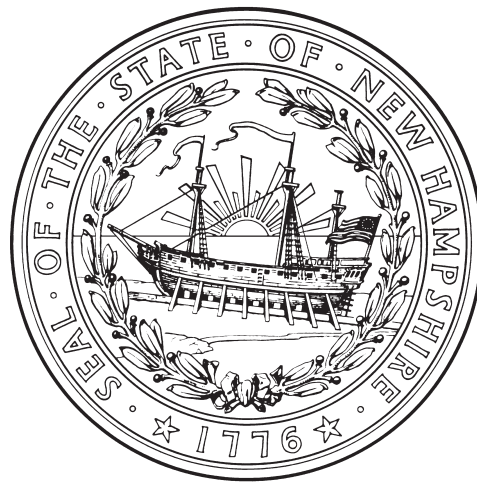


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**ADJOURNMENT – JUNE 29, 2020 SESSION
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SENATE JOURNAL 9 *(continued)*

June 29, 2020

Out of Recess. Call the Senate to Order.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM LATE SESSION

Senator Feltes moved that the Senate adjourn from the Late Session.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Late Session.

SENATE JOURNAL 10

September 16, 2020

The Senate reconvened at 12:00 p.m., a quorum being present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT SOUCY: I just want to make a couple announcements just to remind all of you. We are back for what I think will likely be our last session together. And I want to thank each and every member of the Senate, and certainly the staff, the joint staff for all of the amazing work that was accomplished. We are going to be adhering to the health recommendations that allow us to meet safely. So, once again I'd also like to thank Speaker Steve Shurtleff on behalf of the Senate for allowing us to use the chamber.

I'd also like to take a moment to remember the 438 Granite Staters we've lost to this pandemic. Seventy-one more than when we met here at the end of June. Our hearts go out to their families and loved ones, and I ask that you join with me in taking a moment of silence and reflection.

Thank you.

Before we begin, I just want to remind everyone that we are stressing the importance of observing social distancing and wearing masks. We've worked very hard with our Department of Public Health to provide a low risk environment, that's critically important that we adhere to the guidelines. All of you should have your iPads, calendar, snacks, water, extra masks, sanitizers, Kleenex, and trash as well as we have in the past. If you would like an additional beverage, if you would gesture to someone in the staff, they would be happy to get that for you. Also, a reminder that the microphones at your desk will record and amplify your voice. You don't need to touch them or turn them on. Our sound operator today is with us and will unmute your microphone at the appropriate time. I ask that you remain in your seats while delivering your remarks so that your remarks can be picked up by the microphone. Please remain seated throughout the session. If we do need to caucus, if the member requests a caucus, please stay seated until your name is called. For the Democratic Senators Alan Raff will call your name one by one and you'll proceed to the Senate Chamber which has been arranged to ensure adherence with social distancing guidelines. When the caucus concludes we will enter the room in the same manner. For the Republican Senators, Bobby Collins will be calling your name one by one and you'll proceed to the House anteroom which has been arranged to ensure for social distancing guidelines. When the caucus has concluded you will come back into the room in the same manner. Restrooms are accessible on the second floor and the anteroom will not be used other than for the purpose of a caucus.

Also. The gallery is restricted to members of the press. Today's session is being live streamed and the link to the website for the public to watch our proceedings has been published in the Senate calendar. At the conclusion we will exit the chamber in the same manner.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Without objection, Senate Rule 1-2 shall be suspended to allow the member to remain seated while speaking. Adopted, by the necessary 2/3 vote.

The Reverend Jon Hopkins, chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Dear God,

As the New Hampshire State Senate gathers today, may we, who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake. May we, who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable. May we, who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we, who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, remember those who have no options. May we, who have to cancel our trips, remember those that have no safe place to go. May we, who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, remember those who have no margin at all. May we, who settle in for a quarantine at home, remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country, let us choose love. Be with our lawmakers as they discern what is best for all of the citizens of the great state of New Hampshire. Give them wisdom and mercy as they do the work that they have been called to do today. Amen

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PRESIDENT SOUCY: At this time, you may be seated. At this time, I want to inform all of you we're going to adhere to a tradition that we have here in the Senate, to recognize those members who have passed. I ask Jack if he would light the two candles before us for former members Norman E. Champagne of Manchester and Harold Janeway of Webster.

Senator Champagne could be an example to all of us what it means to dedicate your life to public service. He was not only a member of the Senate, when he left the Senate, he became a member of the Judicial Branch and had a passion for the New Hampshire appointed special advocates. His devotion to the law, his commitment to getting New Hampshire's children a voice and his love for our state will be truly missed.

Senator Janeway was a soft-spoken, gentle and generous man who will be greatly missed. Those of us who remember Senator Janeway's service here in the Senate will remember that he treasured the good things in life; swimming in his pond, sleeping on his porch, and of course a daily piece of pie with his lunch every day. He also always came to the State House armed with his Wall Street Journal with post-its and notes in the margin. His work will have a long lasting impact on the state of New Hampshire, generations of Granite Staters and the fabric of our state.

We'll also pay tribute to Governor Merrill today. Governor Steve Merrill served the state as Governor two terms with great distinction. I was actually a member of the House during Governor Merrill's tenure as Governor. And I was interested to hear at his memorial service recently, about the portrait of Governor Merrill. Because I always found it curious that Governor Merrill looked rather stern and was staring forward in the portrait and I was told that was the 100 pound stare and beware; Governor Merrill wanted you to do well and to do right by the state of New Hampshire. I, on the other hand, always think of Governor Merrill as the Governor with the huge smile. Someone who always was generous with his time and who dedicated his life to the state. For more detailed remarks I'd like to first call on Senator D'Allesandro to provide remarks about former Senator Norm Champagne.

(The Chair Recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam President. Norm Champagne of Manchester. Of course, you can't come out of Manchester without graduating from Bishop Bradley High School. Bishop Bradley High School, an all-boys Catholic school run by the Christian Brothers. I taught at Bishop Bradley High School and coached there for a number of years. Norm graduated from Bishop Bradley High School and from Saint Anselm College, staying on the West Side by the way which is key. He then went to work at the Insurance Department and went evenings to Suffolk University Law School. Got his degree in 1973 and was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 1973. He teamed up with a former student of mine, another Bishop Bradley graduate, Dickie Moquin. And they formed a law firm on the West Side of Manchester, and I think that's key. The West Side of Manchester didn't have a lot of law firms in those days and Dickie and Norm Champagne put it together. And Norm's wife worked for Dickie for many years as a receptionist in that office. Norm then ran for the New Hampshire State Senate, served the West Side, and he also served as Minority Leader of the Senate.

Governor John Sununu appointed Norm as a District Court judge in Manchester District Court and I think for the first time in history, there were two Franco-Americans justices at the District Court in Manchester. The famous Armand Capistrand, which many of you must remember, because he's a legend in his own right. He was joined by Norm Champagne and we had a Franco-American duo on the West Side as representing Manchester and representing the state.

There were many, many, many public service items that Norm was involved with the New Hampshire Job Corps. Bobby Stephens was a good friend of his and they participated in many things, jobs for America's graduates. His daughter by the way was a pretty good basketball player, and of course if you're a pretty good basketball player you go to the Don Nelson/Tom Sanders Basketball Camp. In those days we had it in Manchester at New Hampshire College.

Norm will be remembered as a distinguished public servant, a person who gave to his community, who was a participant in many charitable entities. And as I say, will long be remembered as a real advocate for the Franco-American community, a person who did so much to make the lives of people on the West Side of Manchester better. And Madam President, we express our deep sympathy to his wife and his three daughters, and give our very, very, very sincere condolences. Thank you, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Fuller Clark.)

SENATOR FULLER CLARK: Thank you very much, Madam President. I am honored and saddened to speak to the loss of Harold Janeway who was a close family friend. He and I attended the same school, though many years apart, and then obviously I had the pleasure and honor of working with him on so many conservation and environmental issues, and also working with him in the Senate. I thought best I would take some remarks from his obituary because it really captures so much about Harold and so I just wanted to speak to that a little bit.

In the obituary it talked about how Harold was widely admired for his even-handed temper and skillfully deployed wit. Harold served as Webster's Town Moderator for twenty-three years and Senate for District 7 for two terms. The Senate Chaplain advised him when he was sworn in, "Be sure when you talk you are improving on silence." Anyone who knew Harold from school, the farm, investment management, or his numerous endeavors protecting the natural world, and improving self-government, understood that this rule was a part of Harold's nature. Harold came from New England and in his careful and practical way he gave back to New England.

Harold's investing acumen and frugal nature led to his frequently being cast in the role of an expert in financial matters. But his greatest satisfaction came from creating a lasting legacy to protect the environment. And I think many of you know that one of his last acts was to make sure that the farm that he and his beloved wife, Betsy, were able to complete a conservation easement to ensure that that farm would be protected into perpetuity. But for decades he was active in nature conservancy, the Forest Society, the Northern Forest Center, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Conservation Law Foundation, LCHIP, and the Trust for New Hampshire Lands. Harold also worked closely with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation as a board member, investment committee chair, and dependable volunteer on numerous projects. He played a leading role in launching the Red River Theater and raising funds often by example to support it. He and Betsy were committed to community and I'm sure that that is in particular to the issue on support for PFLAG. Many of you who know that he was outspoken in his support for civil unions and gay marriage.

And so just to speak a little bit more about what he accomplished when he was in the Senate, I thought I would talk a little bit first about his political orientation. Harold believed in compromise, he believed in working across the aisle, and he often was able to extend olive branches to trying to blend ideas from both side of the aisle in order to create that more perfect union. He left us a fiscal conservative with liberal social views. No one loved as we all know the preservation of the state's natural beauty more than Harold. He was a Republican before he was an Independent, and he was a Democrat after that. He was an investment banker in New York City before he began farming in Webster and well before first seeking office in the State Senate in 2006.

So, finally in the Senate Chamber, Harold knew the importance of collaboration across the aisle and the importance that diligence and the hard work could have on the lives of Granite Staters. He stood firm in his support for marriage equality and was proud that New Hampshire was the first state to extend marriage equality through the democratic process instead of by Court Order. Harold saw New Hampshire for what it was and what it could be and his legacy stands through his work, his family, and the memories we hold of him in this body. He always had a twinkle in his eye, and he was ever gracious and a gentleman. He was the epitome of New England and I know that he will be sorely missed by all of us. We extend our sympathies to Betsy, and his many children, and grandchildren. And I just thought that the other statement that he made that was so moving had to do with calling upon all of us after he left us in his courageous fight against cancer that we should continue to work for what we believed in, to be active, to promote advocacy, and to stand strong for our community and for the state of New Hampshire. Thank you so much for allowing me to make these remarks.

(The Chair recognized Senator Bradley.)

SENATOR BRADLEY: Thank you very much, Madam President. It really is an honor to be able to pay tribute to a Governor that I served under when I actually served in this body. Governor Merrill was a person who knew what he was about. He was the Governor that coined the phrase “the New Hampshire Advantage,” and he fought for that New Hampshire advantage fiercely. That is a tradition that Governor Merrill reiterated to me just six weeks ago when I talked to him on the phone, that is a tradition that needs to remain part of New Hampshire and even though he was only six weeks before passing, he wanted to reiterate it to me how important it was for our state and for our future.

And yes, he could be pretty stern, but he was also one of the funniest story tellers I’ve ever know. Before he was Governor he was the Chief Legal Counsel and then the Attorney General, the legal counsel for Governor Sununu and then Attorney General, and when he was Attorney General as I recall, this was at the end of the years of the Seabrook protests and as any of us who’ve been in New Hampshire for a long time know how controversial Seabrook was and the protesters always would storm the gates and you know try to occupy the grounds of Seabrook. Well, as Governor Merrill recounted, they were getting a little long in the tooth. And so, they called him up and they said Mister Attorney General, if you let us peaceably climb the fence of Seabrook and have Channel 4, 5, and 7 take our pictures, we will peaceably leave the premises right after, the same way we got in and everybody will go home happy. You won’t have to arrest over 1,000 of us, put us in a stadium as some of the protests earlier on had done. And Governor Merrill in the way that he can only recount a story sort of scratched his head as I recall in telling the story and said, “that is a really good idea.” And so, the protest went off without a hitch and Governor Merrill told that story several times that I heard.

So, not only was he a fierce defender of the New Hampshire advantage and the principles that he believed in, but he was a practical man. He was a person that knew what he was about. He was a person that was caring about everybody that served in this building. He was a Governor that interacted with all of us in the House and folks in the Senate. He would always join the House at the beginning of a session for the pledge and the prayer and would take questions outside the chamber from all of us as members. Just an absolutely charming friendly person. Rest in peace, Governor Merrill. But may the New Hampshire advantage that you founded the tradition of, never rest in peace. Long live it. Thank you, Madam President.

Senator Dietsch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Without objection, the Clerk shall read the title of the Veto Message only. Adopted.

VETO MESSAGE

July 31, 2020

Governor’s Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 7

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 31st, 2020, I have vetoed Senate Bill 7, establishing the secure modern accurate registration act (SMART Act).

New Hampshire has a very accessible voter registration process. Voters have the option of in-person registration with town clerks, same-day registration on Election Day and the ability to register by absentee for those with disabilities or who will be temporarily absent on election day. Moreover, for the 2020 election cycle, individuals are able to register to vote by absentee if they are concerned about COVID-19. This ease of registering to vote in New Hampshire is reflected in the high percentage of eligible voting age individuals who are able to register and vote every year.

Senate Bill 7 offers a national one-size-fits-all solution in search of a problem. This bill would take a system that already works well and add a convoluted, inefficient, and expensive process on top of it. New Hampshire has a robust tradition of civic engagement and this bill will not add to it.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor’s Veto, shall SB 7-FN-LOCAL become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.
Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 17, 2020

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 19

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 17th, 2020, I have vetoed Senate Bill 19, relative to the privacy of certain information concerning public employees.

This bill would prohibit public employees' home addresses, personal email addresses, and home or mobile telephone numbers from being disclosed to the public. Unfortunately, the bill creates a carve out for employee labor organizations. While I fully support providing public employees with more control and privacy over their personal information, this bill would effectively give one class of private organizations - labor unions - exclusive access to that information.

Proponents of this bill contend this legislation is necessary because union members have been contacted by outside groups and asked to stop paying dues in the wake of the *Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)* decision. However, the bill's supporters may forget that, while some public employees may not want to be contacted by outside groups, others may not want to be contacted by their employee labor organization. If the goal of this legislation was to provide more privacy to public employees, it should have provided them the option to disallow employee labor organizations to access their personal information.

The Minority committee amendment (2019-2830h) would have prohibited outside groups from gaining access to employees' personal information as well as allowed public employees to consent to disclosing their information to employee labor organizations. In other words, the minority's amendment would have provided far more control and privacy to public employees. Sadly, because the Minority amendment failed to be adopted during the legislative process, this bill does not provide true privacy to public employees.

Finally, in 2018, 81% of New Hampshire voters supported adding a provision to New Hampshire's Constitution that reads, "An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent." Having an employer deliver an employee's personal information to a private organization would clearly not comport with the spirit of this provision.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 19 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.
Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 17, 2020

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 122

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 17, 2020, I have vetoed Senate Bill 122, relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund.

I am disappointed that the legislature is jeopardizing the longstanding Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) compromise yet again by trying to eliminate ratepayer rebates. This has become an annual exercise of attempting to strip away rebates for residential ratepayers, which is especially problematic during this pandemic.

This bill suffers from the same fatal defects as House Bill 582 from last session. This bill unjustly favors businesses over residential ratepayers. This bill eliminates RGGI costs for commercial and industrial customers while saddling residential ratepayers with a bill increase to fund state spending. In essence, it attempts to buy off businesses at the expense of our most vulnerable citizens.

I continue to support the existing RGGI funding allocation, which provides direct bill support to all ratepayers through rebates and funds energy efficiency programs in the state. This complimentary mix is a system that works for New Hampshire ratepayers, especially those who can least afford to bear the cost of higher energy bills.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 122.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 122-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 24, 2020

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 124

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 24, 2020, I have vetoed Senate Bill 124, relative to the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards.

Last year when I vetoed Senate Bill 168, relative to Class II RPS requirements, I called that bill "crony capitalism at its worst." This bill has proven that statement wrong.

Senate Bill 124 is a direct handout to politically well-connected industries. It has the potential to cost electric ratepayers \$300 million annually in new subsidies, with more than \$100 million per year of ratepayer money going to fund solar developers' profits. This bill has set a new standard when it comes to cronyism at its worst.

This bill would counterproductively increase electricity rates while we are working to rebuild our economy. New Hampshire ratepayers are already burdened with some of the highest energy bills in the nation. This makes it hard both for businesses to expand and for residents on fixed incomes to pay their bills each month.

Putting the outrageous cost aside, New Hampshire would need to devote 20 square miles of land to achieve the solar energy goal this bill sets. This is an area more than 3 times the size of Lake Sunapee. The environmental land use considerations appear to be lost on the proponents of this bill.

This bill presents an utterly unserious policy proposal. There are fundamentally better ways to reduce emissions. Earlier this year I put forward a plan to boost renewable energy in the state without creating new subsidies or picking winners or losers in the energy sector. My plan, which was killed on party lines, was a responsible alternative to this bill's irrational approach to energy policy.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 124.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 124 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.
Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 29, 2020

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 311

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 29th, 2020, I have vetoed Senate Bill 311.

This bill would provide individuals with a shorter waiting period, in certain circumstances, to petition for annulment of their record of arrest, conviction, and sentence for simple possession drug-related crimes that were committed when the person was under the age of 25. As written, the bill creates potential for confusion and serious unintended consequences as we continue to battle an opioid crisis and global pandemic.

In previous sessions, I signed bills that decriminalized the possession of small quantities of marijuana and that allow for annulment of arrests and convictions for said possession. There are a few major differences between those bills and this one.

First, this bill creates confusion because it does not specify what constitutes a "simple possession drug related crime." Second, the language of the bill as written could be construed to allow for an annulment of an individual's record of arrest, conviction, and sentence for an offense before the individual completes the terms and conditions of his or her sentence. While this may not have been the intent of the bill, such a change would raise serious concerns as it could operate as a statutory commutation of an individual's sentence. Third, while previous bills I signed dealt with changing the sentence for a particular offense, this bill changes outcomes based on the age of the adult who commits the offense. By singling out the age of 25, an age where someone has been considered an adult for over half a decade, this bill raises serious fairness and equal protection questions.

Finally, the scope of this bill, though vague, is also far more expansive than previous bills I have signed on this topic. The bill goes beyond marijuana and applies to any drug. Prevention, treatment, education, and enforcement all play a part in providing disincentives to drug use, and we must be careful before taking an action that could undermine those efforts.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 311.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 311-FN become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Hennessey, Dietsch, Kahn, Chandley, Levesque, Rosenwald, Feltes, Cavanaugh, D'Allesandro, Fuller Clark, Morgan, Sherman, Soucy.

The following Senators voted No: Starr, Giuda, Bradley, Gray, French, Ward, Carson, Reagan, Birdsell, Morse.
Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

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PRESIDENT SOUCY: We have completed the bills that are currently before us at this time. I will put the Senate into recess for five minutes so we can better assess how much longer the House will be before they complete their work. If you wish to use the restroom, you may do so, but please stay in your seats at this time.

Recess. Out of recess.

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PRESIDENT SOUCY: We have checked in with the House. They are still working through Veto Messages. The estimate is that it will take them at least another hour. So, at this time I'd like to put the Senate in recess for one hour and also caution and advise all of you to continue to maintain distancing, wearing masks in the

building. If you wish to leave the building you won't have to be screened going through if you were screened safely coming into the building. But please make sure if you exit the building that you come in through the Park Street door.

Recess. Out of recess.

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PRESIDENT SOUCY: We have received word from the House that they have completed all of their work and they are not sending us any bills. So, our work here is completed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator Feltes moved that the Senate adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Fuller Clark.)

SENATOR FULLER CLARK: Thank you very much. I just simply wanted to take a few moments to talk about a giant of a man in Portsmouth, Paul McEachern who we lost a little over ten days ago, at the age of 82. And as Ray Buckley said, New Hampshire has lost one of its greatest public servants with the passing of Paul McEachern. Paul's passion was public service and it showed in everything he did. Paul pursued progress for Granite Staters in every role he ever had, whether it was time in the U.S. Navy, as a city councilor, an assistant Mayor in Portsmouth, as one of the founding members of the New Hampshire Young Democrats, while representing his community in the State House. Paul was a selfless champion for progressive causes, fighting for social and economic justice because he knew how important it was to make lasting change for future generations of Granite Staters. And I'd just like to say that I met Paul, must be thirty years ago, when he first decided to run for Governor. He ran for Governor four times. He was never to be cowed. He stood up for what he believed, even if it wasn't the most popular of positions, he was very articulate, very committed. He was a very sharp legal mind and he always seemed to be on the right side of important issues even if he wasn't able to win. So, he really was an icon of what it means to be a great citizen, both for the city of Portsmouth, and for the state of New Hampshire, and a wonderful role model for young people growing up. So, thank you so much for allowing me the time to speak about this significant loss for all of us.

(The Chair recognized Senator Morse.)

SENATOR MORSE: Well, thank you, Madam President. I would like to congratulate Josh and Danielle Elliot on the birth of their new little daughter, Rebecca Rose. Rebecca was born on Friday, August 21 at 2:07 a.m., weighing five pounds four ounces and eighteen and a half inches long. The Senate is wishing Danielle and Josh and their little girl a lifetime of good health and happiness. Thank you.

(The Chair recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, I'd like to thank you and thank all of the staff for the work that they have done during this very unusual period of time. Those who have been helping us have just done a terrific job in a most difficult situation. Tammy, your staff has been great in helping me. All of the others, I'm talking about Republican, Democrat, I mean that staff's been terrific, and I can't, I just can't thank them enough for keeping us on the right path and on the right road. And one of our guys, Stretch, Greg Silverman, our legal counsel is going to be leaving us. And life's all about relationships, I've told that to people you know, all of my life. He's been a great asset to the Senate, but more important just a great friend. And I think that's the most important thing we should all gather out of our service here, the friendships that we create while members of this esteemed body. And those friendships last a lifetime. So Greg, thanks so much for all you've done for all of us. And to my colleagues and staff, thank you each and every one of you for making my life a little bit better by the fact that we had a chance to get together and learn a little bit more about one another. Thank you, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Feltes.)

SENATOR FELTES: Thank you very much, Madam President. This will be my last day on the Senate floor, the House floor, of six years, it feels like about twenty years. But it's been a great ride, it's been wonderful to share all of this with all of you. And we've gotten a lot done, working together over the last several years.

From divestiture, to workers' comp reform, to DCYF, to children's system of care, to Medicaid expansion, to water, telehealth, prescription drug relief, combatting childhood lead poisoning, both paint and water, community solar, protecting people with pre-existing conditions, prescription drug relief, bail reform, criminal justice reform, just to name a few. And it's been an honor to be a part of it with all of you. The Senate is a place of big debates, I feel like some of them a little cantankerous sometimes but it's also a place of big ideas, Madam President, and compromise and getting things done and regardless of what happens on November 3, I'm confident that the Senate will still be that place and still serve New Hampshire well. And I want to thank the people of Concord, Hopkinton, Henniker, Warner, and Penacook for giving me the honor and privilege of serving as State Senator. And I want to thank all of you for all the time we spent together and the accommodation of you know me and my quirky personality, but also when we didn't have day care and Iris came with me and you know, Cavanaugh, and Hennessey, and Reagan spent time with her. And also in the Medicaid Expansion Commission, Senator Carson, Senator Bradley hanging out with Iris and me. And then also former Senate President Morse allowing Iris to be on the floor of the Senate on a number of occasions. So, I really appreciate everything we've done together, I really do, it's been a great honor. Thank you so much.

(The Chair recognized Senator Sherman.)

SENATOR SHERMAN: I just wanted to briefly mark the passing of someone who many of you know or knew, both sides of the aisle, and that's Maxine Morse. Maxine died on Sunday, August 23, 2020. She was a proud graduate of Cornell, class of '45. Her biggest achievements, or the ones she was most proud of, was founding director of the Greater Manchester Child Care Association which was the first federally funded day care center in New Hampshire. She worked as Chairwoman of the 1975 New Hampshire Commission on Laws Affecting Mental Health. Under her leadership that commission was instrumental in enacting legislation that extended mental health insurance coverage in group policies. Her board work included Greater Manchester Mental Health Center, New Hampshire Social Welfare Council, Odyssey House, New Hampshire Music Festival, New Horizons, Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Isles of Shoals Marine Lab, Canterbury Shaker Village, Portsmouth Music Hall, Friends Forever International, The Children's Alliance of New Hampshire, and the Cornell Alumni Association. She's also one of the biggest fans of UNH women's and men's hockey teams. And last night there was a zoom memorial for her that was remarkable and the people who were on that from both sides of the aisle, many knew her husband Dick Morse, so people like Brad Cook, was there and Gary Hirshberg, and I think Martha was there. And I was trying to figure out why I was there and then I finally understood, and this was a woman who you really never knew why she found you but she found you and she tried to keep you in line as long as she knew you, and that was Maxine. She would call me out of the blue and say come on over, even if she were at Webster at Rye, which is the nursing home. And I think with her achievements and with what she was able to give to the state of New Hampshire we owe her so much and in the short time I knew her, I was just wowed by the people she had brought together and people she had around her and that she had time for everybody including me. So, I just wanted to remember her today, I think many of you would know who she is or have actually known her and she was a remarkable force and we'll miss her.

(The Chair recognized Senator Fuller Clark.)

SENATOR FULLER CLARK: I gave my remarks earlier about not running again for the Senate and so I just thought today I'd say upon coming back for this very last session, I realize how much I will miss this institution and how much I will miss all the people who I've worked with over the years both in terms of the staff and also in terms of all of the Senators that are here as my colleagues. And I really appreciate the warmth that I have received and the friendships that I have received over so many years. And I just wanted to speak to that today and say that you know, I'm convinced I made the right decision, but today's a bit of a sad day for me. So, thank you all.

PRESIDENT SOUCY: I would just point out to all of you, your iPads at your desk. If you believe that you need them for some committee work or additional work, you may take them. Otherwise please feel free to leave them at your desks and the Clerk's Office will pick them up.

Without objection, all personal privileges and unanimous consent shall be entered into the permanent *Journal of the Senate*. (Rule 2-16 and Rule 2-17). Adopted.

MOTION TO RECESS TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Senator Feltes moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair for the purposes of sending and receiving messages and when we recess, we recess to the Call of the Chair.

Adopted. The Senate is in recess to the Call of the Chair.

SENATE CLERK'S NOTE

The information below reflects the work that was processed in recess September 16, 2020.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
SB 159, relative to net energy metering limits for customer-generators.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 250, (Second New Title) establishing a dental benefit under the state Medicaid program.

HB 466, relative to the capacity of electricity customer generators for eligibility for net energy metering.

HB 685-FN, (Second New Title) relative to insurance plans that cover maternity benefits.

HB 687-FN, relative to extreme risk protection orders.

HB 712-FN, relative to a family and medical leave insurance program.

HB 731-FN, (Second New Title) relative to the state minimum hourly rate.

HB 1166-FN, (New Title) relative to unemployment compensation, certain sanitary protections for COVID-19, extending the federal Family and Medical Leave Act for certain COVID-19 protections, and waiving cost sharing for testing and treatment for COVID-19.

HB 1234-FN-A, (Second New Title) relative to state and local government administration.

HB 1246, (New Title) relative to reporting of health care associated infections, establishing a COVID-19 nursing home and long-term care fund, relative to an independent COVID-19 nursing home and long-term care review, needs assessment, and recommendations, authorizing pharmacists to administer a COVID-19 vaccine, and relative to the reimbursement of costs of training nursing assistants.

HB 1247, (Second New Title) relative to mortgage defaults and nonpayment of rent during the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19) outbreak state of emergency.

HB 1375, (New Title) relative to claims for medical monitoring.

HB 1454, (New Title) relative to alternative learning credit rules of the state board of education.

HB 1494-FN, (Second New Title) adopting omnibus legislation concerning workers.

HB 1660-FN, establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults.

HB 1665-FN-A, (New Title) establishing an independent advisory commission on redistricting.

HB 1672-FN, (New Title) relative to absentee voting.

The Senate is in recess to the Call of the Chair.