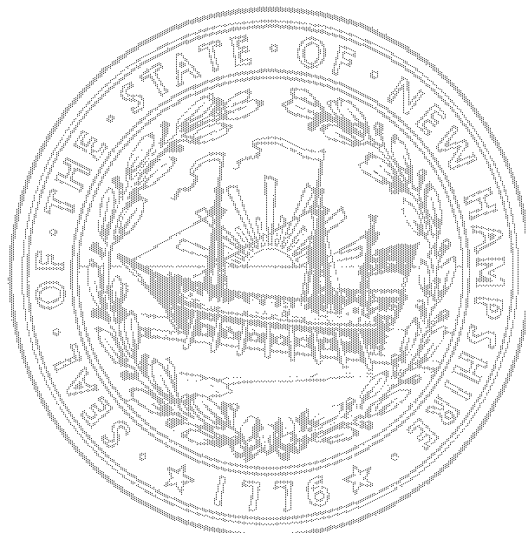


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SENATE CALENDAR

**REPORTS, AMENDMENTS, HEARINGS,
MEETINGS AND NOTICES**

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008
AT 10:00 A.M.**

LAID ON THE TABLE

CACR 20, relating to funding of public education. Providing that the local political subdivision shall provide public education and determine curriculum and the amount of funding thereof, and the legislature shall have the authority to make reasonable determinations as to public education, provide supplemental funding, and determine the amount and allocation of such state funds. **1/17/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 2, pg. 60**

CACR 31, relating to the funding of public education. Providing that the legislature shall make a reasonable determination of the content, extent, funding, which shall include targeting, and delivery of public education. **2/21/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 7, pg. 152**

CACR 32, relating to local public education. Providing that the local political subdivision responsible for public education shall have the power to determine curriculum, set standards, and determine funding, and that the legislature may provide supplemental funding. **2/21/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 7, pg. 153**

CACR 33, relating to funding a public education. Providing that the legislature shall define standards for education, determine the level of state funding thereof, establish standards of accountability, and allocate state funds in a manner that mitigates disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, provided that every school district receives a reasonable share of the state funds on a per pupil basis. **2/21/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 7, pg. 153**

SB 163-FN, relative to housing assistance for families in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. **1/17/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0054s), Health and Human Services, SJ 2, pg. 59**

SB 248, relative to ethical standards for volunteers in the executive branch. **1/2/08, pending motion ITL, Election Law and Internal Affairs, SJ 1, pg. 16**

SB 302-FN, relative to parental notification. **3/20/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 10, pg. 91**

SB 304-FN-L, repealing a fee charged by the registry of deeds. **3/20/08, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 10, pg. 74**

SB 306-FN, relative to allowing video gaming in Coos county, building a casino in Berlin, and establishing a fund to assist with the payment of property taxes. **3/13/08, pending motion ITL, Ways and Means, SJ 9, pg. 230**

SB 307-FN-L, exempting Purple Heart plate recipients from number plate and registration fees. **3/13/08, pending motion OTP, Transportation and Interstate Cooperation, SJ 9, pg. 228**

SB 330-FN, relative to video lottery machines at certain pari-mutuel facilities. **3/20/08, pending motion ITL, Ways and Means, SJ 9, pg. 230**

SB 343-FN, (New Title) making school building aid grants available to charter schools as reimbursement for annual lease costs. **3/20/08, pending motion ITL, Finance, SJ 10, pg. 77**

SB 380, relative to petitions for boating rules. **3/20/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0990s), Transportation and Interstate Cooperation, SJ 10, pg. 121**

SB 393, allowing dental hygienists to engage in independent practice. **2/14/08, pending motion ITL, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 6, pg. 131**

SB 411, relative to the confidentiality of health care records during the investigation of child abuse and neglect cases. **3/20/08, pending motion OTP, Judiciary, SJ 10, pg. 96**

SB 417, relative to changes to the shoreland protection act. **3/20/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0967s), Energy, Environment and Economic Development, SJ 10, pg. 34**

SB 424, relative to prohibiting ATV and trail bike use on state-owned rail trails acquired using federal funds. **3/13/08, pending motion ITL, Transportation and Interstate Cooperation, SJ 9, pg. 229**

SB 427, requiring hospitals to report on their standards and criteria for organ donations and transplants. **2/14/08, pending motion ITL, Health and Human Services, SJ 6, pg. 132**

SB 441, relative to collective bargaining by judicial employees. **3/6/08 pending motion OTP, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 8, pg. 180**

SB 456, establishing a committee to study the impact of the research and development tax credit and the current cap on the credit on high technology industries and New Hampshire businesses in general. **2/14/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0461s), Ways and Means, SJ 6, pg. 136**

SB 469, allowing fish and game license agents to collect an additional convenience fee. **1/23/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0134s), Wildlife, Fish and Game and Agriculture, SJ 3, pg. 79**

SB 491, excluding the value of a view from property tax assessment. **2/14/08, pending motion ITL, Ways and Means, SJ 6, pg. 137**

HB 456, (New Title) limiting liability for town health officers and overseers of public welfare when acting in the course of their official duties. **1/2/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (2495s), Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 1, pg. 20**

HB 539-FN, relative to manslaughter. **1/17/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 2, pg. 61**

REPORTS

COMMERCE, LABOR AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

HB 399, (New Title) relative to the minimum hourly rate of compensation.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-2.

Senator Cilley for the committee.

HB 1245, relative to insurance department records, investigations, and enforcement.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator DeVries for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS

HB 233-FN-A, specifying compensation for ballot law commissioners.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.

Senator Burling for the committee.

HB 1239, relative to the legislative youth advisory council.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator DeVries for the committee.

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 295, (New Title) relative to fuel quality standards and testing requirements for combustion of biomass and biomass fuel.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

HB 415-FN, establishing a geothermal assessment project.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Barnes for the committee.

HB 1186, reducing the membership of 2 legislative oversight committees.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

HB 1215, relative to the New Hampshire-Vermont interstate waste compact.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Odell for the committee.

HB 1584-FN-A, (New Title) creating a commission to study the recycling and disposal of electronic waste.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

HCR 17, encouraging the use of reusable shopping bags.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1153, relative to physician assistants and physicians regulation by the board of medicine.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Downing for the committee.

HB 1394-FN, relative to procedures for approvals of nursing education programs.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Kenney for the committee.

HB 1607-FN, (New Title) relative to firefighter services leave for state employees.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Kelly for the committee.

FINANCE

HB 1155-FN-A, making an appropriation of certain revenues to the board of nursing.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

HB 1341-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of administrative services for an energy audit and system evaluation of the state house.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Janeway for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 678-FN, (New Title) establishing a committee to study issues related to cochlear implants.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 2-0.

Senator Janeway for the committee.

HB 740-FN, relative to mental health services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 2-0.

Senator Estabrook for the committee.

HB 1167, relative to substituting generically equivalent drug products.

Ought to Pass, Vote 2-0.

Senator Janeway for the committee.

HB 1231, repealing the advisory panel on cancer and chronic diseases and the tobacco use advisory committee.

Ought to Pass, Vote 2-0.

Senator Estabrook for the committee.

HB 1388, (New Title) establishing a commission to study practices relative to medications prescribed to children in out-of-home placements.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0.

Senator Gallus for the committee.

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 315, (New Title) relative to criminal background checks of prospective municipal employees through the division of state police.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Burling for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION

HB 211-FN, (New Title) requiring that driver's license applicants be informed of and examined on laws relating to blind pedestrians.

Ought to Pass, Vote 2-0.

Senator DeVries for the committee.

HB 1141, establishing a committee to study parking for wheelchair-lift vans.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator DeVries for the committee.

HB 1220, establishing a commission to study the taxation of alternative fuel and electric-powered motor vehicles for the purpose of funding improvements to the state's highways and bridges.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator DeVries for the committee.

HB 1235, relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator Letourneau for the committee.

HB 1377, (New Title) relative to New Hampshire's rest areas and welcome centers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Burling for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Energy, Environment and Economic Development

April 3, 2008

2008-1239s

08/09

Amendment to HB 295

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

AN ACT relative to fuel quality standards and testing requirements for combustion of biomass and biomass fuel and clarifying a definition of provider of electricity.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Biomass Defined. Amend RSA 125-C:2 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. "Biomass" means organic matter used as a fuel, not including wood derived from construction and demolition debris, as defined in RSA 149-M:4, IV-a; wood which has been chemically treated; or agricultural crops or aquatic plants or byproducts from such crops or plants, which have been used to rehabilitate a contaminated or brownfields site through a process known as "phytoremediation."

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 New Paragraph; Standards and Testing Requirements for Biomass and Eligible Biomass Fuel. Amend RSA 125-C:6 by inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:

XIV-a. Establishing fuel quality standards and testing requirements for biomass other than round wood and wood chips derived from round wood or waste wood such as limbs, branches, brush, slash, bark, stumps, sawdust, saw mill trimmings, clean pallets, and untreated wood scraps from furniture and other manufacture and eligible biomass fuel related to the combustion of such materials at stationary sources. The commissioner may establish such standards as necessary to maintain statewide compliance with Clean Air Act standards and RSA 125-I.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following and renumbering the original section 5 to read as 6:

5 Providers of Electricity; Municipal Suppliers. Amend RSA 362-F:2, XIV to read as follows:

XIV. "Provider of electricity" means a distribution company providing default service or an electricity supplier as defined in RSA 374-F:2, II ***but does not include municipal suppliers.***
2008-1239s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the commissioner of the department of environmental services to establish fuel quality standards and testing requirements for biomass and eligible biomass fuel, as defined in the bill, related to the combustion of such materials at stationary sources.

This bill also clarifies the definition of "provider of electricity" under RSA 362-F, relative to electric renewable portfolio standard, by excluding municipal suppliers.

Public and Municipal Affairs
April 1, 2008
2008-1192s
06/09

Amendment to HB 315

Amend RSA 41:9-b, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. A candidate for employment in a position which the governing body or town manager determines requires a background investigation and a criminal history records check shall submit to the town a notarized criminal history records release form, as provided by the division of state police, which authorizes the release of the person's criminal records, if any. The candidate shall submit with the release form a complete set of fingerprints taken by a law enforcement agency as directed by the governing body or town manager. 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 town may, in lieu of the criminal history records check, accept police clearances from every city, town, or county where a candidate has lived during the past 5 years.

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect September 1, 2008.

Health and Human Services
April 1, 2008
2008-1181s
04/05

Amendment to HB 678-FN

Amend subparagraph I(b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

Transportation and Interstate Cooperation
April 2, 2008
2008-1214s
06/09

Amendment to HB 1141

Amend subparagraph I(b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3 and 4 with the following:

3 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Study parking for wheelchair-lift vans.

II. Communicate and coordinate with the governor's commission on disabilities.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Senate Transportation

March 26, 2008

2008-1126s

09/10

Amendment to HB 1220

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the taxation of motor vehicles for the purpose of funding improvements to the state's transportation system.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study the taxation of motor vehicles for the purpose of funding improvements to the state's transportation system.

Amend paragraph I(b) of section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3 and 4 with the following:

3 Duties. The commission shall study the taxation of motor vehicles for the purpose of funding improvements to the state's transportation system, in particular relative to the impact of reduced funding due to fuel economy improvements and use of alternative fuels.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

2008-1126s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the taxation of motor vehicles for the purpose of funding improvements to the state's transportation system.

Transportation and Interstate Cooperation
April 2, 2008
2008-1215s
03/09

Amendment to HB 1235

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

1 Motorist Duties When Approaching Highway Emergencies; Emergency Road Service Vehicles. Amend RSA 265:37-a, IV to read as follows:

IV. Give a wide berth, without endangering oncoming traffic, to public safety personnel, ~~[and]~~ any persons in the roadway, ***and stationary vehicles displaying blue, red, or amber emergency or warning lights.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
2008-1215s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires drivers to give wide berth to stationary vehicles displaying emergency or warning lights when approaching highway emergencies.

Energy, Environment, and Economic Development
April 3, 2008
2008-1240s
08/09

Amendment to HB 1584

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
March 26, 2008
2008-1130s
05/10

Amendment to HB 1607-FN

Amend RSA 227-L:5-a, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. All funds reimbursed for services provided under this section shall be deposited in the appropriate pay or overtime account of the agency for whom the state employee works.

IV. This section shall not apply to employees of the department of resources and economic development.

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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

HEARINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 103, SH

Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Fuller Clark (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. Cilley, Sen. Kenney, Sen. Downing

1:00 p.m. **HB 1278**, relative to the purchase of computer services and supplies for state agencies.

1:20 p.m. **HB 1313**, relative to voting by the chairman of the retirement system board of trustees.

1:40 p.m. **HB 1374**, establishing a division of homeland security and emergency management in the department of safety.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1643-FN**, relative to medical benefits payment by the retirement system for eligible group I teachers and political subdivision employees in the retirement system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

COMMERCE, LABOR AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Gottesman (C), Sen. DeVries (VC), Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Cilley, Sen. Barnes, Sen. Roberge

10:15 a.m. **HB 759-FN**, relative to administration and enforcement of banking laws.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR HB 759-FN WAS RECESSED ON MARCH 18TH)

10:25 a.m. **HB 1286-FN**, relative to the licensing of mortgage bankers, mortgage brokers, and mortgage originators.

10:40 a.m. **HB 1591-FN**, relative to vehicles traded to automobile dealers.

10:55 a.m. **HB 1382**, adopting the uniform prudent management of institutional funds act.

11:10 a.m. **HB 1174**, relative to condominium association meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EDUCATION, Room 103, SH

Sen. Estabrook (C), Sen. Foster (VC), Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Bragdon, Sen. Letourneau

8:30 a.m. **HB 766-FN**, making changes to the laws relating to special education.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR **HB 766-FN** WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 1ST)

9:00 a.m. **HB 679-FN-L**, relative to delivery of special education services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Fuller Clark (C), Sen. Hassan (VC), Sen. Cilley, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Barnes, Sen. Odell

2:00 p.m. **HB 1538**, relative to mineral extraction, mining, and reclamation in New Hampshire.

2:45 p.m. **HB 1594-FN**, relative to hazardous material reporting requirements and establishing fees for hazardous materials facilities and employees.

3:30 p.m. **HB 1635-FN**, relative to permits for motor vehicle salvage facilities and motor vehicle crushers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Estabrook (C), Sen. Sgambati (VC), Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Janeway, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Kenney

10:15 a.m. **HB 1502-FN**, relative to disposal of used needles.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1396-FN**, relative to requiring prescriptions to be ordered pursuant to a practitioner-patient relationship.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1513-FN**, relative to an evidence-based prescription drug education program.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1447-FN**, relative to Medicaid for employed adults with disabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

JUDICIARY, Room 103, SH

Sen. Foster (C), Sen. Gottesman (VC), Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Clegg, Sen. Letourneau

2:00 p.m. **HB 1437**, establishing a committee to study whether the state of New Hampshire shall establish a policy that victims of negligent or intentional tortious acts shall recover losses incurred as a result of such acts.

2:15 p.m. **HB 1414-FN**, increasing the fee for bail commissioners.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1622-FN-A**, allowing counties to implement a first-time offender alcohol and substance treatment program, requiring the department of justice to administer grants to counties for such program, and making an appropriation therefor.

2:45 p.m. **HB 1596-FN-L**, (New Title) relative to fees charged by the motor vehicle division and drivers' license suspension or revocation for failure to register as a sexual offender.

3:00 p.m. **HB 1568-FN**, relative to endangering the public water supply.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Hassan (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Roberge, Sen. Barnes

8:30 a.m. **HB 1259**, (New Title) authorizing communities to establish municipal housing commissions and affordable housing revolving funds.

8:45 a.m. **HB 1247**, relative to revolving accounts for public, educational, and governmental access to cable.

9:00 a.m. **HB 1191**, relative to environmental investigations in tax lien and tax sale proceedings.

9:15 a.m. **HB 1442-FN-A-L**, relative to the taxation of farm buildings and land under farm buildings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH

Sen. Odell (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Janeway, Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Downing

8:30 a.m. **HB 1309-FN-A**, relative to the definition of "cigarette".

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR **HB 1309-FN-A** WAS RECESSED ON MARCH 25TH)

8:40 a.m. **HB 1426-FN-A**, relative to motor fuel import fees.

8:50 a.m. **HB 1479-FN**, relative to sale of tobacco products and the appeals process concerning the seizure of illegal tobacco products.

9:00 a.m. **HB 1480**, authorizing the commissioner of revenue administration to deny certain tobacco licenses.

9:10 a.m. **HB 1585-FN**, relative to regulation of fuel gas fitters by the state fire marshal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

ELECTION LAW AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, SH

Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Cilley (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Letourneau

8:30 a.m. **HB 1508-FN**, (New Title) relative to prohibited influence of voters and persons intending to vote and relative to the applicability of political advertising and push polling restrictions.

8:45 a.m. **HB 1554-FN**, relative to challenges of voters.

9:00 a.m. **HB 1576-FN**, (New Title) relative to the employment of veterans on Veterans' Day.

9:15 a.m. **HB 1240**, relative to disqualification of certain election officers and relative to arrangement of polling places.

9:30 a.m. **HB 1371**, extending certain studies.

9:45 a.m. **HB 1335**, establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Rooms 301-303, LOB

Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Fuller Clark (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. Cilley, Sen. Kenney, Sen. Downing

1:00 p.m. **HB 1645-FN-L**, relative to administration of the New Hampshire retirement system and benefits for members.

FOR DISCUSSION:

- How do I compute my retirement benefit?
- Who pays for it: Employee or Employer?
- How old do I have to be to get it?

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. D'Allesandro (C), Sen. Janeway (VC), Sen. Larsen, Sen. Hassan, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Odell, Sen. Gallus

10:15 a.m. **HB 1485**, relative to state reimbursement under the housing security guarantee program.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1652-FN-A**, relative to the state obligation for payment of the non-federal share of FEMA public assistance and making an appropriation therefor.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1533**, relative to the office of the state treasurer.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1618-FN-A**, relative to motor vehicle fees and motor vehicle violation fines and relative to appropriations from the highway fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Letourneau (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. DeVries, Sen. Clegg

10:15 a.m. **HB 1345**, (New Title) establishing a commission to study vehicle dealer licenses, dealer plates, and temporary plates.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1404-FN**, relative to liability insurance for passenger rail service.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1595-FN**, relative to driver's license renewals by persons engaged in overseas government service.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1631-FN**, relative to the state purchase of biodiesel fuels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WILDLIFE, FISH AND GAME AND AGRICULTURE Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gallus (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Janeway, Sen. Estabrook, Sen. Gatsas

1:00 p.m. **HB 173-FN-A**, (New Title) relative to the promotion, acquisition, and retention of a large animal veterinarian in those areas of the state where there is a need, and making an appropriation therefor.

1:05 p.m. **HB 1232**, relative to the regulation by the fish and game department of baiting of game birds.

1:10 p.m. **HB 1451**, relative to the transportation of deer by certain persons not issued a deer tag.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1458**, relative to milk producers and hauling and stop charges.

1:20 p.m. **HB 1537**, relative to the definition of milk.

1:25 p.m. **HB 1569-FN**, relative to the use of drugs on wildlife.

1:30 p.m. **HB 1648-FN**, relative to search and rescue response expenses of the fish and game department.

1:35 p.m. **HB 1348**, relative to the milk producers emergency relief fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Estabrook (C), Sen. Sgambati (VC), Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Janeway, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Kenney

10:15 a.m. **HB 1505-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire birth conditions program.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1615-FN-A**, (New Title) establishing the state office of rural health in the department of health and human services and establishing a commission to recommend policies and programs to increase the number of persons in health professions servicing New Hampshire's rural and underserved areas.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1395-FN**, establishing the AIDS drug assistance program fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Hassan (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Roberge, Sen. Barnes

8:30 a.m. **HB 1573-FN-L**, relative to hazardous and dilapidated buildings.

8:45 a.m. **HB 1581-FN-L**, relative to the formation of stormwater utility districts.

9:00 a.m. **HB 1338**, (New Title) establishing an arboviral illness task force and relative to mosquito control and abatement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ELECTION LAW AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, SH
Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Cilley (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Letourneau

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

3:00 p.m. Room 104, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR
COUNTY PAYMENTS FOR NURSING HOME CARE AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE**
(HB 2, Chapter 263:23, Laws of 2007)

11:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

**COMMISSION TO STUDY CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION LAWS,
POLICIES, AND STANDARDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE** (SB 176, Chapter 293:10, Laws of 2007)

9:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE** (RSA 21-P:51)

10:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF TIDAL POWER GENERATION UNDER
THE LITTLE BAY AND GENERAL SULLIVAN BRIDGES, IN DOVER** (HB 694, Chapter
222:1, Laws of 2007)

1:00 p.m. NH DES field Office Regular Meeting

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GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

1:00 p.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

NH COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)

1:30 p.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATIVE TO GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWALS (SB
155, Chapter 305:1, Laws of 2003)

10:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008

EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND SPECIES COMMITTEE (RSA 487:30)

10:00 a.m. Room 308, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES COUNCIL (HB 491, Chapter 250:2, Laws of
2007)

2:00 p.m. Department of Health & Regular Meeting
 Human Services
 29 Hazen Drive, Rooms 110-112
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:30)

9:00 a.m. Nixon Peabody LLP Regular Meeting
 Manchester, NH

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

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION,
INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J:1)**

9:30 a.m. Webster Place Recovery Center Regular Meeting
9 Holy Cross Road
Franklin, NH

NH RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

1:00 p.m. NH Department of Revenue Public Rule Hearing
Administration Training Room
57 Regional Drive
Concord, NH

2:30 p.m. NH Department of Revenue Regular Board Meeting
Administration Training Room
57 Regional Drive
Concord, NH

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

**COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATE MENTAL HEALTH PLAN (HB
691, Chapter 175:15, Laws of 2005)**

10:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Subcommittee Work Session on
Corrections

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c)

Cancelled Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

3:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

OSTEOPOROSIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-I:3)

9:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Regular Meeting
Administration Training Room
57 Regional Drive
Concord, NH

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMAN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c)

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)

9:00 a.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Business

COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE PRACTICE OF LEASING STATE-OWNED REAL ESTATE ON THE SHORES OF PUBLIC WATERS (HB 710, Chapter 254:1, Laws of 2007)

1:00 p.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008

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

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Continued Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WAITLIST FUND ALLOCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 171-A:1-c)

10:00 a.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)

10:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Subcommittee Work Session

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2008

COMMISSION TO STUDY CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (SB 176, Chapter 293:10, Laws of 2007)

9:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

1:00 p.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

NH COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)

1:30 p.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25)

1:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Complaint Hearing

EQUALIZATION STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-c)

1:00 p.m. NH Department of Revenue Regular Meeting

Administration Training Room

57 Regional Drive

Concord, NH

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES COUNCIL (HB 491, Chapter 250:2, Laws of 2007)

2:00 p.m. Department of Health & Regular Meeting

Human Services

29 Hazen Drive, Rooms 110-112
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:30)

9:00 a.m. International Trade Regular Meeting
Resource Center
Portsmouth, NH

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

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008

INTERAGENCY COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c)

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

2:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Regular Meeting
Administration Training Room
57 Regional Drive
Concord, NH

FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2008 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 63, 94, 103, 117, 146, 166, 173, 210, 212, 301, 303, 305, 306, 312, 314, 317, 318, 321, 323, 324, 325, 329, 330, 331, 332, 337, 344, 348, 354, 356, 376, 378, 402, 410, 435, 437, 439, 463, 490, 500, 501, 502, 507, 508, 509, 515, 516, 519, 520, 522, 530, 536.

HOUSE BILLS: 91, 173, 185, 211, 285, 315, 352, 359, 399, 415, 563, 581, 595, 666, 678, 679, 754, 765, 766, 794, 781, 837, 841, 901, 1127, 1152, 1168, 1293, 1341, 1343, 1348, 1394, 1405, 1436, 1457, 1472, 1502, 1505, 1509, 1579, 1584, 1590, 1594, 1604, 1607, 1615, 1619, 1622, 1640, 1645.

NOTICES

Disability Resource for Legislators and Senators

Many of you may know Carol Nadeau, Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Disability. Carol will be at the State House/LOB on Wednesdays (after January 1, 2008) throughout this legislative session as a resource/consultant to Legislators and Senators on a variety of disability-related issues. With more than 28 years of experience working for the Commission, Carol has a wealth of information about disability services, programs, laws, organizations, etc. in New Hampshire. She will be pleased to assist you with your disability-related questions and issues. Contact Carol at Tel: 271-6895 or e-mail her at: carol.nadeau@nh.gov
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
Proposed Amendments to Ethics Guidelines

At its meeting on March 31, 2008, the Committee unanimously voted to amend the Ethics Guidelines, subject to approval by the General Court in accordance with RSA 14-B:3, II. The amendments, in their entirety, are printed below.

Senator Peter Hoe Burling
Senator Sheila Roberge

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
Proposed Amendments to the Ethics Guidelines

At its meeting on March 31, 2008, the Legislative Ethics Committee unanimously voted to propose the following amendments to the Ethics Guidelines. These proposed amendments are necessitated by the legislative changes made by Senate Bill 206, which was enacted as Chapter 21 of the New Hampshire Laws of 2006, and House Bill 828, which was enacted as Chapter 354 of the New Hampshire Laws of 2007. The two laws created in RSA 15-B new standards for the acceptance of gifts, honoraria, and expense reimbursements for members, officers, and employees. The amendment incorporates relevant provisions of RSA 15-B into the guidelines in order to make the guidelines consistent with that statute. The Committee respectfully requests favorable action on these proposed amendments to the Ethics Guidelines in order to create consistency between the guidelines and the law to provide guidance for the ethical conduct of members, officers, and employees.

Legislative Ethics Committee

Explanation: Matter added to the current guidelines appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from the current guidelines appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

ETHICS GUIDELINES

2 DEFINITIONS.

- I. "Anything Of Value" includes but is not limited to the following:
- (a) A pecuniary item, including money, or a bank bill or note;
 - (b) A promissory note, bill of exchange, order, draft, warrant, check, or bond given for the payment of money;

- (c) A contract, agreement, promise, or other obligation for an advance, conveyance, forgiveness of indebtedness, deposit, distribution, loan, payment, gift, pledge, or transfer of money;
- (d) A stock, bond, note, or other investment interest in an entity;
- (e) A receipt given for the payment of money or other property;
- (f) A cause of action;
- (g) A gift, tangible good, chattel, or an interest in a gift, tangible good, or chattel;
- (h) A loan or forgiveness of indebtedness;
- (i) A work of art, antique, or collectible;
- (j) An automobile or other means of personal transportation;
- (k) Real property or an interest in real property, including title to realty, a fee simple or partial interest, present or future, contingent or vested within realty, a leasehold interest, or other beneficial interest in realty;
- (l) A promise of employment or continued employment;
- (m) A rebate or discount in the price of anything of value unless the rebate or discount is made in the ordinary course of business to a member of the public without regard to that person's status as a public official or public employee, or the sale or trade of something for reasonable compensation that would ordinarily not be available to a member of the public.

II. "Conflict Of Interest" is the condition in which a legislator has a financial interest in any official activity.

III. "Expense Reimbursement" shall mean any price, charge, fee, expense, or other cost which is waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed in any form for the reasonable expenses of attendance, registration, travel, meals, or lodging related to a bona fide conference, meeting, seminar or educational or informational program, when the source of such reimbursement is other than the state, a county, or the United States of America.

III. "Family Member" shall mean any person related to and living in the same domicile as a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee who shares a common economic interest in the expenses of daily living, including, but not limited to, a spouse, child, or parents.

~~III.~~ V. "Financial Interest" is a reasonably foreseeable direct material financial effect ~~[, distinguished from its effect on the public generally, on the legislator or his or her spouse]~~ ***arising from a change in law, a change in administrative rule, a***

decision whether or not to award a contract, grant a license or permit, discipline a licensee or permittee, or other decision by government affecting a business, profession, occupation, group, or matter enumerated in RSA 15-A:5, I(d) that results in a greater financial effect on you or a family member than it would on the general public.

VI. (a) "Gift" shall mean:

(1) Money in any amount, whether in the form of cash, check or any other negotiable or non-negotiable instrumentality for the transfer of money.

(2) Any other tangible thing, intangible thing, service, or the use thereof having more than insignificant economic value. Any such item with a value of less than \$25 is presumed to be of insignificant economic value.

(b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), "gift" shall not mean:

(1) A political contribution as defined in RSA 664.

(2) A commercially reasonable loan, made in the ordinary course of business.

(3) Repayment to an elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or legislative employee of a bona fide loan made by such a person.

(4) A ceremonial plaque, award, or other commemorative object, which is personally inscribed to the recipient and which has inconsequential economic value. A ceremonial object or award with a value of \$150 or less is presumed to be of inconsequential economic value.

(5) Objects which primarily serve an informational purpose provided in the ordinary course of business, such as reports, books, maps, or charts.

(6) Money in any form, an object, or any tangible or intangible thing of economic value, where the donor's act of giving is purely private and personal in nature and the money, object, or thing of economic value would have been given and received even if the person were not an elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or legislative employee.

(7) Wages, salary, benefits, mileage, or payment for expenses received by the person in his or her regular course of employment or business which is unrelated to the government position held.

(8) Wages, salary, benefits, mileage, or payment for expenses paid to the person by the state, a county, or the United States of America related to performance of official duties.

(9) Tickets or free admission to a charitable, ceremonial, or political event provided that:

(A) The proceeds of the event are subject to the political contributions and expenditure reporting law, RSA 664; or

(B) The event is sponsored by a charitable organization that is registered with the division of charitable trusts, department of justice, or which is a charitable organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code; or

(C) The event is published as an event open for attendance by any member of the general court in the calendar of the senate or the house.

(10) Meals, beverages, lodging, or transportation associated with attendance at:

(A) Any event for which the primary significance is ceremonial or celebratory, provided the event is public or, if by invitation only, is planned to have an attendance greater than 50 people; or

(B) Any event where the person is attending in an official capacity representing the state and/or the senate, house, or the agency of which the person is a member.

(11) Expense reimbursement or an honorarium.

(12) Meals and beverages consumed at a meeting or event, the purpose of which is official business.

VII. "Honorarium" means a payment in any form to a legislator, legislative officer, or legislative employee for an appearance, speech, written article or other document, service as a consultant or advisor, or participation in a discussion group or similar activities . Honorarium does not include a payment for such activities for which the person is being compensated by the state, a county, the United States of America, or by any other employer or client, where the activity giving rise to the honorarium is not related to or associated with any public office or government employment.

~~[IV.]~~ *VIII. "Immediate Family" includes a spouse, guardian, parent, sibling, child or dependent.*

~~[V.]~~ *IX. "Legislation" is a bill, resolution or constitutional amendment.*

~~[VI.]~~ X. "Official Activities" is the conduct of activities which relate to official responsibilities including the introduction of legislation, testifying before any legislative committee or state agency, voting in committee or in house or senate session or otherwise participating in, influencing, or attempting to influence any decision of the legislature, county delegation or any state agency.

XI. "Official Business" means, for legislators, legislative officers, and legislative employees, the discussion or transaction of legislative business, namely, any official action or non-action with regard to any potential pending or existing bill, resolution, amendment, report, or study, any other matter pending or proposed in a committee or in either house of the general court, or an issue of public policy which is or may be the subject of legislative attention, or any other matter which is within the official jurisdiction or cognizance of the general court.

3 LEGISLATOR'S FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM.

Every representative, senator, and officer of the House and Senate, shall file with the Legislative Ethics Committee the following financial disclosure form on or before January 31 of each year.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM FOR STATE SENATORS, STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL COURT

Required by the Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B)

Name _____ of _____ Legislator/Officer

(print name)

Address _____

street town/city zip
code
Office _____ County/District _____ Telephone _____ Number _____

I. Sources of Income

Identify below the name, address, and type of any professional, business, or other organization (including any unit of government) in which you **or your spouse** are or were an **employee**, officer, director, associate, partner, proprietor, ~~employee,~~ or member, or served in any **professional or** advisory capacity, from which you **or your spouse** derived any income (including retirement benefits other than federal retirement and/or disability benefits) in excess of \$10,000 during the preceding calendar year.

1) a) Name of organization _____

- b) Address of organization _____
- c) Type of organization _____
- 2) a) Name of organization _____
- b) Address of organization _____
- c) Type of organization _____
- 3) a) Name of organization _____
- b) Address of organization _____
- c) Type of organization _____

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

~~[Please note: every State Senator, State Representative, and Officer of the General Court is required to file this form.]~~ If you feel that your income during the preceding calendar year does not qualify for disclosure according to the criteria stated above, signify by ~~[checking]~~ **writing your initials** on the line below.

My income does not qualify

~~[COMPLETION OF THIS SECTION IS OPTIONAL.]~~

~~[Disclosure and description below of your financial interest may eliminate the need to follow the conflict of interest procedure established in Section 5 of the Ethics Guidelines. If your participation in an official activity creates a conflict of interest not disclosed by the information on this form, you must complete and file a Declaration of Intent Form in accordance with Section 5 of the Ethics Guidelines. See Section 5 of the Ethics Guidelines for information regarding particular conflicts of interest that you may have.]~~

II. Disclosure of Financial Interests

IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE BELOW ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE MAY HAVE. FOR THIS SECTION, "FINANCIAL INTEREST" MEANS THAT A CHANGE IN ~~[THE]~~ LAW, A CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE, A DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO AWARD A CONTRACT, GRANT A LICENSE OR PERMIT, DISCIPLINE A LICENSEE OR PERMITTEE, OR OTHER DECISION BY GOVERNMENT AFFECTING THE BUSINESS, PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, GROUP, OR MATTER ~~[DEALING WITH ANY OF THESE SUBJECTS]~~ LISTED BELOW WOULD POTENTIALLY HAVE A GREATER FINANCIAL EFFECT ON YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE THAN IT WOULD ON THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Do you or your spouse have a financial interest, as defined above, in any of the following businesses, professions, occupations, groups, or matters? Check any of the following which apply and describe the nature of your or your spouse's financial interest:

- ☐ (a) any profession, occupation, or business licensed or certified by the State of New Hampshire

- ☐ (b) health care

- ☐ (c) insurance

☐ (d) real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords

☐ (e) banking or financial services

☐ (f) State of New Hampshire, county or municipal employment

☐ (g) the New Hampshire Retirement System

☐ (h) the current use land assessment program

☐ (i) restaurants and lodging

☐ (j) the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages

☐ (k) the practice of law

☐ (l) any business regulated by the Public Utilities Commission

☐ (m) horse or dog racing, or other legal forms of gambling

☐ (n) education

☐ (o) water resources

☐ (p) agriculture

☐ (q) New Hampshire taxes: ☐ Business Profits Tax, ☐ Business Enterprise Tax,
☐ Interest and Dividends Tax

☐ (r) other

*I hereby swear or affirm that [T]the foregoing information is true **and complete** to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Legislator/Officer Signature of

Complete and return to the Legislative Ethics Committee no later than January 31, _____

4 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

I. Legislators shall not solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from another for themselves or other persons, if the legislator receives such thing of value:

- (a) Knowing or believing the other's purpose to be the influencing of an action, decision, opinion, recommendation, or other official activity.
- (b) Knowing or believing that the giver is or is likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the ~~[giver or another member of the legislature]~~ **legislator or the General Court.**
- (c) In return for advice or other assistance relating to a legislator's official activities.
- (d) In return for introducing legislation, testifying before any legislative committee or state agency, voting in committee or in House or Senate session, or otherwise participating in, influencing, or attempting to influence any decision of the legislature, county delegation or any state agency.
- (e) In return for an endorsement, nomination, appointment, approval or disapproval of any person for a position as, or advancement of, a public servant.
- (f) In return for having given a decision, opinion, recommendation, nomination, vote, or other official activity.

(g) In violation of RSA 15-B.

II. Legislators shall not:

- (a) Reveal information which the legislator has obtained confidentially in the course of his official activities.
- (b) Reveal information about state agency operations or decisions which the legislator would not reveal to any member of the general public requesting such information.

- (c) Threaten reprisals or promise inducements of any kind to influence another so as to obtain special personal benefits for the legislator, the legislator's immediate family, or for certain constituents which would not be available to others under similar conditions.
- (d) Conduct private negotiations with any governmental agency in an attempt to obtain a decision on a pending matter which would result in special personal benefit to the legislator, to the legislator's immediate family, or to certain constituents which would not be available to others under similar conditions.

III. Legislators shall not use their public position or office to obtain anything of value for the private benefit of the legislator or the legislator's immediate family.

IV. Legislators shall not use state-provided services or facilities for private gain.

V. Legislators shall not become involved in any official activity without complying with the conflict of interest procedure set forth in this document.

VI. Legislators shall not engage in conduct that constitutes sexual harassment as defined in RSA 14-B:1.

VII. Nothing in this section on prohibited activities should be construed to prohibit the following:

~~[(a) The giving or receiving of campaign contributions made for the purpose of defraying the costs of a political campaign.]~~

~~[(b)]~~ **(a)** Assistance to constituents in their dealings with state agencies.

~~[(c)]~~ **(b)** Advocacy of a particular outcome on matters pending before a state agency when the legislator believes such a decision would benefit the general public or the legislator's constituents generally.

~~[(d)]~~ **(c)** Submission by a legislator of recommendations or references on behalf of a candidate for state employment when the legislator believes the candidate is qualified to be a suitable public employee.

~~[(e) Acceptance of awards, prizes or other honors of a minimal value.]~~

[(f)] **(d)** Acceptance of anything of value the receipt of which would otherwise be a violation of this section where the value is less than \$250.00 in aggregate from any single source during any calendar year.

~~[(g)]~~ **(e)** Acceptance of *expense* reimbursement ~~[or underwriting of actual]~~ **for the reasonable** expenses for **attendance**, registration, travel, **meals, and** lodging ~~and subsistence directly~~ related to ~~[attendance at]~~ a bona fide **conference, meeting, seminar, or educational or** informational ~~[or educational conference, seminar, or meeting,]~~ **program related to the legislator's office** so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement ~~[or underwriting, including the identity of~~

~~the primary sponsor or sponsors and including financial contributors,] is made [within 15 calendar days of the legislator's return from such conference (if expenses are underwritten) or, within 15 calendar days of reimbursement]~~ ***no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received.*** This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B. ***This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of an expense reimbursement made by an organization to which the general court pays dues, when the prepayment, underwriting or reimbursement is provided because of the dues paid.***

(f) Acceptance of honoraria so long as disclosure is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.

(g) Acceptance of meals or beverages with a value of greater than \$25 consumed at a meeting or event pertaining to official business so long as disclosure is made no later than ten (10) days following the meeting or event at which the meals or beverages were consumed. This disclosure shall be filed in a report in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.

~~***(h) Acceptance of anything permitted under RSA 15-B.***~~

5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE.

- I. No declaration shall be required if no benefit or detriment could reasonably be expected to accrue to the legislator as a member of a business, profession, occupation, or other group, to any greater extent than to any other member of such business, profession, occupation, or other group, provided that disclosure of the legislator's membership is made in the Financial Disclosure Form pursuant to section 3 of the Ethics Guidelines. For purposes of these guidelines, groups shall be limited to ones generally recognized and of a substantial size.
- II. When a legislator becomes aware that a conflict of interest exists or may exist and the conditions set forth in paragraph I are not met, the legislator shall proceed in accordance with either subparagraph (a) or (b):
 - (a) Declare that the legislator will not participate in any official activity associated with the issue.

- (b) Declare that the legislator intends to participate in the official activity and will provide a description the conflict of interest including:
- * names of all entities, both public and private, which might be affected;
 - * the nature of any benefit which may accrue to the legislator;
 - * the nature of any financial interest in the issue;
 - * the nature of any relationship which existed, exists or may exist between the legislator and
any person or entity which might be affected;
 - * such additional information as may be required to permit clear public awareness and
understanding of the nature and extent of the conflict.

III. The declaration required in subparagraphs II (a) and (b) of this procedure shall be publicly announced prior to the legislator's initial participation in the official activity. The information required in subparagraph (b) shall be filed with the clerk of the member's respective body within 24 hours of the time of the official activity and be made available for public inspection during normal business hours.

6 LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT.

I. General Principles of Conduct.

- (a) A legislative employee or officer should view his or her work for the General Court as a public service and should strive to promote the common good of the citizens of the State of New Hampshire through the devotion of his or her professional talents and energies to the support of the General Court in its mission as the representative of the citizens of this state.
- (b) A legislative employee or officer should act in a way that makes him or her worthy of the trust the General Court places in staff members and officers.
- (c) A legislative employee or officer should provide objective advice, information, and alternatives to legislators, independent of the employee's or officer's personal beliefs or interests or the interests of third parties. A legislative employee or officer should avoid activities that conflict with this objectivity or give the appearance of conflict.
- (d) A legislative employee or officer should treat all legislators with dignity and respect, and provide services of equal quality to the employee's or officer's appropriate legislative clientele.

II. Definitions.

- (a) "Legislative Employee" includes all house, senate, and joint staff whether employed on a part-time, full-time, permanent or temporary basis.
- (b) "Legislative Officer" includes those employees of the House and Senate who are elected by members of the General Court.

III. Prohibited Activities.

(a) A legislative employee or officer shall not violate the provisions of RSA 15-B.

~~{(a)}~~ **(b)** A legislative employee or officer shall not accept any gift from givers who wish to influence the work activities of the employee or officer.

(c) A legislative employee or officer shall not accept any employment or serve in any position, in addition to legislative employment, which would impair the employee's or officer's independence of judgment.

(d) Except within the scope of employment, a legislative employee or officer shall not provide any service to a lobbyist or any other person with a direct personal interest in any matter or action pending before the General Court.

(e) Nothing in this paragraph should be construed to prohibit the following:

- (1) Acceptance of awards, prizes, honors, or gifts of a minimal value.
- (2) Acceptance of informational material relevant to the employee's or officer's official function, such as books, pamphlets, reports, documents, periodicals, or other information that is recorded in a written, audio, or visual format.
- (3) Acceptance of **expense** reimbursement ~~[or underwriting of actual]~~ **for the reasonable** expenses for **attendance**, registration, travel, **meals, and** lodging~~[, and subsistence directly]~~ related to ~~[attendance at]~~ a bona fide **conference, meeting, seminar, or educational or** informational ~~[or educational conference, seminar, or meeting,]~~ **program related to the legislative employee's or officer's employment** so long as disclosure of any such reimbursement ~~[or underwriting, including the identity of the primary sponsor or sponsors and including financial contributors,]~~ is made ~~[to the joint committee on legislative facilities or the fiscal committee of the general court as appropriate within 15 calendar days of the employee's or officer's return from such conference (if expenses are underwritten) or within 15 calendar days of reimbursement]~~ **no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received.** This disclosure shall be **filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be** in a form prescribed ~~[by the above cited committees and shall be made available to the public upon request]~~ **in RSA 15-B. This provision shall not be construed to require reporting of an expense reimbursement made by an**

organization to which the general court pays dues, when the prepayment, underwriting or reimbursement is provided because of the dues paid.

(4) Acceptance of honoraria so long as disclosure is made no later than the last day of the month following the month during which the expense reimbursement was received. This disclosure shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.

(5) Acceptance of meals or beverages with a value of greater than \$25 consumed at a meeting or event pertaining to official business so long as disclosure is made no later than ten (10) days following the meeting or event at which the meals or beverages were consumed. This disclosure shall be filed in a report in the Office of the Secretary of State and shall be in the form prescribed in RSA 15-B.

~~*(6) Acceptance of anything permitted under RSA 15-B.*~~

~~(b)~~ **(f)** A legislative employee or officer shall not use or attempt to use the employee's or officer's official position to (a) personally obtain any privilege, exemption, special treatment or any other thing of value, or (b) obtain any such benefit for others except as required to perform duties within the scope of employment.

~~(c)~~ **(g)** A legislative employee or officer shall not accept or solicit anything of value for the private benefit of the employee or officer or the employee's or officer's immediate family under circumstances in which it can be reasonably inferred that the legislative employee's or officer's independence of judgment is impaired or is intended as a reward for any official action.

~~(d)~~ **(h)** A legislative employee or officer shall not use state-provided services or facilities for private gain.

~~(e)~~ **(i)** A legislative employee or officer shall not disclose confidential information acquired by reason of the employee's or officer's official position to any person or group not entitled to receive such information, nor shall the employee or officer use such information for personal gain or benefit or for the benefit of others.

~~(f)~~ **(j)** A legislative employee or officer shall not enter into any contract with a state agency involving services or property, unless the contract is made after public notice and competitive bidding; except in cases where public notice and competitive bidding are not required, the contract or agreement shall be filed with the employee's or officer's supervisory officer.

IV. Disclosure Procedure. When a legislative employee or officer becomes aware that his or her participation in a particular activity presents a conflict of interest or conflicts with his or her objectivity or gives the appearance of a conflict, the employee or officer shall immediately make disclosure of this fact to his or her supervisory officer. All such reports shall be forwarded to the Chief of Staff of the House, the Chief of Staff of the Senate, the Director of the Office of Legislative Services, or Legislative Budget Assistant, as appropriate.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire will host a Fashion Show & Luncheon at Carrabba's Italian Grill, Bedford, on Friday, April 4th from 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Modeling will be some of the most influential and recognizable women of our state. Already confirmed are **NH's First Lady Dr. Susan Lynch; NH Senate President Sylvia Larsen;** Citizens Bank President Cathy Schmidt; The Honorable Donnalee Lozeau, Mayor of Nashua; and CASA President/CEO Marcia Sink. Additionally, WMUR's News Anchor Sean MacDonald will emcee the festivities. For more info call 626-4600 or visit the web-site at www.casanh.org

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

All Legislators are invited to attend "Pros and Cons of Expanded Gambling for New Hampshire and New England" on April 8, 2008 from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm in Room 120 of Spaulding Hall on the UNH Campus. Richard McGowan, an Associate Professor in Boston College's Carroll School of Management and a Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School, will present arguments opposing expansion of gaming. He has worked with Massachusetts State Legislators formulating public policies affecting the "sin" industries. His most recent book is *The Gambling Debate* (Greenwood 2008). James Rafferty, President of NH Charitable Gaming, will present arguments in support of expanded gaming. Mr. Rafferty has been a leader in the gaming industry for 30 years, including employment with Harrah's Casino Hotels and Harvey Casino Resorts. The event is sponsored by the Casino Management Class within the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at UNH.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Senator John T. Gallus

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association and Parents Association are pleased to invite members of the New Hampshire General Court & Staff to the annual UNH Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the New Hampshire Historical Society Tuck Library, Park Street, Concord. Learn how undergraduate student researchers at UNH are focused on the most compelling challenges in New Hampshire and the world. Meet students as they share their discoveries at this special event.

Senator Iris W. Estabrook

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

An informational briefing for all Senators on House Bill 1434, authorizing the state's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or RGGI, will be held Wednesday, April 9th at 3:00 p.m. in SH 100. RGGI is a flexible, market-based program for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the electric generation sector in cooperation with nine other Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. This briefing, presented by the DES Air Resources Division, will explain how RGGI works, the NH legislation as currently passed by the House, and an overview by the University of NH Economic Analysis on the bill's impact on electric rates.

Senator Martha Fuller Clark

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

All Legislators and staff are welcomed to attend a breakfast reception sponsored by the Community Association Institute of NH on Wednesday, April 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the State House Cafeteria.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008

"The NH Commission on the Status of Women and the NH Women's Policy Institute cordially invite members of the General Court to a policy luncheon titled, "Economic Security for Older Women and the Implications for Public Policy in NH," on Tuesday, April 22 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church. Please RSVP to the Commission at 271-2660 or to nancy.normand@nh.gov."

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008

Health Services invites you to attend our health fair Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the LOB. A list of programs will be posted at a later date. There will be some screening available, programs and much more. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House money bills, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 26(b)

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Last Day to ACT on all remaining House bills

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Last day to FORM Committees of Conference

Monday, May 26, 2008

Memorial Day (State Holiday)

Friday, May 30, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.	Last day to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports
Thursday, June 5, 2008	Last day to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports
Friday, July 4, 2008	Fourth of July (State Holiday)
Monday, September 1, 2008	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Veteran's Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 28, 2008	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Thursday, December 25, 2008	Christmas Day (State Holiday)

VISITORS CENTER SCHEDULE - APRIL

State House Visitation Schedule April 2008

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 **April 2008**. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year and subject to changes. **Please note that if your school is closed or has a delay, that their tour will be rescheduled. Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information.** Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew, Director

Caitlin A. Daniuk, Public Information Administrator

Apr 4	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Lancaster Memorial School – Salem	4/52
Apr 4	12:00	Hinsdale Elementary School	4/40
Apr 7	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Marston School – Hampton	4/80
Apr 8	9:30	Maple Ave School – Goffstown	4/48
Apr 8	11:00	Rollinsford Elementary School	4/26
Apr 8	11:00	Sarah Porter School – Langdon	(3&4)/10
Apr 9	9:30	Maple Ave School – Goffstown	4/48
Apr 9	11:00	Thornton's Ferry Elementary School – Merrimack	4/50
Apr 9	1:00	Newington Public School	(3,4,5,6)/28
Apr 10	9:30	Maple Ave School – Goffstown	4/48
Apr 10	11:00	Thornton's Ferry Elementary School – Merrimack	4/25
Apr 11	8:30	Gilford High School – French Exchange Students	HS/22
Apr 11	9:30	Lisbon Elementary School	4/
Apr 11	11:00	Thornton's Ferry Elementary School – Merrimack	4/50
Apr 14	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School	4/65

Apr 14	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Lincoln-Akerman School – Hampton Falls	(3&4)/60
Apr 15	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Towle Elementary School – Newport	4/90
Apr 15	12:30	St. Patrick’s School – Jaffrey	3&4/13
Apr 16	9:00	Conant Elementary School – Concord	4/28
Apr 16	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Garrison Elementary School – Dover	4/100
Apr 17	9:00	Rochester Chamber of Commerce	Adult/15
Apr 17	9:30	Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School	4/45
Apr 17	11:00	Bartlett Elementary School – Goffstown	4/50
Apr 18	9:30/10:30 SH/HM	DAR	Adult/100
Apr 18	1:00	OLLIE	Adult/25
Apr 21	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Marston School – Hampton	4/60
Apr 21	12:00	Swasey Central School – Brentwood	4/40
Apr 22	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Nottingham West Elementary School – Hudson	4/78
Apr 22	12:00	Swasey Central School – Brentwood	4/40
Apr 23	9:30/11:00 SH/F&G	Canaan Elementary School	4/60
Apr 23	12:00	Cornish Elementary School	4/20
Apr 24	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Nottingham West Elementary School – Hudson	4/78
Apr 25	10:00	Maple Ave School – Claremont	4/63
Apr 25	11:30	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	4/39
Apr 25	12:30	Phoenix Academy – Dublin	HS/
Apr 28	8:30	Laconia Memorial Middle School	(6-8)/30
Apr 29	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Hillsboro-Deering School	4/65
Apr 30	10:00	White Birch Community – Henniker	Adult/30
Apr 30	10:00	John Fuller School – Keene	4/50