

May 18, 1998

No. 34

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Legislative

SENATE CALENDAR

REPORTS, AMENDMENTS, HEARINGS, MEETINGS, AND
NOTICES

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998, AT
10:00 A.M.

LAI D ON TABLE

SB 359, providing immunity to the state and public employees for any harm resulting from certain computer errors in the millenium changeover.

SB 369, relative to the appeal of disciplinary actions of the New Hampshire real estate commission.

HB 1368, relative to distribution services and metering and billing in electric utility restructuring.

HB 1424, relative to filling a vacancy in the position of a county officer.

REPORTS

BANKS

HB 1205-FN, making technical corrections to the securities laws. Vote 6-0

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

HB 1311, adopting the 1994 revisions to article 8 of the uniform commercial code relative to investment securities. Vote 6-0

Ought to Pass, Senator Danaïs for the committee.

HB 1312, adopting the 1995 revisions to article 5 of the uniform commercial code relative to letters of credit. Vote 6-0

Ought to Pass, Senator Danaïs for the committee.

HB 1314, relative to enforceable provisions in retail installment contracts for motor vehicles. Vote 6-0

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

EDUCATION

SB 508-FN, relative to foundation aid to schools and the Augenblick formula. Vote 3-1

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

HB 1280-L, clarifying the procedures for background criminal checks for school employees and volunteers. Vote 7-0

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

ENVIRONMENT

HB 1443, relative to the time frame for the department of environmental services to act on certain wetlands applications. Vote 7-0

Inexpedient to legislate Senator Russman for the committee.

HB 1513-FN-L, relative to vehicle emissions control equipment and testing. Vote 7-0

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

HB 1606-L, relative to liability for response to hazardous materials accidents. Vote 7-0

Ought to Pass, Senator Patenaude for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 326, relative to representation and costs in utility rate proceedings. Vote 4-2

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

SB 389, transferring rulemaking authority from the director of the division of personnel to the commissioner of the department of administrative services. Vote 4-2

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator Francoeur for the committee.

HB 485, relative to limited electrical energy producers. Vote 6-0

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

FINANCE

SB 363-L, relative to notification to and jurisdiction of municipalities concerning governmental use of property. Vote 6-1

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator F. King for the committee.

SB 424-FN, imposing certain restrictions on the health care transition fund. Vote 6-1

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator Gordon for the committee.

SB 475-FN-L, relative to medicaid reimbursement rates and dental care. Vote 7-0

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

SB 491-FN, relative to residential care facilities. Vote 7-0

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator F. King for the committee.

HB 1262-FN-A, relative to authority for the board of medicine to employ a medical review subcommittee administrator. Vote 7-0

Ought to Pass, Senator F. King for the committee.

HB 1517-FN-A-L, establishing a fund for dredging to maintain harbors in New Hampshire and making an appropriation to the Town of Greenville for the Greenville Water Supply Project. Vote 7-0

Ought to Pass, Senator Barnes for the committee.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

HB 1545-FN, increasing the salaries and changing the terms of office of the labor commissioner and the deputy labor commissioner. Vote 6-0

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator Barnes for the committee

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 346, establishing a committee to study issues relating to foster care. Vote 4-0

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

HB 1182, establishing an oversight committee to review the allocation of funds dispersed for the developmental disabilities waitlist. Vote 4-3

Ought to pass with amendment, Senator K. Wheeler for the committee.

HB 1298-FN-L, requiring health care providers to wear identification. Vote 4-3

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

HB 1498, authorizing emergency medical care providers to inform patients of transport options. Vote 7-0

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

HB 1562, excepting cannabis-type drugs from forfeited drugs which may be delivered to the department of health and human services for medical use. Vote 7-0

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

HB 1658-FN, relative to prohibiting the cloning of human beings in New Hampshire. Vote 6-0

Inexpedient to legislate, Senator K. Wheeler for the committee.

WILDLIFE & RECREATION

HB 1196, relative to coordinating and compiling studies and establishing a lead education program concerning the effects of lead on water birds and other wildlife. Vote 6-1

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

AMENDMENTS

Banks

May 12, 1998

1998-1736s

09/01

Amendment to HB 1205-FN

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

AN ACT making technical corrections to the securities laws and relative to the filing fee for securities in a combined prospectus offered for sale in New Hampshire by a mutual fund.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 3 with the following:

4 Securities Filing Fee. Amend the unnumbered paragraph following RSA 421-B:11, I-a (a)(3) to read as follows:

All mutual funds [~~doing business in this state~~] offering multiple classes of shares ***in this state*** shall submit a notice filing for each class individually, and pay the fee set forth in RSA 421-B:31. All mutual funds [~~doing business in this state~~] offering securities through a combined prospectus shall submit a notice filing for each portfolio and each class thereof [~~contained in~~] ***that is being offered for sale in this state through*** the combined prospectus and pay fees set forth in RSA 421-B:31. Annual renewals of notice filings shall be made for each class of mutual fund shares not later than May 1 of each year and shall include (i) the fee set forth in RSA 421-B:31 and (ii) a current prospectus.

5 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

1998-1736s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes certain technical corrections to the securities laws. It imposes a new annual registration fee for securities offered in this state.

This bill requires that mutual funds pay filing fees to the secretary of state only on each portfolio and each class of securities in a combined prospectus that is being offered for sale in New Hampshire.

Banks

April 17, 1998

1998-1440s

03/09

Amendment to HB 1314

Amend RSA 361-A:7, IX(b)(6) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(6) Other significant impairment of the realization of the collateral, limited to seizure of the vehicle by law enforcement officials, encumbrance of the vehicle, abandonment of the vehicle, or loss, theft, or destruction of the vehicle that is not covered by insurance.

Senate Education

May 15, 1998

1998-1787s

04/01

Amendment to SB 508-FN

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

AN ACT dedicating a percentage of meals and rooms tax revenue to be used for state aid to local education and relative to foundation aid to schools and the Augenblick formula.

Amend RSA 198:29, II-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II-a. Beginning with distribution for fiscal year 1992 ~~[in no case shall]~~ a district's equalization factor, ***shall be the equalization factor*** as determined in paragraph II ***of this section minus 1.2. In no case shall a district's equalization factor as determined in paragraph II of this section be less than zero or*** greater than 9 ***minus 1.2.*** ~~[This provision shall not take effect in the Stratford school district until the 1993 distribution. The 1992 fiscal year distribution of foundation aid to the Columbia school district shall be limited to \$597,166, which is \$35,000 less than the \$632,166 appropriated due to the amount deducted from a trust fund.]~~

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original section 4 to read as section 6:

4 Disposition of Revenue; Percentage to Education Trust Fund. Amend RSA 78-A:26, I to read as follows:

I. Beginning on July 1, 1995, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the department shall pay over all revenue collected under this chapter to the state treasurer. On or before October 1 of each year, the department shall determine the cost of administration of this chapter for the fiscal year ending on the preceding June 30, and it shall notify the state treasurer of these costs by a report certified by them as to correctness. After deducting the cost of administration of the chapter from the total income, the state treasurer shall distribute the net income as follows:

(a) ~~[Sixty]~~ ***Twenty-five*** percent to the general fund.

(b) Forty percent to the unincorporated towns, unorganized places, towns, and cities. The amount to be distributed to each such town, place, or city shall be determined by multiplying the amount to be distributed by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the population of the unincorporated town, unorganized place, town or city and the denominator of which shall be the population of the state. The population figures shall be based on the latest resident population figures furnished by the office of state planning.

(c) ***Thirty-five percent to the education trust fund established in RSA 78-A:27 for expenditure and distribution for the sole purpose of funding state aid to local education. This distribution shall in no way reduce distributions to cities and towns under subparagraph I(b) of this section.***

5 New Section; Education Trust Fund Established. Amend RSA 78-A by inserting after section 26 the following new section:

78-A:27 Education Trust Fund Established. There is hereby established an education trust fund to be administered by the department of education. The state treasurer shall credit the fund in accordance with RSA 78-A:26. Any balance left in the fund shall be continually appropriated to the department of education for expenditure and distribution for the sole purpose of funding state aid to local education pursuant to RSA 198:27-37. All moneys credited to this fund shall be used exclusively for state aid for local education and shall not be transferred or diverted to any other purpose.

1998-1787s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes an education trust fund to be administered by the department of education and mandates that a percentage of meals and rooms tax revenue be credited to such fund to be used for state aid to local education, and amends the equalization factor used to calculate the amount of a school district's foundation aid and revises the formula for calculating foundation aid to school districts.

Senate Education

May 11, 1998

1998-1693s

03/09

Amendment to HB 1280-LOCAL

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 School Employee and Volunteer Background Investigations. Amend RSA 189:13-a to read as follows:

189:13-a School Employee **and Volunteer** Background Investigations.

I. The employing school administrative unit, school district, or charter school shall complete a background investigation~~[, including]~~ **and** a criminal history records check~~[,]~~ on every selected applicant for employment in any position in the school administrative unit, school district, or charter school prior to a final offer of employment. ***A school administrative unit, school district, or charter school may extend a conditional offer of employment to a selected applicant after completing a background check, with a final offer of employment subject to a successfully completed criminal history records check. No selected applicant may be extended a conditional offer of employment unless the school administrative unit, school district, or charter school has initiated a criminal history records check. The school administrative unit, school district, or charter school shall not be held liable in any lawsuit alleging that the extension of a conditional offer of employment to an applicant with a criminal history was in any way negligent or deficient, if the school administrative unit, school district, or charter school fulfilled the requirements of this section.***

II. The selected applicant for employment with a school administrative unit, school district, or charter school shall submit to the employer a notarized criminal history records release form and a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or an authorized employee of the school administrative unit, school district, or charter school. ***In the event that the***

first set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern and a second set of fingerprints is necessary in order to complete the criminal history records check, the conditional offer of employment shall remain in effect. If, after 2 attempts, a set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, the school administrative unit, school district, or charter school may, in lieu of fingerprints, accept police clearances from every city or town where an applicant has lived during the past 5 years.

III. The school administrative unit, school district, or charter school shall submit the criminal history records release form to the New Hampshire state police which shall conduct a criminal history record inquiry through its records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. ***The school administrative unit, school district, or charter school shall assure confidentiality of an employee's, applicant's, or volunteer's criminal record report upon receipt of that report from the division of state police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. An employee's report shall be maintained only in the employee's file, and only authorized personnel, as determined by the school administrative unit, school district, or charter school shall have access to such record.***

IV. The school administrative unit, school district, or charter school may require the selected applicant for employment ***or designated volunteer*** to pay the actual costs of the background investigation~~[-including]~~ ***and*** a criminal history records check.

V. Any person who has been convicted of murder, child pornography, aggravated felonious sexual assault, felonious sexual assault, or kidnapping in this state, or under any statute prohibiting the same conduct in another state, territory or possession of the United States, shall not be hired by a school administrative unit, school district, or charter school. ***By decision of the appropriate governing body, a school administrative unit, school district, or charter school may deny a selected applicant a final offer of employment if such person has been convicted of any felony in addition to those listed above.***

VI. This section applies to any employee ~~[or]~~, selected applicant for employment, ***or designated volunteer*** with private businesses and agencies, ***or volunteer organizations*** which contract with school administrative units, school districts, or charter schools to provide services, including but not limited to cafeteria workers, school bus drivers, custodial personnel, or any other service where the contractor or employees of the contractor provide services directly to students of the district or charter school. The cost for background investigations, including criminal history records checks, for employees or selected applicants for employment with such contractors shall be borne by the contractor.

VII. The employing school administrative unit, school district, or charter school shall not be required to complete a background investigation or a criminal history records check on volunteers, provided, however, that a school district may adopt a policy pertaining to volunteers who may be required to undergo a background investigation, including a criminal history records check.

1998-1693s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the procedures for conducting background checks for school employees and allows a governing body to decide if an application for school employment may be denied if a person has been convicted of any felony.

Environment

May 6, 1998

1998-1648s

10/01

Amendment to HB 1513-FN-LOCAL

Amend RSA 266:59-b, I as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I.(a) Every motor vehicle driven on the ways of this state which is subject to inspection after December 31, 1998 under this chapter shall be equipped with all of the emission control equipment which was part of that motor vehicle as originally equipped, and be properly connected to prevent excessive emissions. Motor vehicle inspections conducted in accordance with this chapter shall visually check for the presence and proper connection of the following equipment on vehicles so equipped:

- (1) Catalytic converter.
- (2) Gas cap.
- (3) Properly fitting fuel inlet restrictor.
- (4) Positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve and properly configured hoses.
- (5) Properly connected air injection pump/pulse air systems.

(b) The commissioner of the department of safety, in accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations, and in consultation with the commissioner of environmental services, may adopt rules under RSA 541-A to exempt vehicles from those requirements of this section which would require replacement of parts for which replacements cannot be reasonably obtained.

(c) The commissioner of the department of safety, subject to conditions approved in advance by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and after public hearing and consultation with the commissioner of the department of environmental services and the air pollution advisory committee, and notification of the house science, technology and energy committee and the senate environment committee, and with the approval of the air pollution advisory committee, may modify the vehicle emission control inspection program in any of the following manners, provided that the total effect of all such changes is determined to produce a net environmental improvement:

(1) Substituting one or more of the following items for one or more of the items in subparagraphs I(a)(3), (4), or (5).

(A) Exhaust gas recirculation system.

(B) Evaporative purge canister.

(2) Exempting additional model years in addition to those exempted by paragraph IV.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 15, 1998

1998-1785s

03/09

Amendment to SB 326

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

1 New Section; Complaints To, And Proceedings Before, The Public Utilities Commission; Reparations, Fees, and Costs; Rate Proceeding Costs. Amend RSA 365 by inserting after section 38 the following new section:

365:38-a Rate Proceeding Costs. The commission shall allow recovery of costs associated with utility proceedings before the commission, provided that recovery of costs for utilities and other parties shall be just and reasonable and in the public interest. For purposes of this section, other parties shall be defined as retail customers that are subject to the rates of the utility and who demonstrate financial hardship, except that New Hampshire municipalities shall not be required to demonstrate financial hardship. Recovery by other parties shall be deemed to be in the public interest when, in any commission proceeding, the other party substantially contributes to the adoption by the commission, in whole or in part, of a position advocated by the other party in that proceeding, or in a judicial review of that proceeding. The utility shall pay the other party an award of costs if such award is granted by the commission in accordance with the procedures and requirements of the commission. The utility shall not be liable for any award of costs except in accordance with the procedures and requirements of the commission. If the commission proceeding involves more than one utility, the liability of each utility for the award shall be determined by dividing the amount of the award among the utilities in a manner approved by the commission. If an award of costs is granted in a proceeding involving a change in a utility's rates, the entire amount of the award shall be recovered by the utility as part of its rate case expenses. If an award of costs is granted in a proceeding that does not involve a change in a utility's rates, the entire amount of the

award shall be recovered by the utility in its next rate case or through other appropriate measures approved on a timely basis by the commission.

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

1998-1785s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes requirements for the recovery of costs in proceedings before the public utilities commission.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 15, 1998

1998-1786s

03/09

Amendment to HB 485

Amend RSA 362-A:4-c as inserted by section 8 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

362-A:4-c Consideration by the Commission.

I. The commission shall independently and expeditiously consider any mutually acceptable agreement ~~for the buydown, buyout, or renegotiation of any existing commission order providing for qualifying facility power sales or power purchase agreement~~ regardless of the status of ~~any~~ other ~~such pending~~ renegotiations.

II. The commission shall not approve any buyout of a listed facility prior to July 1, 2000. The commission shall not approve any buyout of a listed facility until competition is certified to exist in at least 70 percent of the state pursuant to RSA 38:36.

III. The commission shall not approve any renegotiation which places restrictions on selling the output of the qualifying facility in a competitive generation market pursuant to RSA 374-F.

IV. The commission shall not approve any renegotiation of a commission order providing for power sales from a listed facility if, for any calendar year prior to 2006, that renegotiation would reduce the total number of kilowatt hours being purchased annually at predetermined prices from all listed facilities to less than 80 percent of the base listed-facility kilowatt hours for that calendar year.

V. In this section:

(a) "Base listed-facility kilowatt hours for that calendar year" means the total number of kilowatt hours which would have been purchased during the calendar year from all listed facilities if the renegotiated rate orders for all such listed facilities pending before the commission as of January 1, 1998 had been approved.

(b) "Buyout" means any modification of any existing commission order providing for power sales from a listed facility that (i) changes the termination date of that order to an earlier date, unless the modified termination date is not earlier than the termination date in the renegotiated buydown for that listed facility which was pending before the commission as of January 1, 1998, or (ii) eliminates predetermined prices for any of the output of the facility covered by the rate order.

(c) "Listed facility" means any of the 5 wood-fired qualifying facilities having rate orders which, as of January 1, 1998, provide the right to sell at least 10 megawatts of capacity and associated energy to Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following and renumbering the original sections 13-14 to read as 15-16, respectively:

13 Legislative Intent of Limits on Renegotiations of Wood-Fired Qualifying Facility Orders. The limits on renegotiations of wood-fired qualifying facility orders in RSA 362-A:4-c, as amended by this act, are intended to preserve an outlet for low-grade wood. If other markets are developed for low-grade wood, the legislature should reexamine these limits.

14 Legislative Findings Relative to Approval of Pending Renegotiated Arrangements. The legislature finds that, with respect to the renegotiated arrangements for the remaining 6 wood-to-energy plants that were pending before the public utilities commission as of January 1, 1998:

I. Significant net savings to customers will occur if these arrangements are promptly approved by the commission.

II. Timely action is essential because significant losses of these savings will occur if approval is further delayed.

III. It is in the public interest to clarify the recoverability of payments made pursuant to these arrangements by stating that payments made pursuant to these arrangements shall be as recoverable from customers as payments made pursuant to the rate orders that they replace or modify. Nothing in this section is intended to provide any greater opportunity for cost recovery than is available under applicable regulation or law on the effective date of this act.

Senate Finance

May 13, 1998

1998-1746s

04/09

Amendment to SB 363-LOCAL

Amend RSA 674:54, II and II-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

II. The state, university system, county, town, city, school district, or village district shall give written notification to ***the governing body and planning board, if such exists, of*** a municipality of any proposed governmental use of property within its jurisdiction, which constitutes a substantial change in use or a substantial new use. Written notification shall contain plans, specifications, ~~and~~ explanations of proposed changes available at the time, ***a statement of the governmental nature of the use as set forth in paragraph I, and a proposed construction schedule. Such notification shall be timely enough to permit compliance with this paragraph prior to the beginning of construction.*** ~~[A] Either the governing body or planning board of the~~ municipality ~~[or its designated land use board]~~ may conduct a public hearing relative to the proposed governmental use. ~~[If the municipality chooses to hold a hearing, the]~~ ***Any such*** hearing shall be held within ~~[30]~~ ***45*** days after receipt of notice by the ~~[municipality]~~ ***governing body or planning board.*** A representative of the ~~[governmental entity]~~ ***sponsor of the governmental use*** ~~[which provided notice]~~ shall be available to present the plans, specifications, ~~[or]~~ ***and construction schedule, and to provide*** explanations. The ~~[municipality shall provide]~~ ***governing body or planning board may issue*** nonbinding written comments relative to conformity ***or nonconformity of the proposal*** with normally applicable land use regulations to the sponsor of the governmental use within 30 days after the hearing. ***The municipality may not impose any restriction or require any change that would effectively exclude or compromise the purpose or goals of the governmental use. The sponsor of the governmental use shall either conform to the comments, altering its plans if necessary, or shall, prior to construction, provide to the governing body or planning board a written statement of reasons why compliance with all or part of such comments would effectively exclude the governmental use, or would compromise its purposes or goals.***

II-a. Any use, construction, or development of land occurring on governmentally owned or occupied land, but which is not a governmental use as defined in paragraph I, shall be fully subject to local land use regulations.

1998-1746s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that governmental uses of property are subject to certain notification and other requirements. The use, construction or development of property which is not governmental use is subject to local land use regulations.

Senate Finance

May 13, 1998

1998-1748s

09/01

Amendment to SB 475-FN-LOCAL

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

1 Intent. The legislature finds that it is the state's responsibility to ensure that the greatest number of children possible receive adequate dental care. Therefore, this act provides that, as of January 1, 2000, the medicaid reimbursement rates for dental services to children shall be not less than 73 percent of the usual and customary costs for such services.

2 Medicaid Reimbursement. Amend RSA 167:68, III(c) to read as follows:

(c) The continuation and completion of rulemaking and other measures designed to make medicaid reimbursement available to these publicly funded health programs for medically necessary case management and care coordination services provided by these agencies to medicaid eligible pregnant women and children. ***Medicaid reimbursement rates for dental services to children shall be not less than 73 percent of the usual and customary costs for such services.***

3 Funding; Department of Health and Human Services. The department of health and human services shall include in its next biennial budget the costs of funding medicaid reimbursement rates for dental services to children at not less than 73 percent of the usual and customary costs for such services.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2000.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

1998-1748s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires medicaid reimbursement rates for dental service for children to be at least 73 percent of the usual and customary cost for such services.

Internal Affairs

May 18, 1998

1998-1797s

10/01

Amendment to HB 1545-FN

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

AN ACT changing the terms of office of the labor commissioner and the deputy labor commissioner.

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

1 Commissioner; Term of Office. Amend RSA 273:2 to read as follows:

273:2 Term of Commissioner; Removal. The commissioner shall hold office for ~~[3]~~ 4 years from the date of ~~[his]~~ appointment and until ~~[his]~~ a successor shall be appointed and qualified, and may be removed for cause by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council.

2 Deputy Commissioner; Term; Consent of Council Added. Amend RSA 273:7 and 8 to read as follows:

273:7 Deputy Commissioner. The commissioner shall ~~[appoint]~~ ***nominate for appointment by the governor*** a deputy labor commissioner, ***with the consent of the council. The deputy labor commissioner shall serve for a term of 4 years.*** Said deputy shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the commissioner whenever the labor commissioner is incapacitated, absent, unable to act from any cause, or whenever the commissioner deems it advisable and in the interest of all parties concerned. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of labor commissioner the deputy shall have the powers and duties of the commissioner until another commissioner is appointed and qualified.

273:8 Compensation. The salary of the deputy labor commissioner shall be that as fixed by RSA ~~[94:1]~~ ***94:1-a.***

3 Application of Term of Deputy Labor Commissioner. The term of office for the deputy commissioner of the department of labor, as provided for in RSA 273:3 as amended by section 2 of this act, shall apply to the deputy commissioner holding the office only after the incumbent deputy commissioner prior to the effective date of this act leaves the position.

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

1998-1797s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the terms of office of the labor commissioner and the deputy labor commissioner.

Public Institutions, Health and Human Services

May 18, 1998

1998-1800s

04/09

Amendment to SB 346

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

AN ACT establishing a task force to study the foster care system.

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

1 Task Force Established; Membership.

I. There is established the task force on foster care. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

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

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(c) A representative of the New Hampshire Foster and Adoptive Parents Association, appointed by such association.

(d) A representative of the division of children, youth, and families, appointed by the commissioner.

(e) A representative of Casey Family Services, appointed by such organization.

(f) A representative of North American Family Institute, northeastern branch, appointed by such organization.

(g) A representative of Families Assisting Families, appointed by such organization.

(h) A representative of the County Human Services Administrators Association, appointed by such association.

(i) A representative of the New Hampshire Pediatrics Society, appointed by such society.

(j) A representative of the New Hampshire district courts, appointed by the chief administrative judge of the district courts.

(k) A representative who is a court-appointed special advocate.

(l) A representative of the New Hampshire Police Chiefs Association, appointed by such association.

(m) A representative of Lutheran Social Services, appointed by such organization.

II. The term of office for task force members shall be coterminous with the member's term of office in their respective agency or organization. Vacancies in task force membership shall be filled as soon as practicable by the respective agency or organization creating the vacancy.

III. The task force members listed in I (c)-(m) may employ the assistance of additional members of their respective agency or organization as necessary to assist with a task or project undertaken by the task force.

IV. The task force members may elicit input or recommendations from other groups or organizations as necessary.

2 Duties of Task Force.

I. The task force shall investigate issues relating to the overall efficiency of the foster care system, including, but not limited to, monetary reimbursement concerns, retention concerns within the system, foster parent training, and other related issues as the task force deems appropriate.

II. The task force shall cooperate and collaborate with other state or private agencies as may be necessary to address this problem, and shall consider input and recommendations from such state or private agencies on an ongoing basis.

III. The task force shall conduct public hearings as may be necessary on matters pertaining to the foster care system. Such hearings may be conducted in any part of the state as circumstances require.

3 Compensation. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except that the legislative members of the task force shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the task force.

4 Report. The task force shall submit a detailed report of its findings, actions taken, and recommendations to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, and the governor on or before November 1, 2000.

5 Repeal. Sections 1-4 of this act, relative to the task force on foster care, is repealed.

6 Effective Date.

I. Section 5 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2000.

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

1998-1800s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a task force to study the foster care system, including the issues of overall efficiency, retention, foster parent training, and monetary reimbursement within the system.

Public Institutions, Health and Human Services

May 18, 1998

1998-1801s

01/09

Amendment to HB 1182

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

2 Repeal. RSA 171-A:1-b, relative to an oversight committee to review the allocation of funds to persons with severe developmental disabilities, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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

Public Institutions, Health and Human Services

May 18, 1998

1998-1799s

01/09

Amendment to HB 1298-FN-LOCAL

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

1 New Section; Identification Required. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section 3-a the following new section:

151:3-b Identification Required.

I. Except as provided in paragraph II, facilities licensed under this chapter shall require all persons, including volunteers, consulting doctors, and students and including home health care providers and hospice staff, in contact with clients and residents to wear a form of identification which readily discloses the name, licensure status, if any, and staff position.

II. Paragraph I shall not apply to persons working in a facility which provides services to clients and residents with mental illness or developmental disabilities when such persons are working with such clients and residents outside of the facility.

III. Failure to comply with paragraph I may result in a fine of no more than \$50 on the facility per infraction.

2 Identification Required. Amend RSA 151:21, I to read as follows:

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.***

3 Identification Required. Amend RSA 151:21-b, II(a) to read as follows:

(a) Be treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of the client's dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and personal care and respect for personal property ***and including being informed of the name, licensure status, and staff position and employer of all persons with whom the client/resident has contact, pursuant to RSA 151:3-b.***

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

1998-1799s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires certain health care providers to wear identification.

Public Institutions, Health and Human Services

May 19, 1998

1998-1794s

01/09

Amendment to HB 1498

Amend RSA 151-B:10-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

151-B:10-a Transport Options. Emergency medical care providers licensed under this chapter may inform individuals of transport options which, in the opinion of the provider, are suitable to such individual. This information shall be provided only after the emergency medical care provider has made a physical assessment of the signs and symptoms of the individual within the provider's level of licensure. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require an individual to choose any particular transport option.

Public Institutions, Health and Human Services

May 18, 1998

1998-1796s

01/09

Amendment to HB 1562

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

AN ACT repealing the authority of the department of health and human services to request certain controlled drugs.

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

1 Reference Deletion. Amend RSA 318-B:17, I to read as follows:

I. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in this section,]~~ The superior court shall order such controlled drugs forfeited and destroyed. A record of the place where the drugs were seized, of the kinds and quantities of drugs so destroyed, and of the time, place and manner of destruction shall be kept, and return under oath, reporting said destruction, shall be made to the superior court and to the Drug Enforcement Administration, if controlled drugs are involved, by the officer who destroys them.

2 Repeal. RSA 318-B:17, II and III, relative to the department's authority to request controlled drugs.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

1998-1796s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the authority of the department of health and human services to request certain controlled drugs.

Wildlife and Recreation

May 15, 1998

1998-1789s

10/09

Amendment to HB 1196

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

AN ACT relative to prohibiting the sale of lead fishing sinkers and lead jigs in fresh waters of the state, relative to lead studies and reports, and establishing a lead education program concerning the effects of lead on loons and other water birds and wildlife.

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

1 Findings. The legislature finds that the loon population of New Hampshire is a unique and popular threatened species and is an integral part of the economic and social fabric of our citizenry, and of our natural environment. However, a review of research and literature on the toxicity of lead to loons and other waterbirds indicates that ingestion of lead fishing sinkers and jigs poses a significant hazard to waterbirds. Lead is a toxic metal and non-lead fishing sinkers and jigs can be purchased at little or no additional cost. In particular, lead fishing sinkers and jigs pose a significant threat to the loon population of New Hampshire. Therefore, the legislature finds a need to educate the public on the effects of lead fishing sinkers and jigs on loons and other waterbirds, and to phase in a prohibition on the sale of lead fishing sinkers and jigs. The legislature further finds a need to conduct a review of existing research on the effects of ingestible lead sinkers and jigs in order to better quantify these effects and to determine whether additional restrictions would be appropriate.

2 Lead Studies and Reports.

I. The executive director of the department of fish and game, in partnership with the commissioners of the department of health and human services and the department of environmental services, shall coordinate, compile and review existing studies and research, in partnership with appropriate agencies and organizations, detailing the causative effects of lead poisoning in loons and other waterbirds.

II. The executive director of the department of fish and game, in partnership with the commissioners of the department of health and human services and the department of environmental services, and in partnership with other appropriate agencies and organizations, shall study the effectiveness of the lead education program and ascertain to what extent the use of lead sinkers and jigs has diminished after initiation of the program.

III. The executive director of the department of fish and game, in partnership with the commissioners of the department of health and human services and the department of environmental services, and in partnership with other appropriate agencies and organizations, shall prepare a report which shall quantify the hazard which the use of lead fishing sinkers and jigs poses to loons and other waterbirds. The final report shall be submitted no later than January 1, 2000, to the governor, the speaker of the house, the senate president, and the state library. An interim report shall also be submitted by January 1, 1999, to these entities.

3 New Subdivision; Lead Education Program. Amend RSA 207 by inserting after section 57 the following new subdivision:

Lead Education Program

207:58 Lead Education Program.

I. To discourage the use of lead, the fish and game department, in consultation with the department of health and human services and in partnership with the department of environmental services, the Loon Preservation Committee, the Audubon Society of New Hampshire, and the New Hampshire Wildlife Federation, shall institute an educational program consisting of, but not limited to, press releases or articles for all news media, an informational brochure for distribution by licensing agents and at department sponsored training programs, videos for use by television outlets, posters for boat access kiosks and other bulletin boards, and a mobile display for use at public events.

II. The purpose of the educational program is to inform the public about adverse, though unintentional, effects of lead on wildlife, and how to reduce the introduction of lead into the environment through personal action.

4 New Section; Lead Fishing Sinkers and Jigs; Sale Prohibited; July 1, 2000. Amend RSA 211 by inserting after section 13-a the following new section:

211:13-b Lead Fishing Sinkers and Jigs; Sale Prohibited.

I. No person shall sell any lead sinker or lead jig for the taking of fish in any fresh waters of the state, except as otherwise specifically permitted in this title.

II. A person selling any such lead sinker or jig shall be guilty of a violation. Notwithstanding RSA 651:2, the penalty for a violation of this section shall not exceed \$250.

III. The executive director shall develop a fact sheet explaining the potential impact of lead sinkers and lead jigs, which shall be forwarded or given to each person found selling any lead sinker or lead jig pursuant to this section.

IV. For purposes of this section, "lead sinker" or "lead jig" means any device made from lead, the lead portion of which has a mass of one ounce or less. Lead sinkers and lead jigs shall not include lead wire used in fly tying, or lead core fishing line.

5 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

1998-1789s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a lead education program.

II. Prohibits the sale of lead fishing sinkers and lead jigs effective July 1, 2000.

III. Requires the executive director of fish and game to develop a fact sheet on the potential impact of the use of lead sinkers and jigs and to coordinate, compile and review lead studies, and to make reports, in partnership with other agencies and organizations.

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

SB 102-FN, relative to the possession of certain weapons in the commission of a violent crime.

Senate Conferees: Senators Gordon, D. Wheeler, Hollingworth.

SB 197-FN, relative to final dispositional orders in child protection cases.

Senate Conferees: Senators Gordon, Squires, Pignatelli.

HB 170-L, exempting temporary, demountable, plastic-covered greenhouses from property taxation.

Senate Conferees: Senators F. King, Johnson, Blaisdell.

House Conferees: Representatives D. Hess, D. Teschner, R. Noyes, B. Coes.

HEARINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998

TRANSPORTATION, Room 101, LOB

1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION.**

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 103, SH

● **HB 1291 WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 21, AND RESCHEDULED TO THIS DATE:**

2:45 p.m. **HB 1291-FN**, relative to management of the state ski areas at Mount Sunapee and Cannon Mountain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1998

● **HB 1100 WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 29, AND RESCHEDULED TO THIS DATE:**

CAPITAL BUDGET, Room 103, SH

3:00 p.m. **HB 1100-FN**, relative to the design and construction of a new medium security prison in Berlin and making an appropriation therefor, removing the population cap and closing date for the lakes region department of corrections facility, authorizing the

department of corrections to establish 2 additional halfway houses and appoint additional probation and parole officers, and making adjustments to the operating budget for fiscal year 1999.

EDUCATION, Room 105-A, SH

1:30 p.m. **CACR 51**, establishing a restricted education trust fund. Providing that an education trust fund be established, that all moneys designated for the purpose of state aid to education shall be directly transferred to such trust fund, and that the moneys in such trust fund shall be used exclusively for state aid to education.

INSURANCE, Room 101, LOB

8:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION** (HB 490, HB 555, HB 630, HB 749, HB 1281, HB 1336, HB 1411, HB 1446, HB 1541)

JUDICIARY, Room 103, SH

10:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION.**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Room 104, LOB

● **HB 1121 WAS RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 29, 1998, TO THIS DATE.**

10:15 a.m. **HB 1121**, making technical corrections to the election laws.

PLEASE NOTE THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING HEARING:

11:00 a.m. **HB 1520-FN**, relative to primary petitions, political expenditures, and the jurisdiction of the ballot law commission

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Room 103, LOB

2:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- **HB 1655-FN-A, WILL BE RECESSED ON MAY 14, AND RESCHEDULED TO THIS DATE:**

1:30 p.m. **HB 1655-FN-A**, relative to the authority of the length of service awards program committee and making an appropriation therefor.

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

2:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION.**

INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

3:00 p.m. **HB 1304-FN**, relative to the qualifications and compensation of division directors of the department of environmental services.

3:30 p.m. **HB 1636-FN**, relative to the executive director of fish and game and the fish and game commission.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1998

PLEASE NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE OF THE FOLLOWING HEARING:

TRANSPORTATION, Room 305-306, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 1000-FN-L**, relative to a 10-year transportation plan, authorizing construction on the Spaulding Turnpike, and relative to the radio system upgrade for the department of transportation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1998

EDUCATION, Room 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1075-FN-A-L**, implementing the Advancing Better Classrooms program to provide a constitutionally adequate public education to all the children of New Hampshire.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Woodsville Emergency Services Building, Route 10, Woodsville

7:00 p.m. Public Informational Meeting, Replacement of US 302 Bridge

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1998

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Newport Town Hall/Opera House, 20 Main Street, Newport

7:00 p.m. Public Informational Meeting, Widening of NH Route 11

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, Senate President's Office, Room 302, SH

8:30 a.m. Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1998

WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 281-A:62), Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1998

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Meeting

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93) Southern NH Planning Commission, 438 Dubuque Street, Manchester

10:00 a.m. Hillsboro County #1, 1998 Regional Safety Conference (concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Wentworth Coolidge State Historic Mansion, Little Harbor Road, Portsmouth

11:00 a.m. Special Committee Meeting, Nashua, Amherst, Milford.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Dover Public Library Lecture Hall, Dover

6:30-8:30 Technical Advisory Task Force Meeting, Dover, Rochester, Somersworth.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1998

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

PLEASE NOTE THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

9:00 a.m. Legal Subcommittee
10:00 a.m. Administration Subcommittee
11:00 a.m. Marketing Subcommittee
1:30 p.m. Commission Meeting

Monday, June 1, 1998

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

9:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

WATER QUALITY ISSUES STUDY (HB 693, Ch. 213:1, 1997), Room 305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1998

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Keene Recreation Center, 312 Washington Street, Keene

10:00 a.m. Cheshire County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference
(concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Sugar river Savings Bank community Room, 10 North Main Street, Newport

2:00 p.m. Sullivan County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference
(concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1998

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Berlin City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin

10:00 a.m. Coos County #1, 1998 Regional Safety Conference
(concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (RSA 228:93), Ossipee Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ossipee

2:00 p.m. Carroll County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference
(concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Troy Elementary School Gymnasium, 44 School St., Troy

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing (Special Committee), NH Route 12

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1998

● **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:**

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 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 Fish and Game
Department Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1997.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Lancaster Town Hall, 25 Main Street, Lancaster

10:00 a.m. Coos County #2, 1998 Regional Safety Conference
(concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway

signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Haverhill Town Hall, Main Street, Haverhill

2:00 p.m. Grafton County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference
(concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Quarterly Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1998

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25) Room 201, LOB

10:00-1:00 Complaint Hearing

LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, Room 103, SH

3:00 p.m. Meeting

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

3:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua

10:00 a.m. Hillsboro county #2, 1998 Regional Safety Conference
(concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1998

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Exeter Town Hall, 10 Front Street, Exeter

10:00 a.m. Rockingham County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference (concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1998

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Laconia City Hall, 45 Beacon Street East, Laconia

10:00 a.m. Belknap County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference (concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Concord City Council, 35 Green Street, Concord

2:00 p.m. Merrimack County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference (concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1998

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RSA 228:93), Dover City Hall, 288 Central Avenue, Dover

10:00 a.m. Strafford County, 1998 Regional Safety Conference (concerning speed limits, highway markings, traffic lights, highway signs, intersections, and other safety concerns relative to the state highway system)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1998

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

1:30 p.m. Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1998

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

9:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1998

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

NH BRAIN & SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL
(RSA 137-K:2), Room 205, LOB

2:00-5:00 Public Hearing

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1998

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, Room 103, LOB

9:30 a.m. Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1998

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Quarterly Meeting

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

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998

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

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1998

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1998

**VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**, Room 103, LOB

9:30 a.m. Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1998

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

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1998

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1998

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

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Quarterly Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1998

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1998

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

REVISED/AMENDED FISCAL NOTES NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE:

SB 53, SB 102, SB 161, SB 205, SB 32, SB 391, SB 452, SB 457, SB 505, HJR 24, HB 111, HB 177, HB 256, HB 443, HB 467, HB 485, HB 552, HB 559,, HB 565, HB 579, HB 587, HB 605, HB 606, HB 616, HB 630, HB 651, HB 670, HB 676, HB 682, HB 697, HB 707, HB 717, HB, 730, HB 734, HB 747, HB 749, HB 753, HB 774, HB 784, HB 1000, HB 1115, HB 1211, HB 1224, HB 1259, HB 1291, HB 1297, HB 1328, HB 1330, HB 1331, HB 1336, HB 1337, HB 1338, HB 1350, HB 1354, HB 1456, HB 1473, HB 1490, HB 1526, HB 1541, HB 1545, HB 1573, HB 1573, HB 1579, HB 1582, HB 1583, HB 1593, HB 1594, HB 1598, HB 1599, HB 1600, HB 1601, HB 1602, HB 1603, HB 1617, HB 1639, HB 1644, HB 1660, HB 1662, HB 1664

NOTICES

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

The Department of Administrative Services, Division of Information Technology Management (DITM) has just completed work on a paper entitled, The Year 2000 Report. This report is a compilation of a survey taken in the fall of 1997 to gauge the level of awareness and preparedness of state agencies relative to agency computers and the Year 2000 century date change.

Copies of the Year 2000 report are also available from the Legislative Budget Assistants Office, Room 102, State House. The report is also expected to be available soon in the electronic form on the State's web site.

Senator Ned Gordon

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998

The New Hampshire Women's Lobby will hold its SPRING CELEBS '98 award celebration on Tuesday, May 19, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. This year's recipients include Rep. Elizabeth Hager for the Women in Leadership, Rep. James Pilliod and Senator James Squires for Meritorious Service Awards and Sandy Smith of the Concord Monitor for the Media Award among others. \$10 donation. Cash bar and light refreshments. Tickets may be purchased from Reps. Sandra Keans, Barbara French or Senator Katherine Wheeler.

Senator Katherine Wheeler

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

Due to the possibility that the House of Representatives may not be in session on Thursday, May 21, the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire "Legislature Chili Luncheon" has been postponed until a later date. We hope to reschedule this event before the legislative session adjourns in June.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1998

Your presence is respectfully requested at the Memorial Day Proclamation Signing, Friday, May 22, 1998.

The ceremony will commence at 1400 hours (2:00 p.m.) in the State House Hall of Flags.

The program will mark the 130th Anniversary of Memorial Day with the unveiling of the presentation sword and spurs of Colonel Edward Cross, 5th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Colonel Cross was killed at the battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863, before he could receive these gifts, raised by subscription, from the officers and men of regiment.

Please make time at the beginning of this solemn of veteran's holidays to join the Governor and fellow veterans in paying tribute to all our fallen comrades.

Senator Carl Johnson