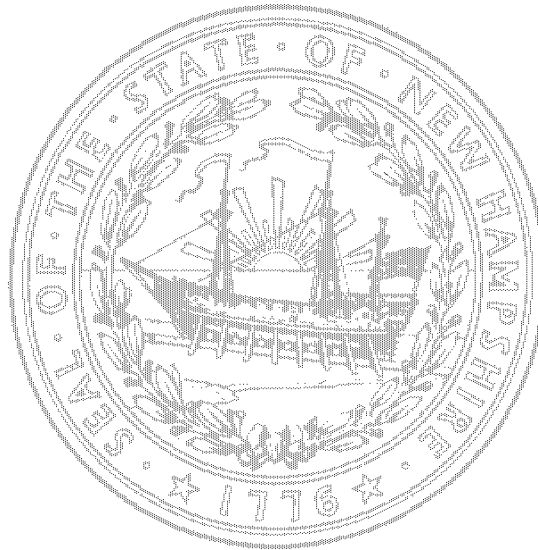


May 2, 2000

No. 26

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Legislative

SENATE CALENDAR

**REPORTS, HEARINGS, MEETINGS, NOTICES &
COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000
AT 3:00 P.M.**

LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 723-FN, relative to standby and emergency guardianship proxies.

HB 1106, making the widening of Interstate 93 from Manchester to the Massachusetts border a state priority.

HB 1165-FN-L, reclassifying certain roads in the towns of Northfield, Tilton, and Waterville Valley.

HB 1560-FN, relative to the purchase of certain prior service by county corrections officers in the New Hampshire retirement system.

SB 203, authorizing electronic games of chance at racetracks.

SB 218-FN-L, regulating the land application of sewage sludge.

SB 365-L, [New Title]relative to the adoption of bonds or notes in school districts and municipalities.

SB 380, (New Title) relative to the availability of matching funds for improvements to South Fruit Street at Industrial Drive in the city of Concord.

SB 429-FN, relative to claims before the state commission for human rights.

SB 433, relative to the age at which a minor may purchase or possess handguns and ammunition.

SB 457, relative to ownership of certified public accounting firms.

SB 462-FN-A-L, establishing a reformed public school financing system for ensuring educational adequacy for all children, and establishing a state public education assistance system funded solely with state tax revenues, and making an appropriation therefor.

REPORTS

ENERGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SB 472, relative to final authorization of electric rate reduction financing and commission action.
Vote 7-0

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SB 466, relative to lot rent increases at manufactured housing parks.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 465-FN-L, relative to the definition of "sugar orchard" for purposes of the timber yield tax.
Vote 6-0

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

AMENDMENT

Energy and Economic Development
May 2, 2000
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Amendment to SB 472

Amend RSA 369-B:1-3 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

369-B:1 Declaration of Purpose and Findings. The general court finds that:

I. The restructuring of electric utilities to allow retail electric competition and less costly regulation is in the public interest. New Hampshire is implementing such restructuring to create retail customer choice, which will provide retail electric service at lower costs.

II. The divestiture of electric generation by New Hampshire electric utilities will facilitate the competitive market in generation service. Further, the proceeds of generation divestitures may decrease rates for the customers of transmission and distribution utilities.

III. The establishment of structured financing options for electric utilities will facilitate reductions in transmission and distribution rates for all customer classes, thereby advancing the near term rate relief principle of RSA 374-F:3, XI, without creating any debt or financial obligation of the state or other adverse impacts upon the state's finances or credit rating.

IV. The state agrees that its pledge, contract, and agreement and the pledge of the commission not to impair the rights or remedies of holders of rate reduction bonds creates a secure expectation of repayment on the part of bondholders.

V. Pursuant to 1999, 289:3, I, the commission has held hearings regarding the original proposed settlement to restructure the Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) and has issued its April 19 order, accepting the proposed settlement agreement as being in the public interest and consistent with New Hampshire law, and as a final resolution of the dockets listed therein, subject to the conditions listed in the April 19 order.

VI. Pursuant to 1999, 289:3, I, the commission has held hearings with respect to the securitization proposal contained in the proposed Settlement Agreement and has found that implementation of that securitization proposal, subject to the conditions listed in the April 19 order, will result in benefits to customers that are substantially consistent with the principles contained in RSA 374-F:3 and RSA 369-A:1, X and with RSA 369-A:1, XI.

VII. Implementation of that securitization proposal, subject to the conditions listed in the April 19 order, and as further modified in this chapter, will result in benefits to customers that are substantially consistent with the principles contained in RSA 374-F:3 and RSA 369-A:1, X and with RSA 369-A:1, XI.

VIII. Implementation of that securitization proposal requires enactment of further enabling legislation by the general court, and it is in the public interest to pass such further enabling legislation in the form of this chapter.

IX. Approval by the commission of a finance order for PSNH that incorporates the April 19 order, that satisfies the conditions of RSA 369-B:3, IV(b), and that is otherwise substantially consistent with RSA 374-F:3, RSA 369-A:1 and RSA 369-B:1 is in the public interest.

369-B:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "April 19 order" means commission Order No. 23,443 in Docket DE 99-099 as it was issued on April 19, 2000, excluding any subsequent amendments.

II. "Commission" means the public utilities commission established in RSA 363, as it may be constituted from time to time, and any successor agency exercising functions similar in purpose to such commission.

III. "Finance order" means an order of the commission adopted prior to or following the effective date of this chapter pursuant to 1999, 289:3, I, pursuant to this chapter, or pursuant to both 1999, 289:3, I and this chapter.

IV. "Financing entity" means any special purpose trust, limited liability company, non-profit corporation, or other entity that is authorized in accordance with the terms of a finance order to issue rate reduction bonds, acquire RRB property, or both on behalf of the electric utility, or any combination of such entities.

V. "Original proposed settlement" means the "Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring Settlement Agreement" filed with the commission on August 2, 1999.

VI. "PSNH" means the Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

VII. "Rate reduction bonds" ("RRB") means bonds, notes, certificates of participation or beneficial interest, or other evidences of indebtedness or ownership, issued pursuant to an executed indenture or other agreement of a financing entity, in accordance with this chapter, 1999, 289:3, I and II, and RSA 369-A, the proceeds of which are used, directly or indirectly, to provide, recover, finance, or refinance RRB costs, and which, directly or indirectly, are secured by, evidence ownership interests in, or are payable from, RRB property.

VIII. "Retail electric service" means the delivery of electric power through the provision of transmission and/or distribution service by an electric utility to a retail customer within its service territory or territories, regardless of such retail customer's source of electric power, and shall include any back-up, maintenance, emergency, and other delivery service provided to a retail customer by an electric utility.

IX. "Retail customer" means any person or entity purchasing directly or otherwise obtaining or being supplied directly with retail electric service for end use consumption, including those served under special contracts.

X. "RRB charge" means those retail electric service rates and similar charges that are authorized by the commission in a finance order to recover those RRB costs that are eligible to be funded with the proceeds of rate reduction bonds pursuant to this chapter and the costs of providing, recovering, financing, or refinancing such RRB costs through a plan approved by the commission in the finance order, including the costs of issuing, servicing, and retiring rate reduction bonds. The RRB retail electric service rate or charge authorized by the commission may vary by cost of service, customer class, and between special contract customers. All RRB charges shall be assessed on a per kilowatt-hour basis.

XI. "RRB costs" means expenditures which are incurred by an electric utility or which an electric utility is obligated to incur either prior to or subsequent to the effective date of this chapter, and costs approved by the commission to mitigate such expenditures, as shall be designated in a finance order approved by the commission and which may include but are not limited to:

(a) Expenditures incurred in respect of generation assets, entitlements, and acquisition premiums.

(b) Expenditures incurred in respect to the buyout, buydown, restructuring or renegotiation of wholesale purchase power contracts.

(c) Expenditures incurred in respect to regulatory assets.

(d) Expenditures incurred to refinance or retire existing debt or existing equity capital of the electric utility and any costs related thereto.

(e) Amounts necessary to recover federal or state taxes actually paid by an electric utility, which tax liability recovery is modified by the transactions approved in a finance order issued by the commission pursuant to this chapter.

(f) Reasonable costs, as approved by the commission, relating to the issue, servicing, or refinancing of rate reduction bonds under the provisions of this chapter, including, without limitation, principal and interest payments and accruals, sinking fund payments, debt service

and other reserves, costs of credit enhancement, indemnities, if any, owed to the state or the trustee for the rate reduction bonds, issuance costs and redemption premiums, if any, and all other reasonable fees, costs, and charges in respect of rate reduction bonds.

XII. "RRB property" means the irrevocable vested property right created pursuant to this chapter and one or more finance orders, including, without limitation, the right, title, and interest of an electric utility or a financing entity in and to all revenues, collections, claims, payments, money, or proceeds of or arising from the RRB charge authorized to be imposed and collected pursuant to such finance orders to recover RRB costs and the costs of paying, financing, reimbursing, or refinancing the RRB costs, including the reasonable costs of issuing, servicing, and retiring rate reduction bonds, and in and to all rights to obtain adjustments to such RRB charge pursuant to the terms of RSA 369-B:4, III and the finance order, all as determined by the commission in its approval of such finance orders. "RRB property" shall constitute a current and irrevocable vested property right, notwithstanding the fact that the value of such property right may depend upon electricity usage or the performance of certain services.

XIII. "Security interest" means a security interest as defined in RSA 382-A:1- 201(37).

XIV. "Service territory" means, with respect to any electric utility, the geographic area established by the commission as the retail electric service territory of such electric utility, as such territory is depicted on the "Electric Utilities Franchise Areas" map issued by the commission, dated July 1, 1993, together with any other geographic area in which such electric utility actually provided retail electric service on such date.

369-B:3 Authority to Issue Finance Orders to Finance RRB Costs.

I. The commission is authorized, upon the petition of an electric utility and after a hearing, to issue one or more finance orders pursuant to which rate reduction bonds shall be issued, if the commission finds that the issuance of such finance order or finance orders is in the public interest as set forth in RSA 369-B:1, IX. Any finance order adopted pursuant to 1999, 289:3, I and II prior to the effective date of this chapter shall, following the effective date of this chapter, be deemed to be authorized by, and adopted and ratified pursuant to, this chapter, provided the commission has made the required finding pursuant to RSA 369-B:3, IV(b).

II. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, except as otherwise provided in RSA 369-B:4, III with respect to RRB property, the finance orders and the RRB charge authorized to be imposed and collected pursuant to such finance orders shall be irrevocable, and the commission shall not have authority either by rescinding, altering, or amending the finance order or otherwise, to directly or indirectly, revalue or revise for ratemaking purposes the RRB costs, or the costs of providing, recovering, financing, or refinancing the RRB costs, determine that such RRB charge is unjust or unreasonable, or in any way reduce or impair the value of RRB property either directly or indirectly by taking such RRB charge (other than any portion of such RRB charge constituting a servicing fee payable to the electric utility) into account when setting other rates for the electric utility; nor shall the amount of revenues arising with respect thereto be subject to reduction, impairment, postponement, or termination.

III. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, any requirement under this chapter, under 1999, 289:3, I and II, under RSA 369-A, or under a finance order that the commission take action with respect to the subject matter of a finance order shall be binding upon the commission, and the commission shall have no authority to rescind, alter, or amend that requirement.

IV. The commission shall only issue finance orders that:

(a) Authorize the issuance of no more than \$137,000,000 in rate reduction bonds to finance renegotiated agreements of the existing wholesale power purchase agreements between PSNH and the 6 wood-to-energy facilities and the one trash-to-energy facility; or

(b) Authorize the issuance of no more than \$688,000,000 in rate reduction bonds, exclusive of the amount authorized in subparagraph (a), as part of a settlement approved by the commission under RSA 374-F to implement electric utility restructuring within the service territory of PSNH. Any finance order that is issued under subparagraph (b) shall contain a

finding by the commission that the rate reduction bonds authorized by the finance order are consistent with the approved settlement and that implementing the terms of the approved settlement shall result in the following:

(1)(A) Prior to March 1, 2001, PSNH shall supply transition service in its retail electric service territory. Subsequent to February 28, 2001, any provider of transition service shall have been chosen through a competitive bid process, administered by the commission, to provide such service;

(B) Transition service for residential customers and small commercial customers that do not have installed demand meters shall be available through February 28, 2003. Through February 28, 2001, the price of transition service for these customers shall be \$0.042 per kilowatt-hour. From March 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002, the price of transition service for these customers shall be \$0.044 per kilowatt-hour, or the competitively bid price for transition service, whichever is less. From March 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003, the price of transition service for these customers shall be \$0.046 per kilowatt-hour, or the competitively bid price for transition service for these customers, whichever is less. If the competitively bid price exceeds these fixed prices, the differences shall be reconciled for these customers in the manner prescribed in the original proposed settlement. At the end of the transition service period, up to 25 percent of the customers who have not chosen a competitive supplier may be assigned randomly to registered competitive suppliers other than the transition service supplier or suppliers. The commission must find such random assignment to be in the public interest. The commission shall develop procedures and regulations for this assignment process. Any random assignment must be approved by an individual customer;

(C) Transition service for all other customers shall be available through February 28, 2002. Through February 28, 2001, the price of transition service for these customers shall be \$0.042 per kilowatt-hour. From March 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002, the price of transition service for these customers shall be the competitively bid price for transition service;

(D) Any difference between the price of transition service prior to March 1, 2001, and PSNH's actual, prudent and reasonable costs of providing such power shall first be separated between the two groups of customers described in subparagraphs (B) and (C), and then reconciled for that group of customers in the manner prescribed in the original proposed settlement; and

(E) The commission shall retain the authority to reject any or all bids for transition service at its sole discretion if it finds such action to be in the public interest;

(2) No amount shall be securitized which was not listed as part of the \$688,000,000 proposed for securitization in the April 19 order;

(3) Customer savings through reductions of stranded costs shall be not less than the total amount contained in the April 19 order, including the \$367,000,000 contained in the original proposed settlement, the \$6,200,000 resulting from the settlement of issues pertaining to the New Hampshire electric cooperative, and all additional amounts contained in the April 19 order;

(4) In the event that PSNH or its parent company is acquired or otherwise sold or merged, such merger, acquisition, or sale shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission under RSA 369, RSA 374, RSA 378 or other relevant provisions of law, and the merger, acquisition, or sale shall be approved only if it is shown to be in the public interest;

(5)(A) The delivery service charge shall be fixed for a period of 30 months from the effective date of the commission-approved settlement, except as provided herein, at \$0.027 per kilowatt-hour for the first year and \$0.028 per kilowatt-hour for months 13 through 30;

(B) In the event of a merger, acquisition or sale of PSNH or its parent company prior to 5 years after the effective date of the commission-approved settlement, the delivery service charge shall be fixed, except as provided herein, at \$0.027 per kilowatt-hour from the effective date of the merger, acquisition or sale until 5 years after the effective date of the commission-approved settlement;

(C) At any time after such a merger, acquisition or sale, the commission has the authority to reduce the delivery service charge, upon petition by other parties or under its own authority, to reflect additional cost savings that result from the merger, acquisition or sale in excess of those assumed to create the rate savings in subparagraph (B);

(D) Beginning 30 months after the effective date of the commission-approved settlement, the commission has the authority to increase this delivery service charge upon petition and demonstration by PSNH that its achieved return on equity for the previous 12 months is less than 5 percent before taxes;

(6) If any rated rate reduction bonds, rated Triple-A by any major bond credit rating specialist, are issued prior to October 31, 2000, with an all-in cost greater than 7.25 percent, PSNH assumes all incremental costs of servicing the bonds resulting from exceeding the 7.25 percent rate;

(7) The total systems benefit charge shall be fixed at \$0.002 per kilowatt-hour for 24 months from the effective date of the commission-approved settlement, divided between low-income assistance and energy efficiency/conservation programs;

(8) All currently existing opportunities shall be continued for retail customers to generate or acquire electricity for their own use, other than through retail electric service, without an exit fee;

(9) Non-discriminatory open access to PSNH's transmission system shall be available to customers, electricity suppliers, marketers, aggregators, and municipal electric utilities, with charges based only on rates set by federal regulations, plus the actual cost of service for any services not subject to federal price regulation;

(10) The stranded cost recovery charge, averaged over all customers, shall not exceed \$0.0340 per kilowatt-hour, and its duration shall not exceed the estimated amount as provided in the April 19 order, except in accordance with the provisions for adjustment contained in the April 19 order. Any changes in the delivery service charge, stranded cost recovery charge, transition service charge, systems benefit charge, or any other charge from those estimated in the April 19 order shall be applied as an equal change in the cost per kilowatt-hour for all customer classes;

(11) There shall be no changes to the April 19 order that have or may have, as determined by the commission in the finance order, an adverse financial impact on ratepayers, unless additional write-offs or other ratepayer benefits are provided, in addition to those provided by the conditions of this subparagraph (b) and by the April 19 order, to adequately compensate for such adverse financial impacts;

(12) The commission may not order changes in the total rates of customers taking service under special contracts approved pursuant to RSA 378:18 for the duration of those special contracts in effect as of May 1, 2000;

(13) During any sale of electricity generation assets required by this settlement, neither PSNH, nor any affiliate of PSNH, nor any company that would become an affiliate of PSNH if an announced merger, acquisition or sale were to be consummated, may bid for those assets; and

(14) Municipalities which seek to purchase PSNH hydro-electric small-scale electric facilities, as defined in RSA 374-D:1, may, prior to July 1, 2001, petition the commission pursuant to RSA 38:9, prior to holding the vote of qualified voters provided for in RSA 38:3, 38:4, or 38:5, for a determination of the fair market value of the facility in the event that the municipality and PSNH are unable to agree to a price to be paid for the facility. The commission should hire an independent, qualified asset valuation specialist to conduct the asset valuation process. If this option is chosen, all votes required by RSA 38:3, 38:4, or 38:5 must be held prior to the expiration of the time limit required for the ratification vote under RSA 38:13.

V. An affirmative finding by the commission under subparagraph IV(b) that all of the conditions listed under such subparagraph are met shall wholly and permanently satisfy the requirements of that subparagraph and no future challenge to the finding shall in any way lessen such satisfaction.

Amend RSA 369-B:4, VI-VIII as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

VI. Prior to January 1, 2001, the commission shall establish charges for retail customers that purchase or otherwise obtain or are supplied back-up, maintenance or standby electricity from an electric utility. Such charges shall be just and reasonable, shall not create a disincentive for retail customers to self-generate or acquire electricity for their own use, and shall not be designed in a manner that creates a charge similar to or has the same effect as an exit fee.

VII. Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory language to the contrary, end users who generate or acquire electricity for their own use as permitted by existing law and regulation in effect as of January 1, 2000 shall not be subject to an exit fee in whole or in part. An exit fee is any rate or charge that is based in whole or in part on the amount of electric power and or retail electric service a customer might have purchased from or through an electric utility but does not, for any reason. End users who generate electricity for their own use shall include joint users of electricity, including their on site successors and assigns, who are using electricity generated or acquired primarily for their own use at a site owned by one or more of such users.

VIII. In the event of the municipalization of a portion of an electric utility's service territory, the commission shall, in matters over which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission does not have jurisdiction, or has jurisdiction but chooses to grant jurisdiction to the state, determine, to a just and reasonable extent, the consequential damages such as stranded investment in generation, storage, or supply arrangements resulting from the purchase of plant and property from the electric utility and RRB costs, and shall establish an appropriate recovery mechanism for such damages. Any such damages shall be established, and shall be allocated between the RRB charge and other rates and charges, in a just and reasonable manner.

2000-4333s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits an electric utility to retain up to 20 percent of the savings from a renegotiation approved by the public utilities commission. It establishes the terms and conditions under which the public utilities commission can issue finance orders authorizing the issuance of rate reduction bonds. The bill also describes how a secured interest in the rate reduction property can be created and perfected.

Ways and Means

April 28, 2000

2000-4274s

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Amendment to SB 465-FN-LOCAL

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

1 Intent. It is the intent of the general court that the enactment of a definition of the term "sugar orchard," pursuant to section 2 of this act, should not cause the current use board to classify sugar orchards as other than forest land.

2 New Paragraph; Definition; Sugar Orchard. Amend RSA 79:1 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. "Sugar orchard" means a stand of Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) and/or Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) used primarily as a source of sap for the production of maple syrup or related maple products. Such stands shall have clearly established boundaries, and a defined area. In the stand, 50 percent or more of the average basal area of all live trees 2 inches or greater diameter at breast height (dbh) shall be composed of Sugar Maples and/or Red Maples. The area and boundaries of a sugar orchard shall be certified by a licensed forester.

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

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

HB 75, changing the number required for a quorum on the commission for human rights.

Senate Conferees: Senators Cohen, Larsen, Roberge.

House Conferees: Representatives O'Neil, Mercer, Zolla, Murphy.

HB 97, relative to the right to farm.

Senate Conferees: Senators Below, Wheeler, Krueger.

House Conferees: Representatives Babson, K. Marshall, Patten, Phinizy.

HB 228, clarifying permissible political expenditures.

Friday, April 28, 2000, Room 306, LOB, 1:00 p.m.

Senate Conferees: Senators Trombly, Eaton, McCarley.

House Conferees: Representatives Clegg, Horton, Letourneau, Clemons.

HB 553-FN-A, establishing a commission on the status of men.

Please note this meeting has been cancelled.

Wednesday, May 3, 2000, Room 103, LOB, 2:30 p.m.

Senate Conferees: Senators Cohen, Larsen, Brown.

House Conferees: Representatives Sapareto, Zolla, Boyce, Burkush.

HB 1198, establishing a procedure for the 2001 voter checklist verification.

Senate Conferees: Senators Trombly, Disnard, Eaton.

House Conferees: Representatives Clegg, Horton, Stritch, Buckley.

HB 1212, relative to extending the reporting date of the open adoption study committee.

Senate Conferees: Senators Trombly, Squires, Pignatelli.

House Conferees: Representatives Lyman, Gile, Arnold, Bickford.

SB 135-FN, relative to water supply land protection grants.

Senate Conferees: Senators Russman, Johnson, Pignatelli.

House Conferees: Representatives Royce, Whalley, Downing, Stone.

SB 143, relative to penalties for incest.

Senate Conferees: Senators Pignatelli, Squires, Brown.

House Conferees: Representatives Welch, Lozeau, Tholl, Knowles.

HEARINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000

EDUCATION, Room 105-A, SH

8:30 a.m. HB 1521-FN-L, relative to the definition and administration of an adequate education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION

● **PLEASE NOTE HB 1570-FN WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 19th AND HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE FOLLOWING HEARINGS.**

JUDICIARY, Room 103, SH

10:00 a.m. HB 1236, (New Title) relative to an informed jury.

10:15 a.m. HB1371, (New Title) relative to allocation and distribution of funds for community-based prevention and diversion programs for children and juveniles.

10:30 a.m. HB 1431, relative to protective orders in domestic violence cases.

10:40 a.m. HB 1570-FN, requiring parolees and probationers from other states to comply with the Interstate Compact on Parole in order to be lawfully present in New Hampshire.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW HEARINGS

● **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING HEARINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 10TH.**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Room 104, LOB

Cancelled HB 1216, relative to petitions for warrant articles.

Cancelled HB 1294-L, relative to regional planning commissions.

Cancelled HB 1308, relative to nomination paper requirements.

Cancelled HB 1622-L, (New Title) eliminating the requirement that a deputy town clerk have his or her domicile within the town.

Cancelled HB 1210-L, relative to capital reserve funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON HB 1531 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HEARINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

ENVIRONMENT, Room 104, LOB

1:00 p.m. HB 1414, (New Title) authorizing the department of environmental services to discuss with other states the use of a regional gasoline containing less or no MTBE, promoting the use of less polluting marine engines by the state and others, extending the reporting date of the committee to study the requirements for usage of MTBE, requiring a certification of understanding by certain municipal electric utilities, and relative to ambient groundwater quality standards.

- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1342**, (New Title) directing the department of environmental services to adopt concentration limits for certain compounds in land applied sludge.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1418-FN**, relative to mercury-containing products.

● **PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

INSURANCE, Room 103, SH

Cancelled **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION**

JUDICIARY, Room 103, SH

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

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 102, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1250**, (New Title) allowing an advanced registered nurse practitioner to declare a personal safety emergency and to transfer an inmate for a psychiatric inpatient emergency.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1438-FN**, relative to transportation of children for involuntary emergency admissions.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1463**, making technical corrections related to the mental health system and guardianship hearings.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 101, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1467-FN**, (New Title) relative to the registration of mail-order pharmacies.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1468-FN**, relative to the registration of pharmacy technicians.
- 1:35 p.m. **HJR 22**, relative to the unintended consequences of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1203-L**, (New Title) relative to the adoption of rules by the commissioner of cultural resources regarding public libraries.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 1452**, (New Title) codifying the powers and duties of the joint committee on legislative facilities.

INSURANCE, Room 103, SH

9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION**

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 102, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HJR 20**, urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1139**, establishing a committee to study involuntary emergency admission hearings.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1319**, extending the reporting date of the committee studying negotiated risk agreements and requiring the department of health and human services to conduct a study.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000

EDUCATION, Room 105-A, SH

8:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ALL PENDING LEGISLATION**

JUDICIARY, Room 103, SH

10:00 a.m. **CACR 2**, (New Title) relating to supreme court rules. Providing that supreme court rules may not be inconsistent with statutes.

● **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING HEARINGS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 3RD. ALSO NOTE THE ADDITION OF HB 1331 WHICH WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 12TH.**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Room 104, LOB

1:00 p.m. **HB 1216**, relative to petitions for warrant articles.
1:15 p.m. **HB 1294-L**, relative to regional planning commissions.
1:30 p.m. **HB 1308**, relative to nomination paper requirements.
1:45 p.m. **HB 1622-L**, (New Title) eliminating the requirement that a deputy town clerk have his or her domicile within the town.
2:00 p.m. **HB 1210-L**, relative to capital reserve funds.
2:15 p.m. **HB 1331**, relative to campaign contributions by corporations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON HB 1531 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HEARINGS. TIME PERMITTING EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION.

WILDLIFE & RECREATION, Room 101, LOB

3:00 p.m. **HCR 35**, urging the United States Food and Drug Administration to defer its proposed rules requiring pasteurization for apple cider and consider adoption of alternative processing standards.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2000

INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

2:45 p.m. **HJR 26**, urging Congress to pass legislation ensuring improved access to local television for households in unserved and underserved rural areas.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2000

● **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING HEARING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL 28TH.**

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

11:00 a.m. **HB 1573-FN**, (New Title) relative to the funding of the salary of the director of emergency medical services and making an appropriation therefor.
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW ON PENDING LEGISLATION

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Business
9:30 a.m. Audit: State of the New Hampshire State Treasury Audit Report For the Year
Ended June 30, 1999

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Londonderry town office Nashua Rd
Londonderry, NH - Salem-Manchester 10418C I-93 Widening
6:00 p.m. Advisory Task Force Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2000

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

9:00-10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND EDUCATION FINANCING COMMITTEE (RSA 198:49,I)
Room 210-211, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

TAX EQUITY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION (HB 117, Chapter 17:55, Laws of 1999)
Room 210-211, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

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

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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

2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NHDOT, 1 Hazen Dr. Room 103, Concord, NH -
Plaistow 100005 Kinston Rd Bridge over B&M RR

11:00 a.m. Commission Meeting

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NHDOT, 1 Hazen Dr. Room 103, Concord, NH -
Plaistow - Atkinson 12359 NH Route 121 Bridge over B&M RR and Little River

12:00 p.m. Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000

UPDATING NH LAWS RELATED TO FENCES STUDY (HB 1154, Chapter 62, Laws of
1998) Room 301, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Immediately following Governor & Council Meeting (12:30 + / -) Room 307, LOB - Governor's Advisory Comm. On Intermodal Transportation

Review and act on Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) and Trans. Enhancement (TE) Projects

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2000

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3) Room 205, LOB

9:00-11:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND EDUCATION FINANCING COMMITTEE (RSA 198:49,I) Room 210-211, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF COMMUNITY TECHNICAL EDUCATION (SB 503, Chapter 272:35, Laws of 1999) Room 207, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000

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

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

WELLNESS PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3) Room 205, LOB

3:00-4:00p.m. Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000

DRED STUDY (HB 535, Chapter 92, Laws of 1999) Room 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Meeting to receive testimony from environmental & conservation groups and from state employees who work on a daily basis in the State Park System.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Tilton Town Hall 257 Main St. Tilton, NH - Tilton 12635 East Main St.

7:00 p.m. Public Info Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WAITLIST (RSA 171-A:1-b) Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting with area agencies

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2000

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Troy Town Library - Troy 10434 NH 12 Bypass
4:30 p.m. Meeting with Conservation Commission

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Canaan Senior Center Church St. Canaan, NH
- Canaan, 12870 Replacement of US 4 Bridge
6:30 p.m. Combined Public Officials/ Public Informational

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2000

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Center of NH Manchester, NH - Second Annual
Bike/Ped Conference
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2000

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Belmont Middle School Café. School St.
Belmont, NH - Belmont, 12916 us 3/NH 11
7:00 p.m. Public Informational Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2000

SEED STERILIZATION OR "TERMINATOR" TECHNOLOGY STUDY (HB 291, Chapter
282, Laws of 1999) Room 303, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2000

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3) Room 205, LOB
9:00-11:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WAITLIST (RSA 171-A:1-b) Room 205, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000

PERINATAL ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TASK FORCE (RSA
132:19) Room 101, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

SEED STERILIZATION OR "TERMINATOR" TECHNOLOGY STUDY (HB 291, Chapter
282, Laws of 1999) Room 303, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2000

UPDATING NH LAWS RELATED TO FENCES STUDY (HB 1154, Chapter 62, Laws of
1998) Room 301, LOB
1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Investment Subcommittee Meeting

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Investment Subcommittee Meeting

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

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

SB 36, SB 135, SB 136, SB 176, SB 178, SB 186, SB 219, SB 228, SB 310, SB 389, SB 390, SB 391, SB 392, SB 393, SB 395, SB 397, SB 399, SB 401, SB 402, SB 403, SB 406, SB 409, SB 410, SB 412, SB 413, SB 414, SB 415, SB 417, SB 421, SB 423, SB 425, SB 429, SB 432, SB 434, SB 435, SB 436, SB 444, SB 447, SB 449, SB 450, SB 458, SB 465, SB 470

NOTICES

There are extra copies of the PSNH Proposed Restructuring Settlement as well as the Executive Summary available in the Senate President's office.

Senator Beverly Hollingworth

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 4, 2000 from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. on the steps of the State House.

Senator Mary E. Brown

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000

Legislators and their guests are cordially invited to attend the 11th Annual Legislative Firearms Orientation Day hosted by Gun Owners of New Hampshire, Inc. and the Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club. The event will be held Monday, May 8th at the Sunset Mountain Fish and Game Club in Canterbury, NH (Exit 18, Route 93) and begins at 9:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast. This informative day at the range will include presentations on firearm safety, types of firearms, methods of securing firearms, trap shooting sponsored by the NH Fish and Game Department, and a fully automatic firearm demonstration by the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office. Novices are encouraged to attend.

Lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, please call Jeff Jennings at (603) 625-0686.

Senator Mary Brown

Senator Gary Francoeur

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000

The Legislative Tourism Caucus will hold a meeting at the Eagles Nest Restaurant (directly across from State House) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wine and cheese will be served courtesy of the New Hampshire International Speedway, the New Hampshire Travel Council and the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association.

"Transportation and Tourism"

Speakers: J. Brian O'Neill, Assistant Airport Director, Manchester Airport; Carl Lindblade, Executive Director, Flying Yankee Restoration Group, Inc.

We hope that you will mark your calendar and join us as we explore issues of importance to the state's tourism industry as well as provide an opportunity to network with tourism representatives. These events are designed to be educational, yet informal. Each presentation will be followed by a question /answer period and open discussion of current tourism issues is strongly encouraged. Hope to see you there!

Senate President, Beverly Hollingworth

Senate Republican Leader, Carl Johnson

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2000

Due to absences April 27th, the Senate photo has once again been rescheduled. We have now rescheduled for May 11th. Please excuse the inconvenience.

Senator Beverly Hollingworth

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2000

The New Hampshire Good Roads Association, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation is hosting a Legislative Bus Tour to view various highway and bridge construction projects in Hillsboro, Henniker, Windham and Raymond areas on Tuesday May 16, 2000. Transportation and a luncheon will be provided. Reservations are needed by May 12, 2000! Please contact the New Hampshire Good Roads office at (603)-224-1823.

Senator Ned Gordon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000

The New Hampshire Women's Lobby is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Wednesday, May 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Please join us in honoring Rep. Carol Moore, who will be receiving the Women in Leadership Award which has been awarded only four times in the lobby's 20 years. The previous recipients were Rep. Caroline Gross, Sen. Susan McLane, Governor Jeanne Shaheen, and Rep. Elizabeth Hager. Other honored guests will include all past Women's Lobby board chairs and staff. Tickets are \$10 for lobby members, and \$15 for non-members and are available from the lobby office (224-9105), Senator Wheeler, Representatives Sandy Keans, Fran Potter or Marjorie Smith, or from other lobby members.

Senator Katie Wheeler

VISITORS' CENTER SCHEDULE – MAY

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in May 2000. 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. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year. Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Kenneth Leidner, Director

DATE	TIME	GROUP	CLASS/Size
May 3	9:00	Bow Elem	4/25
May 3	9:30	Bridgewater Hebron Village Elem	4/25
May 3	10:00	Peterborough Elem	4/25
May 3	11:00 & 12:30	Maple Street Elem – Contoocook	4/70
May 4	9:30 & 11:00	Presentation of Mary Academy – Hudson	4/70
May 4	1:00	Conway Elem	4/45
May 5	9:00	Bow Elem	4/25

May 5	9:30	SE NH Christian Academy – Somersworth & Salem Christian School - Salem	4/15 & 4/25
May 5	11:00	Epsom Central School	4/55
May 5	12:30 & 1:00	Sherburne Elem – Pelham	4/50
May 8	9:30	Mountain View Middle School – Goffstown	4/50
May 8	11:00	Hillsboro Deering Elem. School	4/40
May 8	12:30	Broken Ground Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 9	11:00	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	4/33
May 9	12:30	Cornish Elem. School	4/30
May 10	9:00	Bow Elem. School	4/30
May 10	9:30	Bessie Rowell School – Franklin	4/45
May 10	11:00	Holderness Central – Plymouth	4/30
May 10	12:30	Broken Ground Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 10	12:30	No. Walpole Elem. School	3&4/20
May 11	9:30	Kensington Elem. School	4/38
May 11	11:00	Campton Elem. School	4/40
May 11	12:30	Broken Ground Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 12	9:00	Bow Elem. School	4/30
May 12	9:45&10:45& 11:45	No. Londonderry Elem. School	4/135
May 15	9:00	Bow Elem. School	4/30
May 15	9:30	Mountain View Middle School – Goffstown	4/50
May 15	11:00	Hillsboro Deering Elem. School	4/40
May 15	12:30	Conant Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 16	9:30&11:00	Thornton's Ferry – Merrimack	4/50
May 16	12:30	Conant Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 17	9:30&11:00	Thornton's Elem. School – Merrimack	4/50
May 17	12:30	Conant Elem. School – Concord	4/25
May 17	2:00	Madison Elem. School	4/28
May 18	9:30&11:00	Thornton's Ferry – Merrimack	4/50
May 18	12:30	St. John Elem. School – Concord	4/30
May 19	9:30	Mountain View Middle School – Goffstown	4/50
May 19	11:00&12:30	Lakeway Elem. School – Littleton	4/90
May 22	9:30ish	Linwood Elem. School – Lincoln	4/29
May 22	11:00&12:30	Little Harbor Elem. School – Portsmouth	4/75
May 23	10:00	Underhill School – Hooksett	4/50
May 23	11:00&12:30	Milford Elem. School	4/75
May 24	10:00	Underhill School – Hooksett	4/50
May 24	11:00&12:30	Milford Elem. School	4/75
May 25	10:00	Underhill School – Hooksett	4/50
May 25	11:00	Dondero Elem. School – Portsmouth	4/42
May 25	12:30	Ed Fenn Elem. School – Gorham	4/44
May 25	12:30	Bethlehem Elem. School	4/20
May 26	9:30&10:45	St. Anthony's School – Manchester	4/65

May 26	1:00	Berlin Junior High School	8/35
May 30	9:30&11:00	Plymouth Elem. School	4/66
May 31	9:30&11:00	Green Acres School – Manchester	4/90
May 31	12:30	Webster Elem. School	4/23