

FEBRUARY 24, 1998

No. 13

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Legislative

SENATE CALENDAR

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND NOTICES

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, MARCH
5, 1998, AT 10:00 A.M.**

LAID 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 HEARINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

9:30 a.m. **HB 1664-FN**, authorizing salary increases for state law enforcement officers.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1249**, requiring budget line item appropriations for individual and departmental dues to national and regional organizations paid from state resources.

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

● **SB 409 AND 491 HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 17, 1998**

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

TRANSPORTATION, Room 101, LOB

● **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW**

1:00 p.m. **HB 420**, relative to administrative review of suspended or revoked motor vehicle licenses.

1:20 p.m. **HB 552-FN-L**, clarifying the authority of municipalities to regulate the use of their highways which provide sole access to properties in adjoining municipalities.

1:40 p.m. **HB 565-FN**, relative to unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle or animal.

2:00 p.m. **HB 627-FN**, establishing a conservation number plate trust fund, and a special motor vehicle license plate and associated fees, to support New Hampshire's natural and cultural resources.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 103, SH

● **PLEASE NOTE ADDITION OF HB 1468**

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.

4:30 p.m. **HB 1468**, clarifying the legal status of home brewers of beer.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1998

EDUCATION, Room 105-A, SH

● **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION TO FOLLOW**

1:00 p.m. **SB 503**, relative to the New Hampshire community technical college system.

ENVIRONMENT, Room 102, LOB

● **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW**

● **CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON SB 374**

8:30 a.m. **SB 374**, requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to adopt rules regarding impacts of certain large water withdrawals on surface waters, subsurface waters, water-related natural resources, and private, residential, and farm wells.

JUDICIARY, Room 103, SH

● **THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HEARING**

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

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Room 103, LOB

● **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW HEARINGS AS TIME ALLOWS**

1:00 p.m. **HB 1351-FN**, extending the "The Laboratory for New Ideas in Information Technology" pilot project.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1168-L**, relative to municipal economic development and revitalization districts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

● **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

1:30 p.m. **SB 502-FN**, allowing federal judges to perform marriages after obtaining a special license.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1142**, making technical corrections on behalf of the department of revenue administration.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

2:45 p.m. **SB 319**, establishing a committee to study the parole system and methods to increase its efficiency.

● THE FOLLOWING BILL HAS BEEN RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER EXECUTIVE ACTION

3:15 p.m. **SB 359**, providing immunity to the state and public employees for any harm resulting from certain computer errors in the millenium changeover.

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

● SB 458-FN-A HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 17, 1998

● PLEASE NOTE ADDITION OF TWO HOUSE BILLS BELOW

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

2:30 p.m. **HB 147**, relative to disclosure of certain information relating to tobacco products.

3:30 p.m. **HB 1283**, establishing a 4-year term for the commissioner of the department of corrections.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 101, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 1272-L**, requiring long range capital planning and utilization committee and the Skyhaven airport operation commission to develop a plan to transfer the Skyhaven airport to a local public entity.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1135**, relative to the use of watercraft and boats on Ledge Pond in the town of Sunapee.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1157**, relative to the layout of highways.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1275-FN**, relative to training for marine patrol officers.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998

CAPITAL BUDGET, Room 103, SH

2:45 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION, SB 339-L**, relative to the bidding for design and construction of a new medium security prison and relative to the location of such prison.

INSURANCE, Room 101, LOB

8:30 a.m. **SB 504-FN**, relative to the members of predecessor systems of the New Hampshire retirement system.

9:00 a.m. **HB 630-FN-L**, relative to additional voluntary contributions to provide for early retirement by members of the retirement system.

9:30 a.m. **HB 749-FN**, relative to disability retirement benefits for retirement system members permanently incapacitated for duty.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1538-FN-A**, extending the reporting date for the committee to study judicial pensions, increasing the duties of the committee, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Room 103, LOB

1:45 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

1:15 p.m. **SB 505-FN**, eliminating the separate fee for licensed master plumbers who are the sole shareholders of a plumbing corporation.

1:30 p.m. **HB 535**, relative to the regulation of architects.

2:00 p.m. **HB 753**, relative to the board of auctioneers.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1271-FN**, relative to the board of acupuncture licensing.

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1998

TRANSPORTATION, Room 101, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 1328-FN**, extending the exemption period for motor vehicle titles and modifying the process of obtaining a duplicate motor vehicle certificate.

1:10 p.m. **HB 1330-FN**, naming the bridge over the Newfound River on route 104 west in the town of Bristol, New Hampshire, the Richard W. Musgrove bridge.

1:20 p.m. **HB 1340-L**, establishing a committee to study the upgrade of Dean Memorial Airport in North Haverhill, New Hampshire.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1537**, relative to aeronautics enforcement authority.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1629**, relative to walking disability plates and placards.

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

2:00 p.m. **SB 409-FN**, extending the moratorium on new nursing home beds.

3:00 p.m. **SB 491-FN**, relative to the reimbursement of nursing homes.

3:45 p.m. **SB 458-FN-A**, establishing a supportive residential care pilot program and making an appropriation therefor.

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 100th 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1998

JUDICIARY, Rooms 302-304, LOB

9:30 a.m. **CACR 45**, relating to the right of every educable child in the public schools to an adequate education, and the proportionality and reasonableness of local taxes for education, providing that the right of every educable child in the public schools to an adequate education shall be enforced by appropriate legislation, that the legislature may delegate to the state's political subdivisions the duty to provide an adequate education, and that a tax imposed to implement such a delegated duty shall be proportional and reasonable.

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.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1192**, permitting the city of Concord to combine the positions of tax collector and treasurer.

11:45 a.m. **HB 1221-L**, relative to the acceptance of personal property donated to towns or village districts.

12:00 p.m. **HB 1279-FN-L**, relative to the procedures for vacating uninhabitable or unsafe buildings.

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Room 104, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1592-L**, relative to the enhanced 911 data base.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1651**, establishing a committee to study the protection of cable consumers and the enhancement of cable electronic services.

11:00 a.m. **HJR 21**, requesting that the United States Congress return to the states the authority to regulate campaign finance.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1128-FN**, relative to space heaters.

11:45 a.m. **HB 204-FN-L**, granting responsibility for court security and custody and control of prisoners while in the courthouse to the county sheriff and providing for state reimbursement of the sheriff for the costs of such security services.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1998

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Room 104, LOB

10:15 a.m. **HB 1169-L**, clarifying the authority of the ballot law commission relative to the examination of programs used to count votes.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1998

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

1:30 p.m. Marketing Subcommittee Meeting

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

RESIDENTIAL CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SB 209, Chapter 309:2, Laws of 1997), Room 103, LOB

10:00 a.m. 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. Work Session

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

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING FINANCE COMMITTEE (RSA 162-F:15), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Meeting

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

9:00 a.m. Marketing Subcommittee Meeting

11:00 a.m. Administration Subcommittee Meeting

12:30 p.m. Legal Subcommittee Meeting

● PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION BELOW

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND ADEQUACY, Rooms 302-304, LOB

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. Work Session

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Quarterly Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998

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

4:00 p.m. Work Session

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Room 201, LOB

3:00 p.m. Committee Meeting to select recommended projects for funding, Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1998

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Southern NH Planning Commission, 438 Dubuque Street, Manchester

3:00 p.m. Committee Meeting to recommend projects for funding, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998

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

4:00 p.m. Work Session

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1998

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

1:30 p.m. Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting and Hearing

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998

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

4:00 p.m. Work Session

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1998

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

10:00 a.m. Regular 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1998

Bobby Stephen's 20th Annual St. Patrick's Day Bash to benefit Jobs for NH's Graduates will take place at The Courtyard, 1199 South Mammoth Road, Manchester, on Tuesday, March 17, from 4:00 p.m. 'til the wee hours. This St. Patrick's Day Bash features: Tom Bartlett and his Unicorn Band, NH Police Association Pipes and Drums, My Grandfather's Accordion, and Mary Heaney's Irish Stepdancers, plus a traditional Irish Feast. Ticket prices are \$20.00 (meal and entertainment). Dinner served at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 1-800-772-7001, ext. 383.

Senator Clesson Blaisdell

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>CLASS/Size</i>
2/26	10:00	Heritage Heights/Havenwood - Concord	SRS/12
2/26	1:00	K.A. Brett School - Tamworth	3&4/65