, Luz
Gilmore, Gary
Johnson, Erik
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

Bixby, Peter
Howard, Heath
LaMontagne, Jessica
Malone, Amy
Turcotte, Len

Burton, Wayne
Horrigan, Timothy
Larochelle, John
Schmidt, Peter
Pearson, Wayne

STRAFFORD

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

SULLIVAN

NAYS - 191

BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Coker, Matthew
Ploszaj, Tom

Bean, Harry
Dumais, Russell
Minor, Sheri

Bogert, Steven
Freeman, Lisa
Terry, Paul

Bordes, Mike
Nagel, David

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
Hamblen, Joseph
Taylor, Brian

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John

Cordelli, Glenn
Peternel, Katy

Crawford, Karel
Brown, Richard

CHESHIRE

Murphy, Denis
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

Mattson, Rita
Thackston, Dick

COOS

Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Dumont, Dillon

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Erf, Keith

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Flanagan, Jack

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald

Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
Schneller, John
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peebles, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
See, Alvin

Aures, Cyril
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yuri
Walsh, Thomas

Aylward, Deborah
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Thibault, James

Cambrils, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Mannion, Dennis
Dunn, Ron
Guzowski, James
Khan, Aboul
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Bennett, Cindy
Thomas, Douglas
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wilson, Vicki

Bernardy, JD
DeSimone, Debra
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin

Bridle, Nicholas
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

and floor amendment (1517h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Heath Howard offered floor amendment (1546h).

Floor Amendment (1546h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 317, relative to termination of tenancy.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

130. 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 floor amendment (1546h).

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 159 - NAYS 205

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BELKNAP

St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita

Paige, David

McAleer, Chris

Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Dick
Faulkner, Barry
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, Lucy

Berch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, Jodi

Harvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rourke, Terri

Fox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan
 Fellows, Sallie
 Lovett, Peter
 Rockmore, Ellen

Baldwin, Heather
 Fracht, David
 Lucas, Janet
 Stavis, Laurel

Bolton, Bill
 Hakken-Phillips, Mary
 Muirhead, Russell
 Stringham, Jerry

Cormen, Thomas
 Sullivan, Jared
 Oppel, Thomas
 Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
 Bouchard, Donald
 Cornell, Patricia
 Davis, Fred
 Grill, Jessica
 Jack, Martin
 Kluger, Lee Ann
 Leishman, Peter
 Murray, Megan
 Murphy, Nancy
 Newman, Ray
 Salvi, Santosh
 Staub, Kathy
 Vail, Suzanne
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Beauchemin, Paige
 Budathoki, Suraj
 Darby, Will
 Foss, Lily
 Grund, Stephanie
 Judy, Jean
 Foxx, Loren
 Lloyd, Christal
 MacKenzie, Mark
 Petugno, Peter
 Raymond, Heather
 Seibert, Christine
 Swanson, Dale
 Veilleux, Daniel

Bergeron, Dan
 Chourasia, Manoj
 Dargie, Paul
 Georges, Mary
 Harriott-Gathright, Linda
 Juris, Louis
 Leapley, Nicole
 Long, Patrick
 Manohar, Sanjeev
 Plamondon, Marc
 Rombeau, Catherine
 Sofikitis, Catherine
 Telski, Laura
 Thomas, Wendy

Booras, Efstathia
 Chretien, Suzanne
 Elberger, Susan
 Gregg, Alicia
 Hartnett, Tim
 Kerwin, Erin
 LeClerc, Daniel
 Howard, Molly
 McGhee, Kat
 Preece, David
 Newman, Sue
 Spier, Carry
 Tellez, Trinidad
 Wheeler, Jonah

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy
 Gibbs, Merryl
 Hall, Muriel
 Richards, Beth
 Snodgrass, Jim

Kelly, Eileen
 Hicks, Matthew
 MacKay, James
 Roesener, James
 Soucy, Timothy

Ebel, Karen
 Lane, Connie
 Newsom, James
 Sargent, Gregory
 Wallner, Mary Jane

Gallager, Eric
 Luneau, David
 Payeur, Stephanie
 Schultz, Kris
 Woods, Gary

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy
 Grote, Jaci
 Cahill, Michael
 Manos, Zoe
 Read, Ellen
 Turer, Eric

de Vries, Erica
 Haskins, Linda
 Paige, Mark
 Meuse, David
 Scherr, Buzz
 Ward, Gerald

Edgar, Michael
 Murray, Kate
 Maggiore, Jim
 Muns, Chris
 Simpson, Alexis
 Weinstein, Toni

Gilman, Julie
 Knab, Allison
 Malloy, Dennis
 Reynolds, Ned
 Sorensen, Carrie

STRAFFORD

Ankarberg, Aidan
 Smith, Geoffrey
 Howland, Allan
 Levesque, Cassandra
 Selig, Loren
 Wall, Janet

Bay, Luz
 Gilmore, Gary
 Johnson, Erik
 Smith, Marjorie
 Southworth, Thomas

Bixby, Peter
 Howard, Heath
 LaMontagne, Jessica
 Malone, Amy
 Pearson, Wayne

Burton, Wayne
 Horrigan, Timothy
 Larochelle, John
 Schmidt, Peter
 Wade, Alice

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian

Cloutier, John

Damon, Hope

Palmer, William

NAYS - 205**BELKNAP**

Aldrich, Glen
 Coker, Matthew
 Nagel, David

Bean, Harry
 Comtois, Barbara
 Ploszaj, Tom

Bogert, Steven
 Dumais, Russell
 Minor, Sheri

Bordes, Mike
 Freeman, Lisa
 Terry, Paul

CARROLL

Avellani, Lino
 Hamblen, Joseph
 Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
 MacDonald, John
 Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
 Smith, Jonathan

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Germana, Dylan
 Mattson, Rita
 Thackston, Dick

Murphy, Denis
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Hunt, John
 Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
 Rhodes, Jennifer

COOS

Davis, Arnold
 Morency, Pete
 Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
 Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
 King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
 Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
Franz, Linda
Sellers, John

Beaulier, Calvin
Ladd, Rick
Spahr, Terry

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

HILLSBOROUGH

Alexander, Joe
Boehm, Ralph
Creighton, James
Drew, Matt
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Labrie, Brian
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Schneller, John
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Kenny, Catherine
Lascelles, Richard
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Scully, Kevin
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Boyd, Bill
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
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Giasson, Henry
Kesselring, Steven
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Rung, Rosemarie
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

Berry, Ross
Corcoran, Travis
DiSilvestro, Linda
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kofalt, Jim
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Ryan, Linda
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

MERRIMACK

Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Pitaro, Matthew
Schamberg, Thomas
Thibault, James

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
Seaworth, Brian
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Moffett, Michael
Polozov, Yury
See, Alvin

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Walsh, Thomas

ROCKINGHAM

Ball, Lorie
Bryer, Scott
Drago, Mike
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Walsh, Lilli
Lundgren, David
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Verville, Kevin

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Dunn, Ron
Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
MacDonald, Wayne

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Nelson, Jodi
Popovici-Muller, Daniel
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Weyler, Kenneth

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Miner, Laurence
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan
Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Sytek, John
Vandecasteele, Susan
Wilson, Vicki

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
DeRoy, Susan
Kaczynski, Thomas
Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeLemus, Susan
Harrington, Michael
Turcotte, Len

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret
Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

Girard, Dale
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

and floor amendment (1546h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Turcotte offered floor amendment (1513h).

Floor Amendment (1513h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 385, relative to repealing the keno local option.

AMENDED ANALYSIS**DELETE:**

paragraph 146, Repeals the local option allowing cities and towns to vote to allow the operation of keno games in their communities.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1513h).
Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

YEAS 183 - NAYS 181**YEAS - 183
BELKNAP**

Bordes, Mike

Comtois, Barbara

Ploszaj, Tom

Terry, Paul

CARROLLBelcher, Mike
Smith, JonathanBurroughs, Anita
McAleer, ChrisPaige, David
Brown, RichardHamblen, Joseph
Woodcock, Stephen**CHESHIRE**Ames, Dick
Germana, Dylan
Germana, Nicholas
Weber, LucyBerch, Paul
Gruber, James
Newell, JodiHarvey, Cathryn
Jacobs, Samantha
O'Rorke, TerriFox, Dru
Jones, Philip
Parshall, Lucius**GRAFTON**Almy, Susan
Fellows, Sallie
Lovett, Peter
Rockmore, Ellen
Sykes, GeorgeBaldwin, Heather
Fracht, David
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, TerryBolton, Bill
Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Muirhead, Russell
Stavis, LaurelCormen, Thomas
Sullivan, Jared
Oppel, Thomas
Stringham, Jerry**HILLSBOROUGH**Murray, Alissandra
Booras, Efstathia
Chretien, Suzanne
Kelley, Diane
Davis, Fred
Grund, Stephanie
Juris, Louis
Lascelles, Richard
Lloyd, Christal
McGhee, Kat
Plamondon, Marc
Raymond, Heather
Newman, Sue
Sirois, Shane
Swanson, Dale
Veilleux, DanielBoyd, Bill
Bouchard, Donald
Colcombe, Riché
Darby, Will
Foss, Lily
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Kerwin, Erin
Leapley, Nicole
Howard, Molly
Murphy, Nancy
Preece, David
Rombeau, Catherine
Salvi, Santosh
Sofikitis, Catherine
Tellerski, Laura
Thomas, WendyBeauchemin, Paige
Budathoki, Suraj
Cornell, Patricia
Dargie, Paul
Georges, Mary
Hartnett, Tim
Kluger, Lee Ann
LeClerc, Daniel
Murray, Megan
Ohm, Bill
Proulx, Mark
Rung, Rosemarie
Scully, Kevin
Spier, Carry
Tellez, TrinidadBergeron, Dan
Chourasia, Manoj
Creighton, James
Elberger, Susan
Gregg, Alicia
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Leishman, Peter
MacKenzie, Mark
Petrigno, Peter
Newman, Ray
Ryan, Linda
Seibert, Christine
Staub, Kathy
Vail, Suzanne**MERRIMACK**Andrus, Louise
Ebel, Karen
Lane, Connie
Newsom, James
Sargent, Gregory
Wallner, Mary JaneBricchi, Tracy
Gallager, Eric
Luneau, David
Payeur, Stephanie
Schamberg, Thomas
Woods, GaryCambriels, Jose
Gibbs, Merryl
Hall, Muriel
Richards, Beth
Schultz, KrisKelly, Eileen
Hicks, Matthew
MacKay, James
Roesener, James
Snodgrass, Jim**ROCKINGHAM**Balboni, Peggy
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Knab, Allison
Paige, Mark
Meuse, David
Porcelli, Susan
Simpson, Alexis
Ward, Geraldde Vries, Erica
Grote, Jaci
Kuttab, Katelyn
Maggiore, Jim
Muns, Chris
Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Weinstein, ToniEdgar, Michael
Haskins, Linda
Miner, Laurence
Malloy, Dennis
Nelson, Jodi
Read, Ellen
Turer, EricFoote, Charles
Murray, Kate
Cahill, Michael
Manos, Zoe
Perez, Kristine
Scherr, Buzz
Verville, Kevin**STRAFFORD**Ankarberg, Aidan
DeRoy, Susan
Harrington, Michael
LaMontagne, Jessica
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Wade, AliceBay, Luz
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Horrigan, Timothy
Levesque, Cassandra
Selig, Loren
Wall, JanetBixby, Peter
Gilmore, Gary
Howland, Allan
Smith, Marjorie
Southworth, ThomasBurton, Wayne
Howard, Heath
Johnson, Erik
Malone, Amy
Turcotte, Len**SULLIVAN**Cloutier, John
Palmer, William

Damon, Hope

Drye, Margaret

Girard, Dale

NAYS - 181 BELKNAP

Aldrich, Glen
Dumais, Russell
St. Clair, Charlie

Bean, Harry
Freeman, Lisa

Bogert, Steven
Nagel, David

Coker, Matthew
Minor, Sheri

CARROLL

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Cordelli, Glenn
Taylor, Brian

Crawford, Karel

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Thackston, Dick

Faulkner, Barry
Nalevanko, Rich

Hunt, John
Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

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Davis, Arnold
Morency, Pete
Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Barton, Joseph
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Beaulier, Calvin
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Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
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Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Kesselring, Steven
Manohar, Sanjeev
Miles, Julie
Notter, Jeanine
Post, Lisa
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Mannion, Tom
Wherry, Robert

Ammon, Keith
Corcoran, Travis
Dumont, Dillon
Gagne, Larry
Grill, Jessica
Kofalt, Jim
Murphy, Mary
Mooney, Maureen
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Sheehan, Vanessa
Ulery, Jordan
Wilhelm, Matthew

Berry, Ross
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Giasson, Henry
Jeudy, Jean
Labrie, Brian
Mazur, Lisa
Morton, Jonathan
Pauer, Diane
Reinfurt, Sherri
Slottje, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Boehm, Ralph
DiSilvestro, Linda
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Kenny, Catherine
Long, Patrick
McLean, Mark
Noble, Kristin
Peeples, Raymond
Schneller, John
Mannion, Tim
Wheeler, Jonah

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Polozov, Yuri
Soucy, Timothy

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Gonzalez, Ernesto
Morse, Bryan
Boyd, Stephen
Walsh, Thomas

McGuire, Carol
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Pitaro, Matthew
Seaworth, Brian
Thibault, James

McGuire, Dan
Mehegan, Peter
Plante, Raymond
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Wood, Clayton

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Guzofski, James
Khan, Aboul
Love, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Brown, Pam
Pearson, Stephen
Sweeney, Joe
Tudor, Paul
Wilson, Vicki

Bennett, Cindy
Mannion, Dennis
Dunn, Ron
Harb, Robert
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McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
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Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
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Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Ford, Mary
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Litchfield, Melissa
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
Weyler, Kenneth

STRAFFORD

Bailey, Glenn
Farrington, Samuel
Potenza, Kelley

Burnham, Claudine
Granger, Michael
Hall, Robley

DeDe-Poulin, Denise
Kaczynski, Thomas
Pearson, Wayne

DeLemus, Susan
Larochelle, John
Walker, David

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian
Aron, Michael

Grant, George
Rollins, Skip

Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

Aron, Judy
Spilsbury, Walter

and floor amendment (1513h) was adopted.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Horrigan offered floor amendment (1516h).

Floor Amendment (1516h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 426 with the following:

426 Department of Health and Human Services; Office of Health Equity. The department of health and human services, office of health equity shall serve every person with equal dignity and respect. The office shall not contract with or pay vendors who fail to serve every person with equal dignity and respect. The office and all vendors shall comply with RSA 354-B, also known as the “civil rights act”.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace:

169. Directs the department of health and human services, office of health equity and its vendors to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1516h).

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita	Paige, David	McAleer, Chris	Woodcock, Stephen
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Ames, Dick	Berch, Paul	Fox, Dru	Germana, Dylan
Faulkner, Barry	Gruber, James	Jacobs, Samantha	Jones, Philip
Germana, Nicholas	Newell, Jodi	O'Rorke, Terri	Parshall, Lucius
Weber, Lucy			

GRAFTON

Almy, Susan	Bolton, Bill	Fellows, Sallie	Hakken-Phillips, Mary
Lovett, Peter	Muirhead, Russell	Rockmore, Ellen	Stavis, Laurel
Sykes, George			

HILLSBOROUGH

Bergeron, Dan	Booras, Efstathia	Bouchard, Donald	Chretien, Suzanne
Cornell, Patricia	Darby, Will	Dargie, Paul	Elberger, Susan
Foss, Lily	Georges, Mary	Gregg, Alicia	Grund, Stephanie
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	Judy, Jean	Juris, Louis	Kerwin, Erin
Kluger, Lee Ann	Leapley, Nicole	LeClerc, Daniel	Leishman, Peter
Howard, Molly	Murray, Megan	Petrigno, Peter	Plamondon, Marc
Preece, David	Newman, Ray	Raymond, Heather	Rombeau, Catherine
Newman, Sue	Sofikitis, Catherine	Spier, Carry	Staub, Kathy
Swanson, Dale	Telerski, Laura	Tellez, Trinidad	Vail, Suzanne
Veilleux, Daniel	Thomas, Wendy	Wheeler, Jonah	Wilhelm, Matthew

MERRIMACK

Bricchi, Tracy	Kelly, Eileen	Ebel, Karen	Gallager, Eric
Gibbs, Merryl	Hicks, Matthew	Lane, Connie	Luneau, David
Hall, Muriel	Payeur, Stephanie	Richards, Beth	Sargent, Gregory
Schultz, Kris	Snodgrass, Jim	Wallner, Mary Jane	Woods, Gary

ROCKINGHAM

Balboni, Peggy	de Vries, Erica	Edgar, Michael	Gilman, Julie
Grote, Jaci	Haskins, Linda	Murray, Kate	Paige, Mark
Maggiore, Jim	Malloy, Dennis	Manos, Zoe	Meuse, David
Muns, Chris	Read, Ellen	Simpson, Alexis	Ward, Gerald

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Bay, Luz	Burton, Wayne	Gilmore, Gary	Howard, Heath
Horrigan, Timothy	Howland, Allan	Johnson, Erik	Larochelle, John
Levesque, Cassandra	Smith, Marjorie	Malone, Amy	Schmidt, Peter
Selig, Loren	Wade, Alice		

SULLIVAN

Sullivan, Brian	Cloutier, John	Damon, Hope	Palmer, William
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Bean, Harry
Comtois, Barbara
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Brown, Richard

Belcher, Mike
MacDonald, John
Taylor, Brian

Cordelli, Glenn
Smith, Jonathan

Crawford, Karel
Peternel, Katy

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Harvey, Cathryn
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Thackston, Dick

Murphy, Denis
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Qualey, James

Karasinski, Sly
Rhodes, Jennifer

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Valerino, Brian

Durkin, Sean
Ouellet, Mike

Korzen, Lori
King, Seth

Murphy, Michael
Tierney, James

GRAFTON

Baldwin, Heather
Bjelobrck, Marie Louise
Sullivan, Jared
McFarlane, Donald
Stringham, Jerry

Barton, Joseph
Cormen, Thomas
Ladd, Rick
Oppel, Thomas

Beaulier, Calvin
Fracht, David
Louis, Darrell
Sellers, John

Berezhny, Lex
Franz, Linda
Lucas, Janet
Spahr, Terry

HILLSBOROUGH

Murray, Alissandra
Beauchemin, Paige
Chourasia, Manoj
Creighton, James
Drew, Matt
Flanagan, Jack
Gorski, Ted
Jack, Martin
Foxy, Loren
Long, Patrick
Mazur, Lisa
Mooney, Maureen
Notter, Jeanine
Peeples, Raymond
Reinfurt, Sherri
Schneller, John
Sheehan, Vanessa
Mannion, Tom

Alexander, Joe
Berry, Ross
Colcombe, Riché
Kelley, Diane
Dumont, Dillon
Griffin, Gerald
Gould, Linda
Kenny, Catherine
Labrie, Brian
MacKenzie, Mark
McGhee, Kat
Morton, Jonathan
Ohm, Bill
Post, Lisa
Rung, Rosemarie
Scully, Kevin
Sirois, Shane
Ulery, Jordan

Ammon, Keith
Boehm, Ralph
Cole, Brian
Daniels, Gary
Erf, Keith
Gagne, Larry
Grill, Jessica
Kesselring, Steven
Lascelles, Richard
Manohar, Sanjeev
McLean, Mark
Murphy, Nancy
Paquette, Kathleen
Presa, Adam
Ryan, Linda
Seibert, Christine
Slotte, Jeremy
Warden, Mark

Boyd, Bill
Budathoki, Suraj
Corcoran, Travis
DiSilvestro, Linda
Davis, Fred
Giasson, Henry
Hartnett, Tim
Kofalt, Jim
Lloyd, Christal
Murphy, Mary
Miles, Julie
Noble, Kristin
Pauer, Diane
Proulx, Mark
Salvi, Santosh
Seidel, Sheila
Mannion, Tim
Wherry, Robert

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Andrus, Louise
Cambriels, Jose
Hill, Gregory
Morse, Bryan
Polozov, Yury
Seaworth, Brian
Thibault, James

Aures, Cyril
McGuire, Dan
MacKay, James
Newsom, James
Roesener, James
See, Alvin
Wood, Clayton

Aylward, Deborah
Devoid, Ricky
Mehegan, Peter
Pitaro, Matthew
Boyd, Stephen
Soucy, Timothy

McGuire, Carol
Gonzalez, Ernesto
Moffett, Michael
Plante, Raymond
Schamberg, Thomas
Walsh, Thomas

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Miner, Laurence
Love, David
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Dunn, Ron
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Khan, Aboul
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Lundgren, David
Markell, Jay
Melvin, Charles
Osborne, Jason
Porcelli, Susan

Bernardy, JD
Thomas, Douglas
Edwards, Jess
Harb, Robert
Knab, Allison
Layon, Erica
Lynn, Bob
McDonnell, Valerie
Milz, David
Brown, Pam
Potucek, John

Bridle, Nicholas
DeSimone, Debra
Foote, Charles
Janigian, John
Kuttab, Katelyn
Litchfield, Melissa
Cahill, Michael
McGrath, Linda
Nadeau, Brian
Perez, Kristine
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine

Raynolds, Ned
Sorensen, Carrie
Sytek, John
Turer, Eric
Weinstein, Toni

Pearson, Stephen
Soti, Julius
Dolan, Tom
Vandecasteele, Susan
Weyler, Kenneth

Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt
Spillane, James
Tripp, Richard
Verville, Kevin
Wilson, Vicki

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Sweeney, Joe
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Walker, David

Burnham, Claudine
Farrington, Samuel
Kaczynski, Thomas
Southworth, Thomas
Wall, Janet

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Drye, Margaret
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Hemingway, Wayne
Smith, Steven

and floor amendment (1516h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Newell offered floor amendment (1550h).

Floor Amendment (1550h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 69, relative to appropriations to the opioid abatement trust fund for the substance abuse enforcement program.

Amend the bill by deleting section 83, relative to an appropriation from the opioid abatement trust fund for the purpose of providing year-round emergency shelter services to individuals with substance use or mental health disorders.

Amend the bill by deleting section 401, relative to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

Amend the bill by deleting section 402, relative to repealing the disbursement of funds from the liquor commission to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

Amend the bill by deleting section 419, relative to an appropriation from the opioid abatement trust fund to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

Amend the bill by deleting section 448, relative to the termination of contracts, grants, other agreements funded with opioid abatement funds.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

23. Provides that the general court may appropriate funds from the opioid abatement trust fund to the department of safety for law enforcement activities related to substance abuse prevention, including overtime costs, for officers in the northern part of the state.

158. Repeals the disbursement from the liquor commission to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

166. Transfers funds from the opioid abatement trust fund to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

176. Directs the department of health and human services to terminate all contracts, grants, or other agreements funded with opioid abatement funds with effective dates on or after May 1, 2025, for the purposes of funding provisions contained in this act.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1550h).

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Ladd, Rick

Berezhny, Lex
Louis, Darrell

Bjelobrk, Marie Louise
McFarlane, Donald

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Boehm, Ralph	Colcombe, Riché	Cole, Brian	Corcoran, Travis
Creighton, James	Kelley, Diane	Daniels, Gary	Drew, Matt
Dumont, Dillon	Erf, Keith	Flanagan, Jack	Griffin, Gerald
Gagne, Larry	Giasson, Henry	Gorski, Ted	Gould, Linda
Kenny, Catherine	Kesselring, Steven	Kofalt, Jim	Labrie, Brian
Lascelles, Richard	Murphy, Mary	Mazur, Lisa	McLean, Mark
Miles, Julie	Mooney, Maureen	Morton, Jonathan	Noble, Kristin
Notter, Jeanine	Ohm, Bill	Paquette, Kathleen	Pauer, Diane
Peeples, Raymond	Post, Lisa	Presa, Adam	Reinfurt, Sherri
Schneller, John	Scully, Kevin	Seidel, Sheila	Sheehan, Vanessa
Sirois, Shane	Slottje, Jeremy	Mannion, Tim	Mannion, Tom
Ulery, Jordan	Warden, Mark	Wherry, Robert	

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Andrus, Louise	Aures, Cyril	Aylward, Deborah	McGuire, Carol
Cambrils, Jose	McGuire, Dan	Devoid, Ricky	Gonzalez, Ernesto
Hill, Gregory	Mehegan, Peter	Moffett, Michael	Morse, Bryan
Pitaro, Matthew	Plante, Raymond	Polozov, Yury	Boyd, Stephen
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Mannion, Dennis	Thomas, Douglas	DeSimone, Debra	Drago, Mike
Dunn, Ron	Edwards, Jess	Foote, Charles	Ford, Mary
Guzowski, James	Harb, Robert	Janigian, John	Katsakiores, Phyllis
Khan, Aboul	Kuttab, Katelyn	Miner, Laurence	Walsh, Lilli
Layon, Erica	Litchfield, Melissa	Love, David	Lundgren, David
Lynn, Bob	Pearson, Mark	Markell, Jay	McDonnell, Valerie
McGrath, Linda	McMahon, Charles	Melvin, Charles	Milz, David
Nadeau, Brian	Nelson, Jodi	Osborne, Jason	Brown, Pam
Perez, Kristine	Popovici-Muller, Daniel	Porcelli, Susan	Potucek, John
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	Pearson, Stephen	Sabourin dit Choinière, Matt	Soti, Julius
Spillane, James	Sweeney, Joe	Sytek, John	Dolan, Tom
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Ankarberg, Aidan	Bailey, Glenn	Burnham, Claudine	DeDe-Poulin, Denise
DeLemus, Susan	DeRoy, Susan	Farrington, Samuel	Granger, Michael
Harrington, Michael	Kaczynski, Thomas	Potenza, Kelley	Hall, Robley
Turcotte, Len	Walker, David		

SULLIVAN

Drye, Margaret	Grant, George	Hemingway, Wayne	Aron, Judy
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and floor amendment (1550h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Wilhelm offered floor amendment (1567h).

Floor Amendment (1567h)

Amend the bill by deleting section 2 relative to the species impact environmental review fee.

Amend the bill by deleting section 4, relative to the administrative fee for threatened and endangered species mitigation.

Amend the bill by deleting section 6 relative to the environmental review screening fee.

Amend the bill by deleting section 7 relative to the natural heritage bureau fee.

Amend the bill by deleting section 10 relative to the shoreline structure project application fee, the minimum impact or publicly funded restoration projects application fee, and the voluntary dock registration fee.

Amend the bill by deleting section 12, relative to the terrain alteration application fee.

Amend the bill by deleting section 17 relative to the solid waste disposal facility application and filing fees.

Amend the bill by replacing section with the following:

19 Education Trust Fund Appropriations Reductions; Education Freedom Accounts.

The education trust fund appropriations to the department of education, in account 06-56-56-560040-3446, class line 102, for education freedom accounts, shall be reduced by \$6,544,091 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$25,544,091 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall report to the fiscal committees of the general court on such reductions.

Amend the bill by deleting section 138 relative to the elevator and accessibility lift inspection certificate fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 168 regarding subdivision and waste disposal system review fees.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 204 relative to the pesticide application permit fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 205 relative to the pesticide applicator exam and re-exam fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 206 relative to the pesticide dealer license and exam fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 207 relative to the pesticide registration fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 208 relative to the fertilizer brand and grade registration fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 209 relative to the soil and plant additive product registration fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 210 relative to the horticultural growing media registration and inspection fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 211 relative to the commercial feed product registration fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 212 relative to farm product permit fees.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 213 relative to the fertilizer inspection fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 215 relative to weights and measures device license fees.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 216 relative to registered service agency annual registration fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 217 relative to the annual dam registration fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 218 relative to the dam filing and application fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 219 relative to the automotive oil fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 220 relative to the hazardous waste generator self-certification fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 221 relative to the hazardous waste cleanup fund generator fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 222 relative to the solid waste disposal surcharge.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 223 relative to the hazardous waste coordinator certification fee.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 228 relative to the boat fee decal.
 Amend the bill by deleting section 348 relative to copies of motor vehicle records.
 Amend the bill by replacing sections 349 - 355 with the following:

349 Motor Vehicles; Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Identification Cards. Amend RSA 260:21, V(a) to read as follows:

V.(a) The fee for such card shall be [~~\$10~~] **\$15** and is not refundable, except that no fee shall be charged to any person who, for reason of health or age, turns in his or her driver's license before the expiration date of such license. For purposes of this section, reasons of age shall be deemed to apply only to those persons over age 65. A person who requires a photo identification card only for voter identification purposes may obtain a voucher in the form provided for in subparagraph (b) from his or her town or city clerk or the secretary of state exempting the voter from the identification card fee. Upon presentation of the voucher to the division, the actual costs of issuing the card shall be paid by the secretary of state from the election fund established under RSA 5:6-d. An identification card paid for by the secretary of state shall be valid for voter identification purposes only, and the card, which shall be known as a voter identification card, shall be marked "for voter identification only."

350 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees. Amend RSA 261:20, I(a)-(i) to read as follows:

- (a) For filing an application for a first certificate of title, with or without a lienholder named, [~~\$25~~] **\$30**;
- (b) For a certificate of title after a transfer, with or without a lienholder named, [~~\$25~~] **\$30**;
- (c) For a duplicate certificate of title, [~~\$25~~] **\$30**;
- (d) For an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate, [~~\$20~~] **\$30**;
- (e) For filing a notice of security interest, \$20;
- (f) For a certificate of search of the records of the division, for each name or identification number searched against, \$20;
- (g) For filing an assignment of security interest, \$2;
- (h) For issuing a distinctive New Hampshire number in place of a vehicle identification number, [~~\$30~~] **\$35**;
- (i) For issuing a salvage vehicle decal pursuant to RSA 261:22, IV, [~~\$50~~] **\$55**.

351 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Twenty-Day Registration. Amend RSA 261:57, I to read as follows:

I. Any resident of this state who intends to purchase a vehicle in another state or from another person or who is unable to register a vehicle because of limited hours of operation of the town clerk in the town where the person resides may apply to the division or its substation or authorized agent nearest his or her residence for a registration to drive said vehicle on the ways of the state in an unregistered condition. Said resident shall appear in person at the division or substation to obtain such registration and shall sign under penalty of perjury a statement that the vehicle meets all New Hampshire inspection requirements, and in the case of a person seeking an extension of his or her registration, that he or she was unable to register the vehicle because of the limited hours of the town clerk, before said registration may be issued. Said registration shall be valid for 20 days from the time it is issued. Application blanks and permits in the form prescribed by the director shall be designed, printed, and supplied to the substations by the division. The fee for the issuance of a registration shall be [~~\$10~~] **\$15**. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on the ways of the

state under a registration issued pursuant to this section unless said person has in his or her possession a valid bill of sale for the vehicle he or she is driving, or in the case of a person whose registration is extended, a copy of the form indicating he or she was unable to register because of the limited hours of the town clerk. No person shall make application for a 20-day registration on the same vehicle more than once within a 12-month period. Only 3 20-day registrations shall be issued on the same vehicle within a 12-month period.

352 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, III to read as follows:

III. Prorated fees:

- (a) For agricultural vehicles-~~[\$3.60]~~ **\$6.**
- (b) For each agricultural tractor-~~[\$1.80]~~ **\$6.**
- (c) For air compressors-~~[\$6]~~ **\$8.50.**
- (d) For cement mixers-~~[\$6]~~ **\$8.50.**
- (e) For saw rigs or log splitters-~~[\$6]~~ **\$8.50.**

(If the equipment cited in RSA 261:141, III(c)-(e), is towed exclusively within the limits of a single city or town, the state registration fee shall not be collected.)

- (f) For antique motorcycles-~~[\$2.40]~~ **\$6.**

(g) For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I:

0-3000 lbs. ~~[\$31.20 (\$2.60 per month)]~~ **\$36.60 (\$3.05 per month)**

3001-5000 lbs. ~~[\$43.20 (\$3.60 per month)]~~ **\$45.60 (\$3.80 per month)**

5001-8000 lbs. ~~[\$55.20 (\$4.60 per month)]~~ **\$60.60 (\$5.05 per month)**

8001-73,280 lbs. ~~[\$.96]~~ **\$1.20** per hundred lbs. gross weight.

(h) Truck-tractors to be used in conjunction with a semi-trailer, gross weight shall include the weight of such tractors, the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer to be used therewith, and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby: up to 73,280 pounds ~~[\$.96]~~ **\$1.20** per 100 pounds gross weight, over 73,280 pounds-~~[\$1.44]~~ **\$1.92** shall be charged for each 100 pounds gross weight or portion thereof in excess of 73,280 pounds.

- (i) Each additional semi-trailer used in conjunction with such truck-tractor-~~[\$24.00]~~ **\$42.**

(j) For semi-trailers or automobile utility trailers (the weight of the trailer shall include the maximum load to be carried thereby):

0-1000 lbs. ~~[\$ 3.00]~~ **\$8.50**

1001-1500 lbs. ~~[6.00]~~ **\$11**

1501-3000 lbs. ~~[12.00]~~ **\$15.50**

3001-5000 lbs. ~~[24.00]~~ **\$30**

5001-8000 lbs. ~~[36.00]~~ **\$44**

8001-up ~~[.60]~~ **\$0.78** per hundred lbs. gross weight.

(k) For each semi-trailer not registered in connection with a truck-tractor, the gross weight shall include the weight of such trailer and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby. The registration fee shall be ~~[\$.60]~~ **\$0.78** per hundred lbs. gross weight and such trailer shall not be registered for less than 10,000 lbs.

(l) For equipment mounted on trucks of which the equipment is an integral part of the unit and the truck is not capable of carrying freight or merchandise, the registration fee shall be 1/3 of the regular fee charged as determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (i).

(m) For each farm truck or combination of motor type tractor and semi-trailer used only for transportation of agricultural products produced on and meant to be used in connection with the operation of a farm or farms owned, operated, or occupied by the registrant, for the first 16,000 pounds-~~[\$24]~~ **\$36**, for any additional weight above 16,000 pounds-~~[\$.74]~~ **\$1.09** per hundred weight.

(n) For each additional or extra semi-trailer used in connection with a motor type tractor registered for farm purposes-~~[\$24]~~ **\$30.** (In the event that a farm truck registered under the ~~[\$24]~~ **\$30** fee as provided in this subparagraph and thereafter registered for general use during the same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for such general registration.)

- (o) For each motorcycle-~~[\$15]~~ **\$22.50.**

- (p) For each moped-~~[\$3]~~ **\$10.50.**

(q) For each motor vehicle used exclusively as a school bus or owned by a religious organization or a non-profit organization used exclusively as a bus for the transportation of its members in connection with functions of the organization for which no fee is charged-\$24. (These provisions shall not apply to municipally owned vehicles nor to vehicles of public utilities or common carriers.)

- (r) For antique motor vehicles other than antique motorcycles-~~[\$6]~~ **\$11.**

- (s) For each road oiler or bituminous distributor-\$72.

(t) For plates issued to motor vehicle repairer-\$24 for the first set of plates, ~~[\$9]~~ **\$13.50** for each additional set of plates.

(u)(1) For each vehicle, owned by or under control of a manufacturer, wholesaler, or dealer-~~[\$200]~~ **\$300** for the first plate.

- (2) For every additional plate-~~[\$12]~~ **\$18.**

(v) For motor vehicles owned by or under control of automotive recycling dealer licensee-[\$30] **\$45** up to first 7,000 lbs., over 7,000 lbs.-[\$.74] **\$1.09** per 100 lbs. gross weight.

(w)(1) For motorcycles owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in motorcycles-[\$12] **\$18** for the first plate.

(2) For every additional plate-[\$3] **\$4.50**.

(x)(1) For mopeds owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in mopeds-[\$12] **\$18** for the first plate.

(2) For every additional plate-[\$3] **\$4.50**.

(y) For each transporter-[\$36] **\$54**. Additional sets of number plates at [\$18] **\$27** per set.

(z) For each utility dealer registration-[\$36] **\$54**. Additional number plates at [\$9] **\$13.50** per plate.

(aa) For ski area vehicles-\$6.

(bb) For construction equipment as defined by RSA 259:42-the exclusive fee charged by the state shall be [\$25] **\$32.50**.

(cc) For each vanity number plate set-\$40.

(dd) For agricultural/industrial utility vehicles the registration fee shall be 1/3 of the registration fee determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (g).

353 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, VII(f) to read as follows:

(f) For the replacement of lost or illegible validation sticker-[\$1] **\$3**.

354 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, IX to read as follows:

IX. For every certified copy of and duplicate of a certificate of registration-[\$15] **\$17.50**.

355 Motor Vehicles; Drivers' Licenses; Driver's License Fees. Amend RSA 263:42, II-IV-a to read as follows:

II. For every certified copy of a registration, license, or driving record, [\$15] **\$17.50**, except that the commissioner shall waive the fee for local, state, and federal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies requesting such information for investigative purposes and may, for good cause, waive the fee in cases involving other government agencies or the public defender if the commissioner determines that such a waiver is in the public interest.

III. No fee shall be charged for a driver's license issued to a disabled veteran who because of being an amputee or a paraplegic has received a motor vehicle from the United States government. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to a veteran who, because of a disability incurred in, or aggravated by such service, and upon satisfactory proof that the veteran is evaluated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled from such service-connected disability.

IV. A duplicate copy of a photographic license or a new license with a different classification because of a commercial driver license disqualification may be issued for a fee of [\$10] **\$15**. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "duplicate copy" shall mean an additional license containing an indicator that the license is a duplicate. A new photograph need not be taken.

IV-a. For a new driver's license because of a change of address, [\$3] **\$6.50**.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 356 through 358 relative to vanity plates.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

2. Requires the department of environmental services to adopt rules and review procedures such that actions of state agencies do not jeopardize the existence or habitats of species protected under the endangered species conservation act.

4. Requires that rules established by the executive director of the fish and game department establish an administrative fee that the executive director may collect from payments made to the threatened and endangered species compensatory mitigation fund.

5. Requires the department of environmental services to adopt rules regarding when mitigation payments to the threatened and endangered species compensatory mitigation fund are required.

14. Raising the fees associated with shoreline terrain alteration applications and raising fees annually to coincide with inflation.

15. Establishes fees for applications for terrain alteration and requires the department of environmental services to adopt rules to establish a permit by notification for certain projects with plans encompassing an area less than 150,000 square feet.

59. Implements a fee for unit owners to obtain a certificate of successful inspection of an elevator or accessibility lift.

81. Increases dam registration fees and sewage disposal fees.

91. Increases fees for assorted pesticide product applications, registrations, licenses, and permits.

92. Increases fees for assorted agricultural-services product applications, registrations, licenses, and permits.

94. Changes the weights and measures device license fees and requires certain registered service agencies to pay a \$250 registration fee.

- 96. Increases the import fee for automotive oil.
- 97. Raises fees for the hazardous waste generator self-certification program.
- 98. Increases fees for certain hazardous waste generators.
- 99. Creates a solid waste disposal surcharge at landfills, incinerators, and waste-to-energy facilities and creates civil penalties for violations of solid waste management fund statutes.
- 100. Increases the fee for the application for initial or renewal of a hazardous waste coordinators certification.
- 102. Increases the boat decal fee.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1567h).
Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and floor amendment (1567h) failed.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Gibbs offered floor amendment (1549h).

Floor Amendment (1549h)

Amend the bill by deleting sections 293-304, relative to repealing the human rights commission.
Amend the bill by replacing section 305 with the following:

305 Human Rights Commission; Appropriation.

There is hereby appropriated to the human rights commission the sums of \$1,582,703 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$1,629,311 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. In addition to the appropriation of general funds, the human rights commission may accept and expend federal funds in the amounts of \$182,129 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and \$184,425 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original section 464 to read as 466:

464 Appropriation; Department of Information Technology.

There is hereby appropriated to the department of information technology the sums of \$44,438 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and \$62,416 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The source of funds are transfers to the department from the housing appeals board, the commission on aging, the human rights commission, and the office of the child advocate.

465 Nullification of HB 1-A Section Relative to Positions Abolished in the Human Rights Commission. If HB 1-A of the 2025 general legislative session becomes law, section 5, paragraph VII of HB 1-A, relative to abolishing certain positions in the human rights commission shall not take effect.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

REPLACE 125 with:

125. Appropriates general funds to the human rights commission and allows the commission to receive and expend certain amounts of federal funds.

ADD:

Makes an appropriation to the department of information technology and nullifies the portion of HB 1-A proposing to abolish certain positions at the human rights commission.

The question being adoption of floor amendment (1549h).

Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Sweeney requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Kaczynski, Thomas

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

SPEAKER'S NOTE

Without Objection, the House Clerk is authorized to make technical and administrative corrections which are necessary to reflect the intent of the House.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Leapley moved that the debate on **HB 2-FN-A-L**, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

DEBATE ON HB 2-FN-A-L

Speaker Packard: The amendment is (1488h) printed in House Record 19 pages 28 through 126. The Chair recognizes Rep. Hakken-Phillips.

Representative Hakken-Phillips: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise today in opposition to the HB 2 committee amendment because this budget fails to protect the rights and well-being of New Hampshire's most vulnerable. Now I believe in the premise that government is collective action for the safety and security of its people, therefore it is our duty as citizens, but especially as legislators, to leverage the power of government to protect those who need protection and to give voice to those who have no voice. But Mister Speaker, this amendment strays so far away from that responsibility. In examining HB 2, it's not just the 180 pages of statutory changes on which we should be focused, it's the values this document reflects and the real-world consequences that it imposes. When we strip away all the line items, what we're left with is a clear picture.

This budget abandons the people who need our help the most. So first, this amendment eliminates the Office of the Child Advocate. This is the one agency tasked with uncovering abuse and protecting vulnerable children across New Hampshire. Last biennium, the office managed more than 1,700 cases and critical incidents involving DCYF, residential placements, missing children and the reports of restraint, seclusion and abuse. This is not bureaucracy; it is lifesaving work. A \$2.2 million savings over two years is a drop in a budgetary bucket, but the consequences are enormous. Without this office, there will be no independent oversight of the systems that failed children like Harmony Montgomery and Elijah Lewis, New Hampshire children who died preventable deaths due to systemic neglect. Eliminating this office sends a chilling message that children's lives in New Hampshire are negotiable. Caring for kids used to be something that we could all agree upon. At a time when this budget already cuts food, health care and basic services for children, eliminating their final layer of protection is not just shortsighted, it's unconscionable. Second, this amendment eliminates the New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights. It's the only state agency dedicated to investigating and enforcing anti-discrimination laws in housing, employment, public accommodation and education. Last year, the commission handled 243 formal complaints and provided training to state agencies in partnership with the EEOC, the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission. But without this commission, victims of discrimination will be forced into an already overburdened court system. By the way, that's also seeing cuts this budget cycle. So, the cut of about \$3.2 million in general funds and a little over \$366,000 in federal support is the cost of justice and equal protection. Mister Speaker, how do we justify prioritizing marginal savings over the right to be free from discrimination? Third, this amendment eliminates the Department of Corrections Parental Education Program. This helps incarcerated parents prepare to reunite with their families and reintegrate into society with the tools they need to succeed. Roughly 15,000 children in the state of New Hampshire have a parent in prison. This program not only helps parents reconnect in healthier ways, it supports the caregivers and communities to which they'll return. If we believe incarceration is for rehabilitation, not solely for punishment, then this program is essential. Cutting the approximate \$200,000 for this program undermines our values and it leaves vulnerable families without support. Fourth, this amendment includes a sweeping, vaguely defined ban on diversity equity inclusion efforts across our public institutions. A policy change inserted with no public hearing, no clear definitions and no fiscal analysis. This so-called ban puts New Hampshire at great legal risk and financial risk while threatening programs that support students with learning disabilities, disabled individuals needing accessible voting or parking, low-income residents seeking legal aid or housing, veterans accessing their earned benefits and religious communities who need accommodations. Not only is this ban an unfunded mandate, it opens the door to lawsuits for breach of contract, discrimination and non-compliance with federal law. During a budget crisis, we should be focused on solving actual problems, not stoking culture wars that turn back the clock on our civil rights. Here's the bottom line, HB 2 as amended fails to protect the rights and well-being of New Hampshire's most vulnerable. This budget prioritizes penny pinching over people. It strips away protections for abused children, marginalized communities, incarcerated people working towards a better future and veterans and students who rely on equity-based support. New Hampshire is one of the wealthiest states in the wealthiest country in the world. We can and we must do better. I urge my colleagues to reject this vision for our state and to work together for a budget that reflects our common values of justice, compassion and opportunity for all. New Hampshire deserves a better budget, Mister speaker, and for these reasons I ask you to vote no against the committee amendment. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Weyler.

Representative Weyler: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Okay, now that we've okayed the money, this HB 2 is the enabling legislation. This takes care of all the changes to the laws. The governor sent us about 100 pages of these, and I sent them off to all the policy committees that I thought would deal with those things to get comments back about whether they could support them or not. Some of them brought me changes and we incorporated them. There's about 28 bills, maybe more, that passed through this House that then came to us because we were the second committee. We retained them or we passed them, ought to pass and we dealt with those this morning. So, now we've got all these other bills that we put in here because they needed a little money, or they needed some other changes. We amended some of them. I appreciate the efforts of many of the policy committees that I asked not to send us more money spending and a lot of you that had a bill with an FN in it took the money out or found some other way to pay for that. I appreciate that or we'd be in a bigger fix. So, there'll be several bills and there'll be a whole bunch of amendments, so I won't take a lot of your time, but think of this as most of this season's bills that we passed and they're in this HB 2 and if HB 2 dies, so do those bills that we all supported. That's not a good thing because that means that the Senate won't look at them either. So, if we passed them in this House, we ought to pass them again. Again, there'll be objections to them the same as there was the first time you saw them. So, please support these separate amendments. You got it on the white sheet, I think for the Republicans, so you can take a look at how strongly these are needed, and I hope you will support these and not vote against them because you voted for them before, or they wouldn't be in this bill. Thank you, Mister speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Rung.

Representative Rung: Thank you, Mister Speaker. This amendment to HB 2 spans over 100 pages and outlines changes across dozens of state agencies and departments. For some of us on House Finance, as you've heard, we've lost count of the number of hours spent working on this during the past six weeks. But this amendment is not about us, it's not about you and it's not about me. It's about the men, women and children we represent back home. So, I ask each of you to look beyond the text and consider this bill through their eyes. Think of your elderly neighbor, the clerk at the corner store, the young mother shopping for groceries, the neglected child sitting alone in a park, teenagers dreaming of college and a future here in New Hampshire. To your elderly neighbor, this bill, this amendment is a nightmare. She may have to choose between heat, food or prescriptions because of the increasing property taxes that result from the limited revenue sharing of the meals and rooms tax and reductions in county reimbursements. The amendment on top of that, your neighbor will lose her voice and an advocate with the elimination of the Office of the Commission on Aging. To the store clerk down the road, she's not just working the register, she's also an artist who exhibits her paintings with the help from the town's arts association, a group supported by the State Council on the Arts. The state council also provides local schools with artisan residents, state arts competitions and art education. Its support for the New Hampshire League of Craftsmen helps bring in millions in revenue every year through events like the annual Craftsman's Fair. If this amendment to HB 2 passes, New Hampshire would become the only state in the country without a council on the arts. Is that a distinction we really want? To the young mom in the grocery store, HB 2 strips away more than just dollars. She relies on SNAP benefits to stretch every dollar for her family and when the weather's nice she uses those benefits at local farmers markets buying healthy produce while supporting local agriculture. This amendment cuts that program entirely. Who does that help? Not her, not her kids and not the local farmer who depends on that income. When I speak of that neglected boy, it's not a hypothetical, but real to those of us in Merrimack who were left stunned and grief stricken from the death of 5-year-old Elijah Lewis. Elijah had slipped through the DCYF cracks and was murdered by his mother like another child, Harmony Montgomery, who died at the hands of her father. The Office of the Child Advocate was created to prevent tragedies like these and to hold DCYF accountable and protect children who cannot speak for themselves. This budget eliminates that office and puts more kids at risk. We cannot in good conscience allow that to happen. And the teenagers full of potential, they're not just someone else's child, they're our children, our grandchildren, our future, but with deep cuts to the university and the community college system, we're pushing them out of state for an education they can no longer afford here. And when they leave, they aren't just leaving for a college degree, they take their talents and their futures away from New Hampshire. This amendment accelerates our brain drain and deepens the graying of our state. So, let's see this amendment for what it really is, not 100 pages of text, but cuts that run deep to hurt those who sent us here to represent their best interests. Let's vote down this amendment so that we can vote for a better budget. One that lifts people up instead of leaving them behind. Thank you, Mister speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Dan McGuire.

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker.

So, in order to have a balanced budget, you need both HB 1 and HB 2. They go together. They're hand in glove, but in particular, by eliminating this amendment from HB 2, you would cut revenue, not increase it because all of the revenue changes we talked about, gambling, fee increases, dedicated funds, etc., that's in this amendment and the total amount in this amendment is about \$200 million per year of those kinds of things, those kind of extra revenues. But the spending in this amendment is more like, looks like about \$85 million total, okay. So, as a change from the governor's budget. So, this amendment, if you got rid of it, the budget would be negatively affected by over \$100 million, okay. That's just not responsible. It's that simple. On top of that, this amendment has about 30 house bills in it, many of which passed this body unanimously and many of which were requests from people on the other side of the aisle, environmental measures and things like that. And so, if we want to be able to push for those policies in our negotiations across the hall here, we need them as part of HB 2, okay. So, for all those reasons, really, we must pass HB 2. I don't see that there's a reasonable other choice. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is committee amendment (1488h). A roll call has been requested. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The motion before us is amendment (1488h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Ebel for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Ebel: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that a state budget is a reflection of our values and our aspirations. And if I know that a budget should be forward looking, support our communities and invest in the future of our children. And if I remember sitting in this room two months ago listening to the governor give her budget address and urging us to continue doing what is working. And if I look at this budget and see too much of what's working being cut with drastic reductions that burden families, businesses and property taxpayers, straining our university and community college systems, tourism development opportunities and health care access. And if I know this HB 2 amendment falls far short of what Granite Staters expect and deserve and that we all deserve a better budget, would I now press the red button? Thank you.

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

Representative Osborne: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I agree that this budget should reflect our values and does reflect our values. In fact, it contains virtually every priority item that this body has passed over the last couple of months. And if I know that this is once again only the first step in a process of negotiating with the folks outside of this body. And if I want our positions to have a place at that negotiating table, would I now press the green button?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is amendment (1488h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 200 voting Yea, 175 voting Nay, the amendment is adopted. The bill is on second reading and open to further amendment. Rep. Edwards offers floor amendment (1529h), and Rep. Wade is recognized to speak.

Representative Wade: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise today in opposition to amendment (1529h), and I'll make this blunt. Trans people existing does not affect your everyday life. We just don't. We should not be spending this much time and energy trying to strip away health care and rights from people who just want to mind our own business. I understand we're a convenient political punching bag right now. It's easy to target us, vilify us and blame us for broader societal problems, but taking away our rights is not going to solve anything. I understand that people may have concerns in specific individual cases, but when we see sweeping legislation like this backed by no evidence, copy and pasted from other states and fueled by fear, it's clear that this is not about nuanced policymaking. The goal of this legislation is to label trans people as a threat to public safety and privacy despite absolutely no evidence backing that up. Trans women are nearly four times more likely to be assaulted than cis women, not the other way around. There wasn't any example provided of a trans person harassing or assaulting anyone in a restroom. The only thing I was told was that some people are uncomfortable using the restroom with a trans person there. I'm sorry if my presence made you uncomfortable, but I'm just there to do my business and wash my hands like anyone else. That's what restrooms are for, and someone else's discomfort is not a reason to ban an entire class of people from existing in public who did not do anything wrong. Imagine that this law passed and suddenly every public restroom has a padlock on it, and you are the only person without a key. Imagine holding it in for an entire day just because the government thinks that you're a threat for needing to pee. The threat of harassment or assault is very serious in New Hampshire, but this bill does nothing to address those issues. All it does is allow any business or private entity to subjectively judge your sex at birth using any criteria they want, birth certificates, bathroom monitors, general inspections, you name it because there's no guard rails at all in any of this legislation to prevent it. Even if this bill passes, this amendment, if someone wanted to enter the women's restroom in order to assault someone, do you think they're going to follow this law? No, because of course they wouldn't, because they're already going to break the law anyway. If you ever find a law that truly addresses harassment, let me know and I would be genuinely happy to co-sponsor it. I'm not here asking for special treatment. I'm asking to be treated like everyone else because we're just trying to mind our own business. Every one of these anti-trans bills had overwhelming public opposition, 80 to 90% of the people who testified opposed it. Thousands opposed while only a few hundred supported across the board on every one of these bills. This policy has no place in a budget amendment, especially given this bill already passed the House a few weeks ago. This only serves to further codify discrimination into state statute. If you believe that we as a legislature have better things to do than to micromanage the lives of 1% of the population. If you agree with Governor Sununu's veto of this bill last year where he said it identified a problem that does not exist here in New Hampshire. And if you think that I would look out of place using the men's restroom here at the State House then I'd urge you to vote no on this amendment. Thank you, Mister Speaker, and I request a roll call vote.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Edwards

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. We were asked to use our imagination and I'm going to ask you to imagine your own reality. I'm going to ask you to know what you already know. I'm going to ask you to remember that we had a vote on a bill that was exactly like this basically protecting bathrooms, locker rooms, sporting competitions and detention facilities so that we can protect our women. We can protect our women. We've already voted for this. I hope you will vote for it again. The other part of this bill is an effort to inject some free market experimentalism inside of our health care system. Since World War II, the government has gotten increasingly involved in making payments and regulating the health care system and we're continuing to have problems. This is an effort to open up a member-based system that's worked in places like California and Oklahoma City. I don't know who might come into New Hampshire to try more of a free market approach, but they say that the test of insanity is constantly doing the same thing and expecting a different result. This gives us an opportunity to do something different and innovative and I want to thank the representative for bringing it forward. Those two things together represent FA (1529h), and I hope you will vote green again.

Speaker Kofalt: Rep. Wade has requested a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? That is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The Chair recognizes Rep. Roesener for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Roesener: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that our transgender neighbors are not threats to safety or dangerous by nature, but people just like everybody else, family members, workers, students, human beings deserving of dignity and safety just like everybody else. And if I know that in places where this type of policy has been enacted, rolling back these protections has never proven by evidence to make communities safer, but it has been proven to lead to a troubling rise in hate crimes against transgender individuals. And finally, Mister Speaker, if I know that history will remember not just what we stood for but who we stood with, then I would know that pressing the red button on this amendment is not just our choice, it is our responsibility. Vote red.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Edwards for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I would say that if I know that this, these two bills in combination, one protect the privacy and safety of our women. And if I know that we need to try free market approaches to liberate our sclerotic health care system and maybe make some innovations here in New Hampshire, would I then press green to pass these two bills that we've passed before and have debated endlessly?

Speaker Kofalt: The question is on the adoption of floor amendment (1529h). This will be a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you will press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. With 203 having voted in the affirmative, 169 voted in the negative, the amendment passes. The bill's on second reading open to further amendment. Rep. Berry offers floor amendment (1559h). Rep. Berry is recognized to speak to the amendment. Rep. Berry waves off. The question is on the adoption of floor amendment (1559h). Are you ready for the question? For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Leapley: Mister Speaker, I'd like to request that the remarks be recorded in the permanent journal on (1529h).

Speaker Kofalt: We're in the voting mode, and we're in the middle of HB 2. I would ask you to hold that motion for a later time. The question is on the adoption of floor amendment (1559h). Are you ready for the question? All those in favor, say Aye; all those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the motion is adopted. The bill is on second reading and open to further amendment. Rep. Mazur offers floor amendment (1526h). The Chair recognizes Rep. Woods to speak against the amendment.

Representative Woods: Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Mister Speaker, I stand today to speak against the amendment (1526h). I stand today to speak.

Speaker Kofalt: Will the member suspend please? It's getting loud in here. I ask people to please allow the member to be heard. Please proceed.

Representative Woods: I stand against amendment (1526h). This amendment deals with vaccines, which are considered one of the 10 great public health achievements in the US. This amendment would keep some of the current vaccine requirements, but the requirement for the most virulent diseases, chickenpox, hepatitis B, hemophilus and influenza B would be allowed to expire in June of 2026. This would make New Hampshire the only state in the nation not requiring chickenpox or influenza B, and only one of three states not to require hepatitis B. As we can see by the example of measles currently rampaging Texas, eliminating these vaccines can leave the citizens of New Hampshire very vulnerable. The amendment would also remove vaccine decisions from the rulemaking process within the Department of Health and Human Services and transfer that task to the legislature. This process, especially in times of stress, becomes highly politicized and would circumvent the very experts we have at hand to provide the best scientific perspective thus making the response to any emergency lengthy, cumbersome and not timely. Finally, this amendment is not consistent with our basic constitutional charge to support the general welfare of the citizens of New Hampshire. Please push the red button. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Mazur.

Representative Mazur: Thank you, Mister Speaker. This amendment includes two House positions that have already passed the House floor, which means we've had the debate on them. We want them added to HB 2 to assert and make a clear statement in the budget that these are common sense priorities that would restore balance, clarity and accountability in our public health policies. The first part of this amendment ensures that local health ordinances remain focused on clear and immediate threats such as nuisances and similar dangers to public health, while reinforcing the role of elected officials in approving those measures. This is about transparency, local control and respecting the limits of government authority. The second position in this amendment rightly reigns in the rulemaking power of unelected bureaucrats by specifying in statute which childhood immunizations are required. It affirms the proper role of the legislature in setting public health policy. This HB 2 amendment is a step towards a more accountable, rights respecting approach to health governments. I urge my colleagues to press the green button to support it. Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: Rep. Weber has requested a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The Chair recognizes Rep. Weber for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Weber: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that adopting this amendment causes adverse health consequences for our children. And if I know that stuffing large chunks of nonbudgetary policy into a budget is not a sensible way to deal with our fiscal responsibilities. And finally, if I know that New Hampshire citizens deserve a better budget, would I press the red button to defeat this amendment?

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Mazur for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Mazur: Thank you, Mister Speaker.

If I know these two positions have already passed the House and this amendment just solidifies them as a priority. And if I know the first ensures local health ordinances focus on real threats and require elected approval thus strengthening transparency and local control. And finally, if I know the second puts immunization decisions in the hands of parents and legislators rightly restoring authority to those directly accountable to the people, would I please press the green button? Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: The question is on the adoption of floor amendment (1526h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you will press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. With 195 voting in the affirmative, 175 voting in the negative, the amendment passes. The bill is on second reading open to further amendment. Rep. Spillane offers floor amendment (1560h). The Chair recognizes Rep. Meuse.

Representative Meuse: Thank you again, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, for the last three months this body has left no stone unturned when it comes to adding new laws and new regulations to micromanage our elections, public education, our town budgets and even the books that we find in our libraries. But when it comes to public safety and regulating deadly weapons, the preferred policy that this amendment would bring to the people of our state is no regulation at all. Not only would this amendment legalize the possession of brass knuckles, blackjacks and other weapons favored by generations of gangs and street thugs, it would also set up something called the Firearms Freedoms Act that states that firearms made, bought and retained within a particular state aren't subject to federal regulation along with the claim that any rules or regulations are an infringement of rights. For the past 10 years, state legislatures have passed or tried to pass laws like these, but the courts have consistently struck them down. The goal of this part of the amendment is nothing more than an attempt to set up a potential lawsuit with the federal government that would have to be fought at the taxpayer's expense. That's the taxpayer's expense of taxpayers here in New Hampshire. If that lawsuit actually proved to be successful and the US commerce clause in the National Firearms Act were effectively invalidated, which is the endgame, regulation for machine guns, silencers and weapons over 50 calibers would effectively end. So, lucky us here in New Hampshire, people would be free to stroll around our streets in public places with machine guns just like Al Capone's 1930s Chicago. When Montana passed a similar law a decade ago, it was struck down by the ninth circuit court. We could save our state a lot of time, a lot of money and make the people of our state a heck of a lot safer simply by striking down this unwanted, unneeded and outright dangerous amendment right here and right now. Please vote red to delete it and Mister Speaker I request a roll call vote.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Spillane.

Representative Spillane: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Based on that, I guess I'm bringing the most dangerous amendment to this that anybody could possibly bring. Before I get into the merits of this, I just wanted to make one comment and that if brass knuckles and blackjacks and slungshots were the weapons of gang members and street brawlers, one would think we'd actually have had some arrests and confiscations of those in the last two decades, but they haven't. I'm not going to relitigate the value of these three bills, but HB 381, HB 207 and HB 243 already passed the House with a majority that was bipartisan. And not only that, two of these bills passed the House three times last term. What I'm usually doing is trying to argue for one side over the other. We have a lot of bills we talk about here where we're deeply divided, Republicans and Democrats. But this is one of those times where I can say what we're doing is setting ourselves up to be one body that's attacking or preparing to defend ourselves against attacks from a body that's across the wall. And this is an opportunity for us to set ourselves up with something that we've passed on a bipartisan measure already so that we can come prepared to the budget discussions across the wall, and I ask you to be one body united against the other body and pass this amendment. Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: Rep. Meuse has requested a roll call vote. The question is on the adoption of floor amendment (1560h). Rep. Meuse has requested a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? That is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The House will come to order. The Chair recognizes Rep. Meuse for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Meuse: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that this amendment would set our state down the path where we'll see machine guns on our streets with no laws to regulate them. And if I know this amendment would also legalize brass knuckles and blackjacks. And if I know that our job is to defend public safety for the people in New Hampshire and not to defend our own egos against what may happen in the other body, then would I press the red button and oppose this amendment? Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Spillane for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Spillane: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know I'm skeptical about everything I just heard on the other side here. And I know that all of these three bills have passed this House and two of them have passed this House three times before and we have done so bipartisanly. And I know that it's fantastic to stand solidified against the other body because they often will do so against us, would I now press the green button and support this amendment?

Speaker Kofalt: The question is on the adoption of floor amendment (1560h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you will press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. We have 203 voting in the affirmative, 167 voting in the negative, the motion is adopted. The bill's on second reading and open to further amendment. Rep. Sabourin offers floor amendment (1555h). The Chair recognizes Rep. Sabourin.

Representative Sabourin dit Choiniere: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Colleagues, New Hampshire's 2025 through 2029 child and family services plan attachment B outlines DCYF's budget for FY25 through October 24, 2024, due September 30, 2025. It includes federal funds like Title 4E meant to support kids in foster care, adoption and prevention services. Title 4E's intent is clear, ensure safe stable care for kids who can't stay with their parents aiming for unification, adoption or permanent placement while funding evidence-based services to prevent removals. Think mental health, substance abuse and parenting support. But look at the numbers of \$22.6 million in title 4E funds. Only \$1.3 million, just 6% goes to foster family relative care or foster parent training and retention. Meanwhile, \$8.1 million funds administrative costs, \$4.7 million pays external contractors for staff training and \$5.5 million covers liability insurance for lawsuits over harm to kids in foster care. Zero dollars go to recruiting or training foster or adoptive parents or child care expenses. The Office of the Child Advocates November 2024 report flags serious issues. Foster parents abusing or neglecting kids without violations recorded, DCYF refusing waivers to keep siblings together or kids in their communities, unnecessary sibling separations and despite low case loads, persistent complaints about policy and best practice failures. Only \$1.3 million supports the front lines of care. Worse, spending on prevention, protective services, crisis intervention, family preservation and reunification is redacted. Zero state funds are allocated here and with federal matching at 50/50, that likely means zero federal funds too. This defies Title 4E's prevention focus. New Hampshire failed a 2019 federal audit resulting in the state having to repay misused funds and faces another title 4E review next week. In yesterday's executive council meeting, it was noted that DCYF did not even attempt to start complying with recommendations for improvement from the 2019 audit until three weeks ago. HB 2, in this section without the amendment, tells DCYF to maximize federal funding for screening, training and tech upgrades first with a vague child centered nod last. It's weak, almost implying, kids should be pushed into TANF or SSI to boost federal dollars, not what Title 4E intends. We need this amendment. The legislature must direct DCYF to prioritize title 4E funds for safe care and prevention, not admin bloat or lawsuits. Let's demand transparency, unredacted spending, proof of compliance to the legislature. These children deserve stability, not a system spending more on itself than them. Without this, we risk more audit failures and penalties. Please support this amendment and press green.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Edwards

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker and thank you to my fellow military veteran friend, member of the Air Force and I appreciate his dedication to this task. But we have a significant process foul here. We held hearings in Division III. The representative wasn't able to participate in any of them. This is really the first time here on the floor that I've had an opportunity to hear his point of view. I've tried calling him and I interrupted his work. So, to give you a little bit of background on this, this issue was surfaced by the senior member of the opposition party. We try to identify if somebody has a good idea, a good policy, we will look at it. And Division III passed this particular HB 2 item unanimously in the division and then I think it didn't have any issues with it in the full Finance Committee. So, I think this is a bipartisan bill. The part that's in there is a bipartisan piece of work and I would hope that you would respect the work that we've done, to be collegial and bipartisan in the narrow areas that we could, and I would ask you to vote green. Excuse me, no red. This is definitely a red. I'm sorry, I'm a Nebraska fan. I should say go big red. Go big red.

Speaker Kofalt: Rep. Weber has requested a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The House will come to order. The Chair recognizes Rep. Bernardy for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Bernardy: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Thank you, Mister Chair. Thank you, Mister Speaker, excuse me. If I know the purpose of title 4E is funding to ensure safe, stable and care for kids who can't stay with their parents, aiming for reunification, adoption or permanent placement. If I know that New Hampshire has failed its most recent federal audits for misuse of title 4E funds and is now in non-compliance. And if I know that this amendment merely puts guard rails in place to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to provide compliance information to the legislature on a semiannual basis and prioritize safe and stable foster placements and preventative services, would I press the green button?

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Edwards for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Chair. If I knew that if we were concerned about financial accountability and reporting, they would not accept this amendment because the bill that we put in includes financial reporting twice a year so that we can monitor what they're doing. And if I knew that these are a bunch of programs to help vulnerable kids. And if I knew that we were going after federal money without any additional general funds in the mix. And if I were looking for the one ray where there's a bipartisan issue to this, would I now press red on this so that the work of, the bipartisan work of Division III would be left to stand? Please press red.

Speaker Kofalt: The question is on the adoption of floor amendment (1555h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you will press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. With 268, I'm sorry with 104 voting in the affirmative, 268 voting in the negative, the amendment fails. The bill's on second reading and open to further amendment. Rep. Potenza offers floor amendment (1562h). She's not. I stand corrected. Rep. Potenza is not offering floor amendment (1562h). The bill is on second reading open to further amendment. Rep. Wallner offers floor amendment (1543h). The Chair recognizes Rep. Ebel to speak in favor of the amendment.

Representative Ebel: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise today in strong support of this amendment. This better budget invests in our future and lifts up Granite Staters. This better budget helps our state, towns and businesses, our people to thrive. New Hampshire's budget should ensure good health care, support the most vulnerable, protect clean water and air, provide justice and public safety and invest in great educational opportunities for Granite Staters. Our budget should foster a vibrant economy and support our citizens. Increasingly, the state is shirking these responsibilities. For too long balancing state budgets has meant cutting state funding and forcing cities, towns and school districts to make up the difference as best they can. The budget we just voted on continues that trend increasing costs to communities while cutting the services they rely on. Sooner or later someone always pays and whether it's through higher property taxes or by families bearing the brunt of the cuts they pay.

Speaker Kofalt: Will the member suspend please? If you need to have a conversation, I would ask you to step out to the anteroom and do so quietly so that the member can be heard. Please continue.

Representative Ebel: When the state expands school vouchers and cuts millions from our university and community college systems, our local schools and future workforce suffer. Our communities pay the price. When the state cuts public education funding then caps what towns can spend, it is using the power of state government to tread on our right, our longstanding tradition of local control. This is not the New Hampshire way, and our children pay the price. When the state cuts Medicaid provider rates, family planning or funding for mental health and services for the developmentally disabled, our hospitals, first responders and families pay the price. When the state cuts county Medicaid support for long-term elderly care, our counties pay the price. When the state abolishes the New Hampshire Council on the Arts and shrinks tourism marketing budgets, cutting those economic drivers, it hurts business and cultural opportunities for us all. When the state abolishes the Office of the Child Advocate where is the watchdog for children at risk? When the state abolishes the Commission on Aging, who will help our state plan as our aging population skyrockets. Chief Justice Gordon McDonald just sounded the alarm again about drastic cuts to our court system, courts that can delay justice while harm ripples throughout our state and increases local costs. When housing support is insufficient our housing crisis deepens. When state aid grants for wastewater treatment plants are cut towns must raise rates for improvements to protect public health. When the renewable energy fund is raided local governments are stripped of tools to lower energy costs and modernize. This is what downshifting looks like. This is what local governments face when trying to balance their budget and do what's right. And this is why according to the Tax Foundation, New Hampshire has some of the highest property tax rates in the country. This is what happens when the state drops the ball, and someone has to pick it up. Too often it's our towns and too often it's those who have the least. This is why a better budget matters to every Granite Stater. Our better budget declares that New Hampshire will do its part and shows that here in Concord we care. We are here for you and for our state. This budget restores funding. It protects services. It invests in public education and health care. It doesn't balance the budget by downshifting costs to communities and property taxpayers. This amendment invests in the future of Granite Staters. It restores funding to our university system, helping New Hampshire students succeed and supports business through workforce development. It reverses devastating Medicaid and mental health cuts enabling families, seniors and people with disabilities to get the care they need closer to home. This better budget increases state aid to cities and towns, enabling local governments to invest in infrastructure, public safety, housing and clean water while relying less on property tax increases. It protects the renewable energy fund and supports energy efficiency. It respects New Hampshire's tradition of local control by removing state enforced public school spending cap. This budget reflects our values. It puts people first. This budget says we're all in this together. No, no budget is perfect, but this proposal is responsible and a compassionate improvement. It's a better budget for New Hampshire. So, let's end the era of downshifting. Let's stop balancing budgets by pushing costs on our towns, our schools

and our working families. Let's pass a budget that invests in New Hampshire's future, that inspires us and says we believe in you. Let's pass this amendment and let's give Granite Staters a better budget. Mister Speaker, I request a roll call vote.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Kate Murray.

Representative Kate Murray: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Education is the foundation of our communities, the bedrock upon which opportunity, innovation and shared prosperity is built. From early childhood through college, from new Americans starting fresh to lifelong learners continuing to grow, education touches every stage of life. Whether it's learning the ABCs, advancing cutting edge technology at UNH, which allows submarines to do their own repairs while still at sea, helping new Americans open businesses that support future generations, education fuels our humanity. When we stop investing in learning, we limit our potential. Unfortunately, the budget presented to us today does just that. It stifles education at every level. It slashes funding for early childhood education and eliminates the Office of the Child Advocate. It guts innovative programs in our public schools, including robotics and STEM initiatives. It imposes a devastating \$50 million cut to the university system and a \$4 million cut to our community colleges. Adult education is cut in half. Meanwhile, the one program that did see an increase is a deeply flawed and unpopular education freedom accounts, which grew by \$16 million each year and yet despite this increase, there's still no accountability in the program. No way to measure student success beyond anecdotal parental reports. That's not how we ensure quality education. That's not how we support student achievement. Taken together, this budget sends a troubling message that an uneducated and uninformed population is a desired outcome, but Granite Staters know better, and they deserve better. We're here to offer a better way forward. Our proposal restores \$50 million to the university system and \$4 million to the community college. Investments that support real world advancements in technology, computer science and engineering. These institutions provide hands-on experience and a clear pathway to high-paying jobs, and they help keep our young talent right here in New Hampshire. We fully restore funding to adult education because we know that without a high school diploma Granite Staters are locked out of opportunity. With a diploma doors open to jobs, to further education, to a better life. If we do not restore this funding, this program will not be able to continue. And while we recognize the views of those who support the EFA program, this proposal maintains current funding levels and eligibility at 350% of the federal poverty level, honoring the program's original intent. While we work to implement long overdue accountability measures, now is not the time for expansion. Now is a time for responsible oversight. This proposal also eliminates the arbitrary and harmful school spending cap, known to us as HB 675, which strips local control from our municipalities. In this state we trust our cities and towns to know what is best for their schools and we reject any policy that would result in cuts to special education and general education, sports, arts and more. We've added a pilot program to provide direct certification for free and reduced lunch ensuring no child goes hungry in school at no additional cost to the state, because hungry kids can't learn. We also adjust the revenue sharing from the slot machine operations increasing the state's share from 30% to 35% in the first year to 45% thereafter, bringing more resources to local education and local charities. Finally, this proposal removes a harmful unconstitutional and fiscally irrelevant attack on diversity, equity and inclusion. The policy was introduced at the last hour of the last day without a hearing and if enacted would cost taxpayers millions of dollars in lawsuits and jeopardize school funding. An unintended consequence of this policy, as written, would likely target programs that support veterans and members of the developmental disability community. This is not what Granite Staters want. This is not how we govern. Mister Speaker, the proposed budget that we just voted on is a flawed budget. It's not a responsible budget and it's not a budget that reflects the values and priorities of the people of New Hampshire. The better budget proposal delivers a more thoughtful and forward-looking budget, one that responds to the voices of our communities, strengthens our educational foundation, renews our promise of opportunity for all and is fiscally responsible. Granite Staters deserve a better budget that reflects their values and priorities. I respectfully urge you to support this amendment. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Telerski.

Representative Telerski: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise today to speak about the critical importance of Medicaid for Granite Staters. Right now, one in seven people in New Hampshire rely on Medicaid, including children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, veterans and working families. Nearly 90,000 children, that's one in four, are covered by Medicaid and 22% of all births in our state rely on it. These are not numbers, these are our neighbors, our constituents, our communities. Medicaid keeps people healthy and keeps our economy strong. It funds essential services from maternity care to mental health, to supporting those with developmental disabilities. It saves the state millions in emergency room visits and uncompensated care and it creates good paying jobs in our health care sector. Last budget cycle, this Chamber worked together to make historic gains, raising provider rates, expanding postpartum coverage and improving infant services. But now the proposed budget cuts Medicaid reimbursement rates by 3%, a step backwards we simply cannot afford. Our better budget amendment holds the line maintaining those rates, so we don't lose the progress that we have made, but there's more at stake. The proposal also cuts \$31 million meant to prevent a waitlist for people with developmental disabilities, impacting the workforce and threatening services for those who

need complex care. Granite Staters with disabilities deserve the chance to live fulfilling, independent lives and they deserve better than what's being offered here. Our amendment restores that funding, aligning with the governor's original proposal. We've also made progress in the fight against opioids. For the first time in a decade, we're seeing overdose deaths decline, but we're not done. The House Finance plan cuts \$37.8 million from our mental health system threatening everything from community support to the goal of ending ER boarding for people in crisis. Our amendment responds with a \$22 million investment in community mental health because care should be available when and where people need it. Let's talk about the New Hampshire Family Planning Program, which provides essential services, birth control, cancer screenings, and STD treatment to lower income Granite Staters. For many, these providers are the only health care access points available. Eliminating this program, as the budget proposes, will drive people to emergency rooms and reverse decades of public health progress. Our amendment restores funding for this vital program because it works. New Hampshire consistently has among the lowest unintended pregnancy and STD rates in the nation and some of the best maternal health outcomes. That's not a coincidence. We also restore funding to the state loan repayment program which helps recruit health care professionals to underserved areas. Freezing it, as proposed, undermines our ability to build the workforce we desperately need. Our amendment includes \$800,000 to keep that pipeline open. And finally, the proposed budget includes a 5% tax on some of our lowest income residents who qualify for Medicaid. You can call it a premium or a cost share, but let's be honest, it's an income tax on hardworking Granite Staters. House Democrats will not balance the budget on the backs of working people. Our amendment removes this tax and protects the Granite Advantage Program and CHIP, as they exist in current law. Health care is not a privilege, it's a right. No one should have to choose between a doctor's visit and putting food on the table. Let me close with this. It won't be the lawmakers in this room who face the consequences of this budget. It'll be the Granite Staters who rely on the care and support that we're debating today. The security of our entire health care system is on the line. I urge you to vote yes on the better budget amendment because Granite Staters deserve a better budget. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Stringham.

Representative Stringham: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Well, you've heard about how the better budget amendment restores essential programs and reduces a lot of the harm in the current budget, but how do we pay for it? This amendment contains no new taxes, no new fees or any change in any tax or fee rate over what we've already passed. So, let's dig into the numbers. The first source of additional revenue in this amendment comes from video lottery terminals or VLTs. The governor's budget authorized our state's charitable gaming facilities to switch their slot machines from historic horse racing to the more lucrative VLTs and she set the revenue distribution for VLTs at 55% to casino operators and 45% to the state. The governor's revenue distribution was consistent with the industry and the region, and the lottery commissioner said that under her proposal, casino operators were eager to make the switch. The amendment that we previously adopted lowers the state share to 30% giving 70% of the VLT revenue to casino operators. The rationale is that the operators won't switch from historic horse racing machines to VLTs at the governor's level because it would take the operators months rather than weeks to recoup their investment. This amendment takes that argument into account providing operators 65% of the revenue for the first year, but then returning to the governor's 55/45 split after that. Doing so provides casino operators plenty of incentive to switch to VLTs and assures that New Hampshire charities and the New Hampshire taxpayers see more benefit, short and long term. This change alone brings in an additional \$72 million into the state's education trust fund and brings in more money for New Hampshire charities over the next biennium. A second source of revenue for this amendment comes from rolling back the expansion of the EFA vouchers. While many in this room want to see the EFA program expanded, in a year when critical programs like mental health and developmental disability support are being cut, we can't afford to expand the EFAs to those with higher incomes. This amendment keeps eligibility the same as it is today, funding the program at the governor's FY26 level both years and reducing the budget we previously adopted by \$32 million. These are the places we're getting the money to put back so many of these essential programs. Third, this amendment restores cuts to economic drivers like tourism development, the arts and the university system, continuing what is working to stimulate New Hampshire business growth. Doing so allows us to use revenue projections between the governor and House, reducing her business growth rate of 11% over the next two years to a more conservative 4% bringing in \$285 million over the biennium. And even though the revenue projections in this amendment remained hundreds of millions of dollars lower than the governor's, it's worth noting that after the executive council meeting yesterday and two more monthly reports have come out since she came and spoke to us, she stated that she's confident in the revenue numbers in her budget, so we're way below that. Finally, this amendment includes a new revenue source, the Sununu Center. This amendment provides for a sale leaseback arrangement of the 150-acre property that the Sununu Center sits on, allowing the state to sell this property this term. The amendment previously adopted does not sufficiently fund YDC settlements for the upcoming biennium at only \$10 million a year and admittedly we don't have many pots of money to turn to, but we've made a commitment to provide justice to those who were abused at the YDC as kids and this amendment directs all proceeds from the sale of this property to the YDC settlement fund. So, this amendment is balanced. It contains no tax increases,

lowers property taxes by returning more money to our cities and towns and reduces the county tax rate. We realize it may take some bravery to vote for this amendment, but being a coward is only cute in the Wizard of Oz. The people of New Hampshire deserve a better budget, and I hope you will all join me in voting for this amendment that better serves our citizens, towns, county and state. Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: Rep. Edwards is recognized.

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Thank you, Mister Speaker. That was four speakers to me, so I'm a little outnumbered on this. They raised about 48 to 60 points. I could go by them point by point, but there's good news. Their build back better budget is much like the kind of artificial reality that we've seen in the past four years at the federal level. There's an infinite ability to spend money. There is impractical ways to raise money. Let's just take one, the Sununu Center. I thoroughly researched the Sununu Center's availability with the department, with the AG, with the Department of Administrative Services. I looked at selling it. I looked at getting a loan against it. None of those were possible and I briefed the committee on that. There was no surprise. It shouldn't be in their amendment to begin with because it's a known non-starter. So, if this build back better budget is built on magic math and this is redundant. The reason this sounded so familiar to you is because these were the same criticism you heard when we voted, 200 of us, to vote for our HB 2. So rather than throw out that 200 vote, let's just go ahead and vote again and and reject the build back better budget. Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: Rep. Ebel has requested a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? That is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The House will come to order. The Chair recognizes Rep. Wallner for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Wallner: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that amendment (1543h) provides New Hampshire with a budget that better meets the needs of our state and provides for the well-being of our citizens. And if I know that this amendment restores vital state services, invests in our communities and provides for economic development of New Hampshire. And if I know the amendment provides a budget that puts the people of New Hampshire first and that is a responsible budget that is grounded in common sense and fairness, would I now vote yes?

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Edwards for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I knew that this amendment was hidden from Division III. That we had transparency in our process and everything. That 200 of you voted on was heard in committee and had plenty of opportunity for both parties to comment, yet this amendment is brought in at the last minute without the ability of the Finance Committee to do it right. If I knew that, would I go ahead and vote again to support what we did earlier and build the budget properly? That's how you get a better budget. You use the proper process, so I would appreciate it if you would vote red so we can kill this amendment and keep alive the work that we voted for an hour or so ago. Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: The question is on floor amendment (1543h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you will press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. With 166 voting in the affirmative, 204 voting in the negative, the amendment fails. The bill is on second reading open to further amendment. Rep. Lynn offers floor amendment (1512h) and is recognized to speak for his amendment.

Representative Lynn: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise in support of this amendment which proposes what I would characterize as a compromise amendment to the property tax relief act which has been incorporated into HB 2. The property tax relief act as you know is HB 675. I am a strong supporter of the basic principle of a tax cap for local school budget increases. The problem with the present version of it, as is in HB 2 now, is that I submit to you it goes too far and it goes too far in that beginning on July 1st of 2027, its provisions would say that any increase, any increase above the prior year's budget, and assume for the moment because I'll get to this in a second, but assume that there is no change in school population from one year to the other. The way the present provision is worded beginning on July 1st of 2027 under that circumstance it would mean that any increase in the budget, even a dollar, even a dollar increase, would require a 2/3 majority vote. I'm a, as I said I'm a strong supporter of property tax cap, but this goes too far. How do you justify that? That basically is saying that a routine kind of spending, you know you're never going to get exactly the same budget, routine spending within the realm of inflation requires a 2/3 vote. How do we justify that? I just don't understand how we can argue that that makes sense. So, my proposal says that in order to invoke the tax cap requirement, it's got to be more than the CPI requirement. It's got to be something that is an increase above what inflation would call for because that seems to me, that sensibly says, well wait a minute. If your school district where there are often very low turnout elections, if your school district which often has a low turnout election, you want to make what amounts to an extraordinary increase in the budget above what inflation would call for, then you've got to show that there's more than a bare majority of the low turnout that says that's okay. You've got to rise to that higher level of 2/3. That, it seems to me, I have no problem justifying that to anyone in my community. I would have a great deal of difficulty saying why it would make

sense to have a 2/3 vote on, you know a dollar increase. The other thing I hope you'll ask yourself and think about is, as you know, we are really faced with three choices. You have the current, we can vote for the current provision that is in HB 675, which would say after 2027 any increase requires a 2/3 vote, or there will be another amendment that comes after this one which will completely eliminate the tax cap. So, if we vote this amendment that I propose down, those will be the two alternatives. Leave it as it is so any increase after 2027 will require a 2/3 vote or get rid of the tax cap. I speak particularly to the folks on my side of the aisle. I don't want to get rid of the tax cap, but I am very concerned that there will be a number of people on my side of the aisle that will vote to get rid of the tax cap if we don't adopt this compromise amendment. And so, for that reason I ask you to please press the green button on this amendment and Mister Speaker I would ask for a division vote.

Speaker Kofalt: Does the member yield to a question? The member yields.

Representative Vose: I thank the member for taking my question. I haven't had a chance to really digest your amendment yet, so my question is this. If the 5-year average CPI is 5% would that allow a rise in the school budget each year by 4.9% with a simple majority vote?

Representative Lynn: Yes, I believe it would. If it's within the CPI, I believe it would allow for a simple majority vote for the increase, yes.

Speaker Kofalt: The Chair recognizes Rep. Dan McGuire.

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker. It really pains me to come up and and argue against my good friend from Windham, but I'm forced to do so. So, this is a bill that passed the House narrowly, but it's one of the most important bills that we did pass this year, in my opinion. The number one complaint from my constituents, and I assume from yours as well, is the level of property tax. So, depending on where you are, it is something like 2/3 or 3/4 of it is school costs. The cost of schools is out of this world. It's well over in the state, the average is over \$21,000 a pupil. In my town it happens to be more like \$27,000 a pupil, and to our shame our performance is worse than average, so it's not good. Beyond that in the state spending has gone up in the past decade 58% when inflation has, spending per pupil when, when inflation has only been about 38%. So, performance has declined. So, schools cost too much already. This amendment gives them an inflation adjustment just in straight dollar terms, right. So, if a school like, I think my school budget is \$15 million maybe something like that, this would give them an inflation adjustment of 3%, 4%, 5% whatever it is, every year even though the school population is in decline. There are very few places where if you look at the number of first graders, it's somehow equal or greater than the number of 12th graders, right. School populations are going down and down and have been for decades. That's a, you know, demographic fact. So, if someone wanted to do this kind of an amendment correctly, it should be a CPI adjustment together with a population adjustment, but I would argue that doing it this way, CPI only is actually increasing the cost per pupil and making the property tax situation worse, right. Beyond that, the bill that we passed has an out, right. It has the 2/3 vote if the town wants to spend more on schools and we've seen examples where way more than 2/3 want to do that, right. The people that come out and vote in March are, generally speaking, a small fraction of the total electorate and they tend to be ones that want to spend more. So, this bill is unnecessary for the cases where towns do want to spend more. They have shown the ability to do so. So, I hope that you will stick with our original bill and defeat this amendment. Thank you.

Speaker Kofalt: A division vote has been requested. Members take your seats. The question is on amendment (1512h). This is a division vote. If if you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. With 28 members voting in the affirmative, 341 voting in the negative, the amendment fails.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Kuttub offers floor amendment (1499h), and the Chair recognizes Rep. Boehm.

Representative Boehm: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise in support of amendment (1499h). This amendment just removes HB 675 from HB 2. It will in no way affect the budget. This is my ninth term, and I believe the first time I am speaking for an amendment to HB 2 and without this amendment I cannot support the budget this time. We will be voting on removing more local control from our school districts. So, school districts have the ability now to put in a tax cap, but now we are trying to force school districts to do it. The original bill has problems. For example, no cost-of-living increases or additional programs. These could be fixed by the Finance Committee that has retained the bill, but that bill would still be overreach. It is amazing that we keep yelling about local control and are trying to remove more of it. I'm surprised that members here that call themselves Free Staters are for this. Members that say they are against big government are now voting for a bigger government. What's next, the bill telling towns how to zone? If the local body keeps voting down the tax cap, they must like the way the school district is running. But if they keep voting down the budget, that's for the default, after a while the school board may get the message. People will then vote for a tax cap. By the way, if anything the default budget fix should have been put in HB 2. If this amendment fails, I and others will be voting against HB 2. Thank you and vote green and I request a division vote. And, by the way, HB 675 only passed this House by five votes. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Dan McGuire.

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you very much, Mister Speaker. I don't know what I have to add to what I said before. Property taxes are high. Schools are the reason, and this piece of legislation is a way to give our local property taxpayers a little bit of relief and a little control, a pause in the raising of property taxes that they well deserve. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Boehm has asked for a division. This will be a division vote. Members take your seats. Rep. Sweeney has asked for a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. The motion before us is floor amendment (1499h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Kuttab for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Kuttab: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that towns are currently enabled to implement a tax cap if they so choose and that only six towns opted to have this on their ballot and that it was defeated in all six towns. If I further know that if towns want a cap, it only takes 25 voters to have it included on their ballot. So, the fact that it wasn't on the ballot demonstrates that most of the towns did not want this. If I also know that this completely removes even a cost-of-living adjustment and will force 98% of the school districts across our state to reduce their budgets without a 2/3 vote, which will undoubtedly lead to breaching teacher contracts and potential legal disputes that could disrupt the stability of our school systems and do nothing to lower property taxes. And finally, if I know that mandating uniform approaches from Concord is not the New Hampshire way, local control is, then would I now press the green button to leave things to local control and remove this mandate which our constituents have made clear they do not want. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Osborne for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Osborne: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I remember that just a couple weeks ago, we passed this very legislation in this body to protect our taxpayers from the special interests that come out on local voting day. That the overwhelming majority of registered voters come out on November election day to send us to Concord to work for them, to protect them and that the number one issue that they tell us about is property taxes that we can protect them from with this legislation built into HB 2 and would be removed by this amendment, would I now press the red button to continue the fight to protect our taxpayers?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1499h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 206 voting Yea, 165 voting nay, the amendment is adopted. Rep. Simpson offers floor amendment (1501h) and is recognized to speak.

Representative Simpson: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I rise in support of amendment (1501h) which adds the New Hampshire Family Planning Program back into the state budget, returning the funding that was proposed in the governor's budget. I want to remind everybody what the New Hampshire Family Planning Program is. It's funding for preventative sexual and reproductive health care for low-income Granite Staters. Specifically, this program helps to cover no cost or low-cost birth control, STD testing and treatment and cancer screenings. Again, all for low-income Granite Staters. There are only four health care providers who are in the family planning program because the executive council voted against the providers who also offer abortion care even though by law none of the funding can be used or ever has been used for abortion. The four health care providers who are in the program are Coos County Family Health, CAP Belknap, Merrimack, Amoskeag Health and Lamprey Health Care, health centers that are designed to care for medically underserved areas of the state. They serve lower income patients in so many of our communities, including rural areas of our state. The budget, as proposed by the majority, eliminates the family planning program entirely. A member of the majority said in the Finance Committee that fundraising efforts can cover the difference. This is not just unacceptable, but it's not true. The CEO of one of the potentially impacted federally qualified health centers said very clearly to Finance Division III that if this funding were to go away it would undermine their capacity to provide services to the broader community. The federally qualified health centers exist in areas of our state that are already medically underserved. This means that patients have to drive a very long time to get health care, especially health care they can afford. If the majority of this Chamber chooses to defund these health care providers, that choice would lead to negatively impacting health centers in Berlin, Manchester, Meredith, Nashua, Newmarket and Raymond. Coos County Family Health Services is one of the providers in the family planning program. They have the highest poverty rate in the entire state and the highest number of folks on Medicaid. They also have the highest rate of sexual assault in the entire state. The Family Planning Clinic at Coos County Family Health Services also operates the domestic violence support center. To be clear, these two programs work hand in hand to keep survivors of domestic violence and their children safe and healthy. Eliminating the entire family planning program will harm vulnerable Granite Staters because without this funding programs or health centers could close entirely and patients will lose access to their health care. You might wonder why can't patients just pay for these services. Why can't they go somewhere else instead? I just want to say clearly that patients who use these services cannot afford to pay for them. In Coos County, the health center is the only provider in the New Hampshire Family Planning Program. There is nowhere else to go for essential services like contraception. This vote shouldn't

be controversial. It shouldn't be a party line vote. If you want to keep Granite Staters healthy, if you don't want to add to the uncompensated care of hospitals, if you want to prevent teenage pregnancy, if you want to combat sexually transmitted diseases and especially if you don't want to bankrupt hardworking Granite Staters by forcing them to go to an emergency room for basic health care, please vote green on this amendment to fund the New Hampshire Family Planning Program. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Edwards.

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I agree and have a proven track record of agreeing with the previous speaker. This is my third budget. The previous two budgets we fully funded family planning. What we happen to have in this situation was for every dollar that the governor had in revenue, we had about 75 cents to spend. That meant the classic unlimited wants and limited resources dilemma. And so, we very clearly articulated the priorities that we would follow in Division III to fund the hundred or so programs. We said that those residential settings in which we have patients in a bed for which state employees have to tend to them, have to come first. So, that included Glencliff Hospital, the New Hampshire Hospital. It includes effectively YDC. And then from there we took a look at additionally vulnerable groups. You've heard the other side talk passionately, if not financially, about the reductions that were made in the developmental disability area and in the community health area. So, when you start to prioritize a limited amount of money, at some point you get to a cut point. One of the things that we put into this HB 2 that you've already voted for and voted to defend is the ability of groups or individuals to donate up to a quarter million dollars to help fund programs. And this is such a good program and there's such a strong advocacy for it, I'd like to see some energy put into going out and raising some donations to help cover it because we simply ran out of money. Now if I had more time, I would have looked very carefully at the Coos county situation. I got asked in a Q&A the other day about that and I didn't understand the question. I didn't answer it well, so whoever you were, what I should have said to you is that the remediation plan for family planning in my view at this point is to pass this budget, get it over to the Senate and articulate a case for Coos. The other places, the other three places, are in the southern tier for the most part. There are other alternatives. What you're not being told is those alternatives aren't free, okay. So sometimes things in life aren't free. These are adults that we're talking about that are using the family planning services. These are adults. The people that we prioritize our money to first were like Glencliff, where you have a combination of mentally ill, developmentally disabled and we have this huge shortfall in the amount of money that we've been able to fund for their personnel. So, in a world in which more resources were available, like I have done in two prior budgets, I would have funded family planning but at some point, you're just out of money and somebody's going to stand up and say, "Blame me." So, you can go ahead and blame me, but what I need you to do is I need you to vote red on this because it adds back basically \$1.9 million in general funds over the next two years and doesn't fund it. Where's it going to come from? It's easy to say I'll spend the money. It gets to be a different issue when you say okay what are you not going to spend? So, let's not take the easy way out and let's vote red against this.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1501h). A roll call has been requested. Is that sufficiently second? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is floor amendment (1501h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Lucas for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Lucas: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that the family planning program helps cover no cost and low-cost preventative reproductive health care like birth control and cancer screenings across New Hampshire. And if I know that the patients served at the health care providers currently in the family planning program often cannot afford to receive health care services anywhere else. And finally, Mister Speaker, if I know that if we do not fund the New Hampshire Family Planning Program, health care centers could close entirely leaving patients in our rural areas without access to health care, would I now press the green button to add this critical funding back into the budget? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Edwards for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I knew that family planning has in fact been funded fully according to the governor's budget and my past two budgets. And that this year, if I knew that I am leaving inadequately funded the care and support, the direct care and support of mentally ill, developmentally disabled people in Glencliff because we ran out of money. And if I knew that there's the ability for any individual or group to donate up to \$250,000 without going through the fiscal committee. And if I knew that this was such a passionate issue that groups and individuals would stand up and throw money at it, would I now vote red to kill this amendment?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1501h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 174 voting Yea, 196 voting Nay, the amendment fails. Rep. Petrigno offers floor amendment (1503h) and is recognized to speak.

Representative Petrigno: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, colleagues, it's unfortunate that we find ourselves in a time of fiscal restraint but nonetheless here we are. But in doing so, we must be mindful to avoid at all costs bringing harm to our most vulnerable. In this instance, I'm speaking of our children. Those who are abused and neglected, who are in need of special services, who find themselves in foster care or in the juvenile justice system. For a very small state, New Hampshire has had way too many high-profile cases involving these children. Everyone in this Chamber knows what I'm talking about and it's nothing to be proud of. However, we have been making steady progress in this regard, especially with the good work of the Office of the Child Advocate. Created in 2018, New Hampshire was the 12th state in the nation to establish this autonomous agency charged with being the one voice, the sole advocate, to look out for, defend and speak up in every instance for our children's best interest, welfare and safety. Now since then, 21 other states have joined New Hampshire, 33 states now have similar agencies, but with this proposed budget instead of moving forward or at a minimum staying the course we are taking a step backwards during a time of critical need. And while the headlines often put our state in the bad light when it comes to children protective services, it was our Office of the Child Advocate that shined brightly, gaining high praise for rescuing two of our children who were supposed to be receiving intensive mental health care at the Bledsoe Youth Academy in Tennessee, but instead were found to be in a prison-like setting within a culture of degradation and retaliation. Now you will hear that there is redundancy in the work of the office performed by other agencies. That is simply not true. The office is neither luxury nor frill. As an independent agency, the office oversees all other agencies, provides statutory guaranteed confidentiality allowing constituents from judges and attorneys to DCYF social workers and community providers to feel safe, shielded from potential retribution when raising critical issues about other agencies. And unlike other agencies, the office meets with and interviews children on a regular basis, visits residential placements in and outside of New Hampshire to ensure safe and appropriate care. No other agency reviews restraint and seclusion reports, correlates and analyzes important data to help guide other agencies and the legislature. Furthermore, the office has been invaluable to assisting the Children and Family Law Committees of both Chambers when evaluating and drafting legislation. Now with all due respect to the Finance Committee Chair, his comments earlier were erroneous regarding the Children and Family Law Committee support for the Office of the Child Advocate. The committee, Republicans and Democrats alike, fully support the Office of the Child Advocate. Now I realize the governor has given us a challenging task but in doing so she has made her support for the Office of the Child Advocate very clear, publicly stating that she disagrees with removing the position from the budget. I'm confident that we agree with her. We simply cannot afford to sacrifice the best interest, welfare and safety of our children, so I urge you to support this amendment and Mister Speaker, I call for a roll call vote. Thank you very much.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Dan McGuire.

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, one of the things we had to do in the budget when looking for less expense is look to eliminate duplicative functions. The Office of the Child Advocate is one such function. There are two kinds of things it does. One is get involved in the legislative process. There are no end to people interested in legislation who have child welfare in mind. We don't need to hire people to do that, that's what they are. The other one is this complaint oversight ombudsman type of activity, but that's duplicative of similar functions inside DCYF. And if DCYF is poorly run the solution is not to create yet another agency, but it's to fix and change the leadership of DCYF, right. Because this agency, the Office of the Child Advocate has no authority over DCYF. What they can do is jawbone, right, but that's all they can do. So, when you have a problem in one area do you create yet another organization or do you go to that area and fix it, right. We have to get rid of duplicative functions. It's not worth spending money to do something wrong over here and do some kind of fix over here. Why don't we just do it right over here in the first place and not cost the taxpayers for both. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1503h). Rep. Petrigno has asked for a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is floor amendment (1503h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Petrigno for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Petrigno: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that New Hampshire has had way too many high-profile cases of abuse and neglect and that the Office of the Child Advocate has been the one bright spot. And if I know that the work of the office is in fact unique, not redundant, that no other agency provides statutorily mandated confidentiality and if I further know that the Children and Family Law Committee supports as well as the governor supports this office and I hope that we all agree, would I now press the green button and vote yes? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Dan McGuire for parliament inquiry.

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that the Office of the Child Advocate has interfered with, rather than assisted, needed legislation to re-reform child abuse and child welfare laws. And if I know that the Office of the Child Advocate is duplicative of other functions within DCYF. And if I know it's a mistake to spend money on both the problem and more money on the solution rather than fixing the problem directly, would I now press the red button?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is amendment (1503h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 177 voting Yea, 190 voting Nay, the amendment fails. Rep. Bridle offers floor amendment (1523h) and is recognized to speak.

Representative Bridle: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues. Tourism is not just a highlight of New Hampshire's identity; it's our second largest revenue generating industry. It touches every county in every season and draws visitors from around the world. It drives revenue for businesses, retailers, restaurants, hotels, nightclubs, state parks from local diners to grand hotels. These businesses support over 70,000 state workers, workers who live in your districts. Governor Ayotte's budget proposed \$13.7 million over two years for the Division of Travel and Tourism Development and HB 2 strips that funding delivering a death blow to one of our most reliable economic powerhouses. This amendment restores funding and reaffirms our commitment to small business owners and the hospitality workforce across New Hampshire. Some opponents of this have labeled this corporate welfare, suggesting struggling business owners should find \$14 million in ad dollars themselves. But when you see a commercial on TV saying visit Florida or Virginia is for lovers, it wasn't paid for by Joe's Kayak rental. Our mountains, lakes, loons, moose and lobsters don't have ad budgets. Small businesses don't have marketing departments. The local House of Pizza can't afford a billboard in New York City, but Visit New Hampshire can. State level tourism campaigns level the playing field and help every business, not just the one with big budgets. Other states have learned this lesson the hard way. In the early 2010s, Connecticut cut its tourism marketing budget by 60%. The result 1.3 million fewer visitors, \$165 million lost in visitor spending and over \$10 million in lost tax revenue. Recovery for them took years and many small businesses didn't make it. Marketing is not optional, it's how we stay competitive in a crowded regional and national market. Some may ask why not reallocate this money toward roads or education. Here's why. Tourism revenue helps pay for both. It brings in non-resident tax dollars, reducing the burden on our communities. If we cut tourism now, we risk cuts to schools and services later when that revenue disappears. This isn't tourism versus infrastructure. It's about recognizing one that funds the other. HB 2 also calls for the sale or lease of our state's welcome centers and cuts \$2.3 million from the Bureau of Visitor Services. These centers are often a visitor's first impression of our state. They distribute maps, brochures, promote rural destinations, support local businesses, encourage longer stays. Once they're closed to create a small one-time savings, they're gone. It's like blowing your kid's college fund to go to The Brook. There's no easy way back from that. Tourism is not just about scenic views; it's about real dollars and real jobs. New Hampshire boasts over 7,000 miles of world-class snowmobiling trails, scenic chairlift rides, majestic scenic railways. In Coos County, Ride the Wilds is the largest OHRV trail system in our country offering over a thousand miles of interconnected trails. We have thousands of miles of hiking trails, including 1,200 in the White Mountain National Forest and ours is the most popular backcountry stretch of the Appalachian Trail. We are home to 48 peaks over 4,000 feet. We offer more than 400 public access boat launch sites with 1,300 ponds and lakes where visitors can enjoy everything from water skiing to canoeing to class 4 whitewater rapids and kayaking. Add to that 18 miles of beautiful coastal shoreline and marshlands for freshwater fishing and saltwater fishing. Combine this with New Hampshire's tax-free shopping, agricultural tours, NASCAR events, covered bridges, concert venues, the seafood festival, Laconia Bike Week, Fisher Cats games. It's clear everyone in this room has benefited from tourism in one form or another. Looking ahead to 2026, we will neighbor a FIFA World Cup host state and celebrate America's 250th birthday drawing visitors from all over the globe. Events are already underway being planned and New Hampshire must be ready to showcase what we can offer. Other states are investing in this already and if we fail to secure this funding, we'll miss out on that opportunity. This funding has long been an investment in our people, those 70,000 jobs. Now is not the time to abandon them. Certainly not by asking small businesses to foot a \$14 million bill they can't afford. They count on us. Go back to your community and tell them that today you invested in them and in all of us because we all benefit from those who visit this great state. I ask you to join me in supporting this amendment. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Sweeney.

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Well, I certainly won't disagree with the good colleague from Hampton about how amazing New Hampshire is. We're a far better state than the state of Connecticut, as he referenced. I just need to talk about to you all, there are a lot of tough cuts in this budget that we've proposed. This isn't one of them. Tourism advertising spending, \$7 million a year, on a \$5.5 billion industry for the State of New Hampshire is not something that we should be amending the budget for. It's not a cry that we need to answer for the associations and the industries that are supposedly affected by this reduced New Hampshire state marketing spent. Those industries, those businesses, those trade associations that are all dues paying members of the very same organizations that lobbied the legislature in support of this amendment, they can fund their advertising for the next two years to still draw people to the natural beauty of the State of New Hampshire, the great events that we're putting on. When I think of the Loudon

racetrack, I think NASCAR does a pretty good job of advertising themselves. And a lot of the bike week, I think people know about it as a cultural tradition, not something that, you know, billboards in New York City or advertising spends outside of the regional market really gets any return on our investment for. You'll hear numbers, or you've heard numbers, that every dollar we spend on advertising gets us \$15 or \$17 back in economic activity. If that was the case, I would propose a billion dollars spent on advertising and then we could fully fund the budget and all of our economic activity going forward. It's just not, when you look at the budget and the decisions we had to make, restoring tourism advertising spending should not be our top priority when looking, thinking of restoration of cuts. Moving on to the welcome centers. That actually came out of a conversation with the business and the BEA Department in our division. They're obligated to run these welcome centers due to the way the federal law on highways is written. It's a cost to them to run these welcome centers. So, the selling the welcome centers is one thing, but it is an ongoing cost to the State of New Hampshire to manage and run and operate all those welcome centers that we are not allowed by the federal government as the State of New Hampshire to commercialize or get any return on. But we are eligible to sell most of them and put them back on the private market, put them back on the tax base for the municipalities that the welcome centers are located in, and we can actually start, you know, developing more economic growth along the highways and along the destinations in our state. So, again, I don't disagree with any of the wonderful points that were made about how nice of a state New Hampshire is and how wonderful it would be for all the tourists to come here instead of elsewhere. I just strongly disagree that advertising spend \$14 million for a \$5.5 billion a year industry just doesn't pass the math test for me. So, I'd urge you to vote red on this amendment. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: A roll call has been requested. Is that sufficiently seconded? That is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is floor amendment (1523h). The House will be in order. It's floor amendment (1523h). The Chair recognizes Rep. Bridle for a parliamentary inquiry. This is a roll call vote.

Representative Bridle: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that every county in this state is represented by my colleagues in this room today and that they've benefited from revenue generated by the tourism industry. And if I know, like the Representative from Salem said, that every dollar we invest returns \$15 spent in this economy. And if I know that the economy is the second highest revenue generating industry in this state, one of our most reliable economic incomes. And if I know that a healthy tourism industry helps us fund other important essential industries, projects that are all close to our hearts, would I now tell tourists that New Hampshire will gladly accept them, their families and their vacation dollars and press the green button? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

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

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know \$7 million is .1% of the \$5.5 billion hospitality industry in the State of New Hampshire. And if I know that 9.1% is not going to really drive the needle. And if I further know that NASCAR can pay for their own advertising as can every other private business in the state would, I now press the red button and vote down this amendment? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1523h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend the state of the vote. 198 voting Yea, 169, the House will be in order. 198 Yea, 169 Nay, the amendment is adopted. Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere offers floor amendment (1569h) and is recognized to speak.

Representative Sabourin dit Choiniere: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Colleagues, I question why anyone would accept the conclusion that abolishing the BTLA will result in a dime of savings in the next biennium. If we know that the proposal states that the employees of the BTLA are hereby transferred to the superior court without interruption of service, salary or compensation and authorizes a new superior court justice who shall be qualified by reason of such a person's knowledge and experience in tax matters, then are we not actually authorizing new positions and expenses in the next biennium compared to the last? If we know that Division I acted under the assumption that BTLA receives 100 appeals a year, with only 30 going to hearing. And we know that the BTLA's real case load averages 400 cases a year with 70 decisions on the merits issued each year, why should we believe that this is a sensible proposal to handle this case load more efficiently? If we know that property taxes generate more than \$350 million in revenue each year, isn't funding the BTLA's budget request, which amounts to .007% of that total a reasonable measure to ensure equity and proportionality? If we know that no current BTLA board members term is set to expire in FY26 or the first half of FY27, then where will any savings and efficiencies be found in the next biennium? If we know that all of the functions, powers duties, records, personnel and property of the BTLA are hereby transferred to the superior court and that the superior court shall not assume any statutory duty of the BTLA that conflicts with its role and functions as a court, have we not abdicated our job to determine the policies and programs of this state and see that they be administered accordingly, having not delegated to the superior court the job of deciding which laws administered by a former BTLA they see fit to administer? If we know that the BTLA on average

only draws \$750,000 from the general fund each year and the cost for a new superior court judge and their staff is \$650,000 each year, how can we hold a straight face and say that this proposal will save the people of New Hampshire \$1.17 million in FY26 and then another \$1.2 million in FY27? Please vote green on the amendment and thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Walker.

Representative Walker: Thank you, Mister Speaker. This amendment puts back the BTLA and adds another court. I want to come out and speak in favor of this because what we're doing by eliminating the BTLA is we're downshifting all the costs to the taxpayers because taxpayers have two avenues to go to appeal their assessments with appeal to get an exemption and one's the BTLA, the other one's superior court. If they eliminate the BTLA, which the original committee cut out, then all they got is superior court or this other court, which charges them money. They have to get a lawyer and fight for that. If you're an elderly person, you could be very, very intimidated to apply to the superior court. So, I think the BTLA needs to be put back in, so we don't have an elderly person spending up to \$1,000 on a lawyer and admin fees to get their \$100 exemption. I don't think it'll happen, so I think it's most just to put back the BTLA and I hope you all support and vote green on this amendment. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Dan McGuire.

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, the the problem with the BTLA is not that they do a poor job, it's just that they are super expensive. In 2024, they issued 58 decisions, okay, 58 decisions, but they spent \$1.2 million a year, all right. I'll do the division for you. That's over \$20,000 a decision, all right. The cost of the superior court, which is the alternative to the BTLA, and it's the alternative today when somebody goes to the BTLA they could decide to go to the superior court if they wanted to. The cost of superior court for the most complicated cases averages \$1,500 a case. So, the difference between 1,500 and 20,000 is a factor of what, 13, 14, something like that. It's way more expensive than superior court. And, if we're going to balance the budget and we've already just now spent close to \$20 million from the rainy-day fund, right. The rainy-day fund is getting low, and I promised the treasurer we would keep it up because that affects our credit rating. Let's not spend this unnecessary \$2.4 million for 58 cases a year, right. I mean this is \$2.4 million for the biennium, 58 decisions a year. It's simply not worth it. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: Rep. Germana has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is floor amendment (1569h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Proulx for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Proulx: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that superior court is overloaded as we speak and there would be a great delay to get their cases heard. And if I know that people are struggling that need these tax breaks and need them in a timely fashion, then I would vote yes. Short and sweet is my deal. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. McGuire for parliamentary inquiry, Dan McGuire.

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that cases at the BTLA are costing the taxpayer \$20,000 a piece, whereas superior court cases cost us \$1,500 a piece. If I know that there's one specialized judge who handles these kinds of cases for the superior court. And if I know that we're adding two more judges to superior court in this budget, as expensive as they are, they're a lot cheaper than the BTLA, would I then press the red button?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1569h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 183 voting Yea, 180 voting Nay, the motion passes. Rep. Damon offers floor amendment (1561h) and is recognized to speak.

Representative Damon: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues. Hello?

Speaker Packard: The House will be in order. The Member has a right to speak and be heard.

Representative Damon: Thank you, Mister Speaker. This bipartisan fiscally neutral amendment allows New Hampshire to participate in the USDA pilot project so that students who are already enrolled in Medicaid are efficiently enrolled in the free and reduced school meals program that they are already qualified for. Important points to note. First, this is an opt-in program that gives families the opportunity to consent on their Medicaid application if they want the students to be enrolled in school meals. No family's privacy is violated. Medicaid eligibility is confirmed annually or more often if family income changes. Second, lines 16 to 22 of the amendment clearly define that there is no effect on adequacy aid payments during the two years of the pilot program. The expense you have heard projected is simply not factual. The amendment keeps differential education aid at the pre-Medicaid direct certification levels. To be clear, this amendment has no impact on school funding for implementing the pilot program for MDC. Third, the program is automatically repealed two years after it starts, leaving it to future legislatures to decide on the merits of continuing using reliable accurate data. Forty-three states are currently participating in the Medicaid direct certification program, including Maine and Vermont, many of them for several years. Hungry children do not learn efficiently.

Increased access to school meals is strongly associated with improved education and health benefits, reduced absenteeism and reduced tardiness, fewer behavioral issues and less childhood obesity. These are students who are already entitled to these meal benefits. We are not increasing eligibility with this amendment. For a variety of reasons, families do not always complete the paper application forms for free and reduced meals. It can be a daunting process, text that is a barrier for limited readers, shame or just too much for a hardworking low-income parent to get done. According to Feeding America, children with food insecurity are twice as likely to receive special education services and twice as likely to repeat a grade. Feeding these children, having reliable food intake is economically smart. So, you know that this amendment freezes education aid based on free and reduced meal participation at current levels so there is no impact on adequacy funding to schools. And you know that Medicaid direct certification is an opt-in program so families can choose whether to participate. And perhaps you don't want to be the people who voted not to feed food insecure children who, through no fault of their own, are poor. So, I urge you to join me in voting green to help food insecure children be fed and thrive. As many as 10,500 New Hampshire children throughout all our counties will be so very grateful to you. Thank you and Mister Speaker I request a division vote.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Popovici-Muller.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I would like to thank my distinguished colleague for generously offering to only push the state towards bankruptcy two years from now instead of immediately, but I still think that we should stick with moving towards prosperity instead. This rehash of the tabled HB 583 bill fails to even show...

Speaker Packard: The member will suspend for a minute. What is the point of order? Come down here.

Representative Selig: He's insulting the member. He's insulting her by accusing her of leading the state to bankruptcy and that is an insult and not acceptable.

Speaker Packard: Well, it is pretty much a standard that we don't cast aspersions on anybody in the Chamber. I'm sorry I didn't hear exactly what he said.

Representative Selig: I request that he apologize.

Speaker Packard: No, the member may continue.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you. As I was saying, this rehash of the tabled bill HB 583 fails to even show a demonstrated need despite the federal census statistic used to measure hunger being so biased towards overcounting that if I answer the census question about hunger as asked my very well-fed family will be counted as food insecure. For the past three years and two terms through two bills, one state and House and Senate and House statutory committee and two budgets, not one person who testified in support of such policies was able to bring one specific case or one school district policy that denied food to a student because of their inability to pay. School districts already work hard to ensure that all parents are aware of the free and reduced meals program and support them in applying making it highly unlikely that any parents who would like to be part of the free and reduced meal program are unable to join. For those reasons and many more please join me in voting red to stop this attempt to bankrupt our state.

Speaker Packard: A division has been asked for. This will be a division vote. Members take your seats. Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is floor amendment (1561h). This is a division vote, a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Kelly for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Eileen Kelly: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know the Medicaid direct certification program is a pilot project which allows the office of Medicaid to share data with the Department of Education for the sole purpose of certifying children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. If I know that families shall only be opted into this program if the participants consent on their application. And if I also know that this pilot program is revenue neutral, the average daily membership numbers are frozen during the 2-year program at current levels and therefore will not increase the adequacy amount and the program automatically repeals at the end of the 2-year pilot. Children will no longer be directly certified from Medicaid and the family will need to fill out forms again, then Mister Speaker, would I now push the green button to support this amendment? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognize Rep. Popovici-Muller for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that this proposed remedy for this unsubstantiated problem is absurd because this amendment would put us on a path to spending \$100 million, but only \$100,000 of that would go to pay for food. And if I know that this amendment addresses hunger as effectively as throwing money out of a helicopter flying over Boston in the faint hope that it will be caught by hungry New Hampshire kids, will I now press the red button to allow us to move forward with our work?

Speaker Packard: The House will be in order. The motion before us is floor amendment (1561h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press a green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 181 voting Yea, 182 voting Nay, motion fails. Rep. Wilhelm offers floor amendment (1553h). The Chair recognizes Rep. Nagel. The House will be in order. The member has a right to be heard.

Representative Nagel: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I'd like to thank you, my co-sponsors, for giving me the honor of supporting this amendment for you. Before I begin, I just wanted to let you know that I did speak with the Office of Legislative Services, and I have a disclosure that I need to make. My wife is on the Board of the Warner Indian Museum. They do receive money from the New Hampshire Council for the Arts. We do not generate any revenue from that, and they said that it was fine that I speak and vote but let you know that that's the case. With that said, I would like to let you know how we became involved with the Warner Indian Museum. I would imagine many of you know that it's there. It's been there for about 40 years now. It was started by a gentleman named Bud Thompson and what they do is, he had a love affair with Native American culture and he started collecting artifacts and before you know it, he had enough to create a museum. But he didn't want to stop there. What he wanted to do was to celebrate the whole native experience and so from going from just demonstrating artifacts and things like that, they also started having classes, teaching kids about the native experience and so on and so forth. Suddenly it became a big part of the Warner culture. We were just at a chamber of commerce meeting in Warner, and we found out what a big impact that that institution had on bringing people into the town of Warner. And they did receive two grants from the New Hampshire Council for the Arts to help support their activities. I'm troubled oftentimes that people imply well you can just get your money from somewhere else. I watch; I don't know their budget processes. I'm not part of the budget process, but I do watch how creative they are in terms of generating revenue and it's just not that easy to get it. And the amount of money that they get from the state is not a lot but it's enough to keep them going and enough to facilitate their services for the State of New Hampshire. And I would imagine a lot of your kids have probably had educational resources done there. What they do embody is the creative, educational, artistic and economic values of the nonprofits that are sponsored by the New Hampshire Council for the Arts. The council celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. They started very humbly, struggling, but now they've grown substantially and last year they administered 181 grants at a cost of about \$1.5 million. About \$500,000 of that was federally matching funds. The rest of it came from the state. The benefits that we all get from that, number one, is economic impact. This sector of our economy generates about \$3.3 billion. It creates jobs, 45,000 individuals in this state are employed by the arts. The return on investment, we talked about that earlier. There's about a 7 to 1 ratio for every dollar spent by federal, state and local governments on the arts. There's about a \$7 return in tax revenue. For those of you who live in the Lakes region, the Colonial Theater, that was a huge thing in terms of revitalizing the downtown of Laconia that had been stagnating for a long time. And every time somebody wants to do urban renewal, the first thing you do is you make sure you get a theater of some sort down there and that brings people downtown. Cultural preservation I basically already outlined. That's what the Indian Museum does. And the other big thing is they leverage federal funds. There's a 2:1 ratio that they can get federal money for doing this. I would like to conclude with a little bit of a story that's always bothered me since I was a kid. I grew up in a small town. I had six friends that went on to play professional major league sports. Two in major league baseball and four in professional football. They all went to public school. They all went to public universities and at no point were they ever looking for money. To quote one of them he said, "We always got the best rooms, the best food and the best gym." And they also said the best girls. And that was their experience and one of them apologized. He said, "The people in the arts are always struggling to get money for everything." Interestingly, the girl across the street from me went to Julliard. She became one of the world's greatest pianists functionally at their own cost because there was no public money to do that. The six athletes had careers that spanned a total of anywhere from 1 to 10 years. The woman across the street has been performing professionally now for almost 70 years and is still performing professionally. That is the point. Investment in the arts yields a lot of good things for all of us and I would like to see that we start to recognize that. I was about to say do you have any questions, but that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Sweeney.

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Again, to my colleagues, really just on the numbers here. It is a \$3.3 billion industry of arts in New Hampshire. One million a year in state grants is not necessary to subsidize a \$3.3 billion industry for the arts in New Hampshire. That's the justification towards cutting it. Again, this budget has so many tough cuts for health programs, for the university system, that it is to me, an industry that can be supported by private patrons who now, without the interest and dividends tax, gets to keep more of their own money. They can fund the art programs on their own. They can utilize our very successful charitable gaming operations to get funding for their art programs and their nonprofits. It is not a service that the State of New Hampshire should be taxing people in order to fund. Thank you. Please vote against the amendment.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1553h). A roll call has been requested. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The motion before us is floor amendment (1553h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Wilhelm for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Wilhelm: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that the creative economy makes significant contribution to our state's overall economy employing more than 40,000 Granite Staters

and generating over \$7 in tax revenues for every dollar invested by federal, state and local government. And Mister Speaker, if I know that the New Hampshire Council on the Arts has a stellar track record of awarding highly sought-after competitive grant funding to nonprofits in every county across our state that helps organizations enrich their communities culturally and economically, bring arts into schools to help develop the creative skills of our youth, bring artists into health care facilities to help heal and improve the quality of life for residents and patients, help artists build essential business skills and more. And Mister Speaker, if I know that unless this budget is amended, New Hampshire is poised to become the first state in the country to eliminate its state arts council, which will lead to a loss in matching federal funds that our communities rely on to revitalize their downtowns, boost tourism and strengthen economic development, then would I now push the green button to pass this bipartisan amendment to reverse the proposed elimination of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and restore it from the governor's originally proposed budget? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Sweeney for parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know \$1 million a year towards subsidizing a \$3.4 billion industry does not make fiscally prudent sense. Mister Speaker, if I know that the State of New Hampshire or governments in total do not have any interest in funding state run arts programs or you may call them propaganda pieces. And Mister Speaker, if I further know that this budget is full of tough cuts and that this cut is not one that we should restore to put back on the backs of the taxpayers, while private nonprofits and private patrons can fund these programs, would I now press the red button? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1553h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 177 voting Yea, 185 voting Nay, the motion fails. Rep. Stephen Pearson offers floor amendment (1566h) and is recognized to speak.

Representative Stephen Pearson: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, I rise today bringing forward this floor amendment. The difference here is a lot of the things that we put into this budget, into HB 2, we actually voted on the floor in the affirmative, but that's not the case here. As a matter of fact, this proposal didn't pass committee, it didn't pass the House. It was placed in HB 2 with no notice, no agency present and no opportunity for testimony. I want to stress here that you are not voting on a concept, you are voting on specific language and that's important. What does the language of this entirely new pension system do? Well, it creates a new bureaucracy. Despite being called group III, it is actually an entire new system outside of the management of the New Hampshire Retirement System. They are not managing this, and it does not fall under their authority. As a matter of fact, in the LBA documentation, they questioned that it would, and this is a direct quote, it would appear inappropriate for the statutory sections regarding this new plan to reside in RSA 100-A. So, because this is a new system, it requires an administration. As a matter of fact, in the bill itself it allows the Department of Administrative Services to employ and assign staff to the executive director and commission of this new system. Now beyond that, there is a pretty substantial fiscal impact here. This new system has a \$100 million debt service attached to it, which in a time when we are trying to get the retirement system out of debt, really doesn't make a whole lot of sense. This proposal has existed in some form or another in this House for the last 25 years and it has been killed every time, including during a Republican supermajority. So, why does it have \$100 million of debt? What happens here is that as it as you transition new employees over to a new system, you are shutting off the income to the current system. Well, that income pays 84% of the pension debt service right now. So, when that number goes to zero, those dollars have to be made up somewhere. So, where are they getting made up? They're getting made up in debt and downshifting. Now it is possible that you would find those terms acceptable to transition into something different, but here's the one that just will not fly. This legislation creates the largest double dipping scheme in state history. Not only does it permit it in the language, it basically tells you how to do it. Mark Cavanaugh, the deputy compliance counsel for the New Hampshire Retirement System and Marty Carlin, the former legislative affairs liaison of the retirement system who now works for someone else. Both looked at this language. Both agree this language will allow for immediate double dipping. You will be permitted to retire on a Friday, come back to work on Monday as a new group III employee. You will not only collect your group I pension, but now the state has to pay your pension, pay the debt on your current position, pay into group III and pay into social security. Now we have rules, RSA 100 talks about double dipping, doesn't permit it. When you retire you have to wait 28 days before you can come back into service part-time. And if you come back full-time, you cannot collect your pension. You go back in, and you start paying again. Not after this. Not under this proposal because those rules are internal to the New Hampshire Retirement System, which you are now not part of. And this is a quote directly from the LBA documents. Under existing law, New Hampshire retirement retirees collecting a pension may not work full-time in an unclassified position and still collect their pension. This proposal, by delimiting this provision to persons appointed before July 1, 2025, would appear to allow any New Hampshire retirement system retiree to take such an unclassified position

on or after and continue to receive their benefits. This was in the documentation from this from the beginning. Now New Hampshire is not paving any ground here. This was actually tried in Michigan. And what it translated to was \$6 billion dollars of debt for the State of Michigan. Alaska tried this and at \$2 billion, they panicked. The entire Alaskan Senate GOP co-sponsored a bill to go back to their old system. There's not a single member of the public that testified in favor of this. So, don't be fooled with the notion that employees want this. The community college system has the option. They're the only agency that has the option to join the retirement system or go into a 401-type plan. Seventy-eight percent of hires in the past 10 years have chosen the retirement system over a 401k. Those speak for themselves. Now, you may agree on the concept here, but you're not voting on a concept, you're voting on language. This language just does not work here. So, in conclusion, this proposal grows government, it adds a \$100 million of pension debt, and it allows for double dipping. None of these, none of these are a good idea. I ask for your support in this floor amendment to remove this, once again, from our state budget. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Layon. Does the member yield to questions?

Representative Stephen Pearson: Sure.

Speaker Packard: Member yields.

Representative Muns: Thank you. Thank you, representative, for taking my question. I serve on the Finance Committee, and I do not recall ever getting a or seeing an estimate from the New Hampshire Retirement System as to what this would cost. You know what the impact would be on our budget? Have you seen any numbers that would provide that kind of an estimate?

Representative Stephen Pearson: Yeah, a fiscal note was released showing at year one an accelerated debt service that translates year after year and and actually grows exponentially year after year. That was provided. I mean I got a copy of it in the Finance room.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Rep. Layon.

Representative Layon: Thank you, Mister Speaker. This amendment removes a key piece of pension reform from the budget, the group II program. So, this isn't exactly a 401k program for new state employees, but that's close enough for what we're talking about today. It's only for new state employees, leaving career government workers like police, firefighters, teachers, and local employees in the old-fashioned standard pension system. The program eliminated by this amendment puts the risk on employees, not the state, but also gives that extra return to the employees. This means the retirement accounts would grow with inflation, not be eaten away by inflation. Group III requires the new state employee and their employer to contribute the same amounts as employees and teachers into the old-fashioned system and to pay down 10% to the unfunded liability. So, it's been highlighted that that's in statute and it doesn't float along with the numbers that are determined by the retirement system. Now, I'm willing to bet that if the amount contributed goes higher, this will obviously be amended to put the 12 or 14% that we may need if our deficit grows beyond the \$5.5 billion unfunded in our pension system. But, if it goes down, I don't think there'll be the political will to cut that. If it goes down to 5% contribution, these guys are going to be paying more than their fair share towards a retirement system that they're not part of. So, you'll also hear, you also heard that this steals money from the system and to some extent that's right. Right now, if you are one of the 70% of state employees who leaves before you're vested, the state's going to keep your 2.4% match. That means the state's pocketing your money and it's not going to your retirement. That's over half of state employees, that when they leave leave money on the table and others are picking it up. I mean, to me, I don't think the state should be keeping that money. The employees should be taking that money. So, I don't call that stealing from the system. You also heard that this creates new bureaucracy, but that's false. There's already an active and thriving market for defined contribution plans and I expect a couple people have heard of 401ks or 403bs before. So, even small businesses can make these work pretty easily. So, I'm going to call this big bureaucracy thing fake news. You heard massive numbers tossed around for the new debt for this group, but there were some significant errors in that fiscal note. Right now, we have a huge unfunded liability because back in the 90s the numbers got screwed up. And, as we're able to move some employees out of this, we're going to have less of an opportunity to dig that hole deeper. Double dipping also only applies to people who are earning credit towards their pension. If you are putting money into an investment style retirement, it doesn't matter where you have a pension from, whether it's GE or the state. In an investment style, whether you're working for the state or you're working at the local Dunkin Donuts, it doesn't impact your pension. So, double dipping, again fake news. So, in this budget we have two important changes to the state retirement system. The first is the group II change, which tells state employees my age that their retirement benefits will again look like they did when they were hired on. Our police and fire want this. They want it a lot. The second is this new group III which tells the 70% of state employees who don't vest that their retirement matters too. This is a package deal folks, and I request a roll call vote, Mister Speaker so that if this amendment passes. our firefighters and police will know who's willing to gamble on their retirement reforms at the risk of the 70% of state employees who don't vest in the program. Are we going to hold new state employees hostage to the old-fashioned system that doesn't serve over half of state employees, or are we going to blaze a path to solvency and financial freedom for new state employees? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1566h).

Representative Potenza: I'd like to make a motion.

Speaker Packard: State your motion.

Representative Potenza: A point of order, actually.

Speaker Packard: What is your point of order?

Representative Potenza: I would like to know if the representative that put this amendment forward should have been allowed to submit this self-serving amendment, as someone who is vested in the state pension? Based upon our ethics rules and law, I feel it's a violation.

Speaker Packard: That is not a point of order. If a member has a complaint, there's other ways to file it.

Representative Potenza: Okay, thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1566h). Are you ready for the question? A roll call has been requested. Is that sufficiently seconded? This will be a roll call vote. The motion before us is floor amendment (1566h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Stephen Pearson for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Stephen Pearson: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that the three major problems with this bill involve structure, debt and double dipping. And if I know I'm not a state employee and I'm not new, would I then please support this floor amendment to prevent this mess from occurring? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

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

Representative Carol McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that this plan does not cost the state any more than the current plan. And if I know that right now, we're paying for legislative meddling in the 1990s, that means that we pay four times as much for the accumulated debt from those poor decisions in the 90s than we do toward the pensions of our current employees. And if I know that this new plan cannot be meddled with. We put the money in and that's it, would I not save the state from future problems with our retirement system and vote against this amendment?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1556h). It's a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 183 voting Yea, 177 voting Nay, the motion passes. For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Granger: To make a motion.

Speaker Packard: State your motion.

Representative Granger: I move to table HB 2.

Speaker Packard: The motion is in order. The motion before us is to table HB 2. Rep. Sweeney has asked for a division. Members take your seats. The motion before us is to table HB 2. This is a division vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 198 Yea, 167 Nay, HB 2 is laid on the table. The House will be in recess for 15 minutes. The House will come to order. Members take your seats. For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Granger: To make a motion

Speaker Packard: State your motion.

Representative Granger: I move to remove HB 2 from the table.

Speaker Packard: The House will be in order. Rep. Sweeney requests a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The motion before us is to remove HB 2 from the table. This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Granger for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Granger: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that it's always good to have a nice little huddle. And if I know that it's good to have a couple little chats about what we're going to do. And if I know that everyone on my team is going to be doing exactly what we agreed to and we're going to be sticking together, would I then press the green button? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is to remove HB 2 from the table. This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 193 voting Yea, 170 voting Nay, HB 2 is removed from the table. For what reason does the member rise?

Representative Sweeney: To make a motion, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: State your motion.

Representative Sweeney: I move the previous question on HB 2.

Speaker Packard: The motion is to move the previous question on HB 2. The motion means that all the remaining debates will be taken up with only PIs and voting and there has been a roll call requested for all the all the remaining floor amendments. So, the motion is shall debate now be limited? This is a roll call vote. Members need to take their seats. Members need to be in their seats. The motion before us is to move the previous question. This is going to be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Turcotte for a parliamentary inquiry,

Representative Turcotte: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that HB 2 contains an amendment that would remove local control option for the operation of Keno video gambling. And if I also know that there's a floor amendment pending that would retain the current RSA by giving the decision to the towns themselves regarding the Keno video gambling, would I now press the red button against calling the question so we can have a full debate? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

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

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know moving the previous question on a bill that still has amendments on it allows us to have a vote on every individual amendment. And if I further know that it will simply just limit it to PIs only. And if I further know we still have 10 amendments left on HB 2 and we can deal with them one at a time with PIs and get through the rest of the calendar for today, would I now press the green button to move the previous question? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us to move the previous question. This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're 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. 193 voting Yea, 171 voting Nay, the motion passes. Rep. Luneau offers floor amendment (1525h). Rep. Sweeney requests a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. I would suggest that members stay in their seats because this is going to move fairly quickly. The motion before us is floor amendment (1525h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Luneau for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Luneau: Thank you very much, Mister Speaker. If I know towns across the state passed resolutions opposed to expanding the EFA program recently. And if I know that the voters in those towns want to know how their State Reps. feel about that program. And if I know we can leave the EFA program the way it is now and send the money to 93 cities and towns with lower property values and high property taxes. And if I know students and taxpayers will benefit from these grants, then would I press the green button to adopt this amendment? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Popovici-Muller for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that the position currently in the budget reflects equal treatment under the law for every child in the state. And if I know that since we don't mean test admission to public schools, we shouldn't mean test access to other education programs, would I vote red so we can get on with the rest of the business?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us amendment (1525h). This a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend the state of the vote. 166 voting Yea, 198 voting Nay, the motion fails. Rep. Luneau offers floor amendment (1545h). Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The motion before us is floor amendment (1545h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Damon for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Damon: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that multiple towns across the state passed resolutions opposed to expanding the EFA program. And if I know that our state colleges and universities attract students that drive our economy. And if I know every day is a great day to be a Wildcat and the Wildcats are watching us, would I now vote to keep EFAs the same and fund the university with that money? Press the green button to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognizes Popovici-Muller for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Popovici-Muller: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that the intent of this amendment is to take money away from education for K through 12 students. And if I know that our kids' futures are important, would I vote red to oppose this amendment?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us amendment (1545h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 166 voting Yea, 198 voting Nay, the motion fails. Rep. Ohm offers floor amendment (1517h). Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The motion before us is floor amendment (1517h). This is a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Ohm for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Ohm: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that there is currently no tax on video lottery terminals because they are illegal in New Hampshire until made legal by HB 2. And if I further know that the lottery has proposed a 45% tax on these new devices. And if I further know that a 35% tax, which is proposed in this amendment, is a fair and reasonable price that would give additional money to charities, schools and group II retirements, would I now push the green button? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

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

Representative Sweeney: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know there's no provision in HB 2 that outlaws the existing historic horse racing machines while legalizing the new video lottery terminals.

And further, Mister Speaker, if I know that would require an incentive from us for the market to transition from historic horse racing machines to the new video lottery terminals. And, Mister Speaker, if I also know the current rate on historic horse racing machines is 25% and the 30% rate on VLTs will enable that market incentive while any rate higher would likely doom it and then destroy the revenues that we've projected off it, would I now vote red to keep the tax rate at 30% on VLTs? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1517h). It's a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 173 voting Yea, 205 voting Nay, the motion fails. Rep. Howard offers floor (1546h). Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members should still be in their seats. The Chair recognizes Rep. Howard for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Heath Howard: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that this policy evicts good tenants who pay their rent on time and cause no problems giving good tenants a record of eviction. And if I know that this policy evicts good tenants at a time when vacancy is at a record low 0.6% meaning that it takes months for even a tenant without a record of an eviction to find housing. And if I know that we want to make housing easier to find, not harder, because we need workers to stay in our state while we are in the middle of a housing crisis. And if I know that the current law, which allows rent to be increased after a lease has been up, has been working fine for decades. And if I know that once again policy has no place in the budget, then would I now press the green button to pass this amendment and remove harmful anti-housing policy from the budget? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The Chair recognize Rep. Alexander for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Alexander: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know this bill has nothing to do with evictions and allows for clear contract negotiation between housing providers and tenants. And if I know that this is a key piece to solving the housing crisis by allowing more flexibility in the market, would I then vote red to keep this bill in the budget so we can negotiate with the other body? Thank you.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us floor amendment (1546h). It's a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 159 voting Yea, 205 voting Nay, the motion fails. Rep. Turcotte offers floor amendment (1513h). Rep. Sweeney has asked for a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The motion before us is floor amendment (1513h). This a roll call. The Chair recognizes Rep. Turcotte for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Turcotte: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that in an ethical world removing the local control option for Keno would require the full normal legislative process to determine if the local option should be wiped clean from our RSAs without our citizens knowledge, input and approval. And if I know earlier today, during a floor speech, it was mentioned that gambling revenues estimates were increased in order to balance the budget. And if I know that the platform of more than half the members in this body states reject expanded casino and video lottery gambling as a means to balance the budget or increase spending. And finally, if I know that towns that now do not permit Keno in their municipalities would be forced to accept it, would I now press the green button and find this amendment OTP? Thank you.

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

Representative Dan McGuire: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know this is not about casino or video lottery gambling, this is about Keno. And if I know that because this is lottery, this amendment would remove \$12 million from the adequate education account so this is reducing adequate education funds by \$12 million. And if I know that, would I now press the red button?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1513h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 183 voting Yea, 181 voting Nay, the motion passes. Rep. Horrigan offers floor amendment (1516h). Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Horrigan for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Horrigan: Thank you very much Mister Speaker. If I know that the Office of Health Equity is a small, actually very small, has seven people working for it, but it's a small but mighty agency. It's a crucial component of the Department of Health and Human Services mission. If I know that its name is self-explanatory, make sure everyone in New Hampshire gets the health care they deserve. If I know that this amendment undoes two things of section 462 of the committee amendment, which first of all it removes the name change. If I know that this agency has a lot to deal with anyways the name change will take a certain amount of time and money, which they should better be used for doing their job. And if I also know that this takes out a hiring fees provision, which I think is a bad idea but it's also poorly drafted. And if I know, as I said before, this is a good agency that treats everyone fairly and it's an essential part of the HHS mission, would I now do the fair equitable and correct thing and vote green? Yes, vote green on my amendment. Thank you. Please vote green.

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

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I knew that the first sentence of the mission statement of this department for a considerable number of years has been to provide equitable access to care, wouldn't I realize that changing the name from health equity to health access is just simple semantic improvement. And if I knew that basic political marketing suggests that the word equity has become a hot button phrase that's causing ridiculous amounts of fighting, wouldn't I want to just take the name out of the title. And if I knew that the department supported changing the name to the Office of Health Equity, wouldn't I just go ahead and continue with the finance supported bill and press red to reject this amendment?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is amendment (1516h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're 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. 116 voting Yea, 248 voting Nay, the motion fails. Rep. Newell offers floor amendment (1550h). Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members take your seats. The Chair recognizes Rep. Newell for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Newell: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that the opioid abatement trust fund must be used in accordance with exhibit E of the settlement terms our attorney general signed off on and using them for any other use invites litigation and even risks a loss of tens of millions of dollars to the state over the next couple of decades. And if I know that these funds have been responsibly and effectively used as evidenced by the downward trend in over overdose deaths. And if I also know that the alcohol fund has been used responsibly and effectively administered to the benefit of our state and of our society, would I now push the green button to keep our settlement dollars and our citizens safe?

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

Representative Edwards: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I knew that this year's budget move is the beginning of a two-year effort to take a consolidation effort to two entities that do great work but are highly redundant both the Opioid Abatement Fund and the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other drug misuse have extremely redundant missions focused on prevention, treatment and recovery. And that the goal ought to be, in a smart government, to integrate these activities and not to create intentional stove pipes. And if I knew that by moving the general funds away from or moving the alcohol fund money away from direct appropriation of the governor's commission and putting it in the general funds, I would lay the precursor to having the governor's commission be part of the power of the purse. If I knew that the governor's commission currently takes the 5% without any legislative oversight, spends it on how they want with the permission of the general counsel. And if I believe that having the power of the purse, appropriately with the legislature, I would support this 2-year two budget move. Vote red please.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1550h). It's a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're 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. 169 voting Yea, 195 voting Nay, motion fails. Rep. Wilhelm offers floor amendment (1567h). Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Wilhelm for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Wilhelm:

Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that HB 2 includes no fewer than 90 new or increased fees that will hit working people and small businesses squarely in the wallet. Fees for registering cars, trucks, cement mixers, even motorcycle registrations, Mister Speaker. And if I know that we wouldn't need to raise these fees, some doubled, even tripled, from the current budget if we halted the expansion of education freedom accounts to include ultra wealthy Granite Staters who don't need taxpayer dollars to subsidize their choice to send their kids to a private school. And, Mister Speaker, if I know that I didn't run on a platform of increasing fees. And, if I remember correctly from the flyers that I received in the mail every day during campaign season, that my friends on the other side of the aisle didn't campaign on a platform of raising fees either, then would I now push the green button to halt the expansion of education freedom accounts to ultra wealthy families who don't need a government subsidy and pull back on the 90 new or increased fees being proposed in the state budget, which is poised to burden everyday Granite Staters and New Hampshire small businesses? Thank you, Mister Speaker.

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

Representative Weyler: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that the education freedom account is very successful, and it actually saves money for the public schools because they're still getting the money even for two years after the student leaves and they're not paying \$14,000 additional property taxes. It should be looked upon as a property tax saver. Please press the red button.

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1567h). This a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote.

165 voting Yea, 198 voting Nay, the motion fails. Last one. Rep. Gibbs offers floor amendment (1549h). Rep. Sweeney has asked for a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Gibbs for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Gibbs: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that the Human Rights Commission, which would be removed by HB 2, which would be eliminated from state government by HB 2 without this amendment. If I know that it is the only state agency charged by statute with preventing and addressing discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation and that it is thus extremely important to the people of New Hampshire. And if I know that HB 2 without this amendment would completely eliminate the Human Rights Commission and leave people who have been subject to discrimination with the only option of going to court to deal with their complaint. And that many many victims of discrimination would therefore be left with no practical option for relief because many would be unable to find and afford an attorney to proceed in court, would I then press the green button to support this amendment? Thank you.

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

Representative Griffin: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that the Commission on Human Rights recently went through an audit by the Legislative Budget Office and that audit revealed the worst results of any state organization in recent memory. And if I know that the typical case in that office took 2.3 years to complete. And if I know that 27% of those cases ran so long that the appellants, the people who appealed their case, lost the right to go to court. And finally, if I know that it costs the state more than \$10,000 per case to have a case run through them versus \$1,500 for the typical superior court case, would I then push the red button?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is floor amendment (1549h). This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're 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. 161 voting Yea, 203 voting Nay, the motion fails. The motion before us now is ought to pass as amended. Rep. Sweeney has requested a roll call. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. The motion before us is ought to pass as amended. This is going to be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Simpson for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Simpson: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that the state budget is a reflection of our values and the most impactful piece of legislation that we will take up this year. If I know that the budget before us harms the most vulnerable Granite Staters, cutting funding for mental health support and people with developmental disabilities. If I know this budget increases costs for health care and for higher education and takes away aid to local communities, increasing the burden on property taxpayers. If I know that this budget makes deep harmful cuts, eliminating the arts council and the child advocate, while increasing spending over \$30 million to expand private school vouchers to the wealthy. If I know this budget cut needed revenue even further by giving millions and millions of dollars that the governor's budget allocated to public education to casino owners instead. And finally, if I know that we can and must do better. That Granite Staters deserve a better budget than this, would I now press the red button to vote no on the adoption of this budget?

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

Representative Osborne: Thank you, Mister Speaker. It's been a fun day, right. So, if I know that every single one of us in this room has voted for an amendment that is now in this budget that we're about to vote on. And if I know that there's something in here that I want no matter who I am in this room. And if I know circling back to earlier today that this is the first step in a process and that if I want to have a seat at the table with at least one thing that I want, would I now press the green button and have a great evening?

Speaker Packard: The motion before us is ought to pass as amended on HB 2. This is a roll call vote. If you're in favor, you'll press the green button. If you're opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will attend to the state of the vote. 185 voting Yea, 175 voting Nay, HB 2 is 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

HB 240-FN-L, relative to nonpayment of dog licensing fees.

HB 538-FN, reallocating positions in the liquor commission.

HB 67-FN-A, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems.

HB 187-FN, relative to restraining orders sought by a parent on behalf of a minor child.

HB 494-FN, relative to the math learning communities program.

HB 552-FN, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan.

HB 566-FN, requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management.

HB 650-FN, removing references to repealed funds and relative to state park and robotics education funds.

HB 677-FN, requiring schools to maintain a supply of EpiPen injectors and epinephrine nasal spray for use in event of an emergency.

HB 733-FN, relative to reporting requirements for persons or entities financing lawsuits.

HB 781-FN, requiring school districts to adopt policies establishing a cell phone-free education.

HB 25-A, making appropriations for capital improvements.

HB 302, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets.

HB 696-FN, exempting electricity generators from the utility property tax and including them under the statewide education property tax, and relative to communications services tax revenues.

HB 66-FN, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law.

HB 71-FN, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States and relative to department of health and human services contracts.

HB 115-FN, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program.

HB 282-FN, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty.

HB 506-FN, relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition.

HB 511-FN, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

HB 612-FN, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21.

HB 639-FN, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies.

HB 713-FN, relative to mile markers along Route 112.

HB 723-FN, repealing the multi-use energy data platform.

HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

HB 2-FN-A-L, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

RECESS MOTION

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

Motion was adopted.

The House recessed at 7:20 p.m.

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

SENATE MESSAGES

CONCURRENCE

HB 72, extending the commission to study telehealth services.

HB 73, relative to harm reduction, substance misuse, and the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery.

HB 86-FN-L, increasing the cost of service for notice of civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs to the rate for certified mail.

HB 98, relative to professional limited liability company (PLLC) assistant manager status.

HB 99, relative to a waiver from property taxes for disabled veterans.

HB 120, relative to transferring statutory authority from the department of education to the department of military affairs and veterans services regarding educational support services.

HB 122-FN, relative to payment of claims arising out of actions or activities of the New Hampshire national guard.

HB 140-FN, establishing a voluntary "blue envelope" program for drivers with autism spectrum disorders and trauma and stressor-related disorders.

HB 150, enabling homestead operations to use commercial kitchen equipment in preparing food for sale.

HB 165-FN, relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster.

HB 167-FN, prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances.

HB 180, relative to critical incident stress management teams.

HB 192-FN, relative to recommendations of the joint committee on employee classification.

HB 193, relative to the maximum number of credits per course eligible for the dual and concurrent enrollment program.

HB 204, relative to criteria for reporting child support delinquencies to federal agencies.
HB 211-FN, relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game.
HB 231, prohibiting school district personnel from transporting students to medical or mental health appointments, visits, or procedures without parental consent.
HB 236-FN, relative to the granting of retired status to certified public accountants.
HB 261, relative to election audits.
HB 267, relative to animal chiropractors.
HB 269, relative to the date for correction of the voter checklist.
HB 271-FN, relative to initial license requirements for licensed social work associates.
HB 277, relative to the use of the term “foal” and “colt.”
HB 279, establishing a committee to study recipe and process approval for homestead foods.
HB 294, relative to the processing of absentee ballots.
HB 304, relative to labeling requirements for food produced in homestead kitchens.
HB 307, relative to the food production area for homestead food.
HB 327-FN, relative to filing for office and witnessing affidavits.
HB 370, reestablishing the commission to study the delivery of behavioral crisis services to individuals with mental illness with an impairment primarily due to intellectual disability.
HB 371, relative to the definition of occasional food service establishment.
HB 390-FN, relative to adding retired fire apparatus (fire trucks) to antique vehicle exemptions.
HB 393-FN, prohibiting mooring of boats without a permit.
HB 426, relative to property tax exemptions for charitable organizations for the prior tax year.
HB 455, relative to reports by the department of health and human services regarding Medicaid enhancement for children and pregnant women.
HB 478, establishing a foster care oversight subcommittee within the oversight commission on children’s services.
HB 507-FN, relative to the timeline for credentialing of mental health care providers.
HB 508-FN, relative to decreasing assessment rates for entities providing VoIP and IP-enabled services, as well as certain local exchange carriers and their affiliates.
HB 513, allowing the department of transportation to execute a right-of-way use agreement, subject to Federal Highway Administration approval, for snowmobile operation along Interstate 89 in the town of Sutton, from NH Route 114, traveling south for one mile.
HB 517-FN, repealing certain outreach and marketing requirements under the Granite State paid family leave plan.
HB 597, establishing a designated behavioral health access point within the enhanced 911 system.
HB 663, allowing the division of historic resources to expend moose plate funds to administer and fund grants.
HB 745, naming a bridge in the city of Keene after Charles Redfern.
HB 777, codifying the law enforcement accreditation commission.
HB 779-FN, allowing the sale of rabbit meat in intrastate commerce.

NONCONCURRENCE

HB 91, relative to the presence of a fire department at a fireworks display.
HB 94-FN, relative to coverage of circumcision under the state Medicaid plan.
HB 162-FN, relative to informed consent for law enforcement searches of houses or other property.
HB 184, establishing a committee to study changing school start times.

REFERRED FOR INTERIM STUDY

HB 208-FN, relative to certification requirements for school nurses.
HB 222, repealing the requirement for a memorandum of understanding between a chartered public school and school district regarding how students with disabilities will receive special education services.

LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 51, relative to hemp-derived cannabinoids and the definition of cannabis in therapeutic cannabis.
HB 53, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use.
HB 75-FN, legalizing cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older.

RECESS

(Speaker Packard in the Chair)

ENROLLED BILLS REPORT

The Committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly enrolled House Bills numbered 72, 78, 86, 153, 180, 193, 236 and 663.

Rep. Osborne, Sen. Avarad for the Committee

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS

HB 370, reestablishing the commission to study the delivery of behavioral crisis services to individuals with mental illness with an impairment primarily due to intellectual disability.

Amendment 2025-1767EBA

Amend RSA 135-C:69, I(c), as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:
the division of behavioral health, one of whom is from the division of long term supports and services,
Motion was adopted.

HB 513, allowing the department of transportation to execute a right-of-way use agreement, subject to Federal Highway Administration approval, for snowmobile operation along Interstate 89 in the town of Sutton, from NH Route 114, traveling south for one mile.

Amendment 2025-1786EBA

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

1 Department of Transportation; Right-of-Use Agreement for Snowmobile Operation. The commissioner of the department of transportation may, subject to Federal Highway
Motion was adopted.

RECESS