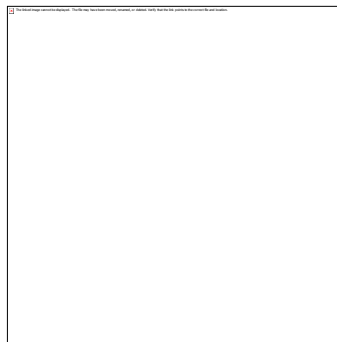


FEBRUARY 17, 1998

No. 11

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Legislative

## SENATE CALENDAR

REPORTS, HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND NOTICES

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**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 19, 1998, AT 10:00 A.M.**

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## LAI D ON TABLE

**SB 406**, establishing a legislative task force to develop a state government restructuring plan.

**SB 465-FN**, relative to the disposition of firearms confiscated or otherwise acquired by state or local law enforcement agencies.

## SENATE REPORTS

## **CAPITAL BUDGET**

**SB 342**, relative to capital appropriations for the Glencliff home for the elderly. Vote: 5-0.

Ought to pass, Senator Fraser for the committee.

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**HCR 12**, urging the United States Senate to consider the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Vote: 5-0.

Ought to pass, Senator Pignatelli for the committee.

**SB 497**, relative to disbursement of tobacco settlement funds received by the state. Vote: 5-0.

Ought to pass, Senator Barnes for the committee.

## **JUDICIARY**

**SB 300**, relative to creating a civil cause of action abuse of office or improper influence against public officials. Vote: 8-0.

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator Podles for the committee.

**SB 304**, allowing juvenile case and court records to be unsealed in certain cases. Vote: 8-0.

Ought to pass, Senator Francoeur for the committee.

**SB 311**, establishing the Uniform International Wills Act. Vote: 8-0.

Ought to pass, Senator Pignatelli for the committee.

**SB 315**, relative to divorce proceedings. Vote: 6-2.

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator Gordon for the committee.

**SB 325**, relative to clarifying sources of income in determining alimony orders. Vote: 5-2.

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator Podles for the committee.

**SB 394**, providing for revocation of wills by divorce. Vote: 7-0.

Ought to pass, Senator Podles for the committee.

**SB 410-FN**, relative to possession of firearms and other deadly weapons by a person convicted of a class A misdemeanor. Vote: 5-3.

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator Francoeur for the committee.

**SB 418**, making a person driving under the influence of a controlled drug subject to an administrative loss of license. Vote: 5-3.

Ought to pass, Senator Gordon for the committee.

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**SB 317**, relative to the time for consideration of applications to planning boards. Vote: 4-1.

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator Barnes for the committee.

**SB 333**, allowing any registered voter who is unable to vote in person for any cause to vote by absentee ballot. Vote: 4-1 (one abstention)

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator Roberge for the committee.

**SB 334**, changing election day for towns from the second Tuesday in March to the third Saturday in April. Vote: 4-1.

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator McCarley for the committee.

**SB 349**, enabling a town or school district moderator to postpone the deliberative session of a meeting because of an event that may diminish voter attendance at the deliberative session of a meeting. Vote: 5-1

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator Roberge for the committee.

**SB 353**, relative to official ballot procedures. Vote: 5-0.

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator Rubens for the committee.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**SB 467-FN**, requiring the department of transportation to construct sound barriers along certain streets in Nashua. Vote: 4-2.

Ought to pass, Senator Pignatelli for the committee.

**SB 484**, prohibiting triple-trailer trucks from the ways of this state. Vote: 4-3.

Ought to pass, Senator Pignatelli for the committee.

### **WILDLIFE AND RECREATION**

**SB 376**, relative to animal cruelty. Vote: 5-2.

Ought to pass, Senator Danais for the committee.

**SB 401-FN**, establishing a special animal welfare motor vehicle license plate. Vote: 4-3.

Ought to pass, Senator Roberge for the committee.

## SENATE AMENDMENTS

(Listed Numerically)

### Judiciary

February 17, 1998

1998-0883s

04/01

#### Amendment to SB 315

Amend RSA 458:7-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

458:7-a Absolute Divorce, Irreconcilable Differences. A divorce from the bonds of matrimony shall be decreed, irrespective of the fault of either party, on the ground of irreconcilable differences which have caused the irremediable breakdown of the marriage. In any pleading or hearing of a libel for divorce under this section, allegations or evidence of specific acts of misconduct shall be improper and inadmissible, except where child custody is in issue and such evidence is relevant to establish that parental custody would be detrimental to the child or at a hearing where it is determined by the court to be necessary to establish the existence of irreconcilable differences. If, upon hearing of an action for divorce under this section, both parties are found to have committed an act or acts which justify a finding of irreconcilable differences, a divorce shall be decreed and the acts of one party shall not negate the acts of the other nor bar the divorce decree. ***The court's findings and decree may be based on oral testimony or written stipulations of the parties.***

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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

### Public Affairs

February 11, 1998

1998-0788s

10/01

#### Amendment to SB 317

Amend RSA 676:4, I(c)(1) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c)(1) The board shall ~~[begin formal consideration of the application within 30 days after receipt of the completed application by the board or its designee]~~ ***determine if a submitted application is complete according to the board's regulations and shall vote upon its acceptance at the next regular meeting following the filing of the application for which notice can be given***

*in accordance with the requirements of subparagraph (b).* Upon determination by the board ~~[or its designee]~~ that a submitted application is incomplete according to the board's regulations, the board ~~[or its designee]~~ shall notify the applicant of the determination in accordance with RSA 676:3. ~~[The board]~~ ***Upon determination by the board that a submitted application is complete according to the board's regulations, the board shall begin formal consideration and*** shall act to approve, conditionally approve as provided in subparagraph (i), or disapprove within ~~[90]~~ **60** days ~~[after receipt of the completed application by the board or its designee]~~, subject to extension or waiver as provided in subparagraph (f). Upon failure of the board to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the application, the selectmen or city council shall, upon request of the applicant, immediately issue an order directing the board to act on the application within 30 days. If the planning board does not act on the application within that 30-day time period, then within 40 days of the issuance of the order, the selectmen or city council shall certify on the applicant's application that the plat is approved pursuant to this paragraph, unless within those 40 days the selectmen or city council has identified in writing some specific subdivision regulation or zoning or other ordinance provision with which the application does not comply. Such a certification, citing this paragraph, shall constitute final approval for all purposes including filing and recording under RSA 674:37 and 676:18, and court review under RSA 677:15.

## Public Affairs

February 5, 1998

1998-0620s

03/01

### Amendment to SB 333

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

1 Absentee Voting; Eligibility; Unable to Appear for Any Cause Added. Amend RSA 657:1 to read as follows:

657:1 Absence, Religious Observance, and Disability Absentee Voting. Any person who is absent on the day of any state election from the city, town, or unincorporated place in which ~~[he]~~ ***the person*** is registered to vote or who cannot appear in public on any election day because of ~~[his]~~ ***the person's*** observance of a religious commitment or who is unable to vote there in person by reason of physical disability ***or any cause*** may vote at such elections as provided in this chapter.

2 Town Elections; Official Ballot; Absentee Voting; Unable to Appear for Any Cause Added. Amend RSA 669:26 to read as follows:

669:26 Absentee Voting. Every town which has adopted an official ballot system for town elections as provided in RSA 669:12 or 669:13 shall provide for absentee voting. Any registered voter or armed services voter who is absent from such a town on the day of a town election, or who cannot appear in public on election day because of ~~[his]~~ ***the person's*** observance of a religious commitment, or who, by reason of physical disability ***or any cause***, is unable to vote in person may vote at a town election in accordance with the provisions of this section and RSA 669:27-29.

1998-0620s

## AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows any registered voter who is unable to vote in person for any cause to vote by absentee ballot.

### Public Affairs

February 11, 1998

1998-0786s

08/01

### Amendment to SB 349

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

AN ACT enabling a town or school district moderator to postpone the deliberative session of a meeting because of a weather emergency.

Amend RSA 40:4, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

*II. In the event a weather emergency occurs on the date of a deliberative session of a meeting in a town, which the moderator reasonably believes may cause the roads to be hazardous or unsafe, the moderator may, up to 2 hours prior to the scheduled session, postpone and reschedule the deliberative session of the meeting to another reasonable date, place, and time certain. So long as the postponement does not delay the meeting more than 72 hours, the date originally scheduled shall continue to be deemed the meeting date for purposes of satisfying statutory meeting date requirements. The moderator shall employ whatever means are available to inform citizens of the postponement.*

1998-0786s

## AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables a town or school district moderator to postpone and reschedule the deliberative session of a meeting because of a weather emergency.

### Public Affairs

February 12, 1998

1998-0803s

08/01

### Amendment to SB 353

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 8 with the following:

9 Official Ballot Adoption Question. Amend RSA 40:14, V to read as follows:

V. The wording of the question shall be: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (***known as SB 2***) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the (local political subdivision)?"

10 Official Ballot Meeting; Rescission of Official Ballot Form of Meeting. Amend RSA 40:14, VII to read as follows:

VII. Any local political subdivision which has adopted RSA 40:13 may consider rescinding its action in the manner described in RSA 40:13, III-VI. The wording of the question shall be: "Shall ***we rescind*** the provisions ***of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by*** ~~[for voting by official ballot on all issues before]~~ the (local political subdivision) ***on (date of adoption), so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the*** ~~[under RSA 40:13 be limited to]~~ election of officers and certain other questions ***for which the official ballot is required by state law?***" A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question shall be required to rescind the provisions of this subdivision, except in the case of repeal by charter enactment under RSA 49-D. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculation of the 3/5 majority.

11 Official Ballot Meeting; Proposal of Official Ballot and Charter. RSA 40:14, IX is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

IX. The legislative body of a local political subdivision may consider and take action on adoption of both RSA 40:13 and a proposed charter under RSA 49-B at the same meeting. Adoption of a proposed charter under RSA 49-B shall take precedence and supersede adoption of RSA 40:13.

12 New Subdivision; Procedural Defects in Official Ballot Voting. Amend RSA 40 by inserting after section 15 the following new subdivision:

#### Procedural Defects in Official Ballot Voting

40:16 Legalization of Meetings. When irregularities or procedural defects in the actions of local political subdivisions are discovered in local political subdivisions using the official ballot, the local political subdivision may, on the authority of the governing body, call a special meeting for the exclusive purpose of curing such defect according to RSA 31:5-b with a single session for deliberating and voting to cure such defect.

13 Teacher Nomination Notification Date. Amend RSA 189:14-a, I(a) to read as follows:

I.(a) Any teacher who has a professional standards certificate from the state board of education and who has taught for one or more years in the same school district shall be notified in writing ~~[on or before April 15]~~ ***within 15 days of the adoption of the district budget by the legislative body*** if that teacher is not to be renominated or reelected, ***provided, that no notification shall occur later than May 15.***

14 Election of Town Officers; Date; Reference Added. Amend RSA 669:1, I to read as follows:

I. All towns shall hold an election annually for the election of town officers on the second Tuesday in March except ***those towns which have adopted the provisions of RSA 40:13 and*** those towns which have adopted the provisions of RSA 31:94-a and have, by majority vote at the previous town meeting, decided to elect officers on the second Tuesday in May.

15 New Paragraph; Election Dates; Official Ballot Referendum. Amend RSA 669:1 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. Any local political subdivision as defined in RSA 40:12 which has not adopted RSA 40:13, the official ballot referendum form of meeting, may at any annual or special meeting, under an article in the warrant for such meeting, vote to hold elections on the sixth Tuesday following the second Tuesday of March as set forth in RSA 40:13, VII, and may rescind such action in a like manner. Any such local political subdivision may, in addition, vote to hold its deliberative session during the month of April. Such action shall not take effect until the annual election next following such vote. The place and polling hours shall be determined by, and the election shall be supervised by, the election officials of the local political subdivision, as provided in RSA 671:26. The newly elected officers shall take office at the close of the meeting at which they were elected. Local political subdivisions may hold joint elections and shall allocate the costs of the joint elections in the same manner as in previous years, or as mutually agreed upon by the governing bodies of the town and school district.

16 Repeal. RSA 40:13, II-a, relative to schedule for January meetings, is repealed.

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

## **SENATE HEARINGS**

***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1998***

**EDUCATION**, Room 105-A, SH

### **● BILLS BELOW ARE RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 21, 1998**

1:00 p.m. **SB 443-L**, requiring the state to pay for in-home support and care for special education children.

2:00 p.m. **SB 485-L**, exempts special education catastrophic aid payments from the municipal budget law.

**ENVIRONMENT**, Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. **SB 499-FN**, establishing incentives for state agencies to increase energy efficiency.

**INSURANCE**, Room 101, LOB

8:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**JUDICIARY**, Rooms 205-207, LOB

### **● PLEASE NOTE LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE**

10:30 a.m. **SB 392**, relative to requirements for law enforcement personnel who conduct interviews of minors.

10:45 a.m. **SB 477-FN**, making certain crimes punishable by the death penalty.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**, Room 104, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1119**, relative to the town line between the towns of Groton and Plymouth, New Hampshire.

10:30 a.m. **HB 443**, relative to push-polling.

11:00 a.m. **HB 467-FN**, clarifying the definition of "telephone cloning paraphernalia."

11:30 a.m. **HB 505**, relative to smoking in indoor public places.

### ***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1998***

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 104, LOB

#### **● EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW**

1:00 p.m. **SB 341**, relative to the decommissioning finance committee.

1:30 p.m. **SB 363**, relative to procedures applicable to state owned radio or communication towers on state land.

### ***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1998***

**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 105-A, SH

**● SB 470 AND 458 HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 10, 1998**

**● SB 491 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 3, 1998**

### ***TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998***

**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 105-A, SH

2:00 p.m. **SB 398**, relative to prescription drug therapy management.

3:00 p.m. **SB 409-FN**, extending the moratorium on new nursing home beds.

3:45 p.m. **SB 491-FN**, relative to the reimbursement of nursing homes.

**WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 103, SH

2:45 p.m. **HB 170-L**, exempting temporary, demountable, plastic-covered greenhouses from property taxation.

3:00 p.m. **HB 642**, clarifying the effect of subdivision on property tax assessment and collection.

3:30 p.m. **HB 676-FN-L**, relative to distribution of proceeds from the sale of tax-deeded property and repurchase of tax-deeded property by a former owner.

4:00 p.m. **HB 717-FN-A**, relative to taxation of qualified investment capital companies.

### ***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998***

#### **JUDICIARY**, Room 103, SH

10:30 a.m. **SB 498**, clarifying the definition of "right of custody" with respect to the crime of interference with custody.

#### **INSURANCE**, Room 101, LOB

#### **● EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW**

8:30 a.m. **SB 500**, relative to obtaining automobile and homeowners insurance.

9:00 a.m. **SB 494**, establishing the voluntary small employer health insurance purchasing alliance.

#### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**, Room 104, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 529**, relative to excluding from the definition of subdivision the placement and maintenance of wireless communication facilities.

10:45 a.m. **HB 659**, modifying restrictions on televised political advertising.

11:15 a.m. **HB 670-FN**, prohibiting telephone solicitors from using caller identification blocking services.

### ***THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998***

#### **WILDLIFE AND RECREATION**, Room 102, LOB

2:45 p.m. **HCR 21**, encouraging the designation of the Connecticut River as an American Heritage River.

3:00 p.m. **HB 1151-FN**, relative to the testing of certain domestic animals.

### ***TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998***

#### **PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 105-A, SH

2:00 p.m. **SB 470-FN**, establishing a "parents as scholars" pilot program.

2:45 p.m. **SB 458-FN-A**, establishing a supportive residential care pilot program and making an appropriation therefor.

### ***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998***

#### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**, Room 104, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 697-FN-A-L**, establishing a homeless coordination council.

10:45 a.m. **HB 798**, relative to the regulation of health clubs.

11:15 a.m. **HB 802**, relative to judgments on past due rent.

### ***THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998***

#### **WILDLIFE AND RECREATION**, Room 102, LOB

2:45 p.m. **HB 371**, relative to the authority of the department of fish and game to regulate the management, preservation, propagation, and taking of state fish, game, and wildlife resources.

### ***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998***

#### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**, Room 104, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1103-L**, relative to the state representative districts of towns.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1244-FN**, relative to collusive bidding at auctions.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1424**, relative to filling a vacancy in the position of a county officer.

11:30 a.m. **HCR 20**, recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Old Home Day in New Hampshire.

### ***THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1998***

**WILDLIFE AND RECREATION**, Room 102, LOB

2:45 p.m. **HB 132-FN**, allowing New Hampshire residents on active duty in the armed forces or coast guard to be issued hunting and fishing licenses at no charge.

3:15 p.m. **HB 177-FN**, increasing the wild black bear license and tag fee.

3:45 p.m. **HB 793**, defining the responsibility of individuals engaged in equine activities.

***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998***

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**, Room 104, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1430**, relative to political expenditure limitation amounts.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1518-L**, increasing the minimum purchase amount by a county requiring competitive bidding.

***THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998***

**WILDLIFE AND RECREATION**, Room 102, LOB

2:45 p.m. **HB 272**, relative to boat docking facilities

3:30 p.m. **HB 1211-FN-A**, re-designing Governors state park in Laconia as Ahern state park.

**MEETINGS**

***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1998***

**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND ADEQUACY**, Room 103, State House

4:00 p.m. Meeting

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, Town Office Building, Route 3, West Stewartstown

6:00 p.m. Public Information/Officials Meeting, Stewartstown, NH  
Route 145 over Bishop's Brook

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, Stratham Municipal Center, 10 Bunker Hill Ave, Stratham

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing (Commission), Newfields-Stratham, NH  
Route 108

***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1998***

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Room 201, LOB, Concord

2:00 p.m. Public Hearing on current applications for funding,  
Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee

***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1998***

IDENTIFYING GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES RELATED TO MANAGED CARE STUDY  
COMMITTEE (SB 122, Chapter 230:1, Laws of 1997), Room 105-A, SH

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting. The committee will be reviewing a draft  
for legislation. All members are encouraged to attend.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Meeting

WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

● SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND  
ADEQUACY RESCHEDULED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1998, AT 10:00 A.M.,  
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1998***

JUDICIAL COUNCIL (RSA 494:1), Room 208, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

***MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998***

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4), Room 305, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

***TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998***

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON THE SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN  
FOLKLIFE (SJR 20, Chapter 204, Laws of 1996), Room 203, LOB

3:00 p.m. Commission Meeting

***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998***

**LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE** (RSA 14-B:2), Room 304, LOB

9:00 a.m. Meeting

**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND ADEQUACY**, Room 103, SH

4:00 p.m. Meeting

***THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998***

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, Room 201, LOB, Concord

3:00 p.m. Committee Meeting to discuss project applications,  
Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee

***FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1998***

**OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL** (RSA 126-I:3), Room 103, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN COMMISSION** (RSA 195-H:2),  
Room 103, SH

1:30 p.m. Meeting

**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND ADEQUACY**, Location  
TBA

10:00 a.m. Public Meeting

***MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998***

**PERINATAL ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TASK FORCE** (RSA 132:19),  
Room 101, LOB

9:00 a.m. Meeting

**PUBLIC WATER ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD** (RSA 233-A:2), Director's Conference Room, NH  
Fish and Game Department, 2 Hazen Drive, Concord

10:00 a.m. Meeting

***TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998***

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Room 201, LOB**

3:00 p.m. Public Hearing on current applications for funding,  
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Advisory Committee

***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998***

**FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT Room 210-211, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular Business

9:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire Management Letter June 30, 1997 - State of New Hampshire Sweepstakes Commission Audit Report for the Fiscal years ended June 30, 1996 and 1997.

**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND ADEQUACY, Room 103, SH**

4:00 p.m. Meeting

***FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1998***

**BOARD OF CLAIMS (RSA 541-B:3), Room 202, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Quarterly Meeting

**NOTICES**

Members of the NH Senate and House are encouraged to utilize the complimentary ski privileges afforded them. Upon presentation of proper credentials at the ticket window, NH Senators and Representatives may receive a lift ticket for their personal use and one for a guest. The elected official must be present to personally present the credentials, unless prior arrangement is made with Commissioner Thomson. *Lift tickets are to be picked up at Guest Services at Sunapee; and at Guest Services or the Ticket Window at Cannon.*

Senator Joseph Delahunty

The third round of funding for the Health Care Transition Fund, Community Grant Program is about to begin. The Department of Health and Human Services, under the leadership of the Legislature, the Governor and the Executive Councilors, has initiated this grantmaking process to assist communities in their efforts to improve access to health care services. Grants will be awarded for up to eighteen months to encourage creativity and innovation in health care. Successful proposals will demonstrate broad community collaboration as an essential method of achieving project objectives. A *Request for Proposals* was mailed to the leadership of the New Hampshire House and Senate including Committee Chairs and 1,200 community organizations and providers. All legislators are invited to request a copy of the proposal by contacting Therese Smith of the Department's Office of Planning and Research at 271-5256 or access a copy through the Department's website at <http://www.state.nh.us/dhhs/deptlinks.htm>.

Senator Amy Patenaude

***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998***

The Retail Merchants Association cordially invites all legislators and staff to a Legislative Reception on Wednesday, March 11, 1998, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord. The reception will be held in the lounge area. We look forward to seeing you there!

Senator Carl Johnson

***VISITORS' CENTER SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY***

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of school groups visiting the State House in January/February 1998. These listings will replace individual notifications in an effort to reduce paper usage and to ensure all members will be notified in a timely manner. Please contact the Visitors' Center for further information. Thank you for your continued participation with our School Visitation Program.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

| <b><i>DATE</i></b> | <b><i>TIME</i></b> | <b><i>GROUP</i></b>                             | <b><i>CLASS/Size</i></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2/18               | 10:00              | Liberty School House - Bedford                  | K/12                     |
| 2/18               | 11:00 & 12:30      | Infant Jesus - Nashua                           | 4/52                     |
| 2/19               | 10:00 & 11:15      | Towle School - Newport                          | 4/50                     |
| 2/19               | 12:30              | Manchester Youthbuild                           | HS/25                    |
| 2/20               | 9:00;10:00 & 11:00 | Conant Elementary - Concord                     | 4/75                     |
| 2/20               | 12:30              | Cardigan School( <i>Finnish Team</i> ) - Canaan | 14-16/40                 |
| 2/23               | 10:00              | Troop 22 BSA - Amherst                          | 11-15/20                 |
| 2/26               | 10:00              | Heritage Heights/Havenwood - Concord            | SRS/12                   |
| 2/26               | 1:00               | K.A. Brett School - Tamworth                    | 3&4/65                   |