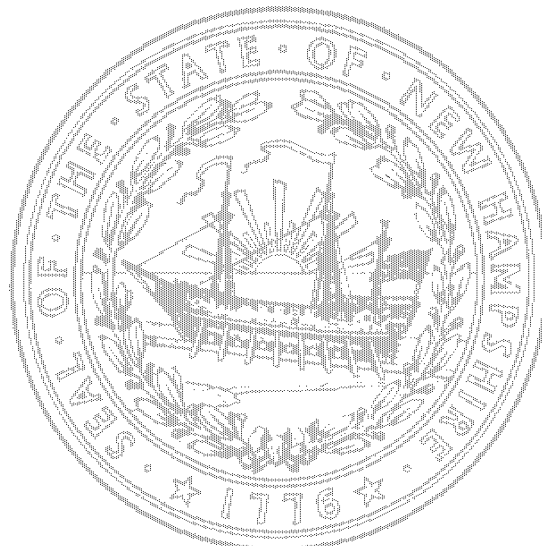


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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



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SENATE CALENDAR **VETO MESSAGE, MEETINGS & NOTICES**

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
12, 2001 AT 10:15 A.M.**

**CONVENING DAY - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2002, THE SENATE
WILL MEET IN SESSION AT 10:15 A.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 Shaheen
Governor

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001

ROLE OF SELECTMEN IN THE ASSESSING FUNCTION AND ESTABLISHING AN ASSESSOR'S LICENSING BOARD (SB 193, Chapter 297:9, Laws of 2001) Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001

● PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

JOINT HEALTH COUNCIL (RSA 326-B:12) NH Board of Nursing, Room 17, 78 Regional Drive, Building 2, Concord, NH

Cancelled Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT Room 103, SH

2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on tax simulation & forecasting models - Charles River Associates
(CRA) Status Report

SENATE AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE (Grafton County) Plymouth Senior Center, 8 Depot Street, Plymouth, NH

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Dover, 13042 Replacement of the NH Route 9 bridge over the B&M RR) Dover City Hall Auditorium, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH

7:00p.m. Public Hearing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a) Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

GUARDIANS AD LITEM BOARD Room 103, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

SENATE AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE (Carroll County) Ossipee Public Library, Main Street, Ossipee, NH

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Farmington 13379, Relocation of NH Route 153) Farmington Town Hall Gym, 39 N. Main Street, Farmington, NH

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2001

SENATE AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE (Cheshire County) Keene Library Auditorium, 60 Winter Street, Keene, NH

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Dover 13154 & 13155 Rehabilitation of 2 bridges) Dover Auditorium, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH

7:00 p.m. Public Informational

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2001

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CREATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING (SB 21, Chapter 262:2, Laws of 2001) Room 103, SH

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

STATE-OPERATED TRAILS AND PRIVATE LANDS USED BY ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV's) AND TRAIL BIKES (HB 717, Chapter 259:1, Laws of 2001) Rooms 301-303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

● **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 11TH**

UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT (HB 117, Chapter 6, Laws of 2001)
Room 302, LOB

Cancelled Regular Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Room 102, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee Meeting

NEW BUDGET SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (HB 170, Chapter 158:39, Laws of 2001) Room
102, LOB

2:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2001

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3) Room 102, LOB

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2001

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

9:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

CERTIFICATE OF NEED STATUTE TASK FORCE (RSA 151-C:16) Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Northwood-Nottingham, 10429E, Intersection
of US 4 & NH152) Nottingham Municipal offices, Nottingham, NH

7:00 p.m. Combined Selectmen Meeting

SENATE AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE (Merrimack County) Merrimack County
Administration Building, 163 Main Street, Concord, NH

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2001

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)
Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular Meeting

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a) Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

● PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM DECEMBER 6TH

UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT (HB 117, Chapter 6, Laws of 2001)
Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

IMPACT OF WATER WITHDRAWALS ON INSTREAM FLOWS STUDY COMMITTEE
(SB 330, Chapter 242, Laws of 2000, Extended by HB 612, Chapter 138, Laws of 2001) Room
305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Room 102, LOB

1:00 p.m. Subcommittee Meeting

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Belmont, 12916, Reconstruction of US Route
3/NH Route 11) Belmont High School Café, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, NH

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2001

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACCESS STUDY COMMITTEE (SB 367, Chapter 208:2, Laws of 2000 Extended by SB 37, Chapter 51, Laws of 2001) Room 103, SH

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (Invites all Senators, Members of the House Ways & Means Committee to an economic presentation by Yolanda Kodrzycki, an Assistant Vice President and Economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston) Room 105-A, SH

10:30 a.m. Presentation

ADEQUATE EDUCATION AND EDUCATION FINANCING COMMISSION (RSA 198:49,I) Room 105-A, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Hinsdale, NH, Brattleboro, VT NH/VT Route 119 bridge replacement over CT River) Selectboard Meeting Room, Municipal Center, 230 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT

7:00 p.m. Public Informational Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

● **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM DECEMBER 21ST**

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2) Rooms 201-203, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

● **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM NOVEMBER 16TH**

PRIVACY TASK FORCE (HB 702, Chapter 256:8, Laws of 2001) Rooms 210 - 211, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2001

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION Room 101, LOB

10:00 a.m. Steering Committee Regular Meeting

BREATH ANALYZER MACHINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 106-G:1) Department of Safety, State Police Conference Room, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2001

ARCHITECTURALLY SECURE FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY SHELTER CARE FACILITIES FOR JUVENILES, NEED AND LOCATION (SB 55, Chapter 97:2, Laws of 2001) Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001

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

9:00 a.m. Regular Business

TOBACCO USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 126-K:19) Room 205, LOB

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2001

● **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 14TH**

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

Rooms 306-308, LOB

Cancelled Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2002

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

1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002

SOURCES THAT BURN VIRGIN PETROLEUM OR COAL TO COMPLY WITH AIR TOXIC CONTROL ACT (RSA 125-I), STUDY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS (SB 93, Chapter 88:1, Laws of 2001) Room 101, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2002

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Room 102, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee Meeting

NOTICES

The New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute is sponsoring workshops in Plymouth, Durham and Concord to help concerned citizens learn how they can make a difference in the New Hampshire legislative process. For more information or to pre-register (so we can plan for enough materials) please contact the co-sponsoring organization for the location of your choice or contact the New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute.

Plymouth: Saturday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Plymouth State College. To pre-register contact Rick Agran, President's Commission on the Status of Women, 603-535-2370, ragran@plymouth.edu.

Durham: Monday, December 3, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., UNH, Durham. To pre-register contact the President's Commission on the Status of Women, 603-862-1058, womens.commission@unh.edu.

Concord: Saturday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Unitarian
Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant Street. To pre-register contact the New Hampshire Women's
Lobby/New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute, 603-3224-9105, nhwomen@earthlink.net
Senator Katherine Wells Wheeler

VISITORS CENTER SCHEDULE -DECEMBER

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 **December** 2001. 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
Dec. 3	10:00 & 11:30	Hollis Upper Elementary School	4/46
Dec. 4	9:30 & 11:00	Memorial Elementary - Bedford	4/60
Dec. 5	9:30 & 11:00	Memorial Elementary - Bedford	4/40
Dec. 5	1:30	Hillcrest Terrace Retirement Community – Manchester	20
Dec. 6	10:00	Lamprey River Elementary – Raymond	3/45
Dec. 7	9:30 & 11:00	Daughters of the American Revolution	HS/100
Dec. 10	8:30	Nashua High School – Citizenship Students	HS/25
Dec. 10	10:00 & 11:30	Hollis Upper Elementary School	4/46
Dec.11	9:30 & 11:00	Peter Woodbury Elementary – Bedford	4/40
Dec. 12	9:30 & 11:00	Peter Woodbury Elementary – Bedford	4/40
Dec. 13	9:30 & 11:00	Peter Woodbury Elementary – Bedford	4/40
Dec. 14	10:00 & 11:30	Rochester Middle School	8/65
Dec. 14	11:30	Moultonborough Academy	8/12
Dec. 17	8:30	Nashua High School – Citizenship Students	HS/25
Dec. 17	10:00 & 11:30	Hollis Upper Elementary School	4/46
Dec. 18	9:30 & 11:00	Grinnell School – Derry	4/60
Dec. 19	9:30 & 11:00	Grinnell School – Derry	4/60
Dec. 20	9:00	Broken Ground School – Concord	3/23
Dec. 20	9:30 & 11:00	Grinnell School - Derry	4/60
Dec. 21	9:30 & 11:00	Wilkins Elementary School - Amherst	4/50