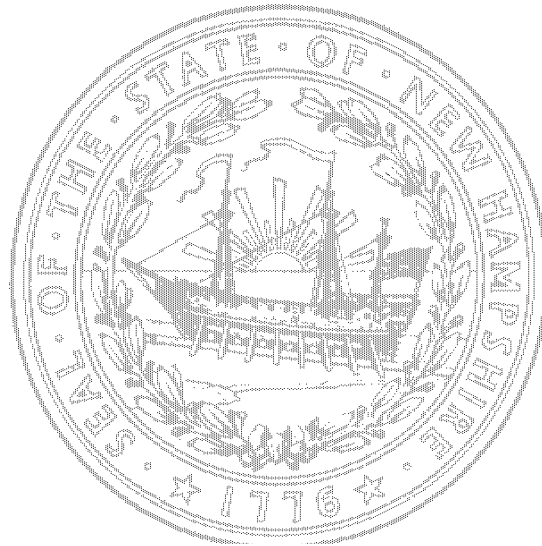


July 20, 2001

No. 36

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Legislative

SENATE CALENDAR

VETO MESSAGE, MEETINGS & NOTICES

NOTICE OF DEADLINE

**LAST DAY TO SIGN-OFF LEGISLATION FOR THE
JANUARY 2002 SESSION - AUGUST 1, 2001 AT 3:00 P.M.**

VETO MESSAGE

July 12, 2001

To the Honorable Members of the General Court:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of New Hampshire, pursuant to Part II, Article 44 of the Constitution of New Hampshire, I have this day vetoed Senate Bill 164, an Act establishing a comprehensive statewide accountability system concerning an adequate education.

I have long supported strong school accountability legislation. Making schools accountable for their performance is critical to improving the education we provide our children.

Senate Bill 164 is advertised as a school accountability bill. Yet, it contains no provisions whatsoever to hold school districts accountable for their performance. As President George W. Bush has emphasized so strongly in his national educational reform proposal, "without consequences for failure, there is no pressure to succeed." To call S.B. 164, in the form in which it left the legislative committee of conference and has arrived on my desk, an "accountability" bill is disingenuous. I cannot support legislation which is more symbolic than substantive on an issue as critically important as school accountability.

Several have said to me in the last few days that S.B. 164 "is better than nothing." I disagree strongly. S.B. 164 imposes many new duties on the Department of Education, but fails to provide the Department with sufficient funding to successfully carry out those additional responsibilities. When this bill first passed the Senate on May 9, 2001, it appropriated more than double the funding it now contains. Unfortunately, the very people in the legislature who have loudly fought meaningful school accountability measures for the last four years are the same people who in conference committee removed the modest accountability provisions from the Senate version of S.B. 164 and slashed the resources the Department of Education would need to succeed.

As amended by the House, this legislation seeks to make teachers more accountable by making it easier to terminate teachers in about half of the school districts in this state. While I support streamlining the process for removing non-performing teachers, it makes little sense to make teachers more accountable without making school districts more accountable.

I am also concerned by the expansion of duties assigned to the so-called legislative oversight committee. This is another example of the disturbing trend of the legislative branch to interject itself into the day-to-day operations of the executive branch.

I am disappointed that Senate Bill 164 has arrived at my desk in this form, leaving me with no choice but to veto it.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne
Governor

Shaheen

LAI D ON THE TABLE

SB 60, relative to the authority of the board of tax and land appeals to assess attorney's fees.

SB 90, relative to misdemeanor jury trials.

SB 96-FN, repealing the requirements for resident and nonresident licenses to carry concealed weapons.

SB 97-FN, requiring the annual registration of manufactured housing parks.

SB 116-FN, relative to motor vehicle offenses which result in the death or serious bodily injury of another.

SB 180-FN-A, establishing the Hooksett district court as a full-time court and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 185, relative to push-polling.

SB 195-FN, permitting the department of regional community-technical colleges to lease building space from the Pease development authority in exchange for a reduction in Pease development authority's debt owed to the state.

HB 101, (New Title) requiring registered lobbyists to sign a statement concerning false statements or misrepresentation of material facts.

HB 130, relative to the maintenance of boundaries and fences.

HB 153, lowering the minimum medical cost coverage for motor vehicle liability policies.

HB 196-L, (New Title) relative to the penalty for failure to license a dog or renew a dog license.

HB 211-FN, establishing a restricted probationary permit to drive and correcting the ignition interlock program laws.

HB 304-FN, relative to insurance coverage for prostate cancer testing.

HB 614, relative to certain duties, responsibilities, and authority of the fiscal committee.

HB 697, extending the reporting date for the healthy kids subcommittee and clarifying the mission statement of the healthy kids corporation.

HB 748-FN-A-L, (2nd New Title) revising the definition of an adequate education and revising the weighted pupil formula used to calculate the cost of an adequate education.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2001

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session

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

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2001

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Requests for filing of legislation in the second year of the session

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2001

● PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING HAS A ROOM CHANGE

IMPACT OF WATER WITHDRAWALS ON INSTREAM FLOWS (SB 330, Chapter 242, Laws of 2000) Room 100, SH

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2001

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee B & C

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT RELATION SHIP COMMISSION (HB 1390, Chapter 114, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY METHODS OF STRENGTHENING AND CLARIFYING THE COMPREHENSIVE SHORELAND PROTECTION ACT APPLICATION (SB 89, Chapter 55, Laws of 2001) Room 102, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Salem-Manchester 10418-C I-93 Widening) Salem High School, 44 Geremonty Drive, Salem NH

7:00 p.m. Public Officials Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2001

CHARITABLE BINGO OPERATIONS (SB 131, Chapter 100:1, Laws of 2001) Room 102, LOB

9:00 a.m. Organizational Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2001

PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, INFORMATION OBTAINED, MAINTAINED AND EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (SB 123, Chapter 99, Laws of 2001) Room 102, LOB

9:00 a.m. Organizational Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2001

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee B & C

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Business

9:30 a.m. Audits: State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children Youth and Families, Foster Family Care, Performance Audit July 2001

State of New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Service Delivery, Performance Audit August 2001

State of New Hampshire Insurance Department, Financial and Compliance Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A MENTAL HEALTH COURT DIVISION (SB 100, Chapter 149, Laws of 2001) Room 102, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting

TOBACCO USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HB1594, Chapter 126-K:19, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2001

ALLOWING THE USE OF BUSINESS LOGO SIGNING ON THE MAINLINE OF LIMITED ACCESS AND DIVIDED HIGHWAYS (SB 134, Chapter 153, Laws of 2001) Room 103, LOB

9:00 a.m. Organizational Meeting

INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING THE FOLLOWING 2002 BILL REQUEST (LSR 3043- establishing a committee to study a permit system for vessels registered in another state temporarily using the waters of New Hampshire.) Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. Informational Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2001

PET OVERPOPULATION COMMITTEE (RSA 437-A:7) Room 102, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2001

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Salem-Manchester 10418-C I-93 Widening) Windham Town Hall, 3 North Lowell Road, Windham, NH

7:00 p.m. Public Officials Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2001

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

1:00 p.m. Complaint Hearing

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2001

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Salem-Manchester 10418-C I-93 Widening) West Running Brook School, 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, NH

7:00 p.m. Public Officials Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

VETERANS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE STATUS (HB 397, Chapter 27:1, Laws of 2001) Room 308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2001

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee B & C

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

NH LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4) Community Development Finance Authority 14 Dixon Ave, Concord, NH

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Salem-Manchester 10418-C I-93 Widening) North Gate Meeting Room, 50 Nashua Road, Suite 105, Londonderry, NH

7:00 p.m. Public Officials Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2001

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 1283, Chapter 43, Laws of 2000) Room 205, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee B & C

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

JOINT HEALTH COUNCIL NH Board of Nursing, 78 Regional Drive, Bldg. B Concord, NH

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Business

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

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 51, SB 67, SB 69, SB 72, SB 73, SB 76, SB 81, SB 90, SB 101, SB 105, SB 110, SB 111, SB 114, SB 115, SB 117, SB 130, SB 134, SB 140, SB 142, SB 143, SB 149, SB 151, SB 160, SB 163, SB 164, SB 165, SB 167, SB 168, SB 169, SB 170, SB 171, SB 172, SB 173, SB 174, SB 176, SB 177, SB 178, SB 183, SB 186, SB 188, SB 189, SB 191 SB 201,

NOTICES

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Senator Sheila Roberge
